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**HOT STUFF!**

- **FROM YOUR BOOKING CZAR:** Got singouts? Let me know. We need more singouts. **Singout this Tuesday, 9/30/08.** Name & Address: **Health Center of Daytona Beach, 550 National Health Care Drive** Daytona Beach, FL. Costume will be the **Gold chorus golf shirts, black pants, black socks and shoes** (same as the blood drive at Moe's). **Back to DSC afterward. Meet at 6:15 p.m. Enter from Dunn Avenue. Map on reverse.** Thanks, **Myron**
- **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:** I picked up a copy of the PET/CT scans results Friday. Since I'm not able to speak radiation technolog-eze, I waited for a call back from my oncologist for interpretation. Finally heard back from the doctor today. The tumor hasn't responded as hoped to the current treatments. The treatments have basically held it with not much new activity. We will be going in Wednesday to see what new types of new Chemo can be administered in hopes of progress. We remain hopeful. Keeps the prayers and positive thoughts coming. Thanks, **Adrian**
- **FROM OUR DIRECTOR: Remember the singout Tuesday evening.** Thanks, to Bill Davis for getting the singout. Also thanks, to Myron, for the 100 things you can do to improve your Chapter. I read them all and would suggest you do the same. We need to implement several of them as a chapter and as individuals. Keep looking for singouts as they make it worth the hours of rehearsal. Also invite men for the Holiday Men's Chorus. This can be an exciting time and I know you are making an effort for this new idea we are trying this year. Let's all remember Adrian and his family always in our thoughts and prayers. I, too, believe God is in the miracle business. However, we must pray that we line our will and desires with His will. We all must enjoy the time we have together because time moves too quickly and life is short. I enjoy my time with you and have always enjoyed my time with Adrian. He always has a smile on his face, especially when he is singing. We can learn a lot from him. I will see you tomorrow night ready to warm up and sing for our audience. Thanks, **Art**
- **FROM YOUR MUSIC V.P.: Singing Vowels** - That is what we do as Barbershoppers. Consonants, for the most part are not nearly as important, we use them to connect words or end words. It's the Vowels that are of vital importance. There are several different actions we must take to sing these properly. Some of these are:
  1. Supporting our sound.
    - a. Good Posture (whether sitting or standing). While standing, stand erect, but relaxed with one foot slightly forward (usually the outside foot, depending on where you are standing in the Chorus position)
    - b. Proper Breathing (pushing that diaphragm down so you can fill up those lungs), and always sing with supported sound.

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- c. Good Mouth Position (jaw lowered for ALL vowels), tongue resting on the top of the lower gum ridge. You must practice this, especially when singing the "E" Vowel. Actually, the jaw itself should stay relatively in the same position for ALL vowels.
- d. Matching the desired vowel sound. All 4 parts should be striving to sing the same Vowel Sound, as this is what "locks" the chord, and, in some cases causes what are called "overtones", (and in some rare cases "undertones).
- e. The human voice is the most precise musical instrument in all the world of Music. We are able to do with our voices, that which cannot be produced by any other means. Enjoy your Barbershop Experience.....Do it Well.

2. Any questions about he above, don't hesitate to ask me. Thanks, **Bob**

- **FROM OUR PICNIC CHAIR:** Remember, the picnic is Saturday, October 25, 2008, at 1 p.m. Mark your calendars! The Chapter will provide the basics...hot dogs, burgers, rolls, etc., and soft drinks. Bring your own "adult beverages," and you will be asked to bring a "covered dish...."

Examples: (We'll be passing around a sign-up sheet...)

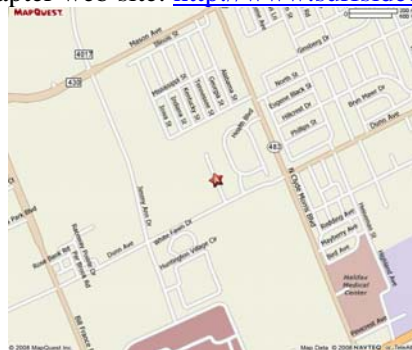
-Side dish..... potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, pasta salad, deviled eggs, chicken wings, chips & dip?

-Salads.... tossed, spinach, ambrosia, Jell-O, veggie tray, pickles & olives, sliced tomatoes and onions for burgers?

-Desserts..... cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, fruit

Also, **be getting your quartets together for the novice contest.** Amazing prizes will be awarded, including the coveted top prize, re-named the "**Dick Miller Memorial Trophy!**" Your Picnic Committee. **Myron**, Mr. Picnic

- **FROM YOUR HOLIDAY CHORUS CHAIR:** The flyers and the press release have gone out. We will start having our Men's Holiday Chorus rehearsals at the first Chapter meeting in October [October 7<sup>th</sup>]. All MHC rehearsals will be from 7 to 8 p.m. and then we'll take a break and resume normal Chapter ops for the second half. MHC members will be welcome to stay or go as they choose. Start inviting all your singing friends for October and November.
- **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be **October 7th** 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.]**