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The Word from the Prez

by Dave Woodward



Fellow Barbershoppers,

Thanks for the great job of recruiting.

We have 5 new members and one student/youth potential member.

Please welcome Carl Bechard, Roy Carson, Wendell Johnson, Chris Wibblesman and Tim Winegardner who have joined the Bookcliff Chorus. On Tuesday Nov. 11 we had 40 voices – what a sound. Don't stop recruiting though because it should be a year round activity. We have even picked up new members during the Christmas walk which is held on Dec. 12th this year! Make sure you have a supply of our three-fold Barbershop promotional brochures to pass out. Get them on Tuesday night.

The show team/music team met Nov. 17th and the show planning is progressing. The guest quartet is Masterpiece. Here is a quote from their website home page.

“Masterpiece... a supreme artistic achievement; sometimes the work of one, sometimes a collaboration of many. In the world of vocal music, it is the marriage of multiple efforts to seamlessly become one. Rob, Mark, Alan, and Brett have enjoyed success in various groups over their varied musical histories, and have finally come together to share a unique sound and experience with their audience.”

Visit their website at

www.harmonize.com/Masterpiece .

We have a big task ahead of us this year in generating sponsorship dollars for our annual show in April 2009. You all have seen the news about the economy and we in Grand Junction are not immune from it. Recently, our efforts in requesting funds for sponsorships from local businesses has been put on hold because they are all tightening their belts. We will be reviewing our approach to this and welcome any suggestions you might have. We are also considering going out to small donors that have an interest in Barbershop.

I talked with a lady this past week who is into music and she said “*Music is a friend that is always available.*” Vocal music is the best of friends because your instrument is always with you. Keep working on those show tunes as well as our repertoire and the Polecats so those friends will always be with you.

Keep on Singing

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Coming Events

- Nov. 15 Leadership Seminar
 (COTS) Salt Lake City
 Nov. 22 “ “ “ Albuquerque
 Dec. 4 Performance with Centennial Band (Venue Avalon Theatre 7th & Main st.)
 Dec. 6 Christmas Entertainment
 Time: 1:30 PM. (Venue, Atrium Assisted Living 12th St. N. of F Rd.
 Dec. 12 Spirit of Christmas Walk
 5:00 P.m. (Meet at the Buffalo
 Dec. 18 School Performance
 Venue, East Middle School
 7:00 pm.
2009
 Feb. 6-7 Harmony College
 Venue, Estes Park
 Feb. 12-14 Singing Valentines
 Mar.13-14 Chorus & Quartet Coaching
 for Show presentation
 Mar.19-22 Spring District competition
 (Venue) Las Vegas
 Apr. 18 Bookcliff Chorus
 Annual Show

Birthdays:
 Nov. 8 Jim Witt
 15 Jim Eicher
 16 Allan Miles
 22 Cris Wibbelsman
 23 Nelson Quinn
 23 Loren Roth
 26 Lloyd Unfred
 29 Doug Beyer
 29 Roger McClelland
 Dec. 8 Tim Winegardner
 11 Daryl McGirr
 17 Carroll Owen

Anniversaries:
 Dec. 11 Norm & Lee Wingard

From The Directors Corner

Wow! It's that time of year again to entertain the folks for the holiday season!

We have a great opportunity this year to sing with the wonderful symphonic band, the Centennial Band! Let your family know about this great event. I believe the cost is \$5 and it is worth every penny.

The performance is Thursday,

Dec. 4 at the Avalon. Times *Director Raisha Quinn* will follow! We need EVERY VOICE to help us make this a great performance! Keep up the great work on our holiday music as we will be adding more time on the show music. We will add choreography in January on 3 songs. Have a great season!



A Letter of Thanks

11/12/08

Hello Ms. Quinn,

We at New Emerson would like to extend to you as the Director of this great group and to each of the gentlemen a very warm thank you for coming out (so early and cold in the morning) and to share with us your wonderful vocal sounds. Our students enjoyed this experience very much and at times I even have to quiet them down with singing in the library. Many of our students have never experienced hearing a barbershop group or knew anything about this type of music. I'm sure they went home that night and shared this experience with their families.

Thanks again for taking time out of your day for us.

Enjoy the Harvest Holiday Season,
 Sharon Gillespie
 New Emerson Library

New Members

Editor's Note

We have five new members this month. The membership drive must have been successful!!!!

