



FootNotes



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Directors Notes

Believe it or not, after tonight we've got just 9 more rehearsals before the Christmas Show, and 17 rehearsals before the annual show. (only eight rehearsals between the Christmas show and the annual show)

We should have enough time to get ready, but we have no time to waste. Tonight we begin personal recording in order to help each individual member get an accurate assessment of where he is in the learning process. For now, you will be the only one listening to your tape, however, that may change in the future. Please bring your recorders to rehearsal every week between now and showtime.

Assuming that New York, New York and Sittin' On Top of the World are completely off paper tonight as promised, we will begin choreography on them next week.

The learning tapes for all of the Christmas numbers except The Secret of Christmas are available on CD and on the website. (including the chorus interp for Jingle bells). The Secret of Christmas will be ready by next week

As it stands, the Christmas numbers are:

- Jingle Bells
- Lo How a Rose
- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear/O Holy Night
- The Secret of Christmas
- Silver Bells

Plus the customary audience sing-alongs, Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Angels We Have Heard on High.

For the annual show we have seven numbers that have to be ready within the next couple of weeks so that we can move on to the new songs. Our goal is to add 5 more songs, but if we don't get up to speed on the first seven immediately, it's going to be very difficult to accomplish our goal. We are hoping to have a few chapter quartets sing on the show, but due to various circumstances, it doesn't look as though Special Edition will be able to assist by picking up a couple of extra numbers.

I don't have any doubts that we're going to have a great annual show as usual, but the time to press is now, not three weeks before the show. With the above challenges set before us, we need to go back
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Calendar

Oct. 5: Fall Convention. Jacksonville

Oct. 26: Barbershop Harmony Bahama Cruise, the Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Seas.

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

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Jan. ??: Art's Day.

Jan. 26: Installation Banquet, The Meadows.

Feb. 9: Annual Show, Van Wezel

Feb. 14: Valentines Day.

FALL CONVENTION—JACKSONVILLE

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

Come to Jacksonville October 5-7 and have fun.

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**.

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to our sectional rehearsals starting at 6:30 every week from this point on. Productive sectional rehearsals will help us maximize our time together on the risers and give our new members, whom we are thrilled to have with us, a better chance to catch up. Even if you are note perfect on all the music, your presence at the sectionals will help those who are not.

It's all for one, and one for all!
Onward & Upward!

Stephen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

10-2 Dave Kuhn
10-5 Howard Dobson

And Spouse

10-4 Sandra Feeley, Mike
10-5 Carol Gilrane, John
10-6 Marilyn Rose, Ken
10-8 Fran Moran, Ed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10-1 Nathanael & Regina Ditchfield
10-6 Paul & Eva Goetz
10-8 Fred & Eileen Lathwood

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!**

Our sales team has, or will be, contacting all salesmen about renewals for Ads for our 2008 Show Program. They are: **Charlie Alexander, Fred Lathwood, Don Loos, Mike Miller, Don Scholten & Jack Webber.** Soon, we will be asking you to contact potential Chorus Partners for donations and AD insertions. You will be surprised at the effort **Will Jensen, Erd Dahl** & other members of the Board are putting into our 2008 SHOW FUND RAISING EFFORT! IF you haven't ordered show tickers yet, you better get on the ol' stick, cause good seats are going fast.

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

"Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm."
Edward George Bulwer-Lytton

Don Shipp: still up north with his wife.
Situation still unknown.

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
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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

Larry Swan is now out of ICU & is recuperating nicely at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton. His triple by-pass became a quadruple by-pass. Is in room 212. Cards & emails are most welcome. Visitors, please wait for word from Debbie.

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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