

# Canyon Chords



Singing every Thursday at 7:00 PM, Community  
United Methodist Church of Olathe



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Delta Parade of Candy Canes

*This year was different. We sang carols as we rolled along*

What a fine idea. This year we passed up the complexity of using canned music piped thru the sound system powered by a generator. This year we tried singing, as a live exercise. A goodly bunch of singing guys and one gal director showed up as requested, plopping their bodies on hay bales cleverly placed by the hard-working Cooper, Taylor, and some others to make sure the guys on the left side of the trailer will not be able to hear the guys on the right side and the guys in the back can not hear the guys in the front. It worked perfectly.

Which didn't much matter because our float was positioned just in front of a county ambulance whose driver felt a festive compulsion to continually entertain the crowd with the blaring siren and raucous horn used to alert the audience they are coming thru no matter what. But that didn't stop us to sing our way thru several carols, some done pretty well, and some maybe better left unsung. I think we could have sounded more in-tune if the siren was on the same key as we. There was no hope for the horn-thing. It was enough to scare all the kids back home. And there were lots of kids. Lots and lots. I had no idea there are so many kids in Delta.

But, or as they say in the TV series "Deadwood", *anyways* we all had a good time. The float was excellent and Coop did a bang-up job driving the fancy Ford PU. After, as one might assume, some but not all wandered in the CB's Tavern to quench thirst and quiet tummy growling in a loud but festive crowd. It was not nearly as cold as last year, (40° vs 17°), thus explaining why so many guys showed up to sing this year. We may not be as tough as some think we are. But we are what we are, and that is that.



Be yourself, everyone  
else is taken

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**Relationship Tip For Men: When a woman says, "Correct me if I'm wrong but..." DON'T DO IT!! IT'S A TRAP!! Do NOT, I repeat, do NOT correct that woman!!!**

# 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.



Tuesday evenings, the second of every month, finds a vociferous group of miscreants sitting around a table generally disagreeing on most every thing being said. This is a typical board meeting. All of you are welcome to enjoy the fun whenever you feel bored.

Since we are usually having a problem dealing with anything important, the motion was made to give them a reasonable chance for consideration by scheduling a 'planning meeting' on January 10. The tentative times set to contemplate issues are from 10 am to 4 pm. Good plan.

A goodly portion of the precarious meeting of minds dealt with the gentle but ominous declining of the rather mediocre financial balance of the chapter. Of course the normal topics of suspect debated were what can we do to increase our inflow and what can we do to decrease our outflow. Maybe that's what a budget is for? Nah, couldn't be. That's too simple.

Robert the guy the wrote the Rules says that any action must be initiated by an MSC, meaning someone makes a motion and someone agrees and everyone votes. Here is a list of MSC from Tue.

- MSC accept as written, minutes
- MSC as received, treasurer report
- MSC: Have a January planning meeting.  
Saturday Jan. 10 time and place to be announced.
- MSC to send a letter of approval of conflicting show dates to GJ chapter
- MSC to table any budget discussion until January meeting

There you have it. That's what was done with the exception of lots and lots of talking about what we *should* do. Someday we will...maybe.

As has been the recent practice, any effort to deal with the 2015 can of worms of budgeting was kicked again down the road. Whether we ever catch up with it is really a moot point. Heck, it is nothing but a hope and guess exercise anyway.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Annual Installation Banquet and Potluck dinner at the HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS.  
TUESDAY JAN. 6  
6 PM

Bring something you and others like to eat. Also something to eat with and on.

# Free Singing Tip

by Yvonne DeBandi  
from [a2z-singing-tips.com](http://a2z-singing-tips.com)

## **N = NEVER LET THEM SEE YOU SWEAT**

The perception of the audience is the reality. Say that out loud, "the perception of the audience is the reality." What they think is true, is true. So if you sing with confidence and handle that "creative" phrase you accidentally added like a professional, most of your audience will be convinced that you meant to sing it that way. Professionals sing creative nuances, amateurs make mistakes.

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything



John Taylor	Dec. 14
Carl Schultz	Dec. 30
Tom Chamberlain	Jan. 8

*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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*Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.*

# Pie and much more

by John Taylor

A respectable contingent, (well at least a contingent), of about twenty members from the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus showed up on Thursday, December 11 to serenade the residents of San Juan Living Center with a Barbershop version of well known Christmas carols. Dr. Bob Brethouwer arranges this event each year to entertain many of his patients AND to entertain many of his fellow Barbershoppers with a unified gluttonous devouring of pie, kindly contributed by the Living Center. This year's pie selections were Bodacious Banana Cream, Succulent Cherry Cheese Cake and Incredible Coconut Cream.....not to mention the Expialidocious Egnog!



The Barbershoppers, true to form, did OK in their singing, with Director Larry, but were OUTSTANDING in their pie and eggnog consumption. The residents did not seem to mind either way and often drowned out the chorus with their own singing-a-long. A FUN thing for our organization to do..... and hopefully a kind contribution to our community. Thanks, Dr. Bob, for the opportunity.



God  
Bless  
America

## NOTICE

If you do not see your birthday on the google calendar on the chorus website, it is because I don't know when it is. So please check the calendar date of your birthday. If it is not there, let me know.

Or you won't get the wonderful remembrance in this rag.



Singing was festive and the pie was excellent. Thanks to the San Juan Living Center for having us.



Photos courtesy of Dennis Olmstead



