



# FootNotes



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## Directors Notes

It's good to be back on solid ground after a week-end aboard ship. Those of us on the cruise to the Bahamas this past weekend had a great time of fellowship and singing, including two rehearsals on "**Old Fashioned Girl in a Gingham Gown.**"

(Thanks to Bob and Mary Ellen Hagen and Mike Miller for putting it all together, and to Dave Richards for his help with the tag booklet assembled for the trip.)

As promised, this week we are supposed to be note perfect with paper in hand on "**Old Fashioned Girl**", and about 15 members indicated that they would be off paper by tonight. The entire chorus needs to be off paper by next week so that we can begin to polish the song. We will have "**Dear Hearts and Gentle People**" for you by next Tuesday, so let's get solid with "**Old Fashioned Girl**" before we move on.

Most of you would not have received the e-mail I prepared last Wednesday night, intending that it go out on Thursday to give you the weekend to prepare for tonight. Unfortunately, I didn't realize until today that it didn't get forwarded to you before our departure for the barbershopper's cruise to the Bahamas. So here's our plan for tonight, and we'll make sure you get the plans for next week sent out to you tomorrow.

*Last week, we got off to a great start with **Gingham Gown**. There are no real difficult notes in any part and the vocal range is as comfortable as you will ever find.*

*This week we will start with **If I Ruled The World** and **Gingham Gown**, and follow with **Jingle Bells, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear/O Holy Night, Silver Bells, The Secret Of Christmas, Lo How A Rose, Angels We Have Heard On High** and **Hark The Herald Angels Sing**.*

*I would like to get through all these by 8:30, so I hope you're prepared, especially on **Midnight Clear**. After our business meeting, we will clean up things from our first session and run **Wonderful Day Like Today, Irish Lullaby** and block out **The Way You Look Tonight** (breathing, swipes etc.). If we have time we will close with **The Hallelujah Chorus**. Continued in next column—>*

## Calendar

- Nov. 16: Lunch Bunch TBA
- Dec. 11: Ditchfield Family Christmas Show at Van Wezel, 2:30 & 7:30 shows. We will be participating.
- Dec. 20: Lunch Bunch TBA
- Dec. 27: Chorus rehearsal instead of 12-25.

### 2008

- Jan. 3: Chorus rehearsal instead of 1-1.
- Jan. 13: Art's Day.
- Jan. 26: Installation Banquet, The Meadows.
- Feb. 9: Annual Show, Van Wezel
- Feb. 14: Valentines Day.
- Feb. 17: Siesta Key Chapel Sunday Series
- May 2-4: Sunshine District Convention

### SPRING CONVENTION HOUSING

Hotel reservation forms are now located on the rear table. We have been promised 50 rooms with 35 king size beds and 15 double/doubles. Since we will need the double/doubles for men rooming together, please request a king size room if staying with your wife. **PLEASE** complete the form with all requested information including zip code, credit card expiration date, etc. It is my understanding that room rates will be the same as last year. Remember, it is easier for me to cancel a room than to get someone a room at the last minute. Questions, see me. Mile Miller, Chorus Manager

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*I know this is a very ambitious schedule, but I will do my best to keep us moving. The more prepared we are, the faster we can move. (I hope you worked on your music this week, despite not getting the schedule from me as I had intended.)*

*Let's continue to be at your sectional rehearsals by 6:30 each Tuesday; and bring your questions for your section leaders. Also, remember your tape recorders.*

Onward & Upward!

Stephen

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

10-30 George Edmonds  
11-2 Dick Bechtel

### And Spouse

10-30 Barbara Quinn, Bob  
11-1 Mary Shipp, Don  
11-4 Susan Duink, Scott

## 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!**

### SUPER BARBERSHOP SHOW

Dec. 2, 2007 2-4 PM at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Ft Myers. Show by Spirit of the Gulf Sweet Adelines Chapter (7th place International Champs for 2006) and 2007 Regional Champs for Florida; with guest quartet MAX-Q. Several of our guys wives sing in this chorus (PollyAnn Nanfito (Joe), Margaret Schlicht (Walt), Nancy Manville (Ed), Susan Nicholson (Nick), Marilyn Rose (Ken). PollyAnn & Nancy will be at rehearsal Tues. Nov. 6 to sell tickets if any members are interested. Please email Joe Nanfito at <jjnanfitosr@verizon.net> during the week if you are interested & he will make sure you have tickets available for purchase. \$25 preferred seating, \$15 Balcony seating. Make checks payable to Spirit of the Gulf Chorus.

### TURN-IN OF UNIFORMS

You are reminded to turn in your **OLD** tux pants and black pants as soon as possible. The only time 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

### News & Views for the FootNotes

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<editorken@yahoo.com> by **Noon Monday**.  
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## Sunshine News

"The only way I know to get a good show is to Practice...You have to plug away, keep thinking up new ideas. If one doesn't work, try another."  
Fred Astaire

Hank Vomacka: is ailing but improving with the help of his kids.

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

SunShine Chair—Ed Manville **941-346-8219** or  
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Since the fourth Thursdays in the next three Months conflict with Holidays, we'll be munching our lunches on the 3rd Thursday.

We'll kick off the second quarter of our AD sales campaign on Tues. 10-16 which will be our DINING GUIDE SECTION. We want everyone to solicit their most favorite Restaurant with a special offer for membership in the COTK lunch bunch club. For a Dining Guide AD (photo & text) we'll give them a 1/6 page AD in the program, plus special promotion material all ready packaged for you to make that call. No tickets to sell, just a promotion kit to personally deliver to your favorite luncheon spot.

IF THEY'RE NOT OPEN FOR LUNCH—FORGET IT!!!

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.

### QUARTET PARTICIPATION ON ANNUAL SHOW

Since there has been a number of quartet changes and/or personnel changes, please email me your desire to participate on the 2008 Annual Show. Indicate the current members of the quartet, parts and the contact man with his email address. Since the title of the show is "Greatest Singers, Greatest Songs" please list any songs the quartet would like considered for their part in the show. Each quartet chosen will sing one or two songs as determined by the show and music committee.  
Mike Miller, Production Manager, 2008 Show