



# FootNotes



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## Directors Notes

Happy New Year! It hardly seems possible that another year has drawn to a close. For some of us, it's been a great year. And probably for most of us it's been a little bit of both. We use the term, "Happy New Year" as a greeting, or to express best wishes, but as I write this, I find my self thinking that it could also be used as a challenge. In other words, what plans do I have to ensure that this WILL BE a HAPPY New Year? No doubt, all of us will have to face things this year that we didn't anticipate. Those things can and will, from time to time, alter our plans, but if we have nothing as our goal, it is certain that we will achieve nothing. While goal setting is not the most important thing in life, when done on a consistent basis, it does help us to achieve a real sense of accomplishment which not only increases our confidence, but in a very real way, our sense of well-being also.

As a chorus, we need to set new goals this year, and your Board in working hard to develop long-range plans that will ensure our ongoing legacy. But we also have a critical need to set some short-term goals that we are prepared to aggressively pursue to ensure the success of our annual show. Including tonight, we only have seven regular rehearsals between now and the show. As of our last rehearsal, we were a long way from being ready to perform. But, if we work hard and smart, there's no reason why we can't be ready.

I have discovered that one of the most challenging things about our wonderful hobby is balancing personal rehearsal time and the other commitments in our life...family, church, etc. In light of the importance of our annual show to the overall success of our chapter, it needs to become one of our top priorities for the next seven weeks. You remember the story about the dog chasing the truck...what does he do when he catches it? Well, in recent years we have in a sense caught the truck. We have been giving our audiences a very high standard of performance which they've come to expect. continued—>

## Calendar

### 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
- 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

It is a precedent that we need to maintain and live up to. I'm confident that if we all put in the necessary effort, we can give our audience the sparkling performance they've come to expect.

So please clear the decks as much as possible and accept the fact that we have to make a concentrated effort for the next 7 weeks, so that "Happy New Year" as it applies to our chorus life, will be a reality and not just wishful thinking.

We can do it!!

Onward and upward!

Stephen

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

12-29 Bob Fedel  
12-29 Ed Hinkley  
12-31 John Glass

### And Spouse

12-25 Michelle Marraty, Jim  
12-25 Christa Williams, Fred

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1-1 Lore Gollnick, Howard

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12-26 Joe & Pollyann Nanfito

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1-2 Ray & Debora Pontoni

### MEETING NIGHT AFTERGLOW

Everyone is Welcome..... to attend our weekly "Afterglow" immediately following the meeting. 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](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

### ARTS DAY COSTUME

WHITE SHIRT, ( PLAIN )  
WHITE PANTS  
WHITE SHOES & SOCKS  
BLUE BLAZER WITH LOGO  
NEW LONG BLUE TIE

## Sunshine News

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

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](mailto: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.

### INSTALLATION DINNER, JAN. 26, 2008

Ticket orders will be taken tonight for the dinner. I hope you have the money for them tonight. \$25 each.

The Meadows Country Club is the location.

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