

Carol Oxborrow McKenzie, who served as the president of the White Pine Community Choir Association from July, 2018 until her passing, died on December 27, 2021.

Carol's service to the choir goes back many decades. In 1987, when the choir first bought the building now known as the Centennial Fine Arts Center—and known at that time as the historic Latter Day Saints Tabernacle—, Carol was on hand to help clean the building up so the choir could use it to rehearse.

“Cleaning up” included walking around in the semi-darkness of the sanctuary and feeling the soft give of the floor. That soft give turned out to be the mummified bodies of pigeons that had been accumulating for many years. Undeterred, Carol and other choir members set to work making the sanctuary clean, safe and usable.

Over the years, Carol devoted literally hundreds of hours to the community choir. She was always one of the members who showed up to clean the building for performances, and she often took charge of seasonal decorations. She brought refreshments for post-performance receptions. She helped keep track of choir robes and outfits. And she could be counted on to show up for every weekly Wednesday night practice, even during winter months when her trips back home to Lund over Murry Summit promised to be snowy, slippery, and slow.

When the choir reorganized in 2018, Carol volunteered to be the choir association's president, which was at times not only time-consuming but demanded much patience as well as a sense of humor. Carol's wonderful laugh and her positive outlook were key to the choir's moving forward as it worked toward obtaining broad support for the necessary renovations at the CFAC.

Carol lived a life of service to others, and the White Pine Community Choir Association is fortunate to have been the recipient of some of Carol's generosity of spirit.

We will miss her very much.