

RMD Weekly

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WHO RECEIVES RMD WEEKLY? CHAPTER PRESIDENTS ONLY

In case you were wondering (or presuming incorrectly), RMD Weekly is ONLY sent out to Chapter Presidents (and copied to District leaders). It is also posted on the District website www.RMDsing.org for anyone to obtain.

Occasionally, there is information in the Weekly that is of direct importance to other chapter leaders, and on those occasions, we may send the Weekly to the chapter officers involved. But that is *occasionally*.

Reasons why RMD Weekly is sent to Chapter Presidents only:

1. It is the responsibility of the Chapter President to have knowledge or access to information about anything that impacts his chapter, including district and society programs.
2. We do not want to bypass the authority of the Chapter President and have other chapter officers acting on behalf of the chapter without the knowledge of the Chapter President.
3. We do not want to subject other chapter officers or general membership to "information overload" especially information they may consider non-essential. When that happens, they tend to ignore everything. For Chapter Presidents, ALL information is essential (and there *is* LOTS of it).
4. We want the Chapter President to be the authoritative source within the chapter, and for all information to flow THROUGH the President TO the chapter.

For these reasons, it is ESSENTIAL that you, Mr. Chapter President, consume and digest all of the information in the Weekly and then DISSEMINATE that information to your chapter officers and members as you see appropriate. You can forward the entire publication to them via Email. You can make verbal announcements in your Board meetings and chapter business meetings. You can enter this information onto your chapter website or into your chapter bulletin. You can print and post at your weekly meeting place. You can instruct them to go to www.RMDsing.org and download it themselves. Whatever method you use, MAKE SURE the information is being received by each person who needs it. Communication within your chapter is YOUR responsibility. Please do not assume that your chapter officers are being bombarded with this steady stream of information from the District level. Thank you.

ONLINE CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SURVEY

A couple issues ago you (Chapter Presidents) were sent a Leadership Survey originating from CSLT and asked to administer this survey to your chapter officers and leaders. It was later determined that there was not sufficient time to get the results back (as the CSLT Committee had a deadline to evaluate the survey responses and make a proposal to the Society Board) and therefore it was determined to put the survey online and send "blanket Email" to the appropriate chapter leaders with a link so they could quickly (1-3 minutes) submit their responses DIRECTLY to the CSLT Committee. A very robust response was received from RMD leaders last week, but I can also tell you that a number of Email addresses FAILED (derived from the District Directory in the "Members Only" section of the Society website). Because these Emails FAILED, two things need to happen:

1. Review the Email addresses for everyone listed on your directory of chapter officers. Task this to your Secretary, or someone else, or do it yourself. This should be done periodically, as Email addresses change.
2. Please SEND this link (below) to your chapter officers, and urge them to go online (if they have not already) and complete the survey immediately. The results MUST be in before the end of this month. If any of your officers do not have Email or internet access, you can either go online and enter their responses for them (indicate the appropriate chapter officer / leader for each response) or tabulate the responses and Email them to me (I will get them to CSLT). All of this must be done this week for their responses to be included in the survey input.

Link to Online Leadership Survey:

http://www.harmonize.ws/ILL/leadership_survey.cfm?d=RMD

MARCH 30 DEADLINE FOR SPRING CONVENTION COST SAVINGS

This week will end the “early-bird” registration discount and also the convention room rate for our Spring Convention in Ogden. Remember, this event is all “under one roof” (no car required...you don’t even need your PF Flyers...remember those?). We have some GREAT quartets with their sights set on International qualifying. We have ambitious quartets working their way up to their best potential. And we have a Show of Champions which will feature a parade of our nearly 30 year history of district quartet champions, including International Gold medallists “Classic Collection” and Silver medallists “Bank Street”. There are probably barbershoppers in your chapter who remember most (or all??) of our past champs and would LOVE to re-live those moments...and others who need to take a “living tour” of our history (chances are few and fleeting...and seldom of this magnitude, where so many past champs will be assembled together).

Mr. President, hope to see YOU there at the HOUSE OF DELEGATES meeting.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INVITATIONAL AT SPRING CONVENTION

In addition to the traditional “Small Chorus Contest” the RMD has a wonderful option for ENTERTAINING choruses who would like to “strut their stuff” and even find out how they can improve their performance. The Rocky Mountain Invitational is a “festival” atmosphere, where you perform your best entertainment package, and the audience is invited to vote for their favorite entertainer, and our panel of certified judges also render their impressions...PRIVATELY. If you want to keep the results in confidence, then ONLY YOU will have that knowledge (which is valuable knowledge if you are interested in OBJECTIVE assessment of your ability and improvement as performers). Contact John Coffin for details or to answer ANY QUESTIONS about this wonderful opportunity.

The RMD leadership listens to the interests and opinions of members and the chapters, and created this opportunity (thanks to “idea man” George Davidson) for any chorus (or even VLQ) to perform at a Convention, where it is not necessary to be part of a “contest”. Come sing at the Invitational...it’s a blast!

Our Society is also diversifying Conventions (so it isn’t “just a contest”...at MidWinter Convention we will inaugurate (in Albuquerque 2007) the District Festival Chorus Showcase. All barbershoppers from across the District are invited to sing in an RMD Chorus (under direction of Bill Biffle!) on an International stage. If you’ve never been to a MidWinter, come to Albuquerque, and while you’re at it, sing in the RMD Festival Chorus. Encourage your friends from NEIGHBORING CHAPTERS to join in.

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