

## Longmont, Colorado's Barbershop Voice



Join Us Mondays at 7PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1303 S. Bross Lane

## Dave Waddell named BOTY

Longmont barbershoppers and their wives started off 2011 with a bang, about a dozen varieties of chili, tables full of salads, side dishes and desserts at the installation of the new officers, the crowning of the new BOTY and the Bonus Bux Auction, all at St. Stephen's meeting hall on January 8.

**Dan Chaikin**, BOTY for the past year, lost no time in conferring the latest BOTY honors on an old time barber-shopper who has been an pivotal part of Longmont barbershopping for way more than forty years, **Dave Waddell**. "He makes sure that things get done and the word gets spread," said Dan. "He's tireless. No one else even comes close." Dave has handled most of the chapter jobs, including being chapter president the very first year he joined. He has also counseled other nearby chapters and has been the RMD president. "These things still bring tears to my eyes," said Dave. "But watch out. I'm going to do less in 2011."



New BOTY Dave Waddell, left, and Dan Chaikin share a laugh during the awards presentation.

**Donna Bustamante** was honored by all her fellow supporters of Longmont barbershopping as she retires from six years at the helm on the Women's Auxiliary. During that time the wives brought in 13 thousand dollars to the chapter.

**Bob Fox** from Denver Mile High and district VP for director development ran the installation of officers and made each man swear to do all he could to improve the chapter operations during the new year. When the votes of the members and guests were tallied, the co-chili champions were Keith Watson and Glenn Hayhurst, who got to bask in the adulation of their chili pot peers.

When everyone was comfortably full, our favorite auctioneer, **Shawn Miller**, arrived to conduct one of the strangest auctions new members have ever had the privilege of spending their bonus bux at. Going price for many of the classier items on the block was well over one million bux.

## Hey, don't forget ....

February 4-6 RMD Harmony College at Estes Park

**Quartet news**

## **“No Vacancy” singing out**

No Vacancy (O. J. Pratt, Paul West, Luke Lorenz and JR Homan) sang for 100 guests of the Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce Christmas party on Dec. 2.

On Dec. 7 they reported singing for a gardening club meeting of about 50 women.

## **500 at LPC Christmas concerts**

**by Dave Waddell**

Well, we did it again. Three Christmas concerts are now behind us. Overall, things went pretty well and attendance was good this year. Attendance on Friday and Saturday was very good considering all of the other concerts going on the same weekend

On Friday night we had 177 attendees and Saturday we had 225, making the total attendees in Longmont 402, our best yet! With the 98 at the Arvada concert, that makes a grand total of 500.

We had a surprising number of children in attendance this year. Friday night had six and Saturday there were 21. In my mind (I may be biased) our public relations coverage was very good, so I think that was certainly part of the reason we had good crowds. Of course the weather did cooperate this year which always helps. I personally feel that the Methodist Church here in Longmont is a good place to sing. We seem to be able to hear better and the audience is closer to us. Many attendees told me that the sound was very good.

Thank you all for pitching in to help get our church set up for Sunday services. Many hands make things easy! Thanks especially again to the riser crew.

Thanks to Duane and Jim for stepping up to direct for the first two concerts so that Chris could spend precious time with his children, whom he hadn't seen in over a year. Thanks Chris for taking the time to direct us on Saturday.

Our ladies again came through and did a wonderful job of selling and taking tickets and passing out the programs. Gentlemen, please tell your spouses thank you.





*What a way to start off another year of fun and fellowship. Great food, well deserved recognitions, hilarious auction items. Does it get any better than this?*



## How embarrassing!

by Bill Sachs

**Y**ou know how we barbershoppers drive around advertising our hobby with decals and license plate holders on our vehicles. It says “Keep the whole world singing” or “We sing that they shall speak.” It says SPEBSQSA too. Whenever my wife and I pass such barbershoppers on the road, or they pass us, we honk a friendly greeting or roll down the window to loudly exchange a few bars of “The Old Songs.” Normally this would not result in any problems, but let me continue.

We were in California, taking a little trip up north to see my sister in Ventura. After staying in the motorhome in her driveway for about a week, we headed back south for the desert. We wanted to dump our sewage tanks before going too far, so we drove up the coast a few miles to an RV park we knew about and paid to use their dumping facilities.

Waiting in line for our turn, my wife noticed the SPEBSQSA license plate holder on the motorhome just in front of us. At the time, the owner was attaching his sewage hose to the dump station pipe.

My wife pointed excitedly to the license plate and shouted, “Look, Bill, those people are barbershoppers.” I took a quick glance, opened the door and leaped from the driver’s seat, landing with a thud. I boldly commanded my small stage, a patch of grass next to the curb. I stretched out my arms to create the barbershop gesture we all know so well and began singing our great welcoming anthem to this man.

“The Old Songs!” I sang boisterously to him. He dropped his hose to the pavement and gave me the most stupefied facial expression I have ever seen. Not to be denied, and still convinced that this man was a fellow barbershopper, because my wife, who is never wrong, had said so, I favored him

with the next musical phrase as well. I continued singing with more and more and larger gestures as if I were telling him, “You know, surely you must know.”

When I reached the end, he shrugged his shoulders and said something that sounded like, “Yeah, right. Whatever, man.”

I climbed back into my rig, shaking my head in confusion. “Honey,” I said, “that is the most unfriendly, cold fish of a barbershopper I have ever met.” She didn’t hear a word, because she was laughing hysterically. She was pointing at the license plate holder. She finally took a deep breath and got herself under control once more.

“I made a mistake, honey,” she said in her own cute way, still chuckling softly. “It doesn’t say SPEBSQSA at all. It says SEPULVEDA.”

Sure enough, the top bar said “SEPULVEDA” and the bottom one said “MOTORS.”

Mr. Sepulveda (I wasn’t about to ask his real name or tell him mine) pulled ahead to give us room and got back out to do some other chores. Before starting my dumping, I walked over to him to explain my strange behavior. I explained that I was a barbershopper and that my wife had misread his license plate holder. I apologized for singing to him and embarrassing us both. “Don’t worry about it,” said Mr Sepulveda. “I thought you were just another crazy camper.”

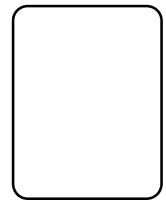
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