

# RMD Weekly

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## MANY CHAPTERS STILL NEED TO REPORT THEIR 2008 OFFICERS

If your chapter officers for 2008 are NOT listed on the Society website, this needs to be posted immediately. If this newsletter is being sent to someone OTHER than your 2008 Chapter President, chances are your 2008 chapter officers are not posted. Things are improving daily at Ebiz on the Society website [www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org) but if you still have ANY DIFFICULTY uploading your officers, send the FULL LIST to Woody Woods [woody@peakexperiencechorus.org](mailto:woody@peakexperiencechorus.org) and he will make sure it gets accomplished. Please, do it TODAY.

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS: A TEMPORARY CHANGE IN MAILING

Because a number of Chapter Secretaries had either not renewed their membership dues in time (or 2008 chapter officers had not been uploaded...admittedly, SOME had difficulties with the website) an "executive decision" was made to mail membership cards DIRECTLY to the member (rather than to the Chapter Secretary for ceremonial distribution at chapter meetings). This was only a TEMPORARY REMEDY. Please read the following from Drew Ellis, Society staff (Membership):

I want to inform you of a "contingency" plan we set into effect last week that was ONLY for last week (early January), and yet, we printed some 2000-2500 Membership cards that may have gone DIRECTLY TO THE MEMBER.

We were faced with a dilemma. Those Chapter Secretaries who *personally were up to renew 12/31*, and whose personal renewals had not yet been processed, did NOT appear on the top of the appropriate Member's cards. With no address at the top of the cards, we otherwise would have had to set them aside and RE-work the cards when their chapter secretaries were renewed. So we elected – in the interest of our members' satisfaction – to send them directly to the member.

Please be advised that this is NOT a policy change, it was only an *occasional* situation we felt we needed to remedy in the way we did. If a member wants to receive his card in front of the chapter, we'd simply advise that he walk up and hand his card to the Secretary so he can still get publicly embarrassed, clapped for, or sung to for his years of service. ☺

Please note; this is an important discovery. It would behoove all chapter members – ESPECIALLY chapter officers – to renew their dues either online or fairly soon after they receive invoices, lest this type of thing happen again.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARMONY COLLEGE EARLY BIRD FEES END FEB 1

PLEASE advise your members that they have until the end of January to take advantage of the "Early Bird Discount" for registration (\$65) at Rocky Mtn Harmony College (RM-HC). On Feb 1 the regular registration fee of \$80 takes effect. Everything you need is at [www.RMDsing.org](http://www.RMDsing.org) including registration forms for individuals, quartets, and choruses, including curriculum and faculty. The annual "Quartet Beer 'N Brat Social" will be on Friday night at 8:00 PM held simultaneously with a Quartet Master Class where attendees will observe Rick Spencer (Society Music VP) coaching our very own district champions "the Summit". Attendees will enjoy eating and listening (in ABSOLUTE silence) in a high-level coaching environment that few of us ever attain, followed by an evening FULL of singing and fun and fellowship. Quartets, don't miss this. Register for coaching to be invited.

## REGISTER YOUR CHAPTER NOW FOR "SINGING FOR LIFE" MAY 10

The time is CRITICAL to get your Chapter connected with your local blood donation agency for participation in the nation-wide "Singing For Life" program on May 10. Not sure what that is? Check out your Nov/Dec Harmonizer pages 14-15, or go to [www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org) and click on "Singing For Life". We need 100% participation!

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(more on next page regarding Chapter Insurance)

## **IMPORTANT INSURANCE POLICY INFORMATION FROM NASHVILLE**

Frank Santarelli has sent the following **IMPORTANT** legal information that **EVERY Chapter President and Secretary should have in their files. Again, if YOUR Chapter President is NOT on this Email distribution, PLEASE get this to him. Important documents are attached, related to the following memo by Mr. Santarelli:**

For 2008 coverage, overall insurance premiums have decreased slightly, however membership has decreased resulting in an increased charge per member. The charge is based upon your chapter's December 31<sup>st</sup> membership and the cost is \$30.00 per chapter plus \$8.43 per member.

Comprehensive general-liability and non-owned automobile liability coverage is one million dollars, plus the existing umbrella of ten million dollars, bringing total protection to eleven million dollars. In order to continue this protection of the Society's chapters as mandated by the Society Board of Directors, the Headquarters office has billed all chapters for their annual premiums. This is a necessary chapter expense to keep your members safe and secure under the liability insurance umbrella.

This letter and the attached brochures further explain the Society's coverage. A sample Certificate of Insurance is also attached. **Please notice that you will not need to contact me (Frank) or the insurance agent concerning the additional insured with the new language on the certificate – it indicates coverage is provided where required by contract.** The carrier for 2008 is St. Paul and our agent is Dick Cashin from Willis Insurance – Milwaukee; if you do need a certificate designating an additional insured, contact the Willis Insurance Center at 877-945-7378 and refer to account #290530.

The primary purpose of this coverage is to protect the chapter from third-party claims arising from alleged chapter negligence. This coverage does not cover any assets the chapter may own: meeting place, risers, sound equipment, etc. For those chapters which own their own premises make sure that your basic coverage is a million-dollar single-limit, comprehensive, general-liability policy naming the Society as an additional insured.

### **Chapter Owned Property**

Chapters who enrolled in the voluntary insurance program for chapter owned property have automatically had their coverage extended.

<b><u>Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Premium</u></b>
10,000	\$151.00
15,000	\$166.00
20,000	\$192.00
25,000	\$218.00
30,000	\$245.00

If your chapter hasn't enrolled in the insurance program and would like to do so, please complete the enrollment form enclosed.

### **Accidental Medical Expenses Plus AD&D Coverage**

The required liability insurance program does not cover members. It is designed to cover the general public at large. If a chapter member has an accident at a chapter meeting, rehearsal or performance, the member's personal insurance would handle any medical bills. The Society is offering a voluntary insurance program that will protect chapter members from accidental medical expenses. Coverage is for all members in your chapter and the fee is \$2.06 per member plus a \$5.00 administrative charge. See the enclosed brochure for details. Again, if your chapter was enrolled in this program the coverage is automatically extended.

Of course if you have any questions or need more information please call Frank Santarelli at 800-876-7464 extension 4133.