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2015 Installation of Officers and Pot Luck Banquet

January of every year brings frivolity that follows the excitement and possible hangovers from Christmas and New Year's Eve. Without saying however, one can presume the aging membership has mostly outgrown the need for hangovers ... mostly. Potlucks followed by pot-licking may be more in order. And so it was.

Our very own and perpetual Immediate Past President (after being a President for an equal number of years) Larry Wilkinson assumed the responsibility of planning and executing this year's installation ceremony and banquet details. And what a fine job Larry did.

The serious installation smattered with the Wilkinson sense of humor proved a huge success, testimonial of which is proved by the following of a plethora of pictures. All had a wonderful time and all left the Lion's Club with full tummies.

All incoming new and repeating Officers were installed by the clever and humorous presentations from IPP Larry. Each received a 'gift' appropriate to their office and each was lauded for their willingness to execute that office at the best of their ability.

There were a couple of

high-lights: Larry Cooper was presented the coveted award of BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR for 2014. Of course Larry W. made the presentation, since Larry W. was also the 2013 BOTY. In fact, Larry W. has been just about everything.

A surprise and special Award of Excellence was presented to Bill Sutton, recognizing him for his work as Bulletin Editor and Webmaster for the Chapter.

Unfortunately, the specter of flu and winter colds is taking its toll on many of our members, thus making the expected attendance somewhat smaller than anticipated. Dreaded coughing and sniffing kept a few of our loyal members wrapped in blankets, sipping tea, while watching re-runs of old TV programs. We missed them and thank Duane Thaxton for remembering them at our pre-dinner blessing.

Big thanks to Larry W. for a wonderful and meaningful installation ceremony, and thanks to all the lovely and talented ladies who supplied the excellent fare for consumption. It was a good time enjoyed by all.

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

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2015 CHAPTER OFFICERS
(Term expires 12/31 in year shown after office)

PRESIDENT (2015)

John Taylor

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Larry Wilkinson

SECRETARY (2016)

Chuck Frush

TREASURER (2016)

Rex Pierson

PROGRAM VP (2015)

Larry Cooper

MEMBERSHIP VP (2016)

Del Dyck

PUBLIC RELATIONS VP (2015)

Dennis Olmstead

MUSIC VP (2015)

Carol Morrell

COMMUNICATIONS VP (???)

Bill Sutton

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SERGEANT AT ARMS

Bob Brethouwer

SUNSHINE GUY

Rex Pierson

CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Tom Chamberlain

Splinters from the Board

Notice: These are NOT the official minutes and merely present a tongue in cheek observation of our Board Meetings. Official minutes can be found on our website.



A nominating committee to select candidates for 2016 Officers was appointed. They are Larry Wilkinson, Larry Cooper and somebody else not yet named but rumored to be Del Dyck.

A great presentation using a Mac and overhead projector was done by President John on how we can make some more money on our Show by following suggestions he picked up at COTS in November.

Believe it or not, a 2015 budget was reviewed and passed by the board. Whew, that was not easy. Rex has been tasked to keep it current as we strive to meet the objectives. Or not.

Our April Show now has a name:

COUNTRY ROADS

Our Show Guest Quartet, **SATURDAY EVENING POST** just won the **GOLD MEDAL** for Senior Quartets at the Mid-Winter Convention in New Orleans. Wow! What a feather in our hats to have them as our Guest Quartet in April.

Singing Valentines will be done again this year on both Friday and Saturday. You guys who are interested need to form a quartet for an audition soon, like NOW, so Dennis can schedule you for all the reservations we hope we will get. This year we will charge \$35 for singing to one person and \$50 for singing to a group.

Big news motion passed by the board: There will be **NO** show programs designed, created, or printed for this year's show. It's a matter of saving some money. The future of using posters for advertisement is still up in the air. The ratio of success to cost is certainly under review. All of you should review the 4 year history graph of Chapter balances to help you understand our situation. If we don't do some serious things, we will go broke. And we don't want to.

The rumor is that Barny is willing and ready to start on 2015 donor contributions, but he would like some help. If you are good at soliciting donations, and enjoy meeting people, let Barny know. He would love to have some folks step up and serve on his committee.

Get three other guys and start a Valentine's Quartet to have some fun singing to lovely ladies and grumpy men. Put some bucks in our coffers. Do it, you will be glad.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!

