

RMD Weekly

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CHORUSES PAST-DUE FOR "INTENT TO COMPETE" LETTER

Only 5 RMD choruses submitted their "intent to compete" letters to Kevin Pape by the June 1 deadline, thus giving them the first 5 spaces available for rehearsal and lodging at the Fall Convention. In order to obtain the next-best rehearsal space and lodging (hopefully contiguous with your rehearsal space) you need to get your "intent to compete" letter to Kevin ASAP. No chorus will be denied the opportunity to participate in the contest, as long as registration is in order before the contest deadline (21 days before the contest), however rehearsal space and lodging will now be assigned on a "last-come, last-served" basis (last one to the table gets the leftovers). Kevin wants to make each Convention the most enjoyable experience possible for EVERY attendee and participant...but he can ONLY accomplish this with your cooperation giving him adequate advance notice of your needs.

Mr. President, PLEASE forward this to your chorus manager (or whomever oversees the details of Convention events in your chapter) for his IMMEDIATE action. Thank you.

SUMMER FUN IN THE RMD (AND WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN CSD)

There is PLENTY of opportunity for barbershop fun in the Rocky Mountain District this summer! Here is a summary:

1. **Silverton Festival July 21-22**
 2. **Chautauqua Festival August 12**
 3. **Mount Rushmore Festival August 25-26**
 4. **Kearny (Nebraska) Barbershop Bonanza September 1-2**
- Also..."Mountain Glow in the Poudre Canyon" Aug 18-20**

Contact information:

Silverton (Pete Peterson, cmpete@frontier.net / 970-247-5073)...this is Silverton's 20th annual

Chautauqua (Merle Quigley merlemaryq@aol.com / 303-544-9399)

Mount Rushmore (Pete Anderson petea@agentsins.com / 605-209-3701)

Kearney, Nebraska (Central States District) is hosting a "Barbershop Bonanza" for both RMD and CSD. Friday Sept 1st is for male and female quartet coaching with some of the best coaches in both the Central States and Rocky Mountain Districts. Those of you who have had a taste of the Friday night affair will attest that it's the most laid-back, fun, yet educational quartet experience. A minimum of 8 different coaches are on hand to make this something special. All quartets will be expected to sing on the Saturday night show, if at all possible. Saturday, September 2nd is a day-long clinic with Darin Drown, director of Denver Mile High as guest clinician. Five songs to be learned and performed that evening. Meals, music, and schooling are provided for the admission fee of \$30. For detailed information, contact either Monty McCullough at memc070453@aol.com / 308-234-9951, or Gary Drown at jdrown@kearney.net / 308-236-2083

Mountain Glow in Poudre Canyon is being organized by Rex Touslee (Loveland chapter). Six quartets spending 48 hours in a mountain resort, singing every song/tag they know and a few that they don't. Camaraderie and fellowship level = high. Stress level = low. This MAY be full, but contact Rex rmtous@msn.com for details...and all are welcome to come to the Saturday night show!

FUN AT DISTRICT AND SOCIETY EVENTS—FALL AND WINTER

“Barber Pole University”

Barber Pole University (BPU) is a concept intended to create opportunities for RMD District Event attendees to earn a **“degree”** by singing all the Barber Pole Cat songs in their primary voice part.

Those choosing to participate will be required to:

1. Pay a \$5.00 tuition per degree applied for. Proceeds will pay all overhead costs of BPU *with the remainder being donated to YMIH.*
2. Complete ALL songs in a single polecat series with 100% accuracy.

Four BPU Degrees Offered

1. Associate
2. Bachelors
3. Masters
4. PhD

What does this program accomplish?

1. Creates a fun opportunity for Conventioneers to sing.
2. It is self-funding
3. It raises money for YMIH
4. Membership recognition
5. The District membership learns the “polecats” correctly
6. Offers everyone attending a District Event the opportunity to join in the fun.
7. Provides a long-term fun event.
8. Provides additional activities between sessions
9. Addresses the District’s goal to provide diverse activities at District Events.

Degrees attained by singing these standards in a quartet 100% note-perfect, first on one voice part, then advanced degrees for singing an alternate voice part. Have fun with this! It is hoped to “roll this out” at the RMD 2006 Fall Convention, and further details will follow.

District Festival Chorus to sing at MidWinter in Albuquerque

To increase FUN at Society events, the concept of Districts assembling Festival Choruses at the MidWinter Convention will commence right here in the RMD in January 2007. Bill Biffle will direct the first RMD Festival Chorus...what a BLAST it would be to sing with a FEW HUNDRED fellow barbershoppers from the RMD together in one chorus!

If you’ve never been to a MidWinter Convention, you are missing the best barbershop shows you’ll EVER see (in my opinion). The top 5 quartets of the current year each perform a 30 minute ENTERTAINMENT PACKAGE...not “sweating it out” with their contest sets...but just HAVING FUN, which is exactly what will be in store for YOU. And Albuquerque is a WONDERFUL place to be in January.

Get your friends together, plan a “road trip”, and prepare to sing in the biggest massed chorus in the RMD. Songs to be announced.

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