

RMD Weekly

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THREE WEEKS TO RMD SPRING CONVENTION IN OGDEN

The RMD will convene in Ogden, Utah for the Spring Convention. Society Exec. Director Ed Watson will be present (and would love to sing a tag with you, as well as discuss anything regarding the Society). RMD quartets will give their best performance possible in an effort to qualify for the International contest in Indianapolis this summer. You know how important a vibrant audience is...come cheer them on!

The Rocky Mountain Invitational will include the Small Chorus contest. Small Choruses entering the contest will have two contestable songs scored by the judges to determine the 2006 Small Chorus champions. The Invitational provides all entrants the opportunity to put their best performance (under 12 minutes) on the stage in a "festival-type" atmosphere for the audience to enjoy and vote for their favorite. The Convention has something for EVERYONE.

RMD FESTIVAL CHORUS AT MIDWINTER IN ALBUQUERQUE

One chapter President asked how many songs would be presented by the District Festival Chorus at MidWinter, and would participation obstruct enjoyment of other aspects of the Convention (?).

I am under the impression that each chorus must sing a minimum of 2 songs, and may perform up to a maximum of 12 minutes. Rehearsals and the Festival itself will not interfere with any shows or contests in the MidWinter Convention, and will only ADD to the overall FUN of the event. Directing the RMD Festival Chorus will be Bill Biffle, and you KNOW it'll be fun with Bill waving his arms.

SUMMER FESTIVALS: SILVERTON JULY 21-22; CHAUTAUQUA AUG 12

Get together with other RMD barbershoppers at either...or BOTH (no schedule conflict!) of these Festivals during the summer. Other Festivals please report your dates so they can be published.

2 FRONT RANGE BARBERSHOPPERS JOIN THE "CHAPTER ETERNAL"

With 99 years of combined membership in the Society, Harry Brescia (52 years) and Herb "Doc" Thomson (47 years) rang their final earthly chords this past month. Both were WW II veterans, and both lived in Colorado's "Front Range" (Harry in Denver, Herb in Colorado Springs). Both having joined SPEBSQSA when it was less than 20 years old, they were actively involved for over 2/3 of the Society's existence, and leave us a legacy we must faithfully continue and pass to succeeding generations.

Herb was a member of the Colorado Springs Pikes Peak chapter and sang with his quartet "Still Vertical" (with Bill Horton, Pete Tyree, and John Megow) just a few weeks before his death. Harry Brescia was with the Denver MountainAires and chairman of the Singing Valentine program, and he was out delivering Singing Valentines just a few weeks before his death. These men epitomize the motto "Singing is Life" and singing became a VERY IMPORTANT part of their lives to the very end.

"HARMONY UNIVERSITY" RETURNS TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

Back in the familiar surroundings of Missouri Western State College, but with NEW facilities, Harmony University will be the best ever. July 30 to August 6. Best barbershop week of your life, if you can go. Recommend it to your chapter members.

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