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HOT STUFF!

- **FROM YOUR BOOKING CZAR:** Got singouts? Let me know. We need more singouts. **Keep the Member Update forms coming.** One for Sunshine and one for our Secretary. Need one? See me. Thanks, **Myron**
- **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:** I called Dad and Barbara (his wife) earlier today. They live in Baton Rouge. They had lost power a little after 12:00 noon but they have generator access. Dad said as long as the martini shaker holds out and they don't run out of olives, they'll be fine! **Adrian**
- **FROM OUR DIRECTOR:** I really had a great time at the 2 LDJ shows. If you like Barbershop, you can get your cup to overflowing by attending a Barbershop show like we did this past weekend. I enjoyed each group in a different way, but I want to commend O.C. TIMES as our gold medal winners. I was hearing them for the first time and they were really good. As far as the show goes, they did save the best for last. I am glad I was able to attend and to see some of you there as well.

Let's continue to sing each week and enjoy ourselves. Some decisions are being made about the Christmas singing and I look forward to that also. Let's keep singing some quartets tonight and make some good sounds. Fun, fellowship and good singing is what we do. Let's do some of that tonight. **Art**

- **FROM OUR PICNIC CHAIR:** Hello, it's me again - the "Picnic Man." We'll be giving you another chance on Tuesday to indicate your choice for the picnic! Some of you were not present last week at the chapter meeting. We had to scratch another date, so we are down to these: (both Saturdays and both at 1:00 pm) Sept. 20 or Oct. 25. Other details remain the same:
 1. Chapter will provide basic picnic food and soft drinks. **BYOB** if you want "adult" beverages.
 2. Assignments will be made for side dishes, desserts, etc.
 3. Swimming in the pool and ocean.... changing facilities available.
 4. Quartet contest...judges from condo residents. (Get your group together and begin rehearsing!)
 5. We'll need cooking and cleanup crews...volunteers will be appointed!

Stay tuned for further developments.
Myron, Mr. Picnic
- **FROM YOUR MUSIC V.P.: Singing Barbershop Properly –**

1. Melody must be predominant. (Leads do not always have the melody.) Always make sure of where the melody lies. Can be ANY OTHER PART. If it is, then leads must back off volume and sing harmony.

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2. Thirds: Ex. "Do" is one, Me is third...thirds should be sung on the high side of the note - always and not loud.

3. Roots: the foundation upon which the chord is built - should be sung accurately with confidence. Can't build anything on a weak foundation.

5. Fifths: Up 5 notes from "Do" Always good for reinforcement, especially when the Basses have the Root. Bari's will usually have the Fifth. Reinforcement or singing the Root and Fifth in a triad chord (three parts, where the leads also have the root, and the tenors have the third), will usually produce the "ring" in that chord.

6. Seventh's: seven notes up from "Do" and usually flatted. (Ex.) the "Oh" chord which begins "Coney Island Baby" and "Shine On Me" are good examples of a solid Seventh Chord.

7. There are other chords which we sing (9ths, diminished, augmented) which are used as 'passing chords' also Flat thirds which create minor chords, as in "Storm Clouds Gather"

8..Vowel Sounds must be matched - Always!!!

9. Attacks (beginnings of words or phrases), and releases (point where sound ceases) must be synchronized so every singer starts and finishes at the exact point specified by the Director.

10. Don't be afraid to ask your Musical Leadership to explain any of the above you need clarification on.

11. Above all, Have Fun Singing Barbershop Harmony. It's Grrrrrrreat !!!!! **Corky**

- **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be **September 2nd** 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>.

[DEADLINE is Monday BEFORE 6 PM for this sheet. Call or email Christopher FUN-290-3452.]