



The Music Beat

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Director's



Congratulations and many thanks to **Lee and Nancy Frayer** for a successful Hurricane Benefit Show at Neel Auditorium on Saturday night! Attendance was surprisingly good, despite the irony of Hurricane Jeanne bearing down on us as the evening progressed. **Special Edition** deserves our congratulations as well, not only for donating their time for the extra rehearsals and showtime, but for ar. outstanding performance of **Orange Colored Sky, What Kind of Fool Am I?, and Gospel Medley**. Great job, gentlemen! You got rave reviews! And the great news is that the show will be televised for the next month – we'll send out an e-mail with details via Howard!

We're in the home stretch for contest. Tonight will be our last full working session with our coaches, **Don Clause and George Gipp**, who have just returned from a totally successful weekend with New Tradition, George's chorus, and their quartets.

Monday and Tuesday of next week will be primarily total run-throughs of our contest package set, but tonight is an all-out get-it-right session. We will be making final adjustments and changes, and fixing any obvious problems.

The chorus has been hard-hit this month with illness and family crises, not to mention some gusty winds, so now, more than ever, we need to pull together, and dedicate ourselves to be the very best that we can be. There's no doubt in my mind that we will show significant improvement, and all I'm asking is what I always ask – that every man does his honest best!

What a wonderful way

Onward and upward! *S tephen*

The UNIFORM for the fall contest
White jackets, black formal pants, white formal shirts with jeweled studs, red spangled vest, red spangled tie, black socks and black patent leather shoes.
 It is urged that each contestant check his uniform to make certain the uniform is cleaned and pressed. Please do it now.

Also all are urged to assemble the uniform now to insure all parts are there. **In the past, invariably one or two (even three once) came up with missing parts (pun intended).**

Let's make it easy on me this time--Thanks Jack Webber

Coaching Calendar

Coaching Sessions tonight **with Don Clause and George Gipp in preparation for contest** and also these nights:

- Oct 4 Monday - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 104 S. Pineapple Ave
- Oct 5 Tuesday - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 104 S. Pineapple Ave

IN DAYTONA!

Oct 8 Friday-10 pm (room to be announced)

Other Events

- Dec 11 "The Wonderful World Of Christmas"** TWO SHOWS
Ditchfield Family Christmas Show
Sarasota Opera House
- Feb. 26 "It's A Grand Night For Singing"**
Chorus Of The Keys Annual Show
Van Wezel Hall TWO SHOWS

HOW OFTEN DO WE WEARY

**How often do we weary
 when the day is nearly gone
 And we have not begun to realize
 our goals,
 So many things invested and
 we started near at dawn
 And yet there's still so much to
 do
 for weary souls.**

**Did I tell you that I love you
 that's the first thing on my list
 And did I mention that I think**



'Sunshine' News

Don Scholten - recovering from blood clot - really upset that he won't be able to compete!

Dick Dreger - continuing to battle leukemia, having a difficult struggle - really needs our love and support!

Welcome back, **President Erd!!!** We've missed you!

Sunshine News, please contact Steve Berry at (941)753-1830 or Stevesunshineman@netscape.net



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Russ Springstubb Sep 30
Carol Gilrane (Russ) Oct 5

Happy Anniversary

Nathanael & Regina Ditchfield Oct 1



you're special folk,
Cont. other side

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**I'm not much good at verbiage
so I hope you get my gist
Because I've tried to say the words
since first I woke.**

**I wonder did you get my mean-
ing
when I touched your hand
And was I understood in
everything it meant,
There were many things you
needed
that you never would demand
And yet so many times I
drowned
in my intent.**

**As the day becomes another
trial
of things I've left undone
It is a marvel how so
many others scored,
Just how many people lost and
just how many people won
Is based into how much our
beating heart was poured.**

**Tomorrow will attend me with
the
same as was today**

The Wonderful World
of Christmas

TWO SHOWS!

**The Ditchfield Family Singers
5th Annual Christmas Show at**

the Sarasota Opera House

on Saturday,

December 11th

Tickets - \$25. \$20. \$15.

**Please specify if you need Wheelchair seating,
available in Orchestra only.*

**Please make checks payable to
"DF Enterprises" and give your
ticket order to Bernice, or mail it
to P. O. Box 400, Sarasota, FL
34230**

For Information, call Bernice at (941) 923-2013
or e-mail: familysing@comcast.net

Please don't delay - the show was sold out last year.

**The Cub Scout Motto fits our
Chorus now:
DO YOUR BEST!**