

RMD Weekly

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FALL CONVENTION NEWS

The RMD Fall Convention in Layton, Utah will continue the honoring of our past District Quartet Champs, and both "Heritage West" (1978-79) and "U S Male" (1993-94) are confirmed to be present to receive their medals and perform for us. We also plan to roll out "BarberPole University" at this Convention. You'll not want to miss a performance by our hostesses, the Mountain Jubilee Chorus as well.

TAKING A GUEST FROM RECRUITMENT TO MEMBERSHIP (The Grand Junction chapter shares success ideas)

1. Drawings keep them coming back Grand Jct purchases and draws winners for: \$50 restaurant gift certificates (one per week), \$10 book/music store gift certificates (3 per week), and one grand prize: one year BHS membership (once in the 4th week of a new member program)
2. It must be four weeks long so it is very clear that we are guest-oriented each of the 4 weeks and that the *program centers on them*. **You can't let them feel neglected and shoved to the side *the very next week*** (as they would have been if we got back to normal work at the chapter meeting immediately after a one week effort).
3. Repetition of simple songs like "polecats" makes singing less threatening to people who are new to this kind of music.
4. Introduction of a few regular (more difficult) songs and repeating them every week too...so they know there is more to it than "polecats".
5. Having the members sit with the guests to help them find the right page and where on the music they need to look. Some guests can't read music or just need a little assist at first to find their part and get used to working with 4 part printed music.
6. A team effort by the whole chorus – but following a carefully laid out plan.

To read the full text of this report from Grand Junction, send an Email reply requesting it.

COTS SUB-COMMITTEE STUDY REPORT DRAFT IN PROCESS

The RMD Sub-Committee studying COTS has reached conclusions that will be submitted to the RMD Board. If you are interested in seeing the draft (when complete) you may request by Email and it will be sent to you. Summary information will appear in subsequent RMD Weekly editions. After the Board analyses the report, the Board will formulate a proposal to present before the HOD.

BOULDER CHAPTER EXCELS WITH CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL HARMONY HAPPENING AT MT. RUSHMORE NEXT, AUG 25-26

The 58th Annual Chautauqua Harmony Festival is in the books, and was superb, from the BBQ to the afterglow...and all the singing in between. Congratulations to the Boulder chapter for a job well done (again). Next up: Mount Rushmore August 25-26. Contact Pete Anderson petea@agentsins.com for details.

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