



FootNotes

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Directors Notes

The Chorus of the Keys had quite a week. In addition to our great guest night last Tuesday, we prepared for two Memorial Services in honor of Gerry Bennett's dear wife, Millie, and our brother-in-harmony, Norm Keadle. I want to thank each one of you that attended the services, and those of you who sang with the Chorus and ministered to the families in their loss. The Church of the Nativity was packed full of appreciative loved ones, friends and family for Millie's service on Wednesday—and so many of those folks had been to our chorus shows at Van Wezel because of Millie's support of our chapter with the "Bennett's Ticket Office." We're really going to miss her. She was one special lady!

Norm Keadle's children and grandchildren were equally appreciative of the wonderful turn-out of our members in honor of Norm. It was great to hear their testimony of how proud their Dad was to be a member of the chorus, and to have won the District Championship, and then to have competed at International. He was so thrilled about International that one of his sons flew to Salt Lake City to see us compete—and he thought we were terrific. They all wanted to thank everyone in the Chorus for being such wonderful friends of their Dad.

Incidentally, Dale Nelson reports that folks are still talking about how wonderful the chorus was at Thom's Memorial Service on Feb. 23rd. She, too, appreciates all the love and support the Chorus gave Thom during his long illness, and is very thankful for all the friends Thom had in The Chorus of the keys. She is really having a hard time adjusting to her loss, so please keep in touch with her when you have a few minutes.

Tonight we'll be focusing our full attention on our contest package. On Saturday, we'll be privileged to have Don Clause come and work with us, and we owe it to him to be ready for coaching...every note, every word. Your section leaders are reporting that there are only a handful of singers that are note and word perfect. We're expecting Don to fine tune our interp, but that's a difficult job when there are still passages in both songs that are "muddy"—and that only happens when you're not 100% on your notes and words. Continued next column —>

Calendar

March 24: Coaching session with Don Clause. 9 am

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.

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

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Let's get back to work, and give it our best effort this week.

Onward and Upward!
Stephen

SPECIAL SUNSHINE NEWS

The Ditchfields thank the Lord that Michael & David survived a major car accident on the way to school this morning. David was making a left turn on a yellow light when a van coming the opposite direction on a yellow light failed to stop, plowing straight into Michael's side door. The car was totaled, but Michael miraculously climbed out the broken window and walked away unharmed. Please keep them in your prayers that whiplash will be minimal and that we'll find an answer to their transportation needs quickly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

3-20 Warren Worthley
3-22 frank Astorino
3-23 Jeff Schwaeber
3-23 Joe Stachniak
3-25 Mel Stone

And Spouse

3-20 Natalie Sievers, Vern

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3-21 Dave & Catherine Sants
3-21 Jim & Janet Albright Stoup
3-25 Vern & Natalie Sievers
3-26 John & Norma Dawson

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!

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

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"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes" Hugh Downs (of all people)

Bob Ellems: Has gone to the Physical Therapy section—still trying to get strong enough to go home.

Ed Moran: Is getting along well.

Dolores Joyce, Walt: Is doing well.

George Spidy: Has returned to Canada.

Cards and calls to our friends are always welcome.

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A NOTE FROM GERRY BENNETT

I want to thank you so much for singing at the funeral service last week. Millie would have loved it. She thought all of you were a special group, and one of her favorites. She loved coming to the rehearsals, even though she didn't always make it through the whole rehearsal, and when she did, sometimes dozed off. She went to almost all our performances and was so proud of the chorus. Those of you who were unable to sing that day and kept us in your thoughts and prayers, I thank you also. No one was a bigger supporter of our hobby of harmony singing. She was a music person herself, and in her day directed church choirs and school choirs. She was enormously successful as a music teacher, organist, pianist and director, as well as a fine singer too.

Millie will be missed, but I'm sure she is singing in or directing the heavenly choir, and we will see her again when we go to the Church Triumphant one day.

Gerry Bennett

TO ALL CHORUS MEMBERS

Beginning tonight, March 20, all Chorus meetings will begin at 6:30 pm with warm-ups - until contest is over.

Dick Zarfos, VP Music & Performance

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