



# FootNotes

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## Directors Notes

We had a great, record-setting annual show, and I'm both proud and appreciative of the effort everybody made to keep the tradition of performance excellence going. As someone recently said, although Sarasota may not be the best chorus in the world, without a doubt, they know how to put on a **great** show. That being said, we now need to move on to our next goal, focused with all the intensity and commitment we can muster, on our contest appearance in Jacksonville. The rest of the District will be waiting anxiously to see what Sarasota will come up with this time and there are several other choruses competing who are fully intending to win. Needless to say, we have our work cut out for us.

At our age, maintaining this kind of effort is difficult, but we need to look on the larger scale. Not only are we desirous of being a force to be reckoned with, but also we should not underestimate the encouragement we can be as a role model to other choruses that are watching our accomplishments. I can't tell you how many people have come to me at conventions revitalized and invigorated, simply by what they have seen happen in Sarasota over the last five years. Let's not forget that.

On a practical note, it's time to get back to the basics. We must sing in tune. We must be synchronized. We must be visually involved. And we must know our music — words and notes — or the rest cannot happen.

From here on out, it's like someone was once asked..."In order to succeed, how many times do you have to try?" The answer? —

**As many as it takes."**

So how many hours does each chorus member need to spend in order to learn his notes and words, to maintain target vowels and connect sounds, to execute choreography with precision, to sing in tune...? How many hours?....

**AS MANY AS IT TAKES!!!**

Let's show the Sunshine District what we are made of!!!

Onward and upward,  
Stephen

## Calendar

- March 13: Guest Night. Bring a friend.
- March 15: Lunch Bunch at Anna Maria Oyster Bar, Ellenton. US 301 west of I-75. 11:30 am.
- March 24: Multi-chapter beach bash at the pavilion, Cape Coral Yacht Club. This is a 'Lucas Follies' type affair. Make up a quarter, show up and have fun.
- May 4-6: Sunshine Dist. Convention Jacksonville.
- Aug. 12: Inspirational Concert at Church of the Palms, Bee Ridge, Sarasota.
- Dec. 4: Ditchfield Family Christmas Show at Van Wezel, Matinee and evening shows. We will be participating.

### ANNUAL CHORUS SHOW VIDEO ORDERS

Orders for videos of the annual show will be taken at the rear table during the month of March chapter meetings.

CDs are \$20 each and VHS tapes are \$15 each.

Sign up will start on Tuesday, March 6th and money will be collected starting on March 13th. Which is our guest night.

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as Annual Show Video Chairman and head up the collection of money and delivery of annual show videos.

The 'Video Guy' is located on Bougainvillea St. one block north of the traffic circle at Siesta Drive and Tuttle. He works at several of the Wolf Camera stores and by arrangement, the videos could be picked up at one of the stores.

The Annual Show Video Chairman will receive a free video.

Contact Gary Raulerson or Erd Dahl

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

3-7 Cary Zolot  
3-9 Vernon Sievers  
3-10 Don Geers  
3-11 David Sants

### And Spouse

3-7 Toska Strong, Richard  
3-8 Catherine Sants, Dave  
3-9 Beverly Webster, Charles  
3-12 Alice Ann Stoll, Clyde

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None this week

## MARCH LUNCH BUNCH

March 15, Thursday; 11:30 am for our monthly get-together, this time at **ANNA MARIA OYSTER BAR**, located in Ellenton, off Hwy 301, **west** of I-75 near the Crab Shack 2 near the service area. They continue to offer a two-for-one luncheon menu.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## MEETING NIGHT AFTERGLOW

Everyone is Welcome..... to attend our weekly "Afterglow" immediately following the meeting on Tuesday nights. You're invited to wet your whistle, sing songs with the guys, chat with our Director and get a bite to eat in the mall alcove at Applebee's Restaurant on Main Street just a few blocks east of our meeting hall on the corner of the movie theater parking garage. Park along Main Street or pull into the parking garage (it's free at that time of night) and come and ring some chords from 9:45 pm until.....? See you there!

## LEGACY FUND NEWS

As of February 19, 2007  
Pledges from 75 Members- \$16,905  
Pledges from Patrons in 2006- \$1,705  
TOTAL PLEDGES- \$18,610  
Received in cash from members- 12,300  
Received in cash from Patrons- \$1,705  
TOTAL CASH RECEIVED- \$14,005  
Grateful thanks to all— Erd Dahl

**News & Views** for the **FootNotes** should be sent to the editor <[kfrohrs@yahoo.com](mailto:kfrohrs@yahoo.com)> by **Noon Monday**.

## Sunshine News

"Keep your face in the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow."

Millie Bennett: In the hospital, seems to be getting better. Gerry will keep us advised. Prayers needed, please.

Leo Mailhotte: Will be going north at the end of March. Hopes to get to a meeting before then.

Bob Ellems: Is still recuperating at home.

Ed Moran: Being treated for a cancer in his eye.

Dolores Joyce, Walt: Fell off a ladder, hurt her back. Is doing much better..

Norm Keadle: Is at Manor Care, 5511 Swift Rd. Rm. 216. Needs to hear from chorus members. He is failing fast. Make it soon.

Kathy Sants: Is back to work—surprise to all.

George Spidy: Is 92 & failing will be returning to Canada this week. A card will be most welcome.

SunShine Chair—Ed Manville **941-346-8219** or <[hiedm3@comcast.net](mailto:hiedm3@comcast.net)>

## CARE OF THE NEW UNIFORMS

The new tux jackets should **always** be dry cleaned—**never washed**. The new formal trousers may be washed, but **should** really be dry cleaned. It is urged that they be dry cleaned only. The vest should **never** be washed: **must** be dry cleaned when soiled. **ALL PIECES, AFTER EACH SHOW.**

In case you haven't noticed, there is an extra button on the inside pocket of the tux jacket. It is suggested that it be removed to a safe storage place. **Please remember where you store it!!!!**

Each vest has an extra button sewed to the inside lining, It will probably be safer if you remove it & put it with the jacket button.

Thank you for your cooperation, Jack Webber

## FIRST ANNUAL BARBERSHOP BEACH PARTY

Cape Coral, Naples, Punta Gorda, Venice Chapters & maybe others will meet on Sat. Mar. 24, 11 am to 3 pm at the beach pavilion, Cape Coral Yacht Club. This event is a "Lucas Follies" type, where we can casually enjoy singing & fellowship. Form your own quartet. This is a family activity & car-pooling is advised. A sign-up sheet and a map are on the back table. Food and drinks will be served picnic style. Whatever that is. Contact Dick Bechtel if interested in singing. Or— just show up and have fun.