A hearty welcome to:

Carl Bechard (Carl also won the "FREE" one year's membership drawing)

Roy Carson

Wendell Johnson

Chris Wibbelsman

Tim Winegardner (Transferring from Frank Thorn)

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus

Board of Directors Meeting

November 3, 2008

Minutes by Roger McClelland

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. Monday, November 3, 2008 by Dave Woodward, President. Members present were: Loren Roth, Paul Didier and Roger McClelland.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed as prepared by Roger. Paul made a motion to approve minutes as written; Loren seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

Secretary's Report. Roger briefly addressed the membership status and the pending approval for new members.

Treasurer's Report. Lloyd was absent, no report available.

Music and Performance Report. Position is currently vacant.

Marketing and PR Report. It was noted that Dec 31st is the grant deadline, Dave Woodward will pursue; focus of grants is on "groups that work with youth" Loren Roth is working on grant proposals.

Program Report. Dennis K. absent, no report available.

Chapter Development Report. Position is currently vacant. No report available.

Youth in Harmony Report. Roger had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Uniform Manager **STILL** needed.

Dave W. again addressed board membership and prospects. Newsletter contributions to Carroll Owen are strongly encouraged; deadline for the current issue was set for November 13th.

New Business

Dave addressed the pending new member applications for Chris Wibbelsman, Wendell Johnson, and Carl Bechard. Paul Didier made a motion to approve all three for membership. Loren Roth seconded; motion passed without dissent. Roger briefed the board concerning a call from BHS membership secretary, requesting permission to transfer Tim Wingardner's membership from "Frank Thorn" to Bookcliff Chorus. Paul Didier made a motion to approve proposed transfer. Loren Roth seconded; motion passed without dissent.

Dave informed the board that the director contracts were completed.

The permission Dennis Kiefer requested by e-mail to pursue contacts for MC for the upcoming show was approved without discussion.

Paul Didier distributed detailed information concerning the Society's new fee structure for new and existing member under 26. RMD (via Merle Quigley, District Secretary) encouraged out Board to consider the identical or similar fee structure. Paul Didier made a motion to exactly mirror Society and District fee structure which is quoted as follows:

"... the new Society membership dues policy (which takes effect Jan 1, 2009). The RMD policy is effective immediately (as soon as Nashville can program it into District dues calculation. Briefly explained, the 'Student' membership category has been dissolved and a new 'Youth' category includes anyone under the age of 26. For the Society, first year will be no dues, but a \$10 processing fee... followed in subsequent years by 50% dues until age 26. District is no dues the first year, 50% subsequent years until age 26."

It was clarified that there is only one \$10 processing fee, at Society level and not at district or chapter level. Loren seconded the motion which passed without dissent. Roger will e-mail results as requested to Merle Quigley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm with the reminder of the next meeting of December 1st in **Dave Woodward's Office, United Country RealQuest Realty, LLC at 300 Main Street (NE corner of Main and 3rd Street).**

The Board meets on 1st Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

If you can't make the meeting, PLEASE call the President at least 24 hours before.

BOOKCLIFF CHORUS BIO

Submitted by Dennis Kiefer

The Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus, a men's a cappella chorus featuring four part harmony, has been a vital part of music entertainment in Grand Junction for forty years. Chartered as a chapter of the internationally known Barbershop Harmony Society (aka SPEBEBSQSA) in 1968, the Bookcliff Chorus has provided an exciting singing outlet for men of all ages. The chorus currently has an active membership of over forty, ranging in age from 8 to 87, truly providing an outlet for singing for a lifetime. Led by Director Raisha Quinn, vocal music instructor at East Middle School, and Assistant Director, David Hein, retired vocal instructor of over thirty years with School District #51, the chorus provides many wonderful opportunities throughout the year for enjoyable family entertainment. Their annual spring show features the chorus singing lyrical songs of our American heritage, contemporary as well as traditional, its quartets, currently six in number, and at least one guest quartet of international reputation. Each February the quartets provide traditional singing valentines throughout the valley, and for over twenty years, the chorus has been selected to sing the National Anthem for the opening night of the JUCO Baseball Tournament, as well as providing inspirational patriotic songs during the firework display for Memorial Day's evening game. Numerous organizations invite the chorus to sing for them at banquets throughout the year, and the chorus can be heard at several venues during the Christmas season. The Bookcliff Chorus, with the generous support of community sponsors, has provided financial support directly to our middle and high school vocal music programs throughout the valley in its commitment to teach young people the joys of singing. Those interested in our chorus and its activities may phone (970) 314-7202 or go on its website, www.bookcliffchorus.net.

