



FootNotes

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Directors Notes

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. How do you learn a Show Chorus repertoire? One bite at a time! We have lots of new music to learn, but there is no need to be overwhelmed. Take each song a bit at a time. When you get to about 65% of a song learned, go back to the beginning and stop every time you hit a wrong or uncertain note. Work that section and then start from the beginning again. When you can sing through the corrected section, repeat the process on the next problem passage. In just a few days, you will find that you have that song nailed, and can move on to the next piece. Then all you have to do is review once or twice a week to keep it fresh in your memory.

If you try to learn the whole repertoire at once, you will find that you never learn any song completely. Break it down—one bit at a time, and you will see a much higher rate of success.

We now have 7 songs in hand for our annual show:

Frank Sinatra: New York, New York
The Way You Look Tonight
Al Jolson: Sittin' On Top of the World

Mario Lanza: With a Song in My Heart
The Lord's Prayer
Bing Crosby: Irish Lullaby

Tony Bennett: If I Ruled the World

The rest will be available next week!

For our Christmas repertoire, Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming is now available on the website, and on CD for those who can't download it.

Onward & Upward!

Stephen

Calendar

Oct. 5: Fall Convention. Jacksonville

Dec. 11: Ditchfield Family Christmas Show at Van Wezel, 2:30 & 7:30 shows.
We will be participating.

Jan. ??: Art's Day.

FALL CONVENTION—JACKSONVILLE

Although the Chorus of the Keys is not competing at the Sunshine District Convention, we encourage everyone to attend, listen to some of our fine Sunshine District choruses and quartets.

Come to Jacksonville October 5-7 and have fun.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Larry Swan will be going into Manatee Memorial Hospital on Today the 25th for triple bypass heart surgery. He expects to be in the hospital for 5-8 days then in recuperation for another 5-6 weeks

Prayers, cards & when appropriate, phone calls & visits would be most welcome.

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 access this page. If you don't know it, ask any member; 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

9-26 John Short

And Spouse

None to report

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None to report

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.

TURN-IN OF UNIFORMS

You are reminded to turn in your **OLD** tux pants and black pants as soon as possible. The only time I will not be here to receive is Tuesday July 31. If you have not picked up turn-in procedures, they are available on the table. Please put a tag with your name and sizes on it with your uniform items.

Thanks for your cooperation.
Jack Webber

Sunshine News

My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: Those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition there.
Indira Gandhi

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.

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

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

PART ONE—FOR ALL RETURNING SNOWBIRDS
As part of a new policy requiring partial uniform turn-ins, please turn in to Jack Webber your **OLD** tux pants & your black pants as soon as possible. Please make sure they are cleaned & in good condition. Please mark each item with your name & the size of the garment. This is necessary to insure proper credit to your account. As an alternative, you may purchase the item (s) for \$5 each. If you prefer the latter, make your check payable to COK.
PART TWO— for all those who are very late in turning in the items. There appears to be some recalcitrant members from whom I have not heard. Please guys, help the old man out. Jack Webber

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

Don Crabb has become a playwright.

The world premier of his musical comedy, "**BEST SELLER**", will be presented at the Manatee Players February 28 to March 16, 2008. It is an affectionate celebration of New York City. Tickets are available at Manatee Players, 102 Old Main St., Bradenton, FL 34205
Ph. 941-748-5875

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