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❄️ FIRST ANNUAL SMALL CHORUS WORKSHOP ❄️

BEND, COOS BAY, MEDFORD, AND ROSEBURG ENJOY A DAY OF COACHING AND FUN, TOGETHER

The Medford Chapter hosted the first Southern Oregon Annual Small Chorus Workshop. It was held at the First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Holly. The day started at 9:00 A.M. and continued until 4:00 P.M. with a one hour break for lunch. It is our understanding that the Bend chapter (Central Oregon) plans to host the workshop next year.

The day started with an introduction by Jerry Bunch, the organizer of this event, followed by warm-up exercises by our assistant director, Jim Thorpe.



Jerry Bunch welcomed the attendees

Jerry Bunch introduced Matthew “Matt” Crandall, the Evergreen District Director of Music Education, who shared his coaching insights with us throughout the day and with our director, Don Meeker, and with Bend’s director, Becky Smith. Don is shown below in a sidebar discussion with Matt Crandall at the start of the workshop.



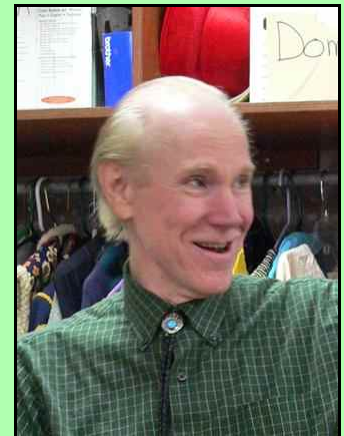
Don Meeker



Matt Crandall



Becky Smith



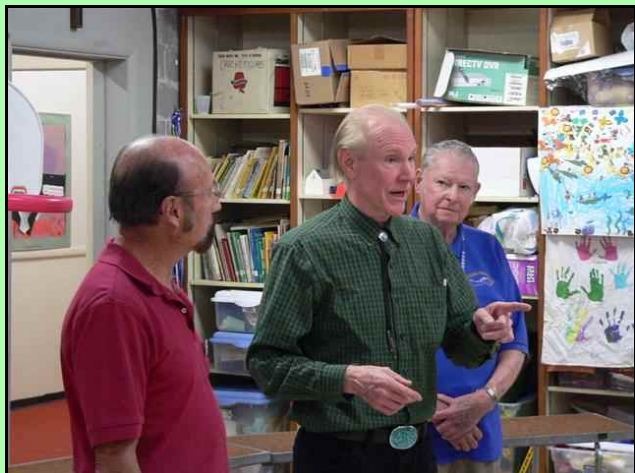
Bob Miner

We were coached in American diction techniques by Bob Miner (vocal artist, actor, music teacher, music director, harmonica musician, and coach) from Ashland.

Bob is helping us put together the online *Collier Vocal Library* of self-teaching music lessons. He demonstrated at the workshop why he is so in demand. Bob makes barbershop

singing more precise and easy to understand, and helps us to ring more chords. Shown below are left to right, Don Sweet (Medford), Bob Miner, and Ray Jones (Bend). Shown in the second photo are just some of the attendees at the workshop.

The attendees broke up into their four sections to work on two songs, "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" and "I'm Gonna Write Myself A Letter." Then they came back and performed the songs together.



Bob Miner making his point



Matt Crandall talking to attendees



Bob Miner directs diction exercises



Becky Smith directs Bend



Asst. Dir. Jim Thorpe leads warm-ups



Lots of laughs and smiles!

We heard from different quartet combinations and they entertained us. *Spare Parts* derives its name from the fact that they have six members—with two leads and two basses. One lead and one bass could not be at the workshop. Different members from the Rogue Valley Harmonizers took the concept further by doing tag quartetting with members of our Lytning quartet. Their lead, Allen Crocker, could not be at the workshop. This was just fine with the guys who stepped in to take his place.



Spare Parts does its thing



Lytning with Jerry Bunch singing lead



Directors Pickup Quartet



Bend guys with Matt Crandall



They like it! They liked it!

The workshop agenda enabled the participants to work together in section rehearsals, to sing as a combined chorus singing the two songs that they learned for this event, and to sing in different quartet combinations. But the biggest thrill for most of us was the chance to sing with a much larger chorus than we do on a weekly basis. With a major membership push, as with the reintroduced Professor Harold Hill membership drive, it could happen for us in our chapters.



Pete Benham & Ollie Durand, Roseburg



Lytning with Marty Dabrowski as lead



Ray Jones and Jed Langley, Bend

We get together over a delicious lunch to get better acquainted.



Bob Meisner and Bill Sansom exchange ideas



Lytning with Don Meeker singing lead



Ollie Durand and Jim Thorpe



Meeker, Crandall, and Hall



Bend Asst. Director and Director



Jerry Bunch and Gene Coggins



Roseburg member and Mark Larsen



Taking lunch together



Photographer (Burt) gets his picture taken



Dwayne Ottinger and Dave Deller



Don Sweet and Michael Simmons



Marty Dabrowski and Don LaPointe



Bob Hall sells quilt raffle tickets for RVH charity



Neal Bigham transfers to us from Arizona



Michael Biggs and Joe Gustin



Keep The Whole World Singing . . . until we meet again, next year!