

RMD Weekly

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING ROOM CHANGE

Please note that the House of Delegates meeting Friday Sept 28 at 3:00 PM will be in a different location than previously announced. The NEW location is the COPPER ROOM (in the DoubleTree Hotel). The hotel made the change, and we apologize for any inconvenience. Please spread the word to any other Chapter Presidents you encounter in Albuquerque, make sure they are aware of the new location.

SOCIETY STAFF VISITS...THE TIME TO PLAN IS NOW

Society staff is available to assist chapters in music and membership growth by personally attending events with the widest possible reach. MULTI-CHAPTER EVENTS are the ideal, and what better time to plan such events than when Chapter Presidents get together for the House of Delegates meeting.

Best thing is for YOU to come with IDEAS, discuss these with your neighbor Chapter President(s) before the meeting, and bring these ideas to the attention of our Board of Directors at the meeting. District Secretary Merle Quigley will facilitate the processing of requests for Staff visits, and YOUR IDEAS might spark ideas for OTHER chapters. Requests placed to Nashville by October 8 have the greatest chance of succeeding, because 2008 Staff travel will be planned during the rest of October.

One idea Society Staff is suggesting is "HOMECOMING NIGHT"...a weeknight multi-chapter event focusing on FUN. So what would YOU (and your chapter) consider FUN??? Your District leadership team will be deliberating on this proposal, and your ideas are worth their weight in gold. Please send ANY suggestions for a successful HOMECOMING NIGHT in your area to this editor, Tony Pranaitis, TonyChiro@juno.com or phone 303-233-6234.

A "Homecoming Night" in your community could be the ideal way to spark life into your chapter among current members, ex-members, and potential members. Ideally, the Staff would like to visit groups of 150 or more. Get your neighbor chapters together for a plan that benefits all.

"YOUTH IN HARMONY" RECOGNIZED IN EDUCATION JOURNALS

Our Youth In Harmony program was mentioned in two major Music Education journals, the July 2007 *Choral Journal* (published by ACDA, American Choral Directors Association) and the August 2007 *Teaching Music* (published by MENC, Music Educators National Conference). The articles were NOT solicited by the BHS, but contained may complimentary references to our work with young men and the changing voice, and the advantages of getting young men into quartets, both mentioning the Barbershop Harmony Society with high recommendation.

This happens when we conduct successful outreach, working to BUILD music programs in the local schools. Outreach takes volunteer hours, and money. Harmony Foundation is sponsoring so MANY outreach efforts (Festivals, Camps, Music Educators to Harmony University, Collegiate Contest, etc.) and depends on OUR CONTRIBUTIONS for the resources to do this.

Bottom line: **Contribute** (www.HarmonyFoundation.org) and **Volunteer**.

Members of the Harmony Foundation "President's Council" will meet for wine and cheese immediately following the Friday night contest session in Albuquerque. Join us if you are interested in information.

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