

RMD Weekly

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FALL CONVENTION: REMEMBER LEGAL MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

The RMD Fall Convention is in Layton, Utah on October 6-7. Please remember to comply with all requirements to sing legal music on the contest stage. If you have any question or concern about your planned selections, please contact John Coffin (VP Contest and Judging) at johnrcoffin@comcast.net for clarification. Because recordings of certain contests are being made available, our Society is VERY SINCERE about requirements that all music presented on contest stages be legal.

SING IN THE RMD CHORUS AT MID-WINTER IN ALBUQUERQUE

Plan now to join the RMD Chorus at the VERY FIRST District Chorus Festival at the 2007 Mid-Winter Convention, which is hosted in our own District, in Albuquerque. The Festival Chorus will be directed by Bill Biffle, and is SURE to be a HOOT. This District Chorus Festival will be an annual event at Mid-Winter. Let's get the RMD out in FULL FORCE (there better not be another District with greater numbers than us, in our own "back yard"!).

MID-WINTER "BUFFALO BILLS" QUARTET CONTEST

The fledgling "Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association" (also known as the "Pioneers") have offered to host a "traditional" quartet contest (as in the days of the "Buffalo Bills") at the MidWinter Convention in Albuquerque where the "old songs" will be sung and judged on the old 5 category system that featured harmony accuracy, balance and blend, voice expression, arrangement, and stage presence....each worth 20%. Please notify ALL QUARTETS of this opportunity. There will be 2 rounds, with the "prelims" on Friday at 10:00 PM and the Finals on Saturday at 8:00 PM. All ages welcome, AIC quartets welcome, anyone who wants to sing "the old songs". Contact Jack Martin at jackwmartin@gmail.com for further information.

Whether your quartet comes to sing, or whether you come to sing in the District Chorus, there will be plenty of opportunity to participate as well as to enjoy the Senior Quartet Contest and 30 minute performance sets by "Vocal Spectrum" and each of the other medallist quartets from Indy...MidWinter in Albuquerque will be a great event in the RMD.

BARBERSHOP POCKET CALENDARS ARE BACK!

The much-loved pocket calendars that the Barbershop Harmony Society used to sell are now back! Order # 4344, at \$2.00 each. Yes, it has all the features of the calendars we have known and loved for decades: Quartet Champs & convention cities from 1939; Chorus Champs from 1954; Senior & College Champs; with pictures. Pages for names, addresses and phone numbers of friends and relatives. Office Staff page. Holidays. Dates of future Conventions, Schools, COTS and District events. A song reminder list with key signatures. 18 month calendar covers the remainder of 2006 and all of 2007. Every new member deserves a copy of this repository of BARBERSHOP HISTORY and CULTURE. Every quartet member should have one to keep track of performances (and report them for CARA points). Chapters can obtain quantity discounts, I'm told.

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