

# Chord Rustlers

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## "The Old Chorale"



### 2012 Installation Banquet

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#### Upcoming Events

- ◆ **March 3, 2012**  
Annual Show, Belgrade  
H.S. Auditorium
- ◆ **May 4-5, 2012**  
Divisional Contest,  
Pasco, WA
- ◆ **July 1-8, 2012**  
International BHS  
Contest, Portland, OR
- ◆ **September 27-29,  
2012**  
District Contest,  
Spokane, WA

The Chord Rustlers installed their new officers for 2012 at Riverside Country Club on January 19<sup>th</sup>. After opening comments by Bernie Bissell, officers were installed by Wyman Schmidt:

President: Don Greer

VP Music and Performance: Bernie Bissell

VP Chapter Development: Frank Johnson

VP Marketing and Promotions: Paul Newby

Secretary: Frank Smith

Treasurer: Sig Dehn

Executive VP: Dan Hopper

Board Members at Large: Shane Strasser, Kevin Mattson,  
Mike Tank

Special recognition was given to Pru and Jesse Edgar for their roles as Sunshine Chairman and hospitality. Service awards were also given to Al Sprenger (35 years) and Dewey Adams (40 years). Barbershopper of the Year for 2011 was awarded to Kevin Mattson. (see page 2)

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## 2011 Barbershopper of the Year

Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY) is an annual award given to the Chord Rustler who made an extra effort during the year to make us a better chapter. The BOTY is that person who takes the initiative to get those things done that no one else volunteers to do or that just needed to be done. We had several members, including our BOTY, who dedicated hours of their time in setting up and working at the Tater Pig booth in August. There were others, including our BOTY, who made a special effort to ensure that our chapter ran well by serving on the board. When it came to volunteering their time and effort to provide hospitality, several members, including our BOTY, offered their vehicles or time or even their house to serve that need. The added enthusiasm that our BOTY provided helped the Chord Rustlers excel at Divisional and District contests. Additionally this BOTY served on the Music Team to ensure that the music selected was from a list of great barbershop songs and that his section performed well. His musicality, dedication, and willingness to serve have made Kevin Mattson our Barbershopper of the Year. Congratulations, Kevin.

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**2010 BOTY, Dan Hopper, presents plaque to  
2011 BOTY, Kevin Mattson**

# Installation Banquet 2012





*Photos of Installation Banquet by Paul Newby*

## **Our Website URL Has Changed**

Our Chord Rustlers' web site is now accessible at [www.chordrustlers.com](http://www.chordrustlers.com). Other than the URL address, nothing else has changed. We are working to improve the site and to add current information. Currently all our new learning tracks are included on the site. Thank you to John Sheppard for his technical support.

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## Dewey's Dialogue for the Ageless



*“’Twas brillig, and the slithy toves...”*  
**Dwight Adams**



### NONSENSE

Roger Miller died thirty years ago at age 56. He was one of the most prolific songwriters ever—composer, of course, of “King of the Road.” Among other things he proved once again that song lyrics don't have to make sense. His “You Can't Roller-skate in a Buffalo Herd” and “Dang Me” are cases in point. The reader can probably think of his own examples of silly songs, like “Mairzy Doats,” “Three Little Fishies,” “The Purple People Eater,” and so on. Maybe someone will take the challenge and write a Barbershop arrangement of the following:

“’Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
 Did gyre and gimble in the wabe  
 All mimsy were the borogoves  
 And the mome raths outgrabe.”

(There's more, of course, of Lewis Carroll's *Jabberwocky*.)

HAVE A JA-DA-JA-DA-JADA-JADA-JING-JING-JING 2012!  
*Dewey*

### ♪ Music Team ♪

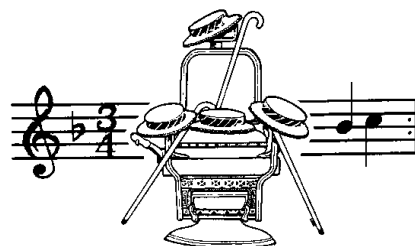
<b>Directors:</b> Natalie Berdahl	<b>406-579-2211</b>
<b>Assistant Director:</b> Charlie McGuire	<b>406-582-0471</b>
<b>Music VP:</b> Bernie Bissell	<b>406-586-2966</b>
<b>Section Leaders:</b> <b>Lead:</b> TBA	
<b>Baritone:</b> Tim Lund	<b>406-570-1234</b>
<b>Tenor:</b> Kevin Mattson	<b>406-388-6232</b>
<b>Bass:</b> Bernie Bissell	<b>406-586-2966</b>
<b>Chorus Mgr:</b> Jerry Mollock	<b>406-570-2468</b>
<b>Librarian:</b> Jack Lehman	<b>406-388-3121</b>

