



FootNotes



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Directors Notes

IT'S A BOY! This morning at 2:50 am Gina gave birth to an 8 lb. 13 oz. redhead named Timothy. A perfect delivery with no complications, thank the Lord!...and timed perfectly between shows. We did five shows between the Tuesday Christmas show and Sunday night, had three days off, and then had four shows between Thursday and Sunday.

Speaking of the Tuesday Christmas Show, The Ditchfield Family Singers can't thank you enough for your hard work, hours of preparation, all the help we received and the wonderful performance. Due to the lack of time for preparation on show day, there were some glitches in the afternoon performance from a technical standpoint. But we managed to work them out between shows and the evening show was one of those flawless performances that you always hope for. Both the chorus and the family stepped up the performance level in the evening show, culminating in our best ever rendition of The Hallelujah Chorus. It was powerful and inspiring.

There are so many people that we would like to thank individually, but the list is very lengthy: from riser crew to ticket will-call; from CD tables to volunteer stage hands; from Green Room/hospitality to make-up—the effort was tremendous and we had a great day together. We hope the concert was a blessing to you and to your families and friends, and that it helped you experience the joy of this wonderful time of the year. From all of the Ditchfields, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and have a very **Merry Christmas**.

Tonight we shift our focus entirely to our preparation for the annual show—don't forget that our next two rehearsals will be on Thursdays, so that will give us a little more time to work on the music as we shift gears. The agenda for this evening is to run through every song we'll be doing on the annual show and assess where we are. We'll try and get a learning tape up in the next day or two for continued —>

Calendar

Dec. 20: Lunch Bunch at Casey Key Fish House on Blackburn Point Road on Casey Key.

Dec. 27: Chorus rehearsal instead of Dec. 25.

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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

Feb. 19: Super Guest Night & Picnic-SIESTA BEACH 5:00—10:00. This will also be our rehearsal for the week. Pizza-Beer-Soda.

May 2-4: Sunshine District Convention

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. Steve

'Dear Hearts and Gentle People' (even if it's just a piano track for now) to help us get started on that song. It's not difficult, and most of you are very familiar with it, so it should progress quickly. After an assessment of where we are with the overall repertoire, we'll determine which new songs (if any) we'll be able to add.

Enjoy the holidays with your family, and be prepared to get back to kick it into high gear next Thursday the 27th. Blessing! Stephen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

12-12 Gordon Lenci
12-13 Kenneth Rohrs
12-17 Gene Gnuse
12-24 Tom Beer Jr.

And Spouse

12-13 Betty Chamberlin, Joe
12-13 Mary Hadden, Don
12-19 Carol Gape, Ray
12-20 Christina Kilbane, Patrick
12-21 Ann Gape, Ray S.
12-23 Ruth Becker, Charlie

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12-15 Bob & Kay Fedel
12-21 Arnie & Jane Appel
12-21 Warren & Donna Worthley
12-22 Charlie & Ruth Becker
12-23 Dave & Andrea Zimmerman

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 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

INSTALLATION DINNER, JAN. 26, 2008

Ticket orders will be taken tonight for the dinner. Bring the money for them next week. \$25 each. The Meadows Country Club is the location.

Sunshine News

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood." Marie Curie

Jerry Lunkes: is in Sarasota Memorial with a lung infection. Room 747B, 917-5747. Phone call only please.

Wilma Love: is back in the hospital. Had a setback.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.
SunShine Chair—Ed Manville **941-346-8219** or
<hiedm3@comcast.net>

SHOW PROGRAM ADS

114 days ago, we kicked off our AD campaign for the 2008 Show Program. We now have but 17 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.

2008 SHOW AFTERGLOW TICKETS

Tickets for the afterglow will be available tonight. Only to members & one guest on a first-come basis. Only 120 seats are available, sales will be open for non-members & guests after Jan. 28th. Location is the **Sarasota Garden Club** located in front of the Van Wezel parking lots on Tamiami Trail. \$20 each.

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