



# FootNotes



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## Directors Notes

Three weeks from today, we'll be on stage at Van Wezel for our 8th annual Christmas Show... Together at Christmas. Many of you have sung on all of our Christmas shows, but for some of you, this will be the first time. We're delighted to have all of you participating, and hope it will be a joyous occasion for you, your family, and friends. We also welcome the opportunity to present our love of singing to many new folks in our audience. We hope many of them will decide to attend our annual show, and hopefully some on them will be inspired to join us in the coming year.

Tonight, we'll be concentrating on our Christmas repertoire and identifying areas where we need the most work. Please continue to work on keeping our pitch up and doing our best to sing target vowels so that we can tune our chords.

**Christmas Repertoire: 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. And of course, our grand finale—The Hallelujah Chorus!**

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, I'm mindful of how grateful I am to be associated with The Chorus of the Keys. I'm thankful for every one on you and your families, I'm thankful for music, I'm thankful for barbershop, I'm thankful for my family, I'm thankful to be an American citizen and I'm thankful for the countless blessings God has poured out on us.

Onward & Upward.  
Stephen

PS: Next week, you will receive a schedule for the Christmas Show day, Tuesday, December 11th. Volunteers would be appreciated to help with Green Room duties before, during and after dinner.

## Calendar

- Dec. 6: **Thursday**, Special rehearsal, **HERE**.
- 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 Dec. 25.

### 2008

- Jan. 3: Chorus rehearsal instead of Jan. 1.
- Jan. 13: Art's Day. We are singing.
- Jan. 26: Installation Banquet, The Meadows.
- Jan. 31: **Thursday**, Special rehearsal, **HERE**
- Feb. 7: **Thursday**, Special rehearsal, **HERE**
- 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 wit 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 that to get someone a room at the last minute. Questions, see me.  
Mile Miller, Chorus Manager

### HOW TO USE YOUR LEARNING CD's!!!

**Important Note:** It has come to my attention that some of you do not realize that the learning tapes I have made for you have a helpful feature: your part-predominant is on the left channel. If you adjust your stereo CD player all the way to the left channel, you will hear only your part. If you adjust it all the way to the right, you will hear only the other harmony parts with your part missing. When you're just learning, you may want to hear more or less of your part. By eliminating your part in the mix, you can sing with a quartet and find out how much you really know.

Get the most out of your learning CD— take advantage of this feature.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

11-21 Ed Moran

### And Spouse

11-20 Mary King, Bob

11-25 Helen Piltz, Al

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11-20 John & Dee Glass

11-20 Tim & Christine Wolf

11-23 Steve & Lynn Berry

11-25 Frank & Ruth Hawking

### 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](http://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

### 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 Nanfita (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 Nanfita at <[jjnanfitosr@verizon.net](mailto: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.

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

should be sent to the editor

<[editorken@yahoo.com](mailto:editorken@yahoo.com)> by **Noon Monday.**

## Sunshine News

"I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes".

Unknown

Hank Vomacka: is OK, just feeling old. (and ornery)

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

SunShine Chair—Ed Manville **941-346-8219** or  
<[hiedm3@comcast.net](mailto:hiedm3@comcast.net)>

### SHOW PROGRAM ADS

100 days ago, we kicked off our AD campaign for the 2008 Show Program. We now have but 50 more days left before we go to publication and printing. Progress? As of last Tuesday, we're only at 20% of our goal. We still have a whopping forty more envelopes to assign tonight. And they will be assigned.

**IF THERE IS NO SALESMAN'S NAME ASSIGNED, THEN WE STILL NEED SOMEONE TO PICK UP THAT PACKET AND MAKE CONTACT!**  
That list includes seventeen **LUNCH BUNCH CLUB** folders selling for \$150/ea; sixteen **RENEWALS**, twenty eight **COMMERCIAL CONTACTS**, and four additional **RETIREMENT FACILITIES**.

**HELP!** That means all of you—especially the snowbirds who have not been around to help shoulder the load for the last three months. See **Dick Bechtel** after the meeting and make sure he knows which folder you are taking with you.

Thank you for all your help. Spread out over the whole chapter, many hands make for good and complete work, and your AD TEAM appreciates it. We're getting a lot of **NO's** and "**SORRY**, not this year" because of the turndown in the economy, so we have to make twice the number of contacts this year compared with previous years.

Dick Bechtel, show program AD sales chair.

And sweating IT!

### 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