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HOT STUFF!

- **FROM YOUR BOOKING CZAR:** Yes, I'm back and I'm still looking for more singouts! Civic organizations, churches, etc. Have them contact me. Thanks, **Myron**
- **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:** Well here it is the 28th of July. It's almost August, then one more month and we should be back up to normal attendance numbers. But "normal" isn't enough! Please keep "beating the bushes" for new members. We need more singers (and I don't mean Sewing Machines). But low numbers is a problem throughout the Society; it's not unique to Surfside! I know it's been a struggle holding things together this summer but "Hats Off to Art and Bob" for keeping up the interest and making the best of a less than good situation. The cooperation and enthusiasm shown by each of you has been very enjoyable and speaks well to your individual interest in Barbershopping. I am truly elated by the energy level when you "jump up" to volunteer for some quartetting. It's GREAT! And the best part is the underlying learning experience. We can only get better as a direct result of your participation! Again Thank You, give yourself a "pat on the back," you deserve it! I don't know about you, but I am often awake at night unable to fall asleep with my thoughts searching for ideas on how to improve our chorus, how to increase our numbers, how to raise the level of interest and enjoyment, and most importantly, how to "raise the bar" on our level of performance. It's pretty difficult to think of these as separate issues because they are all so intertwined. What are your ideas? Please speak out for the "good of the chapter!" And for having "FUN!" Please indulge me while I toss out a couple ideas! Most choruses have lower attendance during the summer months. Like us they may have 12-15 at rehearsal. What if we were to set up a night in August to go visit another chorus (for example, Orange Blossom in Orlando, or Melbourne, or Canaveral). If they have 12-15, and we bring 12-15 for a visit, wouldn't it be more "FUN" to spend the evening singing with 25-30 other guys? Let me know what you think! But if we are going to do it, we need to make plans quickly! I would also like to see us develop a "Stand-by" quartet or a "Ready in the Wings" quartet that can put together 5-6 songs and be ready on short notice to respond with a 15-20 minute performance whenever we might receive such a request. Does this sound plausible? Are you interested? The final idea that I want to toss out is "Bumper Stickers"! Do you advertise "Barbershop" while driving around town? I don't have a bumper sticker on my car, do you? But I am more than willing to put one out there, are you? Maybe you have an artistic side that could craft a bumper stick that will help us "get out the message." Yes, I know that there are probably some stickers available from the Society, but why not show your talents and "design" our own that uniquely focuses on the "Surfside Chorus of the Daytona Metro Chapter?" Thanks, for listening, **Bill**
- **FROM YOUR MUSIC & PERFORMANCE V.P.:** Hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather, and no one has received any damage. Labor day Jamboree is rapidly approaching, and if anyone has not heard a Gold Medal Quartet yet, they should take a ride over and attend either the Saturday or Sunday night shows. I guarantee you'll be thoroughly pleased. Also, there is an article in the TV section of the Sunday News-Journal which is very interesting. Barbershop Music is rapidly evolving, and you will see it first hand. In fact, if you sang in the last Annual Show, you were involved in the evolution in the first half of the Show, where we sang the many songs from the Rock and Roll and Doo-Wop era.

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I would guess that 10 years ago, these songs would not have been published by the Society, as they did not fit the "template" of a "Barbershop Arrangement", but we are finding that by not accepting change, we will continue to lose older members due to advanced age, and not be able to replace them with younger singers. Thusly, "Barbershop Music" as we knew it when "Lida Rose," and "Sweet Adeline" were the only type music accepted as pure Barbershop, will be soon replaced by "a cappella" music, which we are now seeing acceptable on the Contest Stage. If we're having fun singing it, we will survive as a Society. If not, we will continue to lose membership at the Society level. Having been a Member since I was 21, I can see where we have to go to survive. I had a problem with this transition when I first saw it coming, but I really had fun singing the "a cappella" stuff on our show. Didn't you? Stick with it; we'll have just as much fun singing together. That's where the fun really is. Thanks,
Your Music V.P. **Bob**

- **FROM OUR DIRECTOR: Bring your Christmas music with you.** We can still sing in quartet formations using some of our Christmas music. With August almost here, some Christmas sounds will be a good thing. I would like for us to **consider the Holiday Men's Chorus again** for this year. This could be done whether we do a Christmas show or not, perhaps they could join with us on the show. We need to think outside the lines if we are to grow this Chapter. I am trying to get my mind to think in some different ways. We have a great hobby and if we get our product out there, some men will come. Finally, I still want to hear from you and your ideas about our meetings. Let me hear from you. Thanks, **Art**

- **NEXT BOARD MEETING: NO BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST.** The next Board meeting will be **September 8th** in the D.S.C. Choral room. We will begin at **5:30 P.M.** Have something for the Agenda? See a Board member. All members are invited to attend Board meetings. Agendas, minutes and other reports are available in the Members Only section of Chapter web site:
<http://www.surfsidechorus.org>.

- **JULY BIRTHDAYS:** Myron Menaker - 7/4, Bill Hibbert - 7/17, Christopher Baker - 7/26, Tony Fortune - 7/27, Bob Stump - 7/29

- **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:** Bill Davis - 8/4, Bob Cochrane - 8/28

- **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** Frank Arnold - 9/11, Jack Stimis - 9/27, Ron Moussette - 9/29

- **UPCOMING CALENDAR: [Clip and Save]**
 - **Sep 4 - 7** Labor Day Jamboree Crystal River, FL
 - **Oct 2 - 4** Fall Convention Jacksonville, FL
 - **Jan 26 - 31 2010** Mid-Winter Convention Tampa, FL

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