



FootNotes



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Directors Notes

On the anniversary of the 9-11 attack on our country, permit me to recall to remembrance all the innocent victims of 9-11, and especially those who have given their lives since then in defense of our country both at home and abroad. Let's take a moment to think of those who are in harm's way even now, and pray for their safety and the success of their mission. Amen!

Our 2008 Annual Show music is coming together nicely. So far, you should have the following:

- Frank Sinatra: New York, New York
The Way You Look Tonight
- Al Jolson: Sittin' On Top of the World
Gingham Gown
- Mario Lanza: With a Song in My Heart
The Lord's Prayer
- Bing Crosby: Irish Lullaby
Dear hearts & Gentle People (coming)
- Tony Bennett: If I Ruled the World

In another week or so, we'll be adding a few more 'greats' by Tony Bennett, Andy Williams and Perry Como, so let's get these numbers above in great shape before we move on.

For our Christmas repertoire, we're looking at:

- Jingle Bells
- Silver Bells
- The Secret of Christmas
(with a new intro arranged by Michael)
- Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming
- O Holy Night

And for the finale this year: The Hallelujah Chorus, sung with the background track which is posted on our website for you to practice with. Depending on how we're progressing with our annual show music, we may add a new Christmas number, once the majority of our snowbirds have returned. We didn't perform any of these songs on last year's Christmas Show, so we've got a good head start on things. Our website is invaluable for rehearsal review and practicing your part, so whether you're a long-time continued in next column—>

Calendar

Sep. 20: **Lunch Bunch**, Thursday 11:30 am. At D'ARITINO'S PASTA & PIZZA on SR 70 about 1/4 mile west of I-75, North side. Sign-up sheet on rear table.

Oct. 5: Fall Convention. Jacksonville

QUARTETS NEEDED

Requests for quartets from October through December are rolling in. I currently am in need of three quartets and do not have the advantage of having My Three Sons. If you would like to earn a little Christmas money or a contribution to the Legacy Fund, form a quartet, give it a name and let me know if you are available and when.

See last weeks issue for the rest of this article. October (need to know 'Shenandoah' and 'Old Man River'. A school musical program in Sarasota on November 10, 2007 from 11:00—3:00 time frame.

Also a strolling quartet at an assisted living facility on December 5, 2007 between 4:45 and 6:00 PM. The latter two requests will require a minimal number of songs. Erd Dahl has volunteered to sing bass in a quartet so this starts the formation. Let me know as soon as possible if you have formed a quartet.

Mike Miller, Chorus Manager,
Sarasota Chorus of the Keys

—> member or a new-comer to our chorus, please take full advantage of all the help available to you on the website.

In the singing category, it's vital that we continue to work on singing vowels, not consonants, and singing through to the end of every phrase. Know where to breathe and where not to breathe, and if you need to breathe in the middle of a phrase, never finish the word early in order to catch a breathe—leave the word unfinished, otherwise it comes across to the audience as a synchronization error. On phrases you know you can't finish, learn to take your "catch breaths" in the same spot every time where it doesn't affect the wall of sound. We can be better, if we work at it. **LET'S DO IT!**

Onward & upward!

Stephen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

9-11 Jim Stoup
9-13 Clark Lowell
9-14 Steve Berry
9-14 Don Peet
9-15 Charlie Alexander
9-17 Gary Raulerson
9-17 Don Scholten

And Spouse

9-11 Mary Vomacka, Hank
9-16 Phyllis Steinke, Dick Bechtel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9-12 Jack & Gloria Webber
9-13 Ray S. & Ann Gape

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!**

Now that we're not competing at the District Fall Convention, we can focus on our 2008 **ANNUAL SHOW**, including the selling of **ADS** for our show program. Dick Bechtel has given all the folders for renewals to our team captains for issue. For those who sold ads last year, we want to get an early start on renewals, so let's get it rolling. If you have not previously sold an **AD**, please see one of the team captains for a 'list of contacts'. Alexander, Loos, Lathwood, Scholten or Webber can assist you.

Help the chapter by contacting any business or professional you normally do business with, and at least push for a \$60 business card ad. Remember, this is our second largest fund-raiser that keeps the chapter moving ahead. Please read instructions carefully, and call Dick Bechtel (927-7722) if you have any questions.

News & Views for the FootNotes

should be sent to the editor
<editorken@yahoo.com> by **Noon Monday.**

Sunshine News

Russ Springstubb: has been transferred to—
Kensington Garden
3250 12th St. Rm. 110
Ph. 953-8610

His comment is— "Patience is a virtue, but,
I'm not very virtuous."
Needs visitors.

Charlie Becker: is still still in there kicking.

It was good to see Charlie & Nancy Lenny
and Frank & Rose Astorino here last week

Cards, calls & prayers to our friends are always welcome.

SunShine Chair—Ed Manville **941-346-8219** or
<hiedm3@comcast.net>

QUARTET NIGHT

The Chapter is having a quartet night on Tuesday,
Sept. 25, 2007. There will be a sign-up sheet in the
back of the hall for the next few weeks.

You can also respond to me via e-mail:
<keybari@comcast.net>

Let's have a great night.
Dick Z., VP Music and Performance

FALL CRUISE

Pick up your cruise information at sign-in table.
Join us aboard the "Sovereign of the Seas" for a
3 night cruise. Oct. 26—29, 2007

DON'T MISS THE BOAT

Make your cruise reservations on-line today. Pick
up your cruise flyer & additional info at rear table.
Bob Hagen, 923-3843

OUR WEBSITE

All of the information for viewing, listening to, or
downloading files, including sheet music, training
tapes, and recent rehearsal recordings is available
on our web site at — www.chorusofthekeys.org
Go to the **Members** page by clicking on **Members**
in the main menu. You will need a password to ac-
cess this page. If you don't know it, ask any mem-
ber; but for security reasons, please **DO NOT EVER**
email the password (or ask someone else to). On
the **Members** page, click on **Current Rehearsals.**

Chorus Webmaster,
Richard Romley