### ♪ Committees ♪

<b>Show Chairmen 2012:</b> Jack Lehman Dave Schrupp	<b>406-388-3121</b> <b>406-585-9493</b>
<b>Tater Pig Chairmen 2011:</b> Jerry Mollock Don Greer Kevin Mattson	<b>406-570-2468</b> <b>406-586-7871</b> <b>406-388-6232</b>
<b>Singing Valentines 2012</b> <b>Chairman:</b> Mike Tank, Dan Hopper	<b>406-585-9437</b> <b>406-585-9437</b>

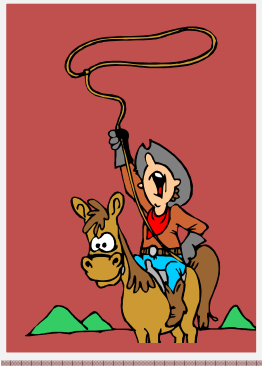
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<b>President:</b> Don Greer	<b>406-586-7871</b>
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<b>VP Chapter Development:</b> Frank Johnson	<b>406-586-1857</b>
<b>VP Marketing/PR:</b> Paul Newby	<b>406-586-2804</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b> Sig Dehn	<b>406-586-5747</b>
<b>Secretary:</b> Frank Smith	<b>406-586-4676</b>
<b>Immediate Past President:</b> Bernie Bissell	<b>406-586-2966</b>
<b>Board Members at Large:</b> Mike Tank Kevin Mattson Shane Strasser	<b>406-585-9437</b> <b>406-388-6170</b> <b>605-940-4971</b>
<b>Executive Vice President:</b> Dan Hopper	<b>406-582-5194</b>
<b>Sunshine Chairman:</b> Jesse Edgar	<b>406-579-5354</b>



## Who is this Chord Rustler?

*Periodically, "The Old Chorale" will have an article describing a member's life and experiences.*



Ray Stinnett was born in Bozeman and lived in Livingston and Butte before moving to Chicago, with his family in 1960. After his marriage to Michele in 1973, they moved to Washington, D.C., and began working in the family thrift store business. His grandfather played guitar, sang in church, and at weddings and funerals. Ray's mom and dad were singers, also. After having sung in an *a cappella* choir in Chicago, Ray joined the Christ the King choir upon his return to Bozeman in 1982. Bill Ranard and Dave Schrupp encouraged him to join the Chord Rustlers, which he did three years ago. He has found that singing is a good form of exercise, challenges his memory, and is a wonderful way to make good friends. Ray and his wife, Michele, have two married children: Chris, who has a daughter and Rachel who has three children. He and his family enjoy skiing, fishing and hiking. Ray is a licensed pilot and has taken the training to qualify as a yoga instructor. Last summer, Ray and his son Chris, went on a great Alaskan fishing trip with former NBA players Karl Malone and Bryan Grant.

*Jerry Mollock*



### January & February Birthdays

January 2	Slater Henkel
January 4	Al Sprenger
January 12	Tim Lund
January 14	Shane Strasser
January 15	Bill Ranard
January 16	Steve McArthur
February 8	Brendan Vollmer

Chord Rustlers meet Tuesdays at Grace Bible Church, 3625 South 19<sup>th</sup>, Bozeman. Rehearsals are from 7:00–9:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

## Mission Statement — Bozeman Chord Rustlers

“The mission of the Chord Rustlers is to sing *a cappella*, four-part harmony, in the barbershop style, to support vocal music education of youth, and to provide audiences with wholesome entertainment for all occasions by men who enjoy musical and social camaraderie, desiring to share their love of music within the community, and who aspire to grow in musical excellence and preserve the tradition of four-part harmony singing.”



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