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HOT STUFF!

- **FROM YOUR BOOKING CZAR: Singouts: Jan. 31, 2009** - Kiwanis Show (New Smyrna Beach). There are **sign-up sheets for the Kiwanis Show**. Please check your calendars and **be ready to make a commitment!** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from California! Hearing a lot of great barbershopping as we flit from party to party with our "gold medal" kids! See you next year! Thanks, **(Rita and) Myron**
- **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:** We will be dark for the rest of 2008. The next Chapter meeting will be in 2009 on Tuesday, January 6th. Those of you going to the new Leadership Academy in Crystal River on January 3rd can bring your reports to the membership then. Then we will gather again for the Installation Banquet at the Club House Restaurant at the Daytona Beach Golf Course on Wilder. **I'm scheduled for my initial consultation with Dr. Levine at Wake Forest on Wednesday, January 28th @ 9:30am. It looks like things are moving forward! I got my Christmas wish! Adrian**
- **FROM OUR DIRECTOR:** This is a busy time of the year and I appreciate your support in singing at our singouts. I must keep reminding you of the Kiwanis show in January and the valentine singing in February. I appreciate some of the guys doing extra duty for my church Christmas program. I really am thankful for what they did. I am selecting the songs for the Kiwanis show and will get them to you very soon. All of them will come from the repertoire list that we use. If you need a list, let me know. We will rehearse many of them tomorrow evening. Some of them are **Shenandoah, Fun in Just one Lifetime, Bye, Bye Blues, Alexander's Ragtime Band, Barbershop Style**, our spring show songs (50's) etc. That is enough for you to get started. Thanks, **Art**
- **FROM YOUR MUSIC & PERFORMANCE V.P.:** Hi Gang: Another "Merry Christmas" to you all, and THANKS for all your dedication and loyalty to your Barbershop Hobby in 2008. I feel we have accomplished some good things this year, mainly that we are singing better, and I see more camaraderie, and fun being together. Singing is fun, but I see and hear us singing better because we realize that it takes work, and concentration to lock chords, match vowels, match word sounds, keep pitch where it belongs, and other nuances that it takes to deliver the "story" in a believable fashion. We have also acquired some new members, and we need to continue doing that. Suggestions are always welcome, so see a board member, or Art, or Me, if it regards Music, or any board member regarding meeting formats, learning materials, membership recruitment ideas, or something that you think would make our meetings better. Again, Thanks, and see you on the other side of the Holidays. Enjoy!! **Corky**
- **FROM OUR GUY IN TEXAS:** Hope all is well at Surfside Chorus... Just an update. I visited the Houston chorus several times...wonderful director (young, tough, choral background.) They finished just behind Heart of Texas chorus and (naturally) Vocal Majority in last District Competition. About (40) guys.

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They have a good mix of older, middle and younger guys, but they work HARD. Not sure that (3) hour rehearsal grind with one (10) minute break would work for our chorus. They are competition oriented, not very laid back. The director names names, points out faces, they have people watching and commenting throughout the night. It was fun, but they were rehearsing for Christmas sing outs and I really don't have time to do them, so I didn't go back. But the sound was amazing. Every chorus is different and every chorus goes through various dispensations. Daytona is transitioning now and will be for the next several years. As more middle-aged men come in, that influences their sons or younger friends at church or work. Professionally, this is a very difficult storm, separating the wind (which is covered under the policy) from the flood (which is not covered under the policy). Of course, the hardest hit was Galveston. Difficult for my adjusters to believe insured's claims that the wind damaged the dwelling, when floodwaters lifted it up and deposited the entire structure 1/2 mile away... Of course, they thought they were pretty smart when they saved that \$200 and didn't renew their flood insurance!! We've had some pretty interesting confrontations here at the office with some Texas insureds. This is not a secure building, so they just walk in, and out here, you can wear a holstered gun.... lots of fun!! So, if any of you wonder where I get my (let's be kind here)...aggressive personality, it's (40) yrs of confrontation. Hope it doesn't show through too much at chorus. Hopefully, I'll be back in February (Valentines...Three Nice Guys!)...Keep supporting your leaders and music committee, they do a great job and the pay's lousy! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All! **Texas Bob Stump**

- **FROM YOUR EDITOR:** This is the final issue of the Announcer for 2008. It's hard to believe it's been five years but that's what the Volume number says at the top. I appreciate everyone's contributions over the years and look forward to 2009. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!
- **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be **January 13th** 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>.



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