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Something new for next year's International convention

If you liked this year's Preliminary Chorus Contest in Salt Lake City, you are going to love what we're going to do in Indianapolis next summer. The Society Board has passed a motion that will allow 30 choruses to compete in Indianapolis. Those will be the 16 district representatives, two affiliates and 12 Wild Cards. Those 12 Wild Cards will be the 12 highest scoring non-district representatives that accept the invitation to compete once all the district conventions are over. That's somewhat different from last year.

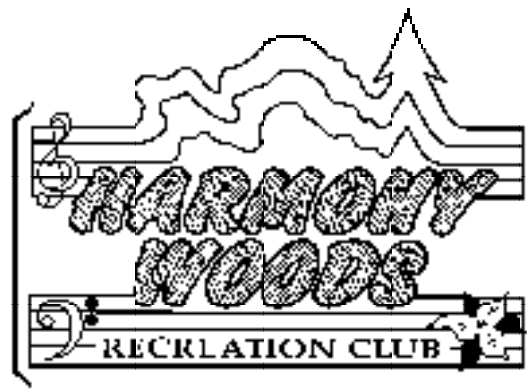
What is a really BIG difference next summer is the fact that the chorus contest will take place on Friday rather than Saturday, and it will take place in TWO sessions rather than one long, long session. The first half of the chorus contest will take place on Friday afternoon (likely noon- 4 p.m.) and the second half will take place starting at 7 p.m., with the announcements made at the end of that session.

We listened to what convention attendees had to say about the length of many of the contest sessions and have made this change in an effort to be sensitive to the needs of the attendees. With that in mind, here's the schedule for major events to be held in Indianapolis:

- * Tuesday, July 4—Harmony Foundation Presents Show
- * Wednesday, July 5— noon- 4 p.m.—Quartet Quarter Final Session #1
- * Wednesday, July 5—7-11 p.m.—Quartet Quarter Final Session #2
- * Thursday, July 6—1-5 p.m.—Quartet Semi Finals
- * Thursday, July 6—7:30-10:30 p.m.—A.I.C. Show
- * Friday, July 7—noon-4 p.m.—Chorus Final Session #1
- * Friday, July 7—7-11 p.m.—Chorus Final Session #2
- * Saturday, July 8—11 a.m.- 2 p.m.—Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest
- * Saturday, July 8—2:30-5 p.m.—World Harmony Jamboree
- * Saturday, July 8—7:30-10:30 p.m.—Quartet Finals

This new and exciting schedule, added to the fact that you can go online and order your registration and select the seat in which you want to sit (with the added feature that the online ticketing will tell you the best available seating) makes the 2006 International Convention a must for all to attend.

Don't miss it. *



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You Can Sing Too Recruiting Winners Announced

Congratulate the individuals and chapters who achieved success in the 2005 membership campaign.

And the winners are

Chapter Awards...

3rd Place Chapter Award for numeric increase - \$2,000
ONT - Simcoe, ON (15 new members) (21 percent increase).

Honorable Mention for percentage of increase...

Simcoe, ON — 21 percent.

Individual Recruitment Awards...

Third Place Award winners (4-way tie*)

Roger Wiens - Simcoe, ON Chapter (ONT) (Recruited 5 new members during the campaign, 16 members recruited since joining the Society).

Tied with Jerry Orloff, Ken Pinkerton, Fred Pummill.

*As no tie-breaker rules were established in advance, all four men will be awarded \$500, plus two VIP registrations (\$280) to the 2006 International Convention in Indianapolis.

In summary...

Of the 22 awards earned, two (9.0 percent) were awarded to chapters or members of the Ontario District. . . *