

# RMD Weekly

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## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

If you haven't already received the startling news, the Durango chapter has lost one of their best friends. Here's the summary from Carroll "Pete" Peterson:

Tim Snode, member of our chapter's tenor section, tenor in my quartet, First Class Delivery, our expert script writer and emcee, died on Tuesday, November 7, at Monument Valley high school, where he taught music. He didn't come to work Tuesday morning, so someone went to his apartment near the school and found him dead. (Tim lived at Monument Valley during the week, and came home to Mancos on weekends.) He had not been feeling well for some weeks before his death, but no one—including Tim—had any idea that he had colon cancer that had spread throughout his body. He was only 56 years old. His passing leaves a huge hole in our hearts—and in our chorus and our quartet. He was an outstanding tenor and a good man.

Enid, his wife, does not plan to have a funeral. At some point after the holiday season, we barbershoppers will sponsor a celebration of Tim's life. Needless to say, we are all stunned and saddened. Enid is doing pretty well; as she says, she just has to go ahead and get on with life. Fortunately, she has good friends in Mancos, where they made their home, and many of the barbershoppers have been in touch with her by phone and by cards. If anyone reading this wishes to send her a card, it should go to Enid Snode, P.O. Box 805, Mancos, CO 81328. She very much appreciates hearing from people.

## **GIVING THANKS**

Sometimes it's hard to be thankful when good friends like Tim Snode are suddenly taken from our lives. Since none of us has any guarantees for tomorrow, that is **PRECISELY** why we should be thankful today for our lives, our families, our friends, and our blessings. We have the greatest fraternity of friendship and fun and the opportunity to bring smiles to the lives of many through our music. Don't take barbershop or your fellow barbershoppers for granted. And while we share the grief of our brothers in Durango, I'm sure the men (and Amy, their director) will carry on in Tim's honor and memory. The lesson for all of us is to live and love and sing and enjoy life to the fullest, and be **THANKFUL**.

## **THINK SINGING VALENTINES**

**A note from Julie Siepler**

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Chapters are encouraged to sign up now for 2007 Singing Valentines at [www.singingvalentines.com](http://www.singingvalentines.com) Registration is free and the site is a valuable aid in helping the media find you. Reporters often use internet searches to come up with ideas and local angles for Valentines Day stories. So, even if you don't get one booking from the site, you just might get some unexpected media coverage—all for the cost of a few minutes of your time.

I know it seems early, but magazines and TV feature reporters often plan far in advance. ----Julie

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