

RMD Weekly

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IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION OF JUNE 1 DEADLINE FOR FALL CONTEST

For all CHORUSES intending to enter the fall contest (Oct 7, 2006 in Layton, Utah) our Events VP Kevin Pape has established a deadline of June 1 to receive an "intent to compete" letter. This does NOT apply to quartets, and is only for the purpose of allocating rehearsal space sufficient for each chorus with lodging convenient to the rehearsal space. After June 1, choruses who have not submitted their "intent to compete" letter will get whatever rehearsal space is left, and whatever lodging is left. You can reach Kevin at kevrmdevents@comcast.net and Kevin wants to keep EVERYONE happy, so PLEASE submit your "intent to compete" by June 1 if you intend to compete. Kevin can then logically and orderly arrange the choruses in the available spaces to best suit everyone's needs.

The deadline to ENTER the chorus contest is 21 days before the contest date (which would be Sept 16) and that is done with a CJ-20 and you deal with C & J VP John Coffin.

While on the subject of the CJ-20, the Society is VERY concerned that every piece of music performed on contest stages is LEGAL, and you must provide information to that effect when you enter using the CJ-20. It would behoove all chapters to make SURE that the music your chorus is preparing for the Fall contest is a legal arrangement, legally obtained, and that you all own legal copies. Any questions about this should be directed to John Coffin at johnrcoffin@comcast.net for his advice.

MR. PRESIDENT...ARE YOU PASSING THIS INFORMATION ALONG?

The RMD Weekly is sent to Chapter Presidents, to keep you informed of District and Society news, especially as it affects "Joe Barbershopper" and his chapter. Do you digest this information and somehow pass it along to your members? For some Chapter Presidents, this is not a favorite part of the job, for one reason or another. May we suggest, if this is the case, that you appoint a DELEGATE to receive this Email (in addition to you receiving it) and have that delegate be responsible for disseminating the information to your chapter members (may simply Email the Weekly out to each member, may include relevant topics in a chapter bulletin either in print or electronic, may post it on your chapter website or print and post it in your weekly meeting space, or may announce it at your weekly business meeting). Whatever your system of informing your members, PLEASE make information-sharing a TOP PRIORITY in your chapter. It is sometimes AMAZING to discover what "Joe Barbershopper" does NOT know or is mis-informed about due to obtaining second-hand information from the wrong sources.

Send me the name and Email address of your delegate (just as some chapters appoint delegates other than the President to attend the HOD and become the District – Chapter conduit of semi-annual business meeting information) and I will add your delegate to the mailing list.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MIDWINTER CHORUS...JOIN THE FUN !!!

MidWinter Conventions will have a new "Festival" flavor, with districts invited to form "massed choruses" consisting of singers from within their District, for some fun and friendly district rivalry. The RMD will have **Bill Biffle** directing (and you KNOW that means fun...AND good singing!)...and remember, the MidWinter Convention in January will be IN OUR DISTRICT (Albuquerque)! Songs will be announced soon...for now, plan to be there, and sing in the biggest RMD chorus ever!

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