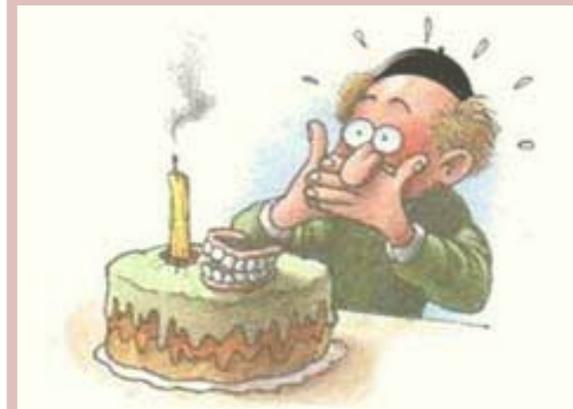
Tap Night at HorseFly

Another fine night of food, fun, and brew

Snow in the high country (Cedaredge) caused some to reconsider but those of us who live in the sun belt of Montrose/Delta showed up for some food, pints, and pretty good singing. Heck, we were appreciated with raucous applause, maybe because we were done, but it still made us feel good.

There were so many willing to forgo NCIS on TV that 4 or 5 tables had to be shoved together just to accommodate all of us. Lets see, from memory there was Dennis and his daughter (Dennis playing musical chairs all evening), Larry Wilkinson and his daughter, (fresh off a day of skiing in Telluride), Dr. Bob who had to leave early to see NCIS, David and Catherine, Coop and a couple of friends, the Sales I believe, Lee and Wilma, Rex of course, John Taylor the late arriver just for beer, Tim and Vickie, and me. If I skipped anyone, it might have something to do with age or beer.

Another BIG THANKS to the HorseFly for their support. We will continue to patronize their establishment and hope for more Tap Nights in the future. If you get a chance, stop in and tell Nigel or Phil that we really do appreciate their help.



Gene Bond	Jan. 30
Rex Pierson	Feb. 2
Bill Sutton	Feb. 8
Don Weiszbrod	Feb. 10
Larry Cooper	Feb. 15

With age comes oldness

*We don't stop singing because we get old,
we get old because we stop singing.*

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.



Chapter Quartets

FOURMATA

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ROCKY ROAD

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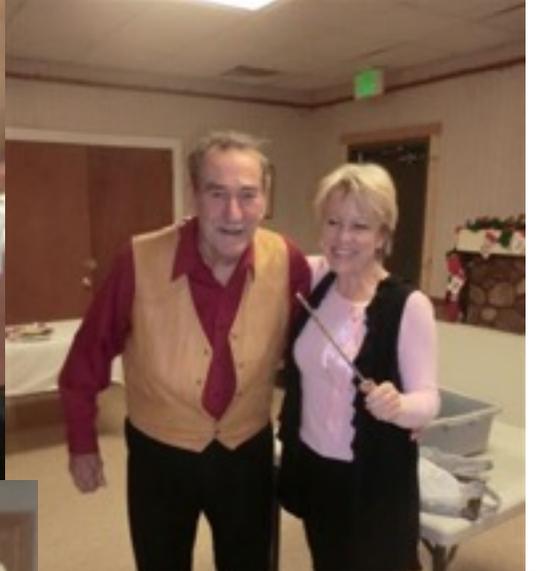


God Bless America



Larry Cooper
accepts the
2014
Barbershopper
of the Year
Award from
Larry
Wilkinson





Bill Sutton accepting AWARD OF EXCELLENCE from Larry Wilkinson



Teach the Children to Sing

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"Flourishing and growing as individuals, as a chorus, and as a chapter by singing in an atmosphere of musical excellence and by promoting harmony in our lives, our relationships, and our community."

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The President's Corner with John Taylor

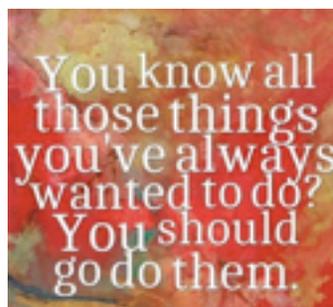
Are you scared? I'm scared. I was scared Sunday when the Broncos got beat by the Baltimore Colts. I'm scared that Payton won't be back this fall, nor most of the coaching staff, and a good portion of the elite players that John Elway has accumulated.

I was scared Saturday when at Daveto's I looked out at the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus Annual Planning Meeting attendance and saw only the ten regular Board Members. I really wanted to include the rest of our membership in planning for 2015. We need to do some things differently to stay solvent and to do the things we want to do. At least, thankfully, we were unanimously in favor of keeping Mary Ann as our director. (Sympathy to John Fox, or not)

I've been scared by the memos from RMD about Harmony Platoon in Estes Park. Last date to register is January 31! You must register to get a copy of the songs! You need to have those songs memorized (words and parts) before you attend! (Our April 10-11 Show is two weeks before Estes, and we have a dozen songs to learn and polish before OUR OWN show.) For a guy whose memory "ain't what it used to be" and who learns the tunes from the guys standing next to him, that's scary! Bill says, "Not to worry. Estes will be a piece of cake." Easy to say for a quartetter who has some musical education background!

Anyway.....I'm scared. I hope you aren't, and that you are blissfully content.

--John Taylor, Presidente (Hey, I love my new gavel and sound block, Larry!)



Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?