Learn New Tags with Videos from the Society Music Department!

Do you enjoy singing tags? Do you wish you knew more tags to teach your chapter and/or fellow barbershoppers? Do you want to learn these tags without having to read a note of music? The Music Department is here to help you! Last week, the Society posted the first of many tags that will be taught online, for free, on YouTube! Using the power of today's technology, you'll be able to hear and learn all four parts to new tags, old tags, and hear how the parts come together to form great barbershop harmony! Using your Internet Browser, go to www.youtube.com, and search for channel "BarbershopHarmony38". Learn them, sing them, and enjoy them!

More Great Barbershop Arrangements are Just a Click Away!

The Society has released 64 arrangements from the Heritage of Harmony Songbook, a great collection of Public Domain music compiled and arranged by the Society in the late 1980s. Go to the "Get Music>>Free Download" section of the Society website and scroll down to the "Heritage of Harmony" section. These songs are available for free download for all members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. (All other rights reserved.) Enjoy classics like "Beautiful Dreamer," Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Moonlight Bay," and many more. Many of the songs have short stories about the songs' composers along with background about the song. For you collectors out there, the full songbook is still available for purchase at the Harmony Marketplace. As always, questions about the contest suitability of any song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, 'Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!'

Bubba replied, 'Did you see who it was?'

The young man answered, 'I couldn't tell, but I got his license number.'



The 2008 Nashville Top 20 Quartet and Top 20 Chorus CDs have begun to ship. If you haven't ordered your CDs, now is the time to do so. Visit www.harmonymarketplace.com or call the Harmony Marketplace at (800) 876-7464 to place your order today. (The Nashville Convention DVD is in the final stages of production and notification of a ship date will be announced soon.)

Find Out What You've Been Missing!

Want to escape the cold in January? Make sure you visit www.barbershop.org/midwinter to view a new video promoting the Society's Midwinter Convention in Pasadena. This year's convention should raise the bar to a new level with 16 youth choruses performing in the 2nd Annual International Youth Chorus Festival.

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his

pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, 'Why are you dumping

garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head'.

Yep', he replied. 'That's why I'ma dumpin it here, cause it says

'Fine For Dumping Garbage'.

2008 Chapter Officers

President	Dave Woodward	256-0725
Past President	Paul Didier	242-8643
Music & Performance VP	Vacant	
Marketing & PR VP	Loren Roth	434-1209
Program VP	Dennis Kiefer	243-8908
Youth in Harmony VP	Roger McClelland	256-0619
Chapter Development VP	Vacant	
Treasurer	Lloyd Unfred	314-7202
Secretary	Roger McClelland	256-0619
Members at large:	Leland Griffin	245-2253

Music Directors

Director Raisha Quinn.....	242-2831
Assistant: Dave Hein.....	242-7413

Other Positions

Attendance	Paul Didier	242-8643
Learning CDs	Lloyd Unfred	314-7202
Music Librarian	Hal West	243-7958
Performance Coordinator	Lloyd Unfred	314-7202
Quartet Activity	Lloyd Unfred	314-7202
Refreshments	Allan Miles	858-0705
Show Chairman	Lloyd Unfred	314-7202
Uniform Manager	Vacant	
Valentine Chair	Lloyd Unfred	314-7202
Webmaster	Hal West	243-7958

Section Leaders

Tenor Section	Ken Reish	263-4462
Lead Section	Olyn Carlson	434-5929
Baritone Section	Dave Hein	242-7413
Bass Section	Dennis Kiefer	243-8908

Bookcliff Chorus Meets at 7:00pm every Tuesday night at the Holy Family School, 786 26 1/2 Rd. Grand Junction, CO from 7:00 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.



Chapter Quartets:

Close Harmony:
(Registered)

Contact: Carroll Owen
242-1212

Grand Valley Four
(Registered)

Contact: Dave Hein
242-7413

Spare Parts Harmony
(Registered)

Contact: Ken Reish
263-4462

Four for One

Contact: Dennis Kiefer
243-8908

Mixed Messages

Contact: Lloyd Unfred
314-7202

My Father's Mustache

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