



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

Greatest Singers...Greatest Songs... Greatest Chorus of the Keys Show ever!!

Over the last 6 years, we have shared some wonderful highlights together. Certainly our trip to International in Salt Lake City is one of them. But this past weekend has to rank equal or even higher.

Knowing where we were just four weeks ago, and how well you performed on Saturday night is an accomplishment nothing short of spectacular. I have never seen this chorus perform or respond on such a consistent, high level since I joined it nearly 20 years ago. And I should know, because I have had the privilege of directing or MC'ing all but one of the last 18 shows in a row. I can't tell you how proud I was to stand before you as song after song was performed at a best-ever level. There was not one weak song in the entire evening.

All of you are to be congratulated and thanked for your extra effort, and there are many who need to specifically thanked for their effort even above and beyond our stellar performance.

*Thanks to Mike Miller for his many hours of help with production and the countless details that can so easily fall through the cracks.

*Thanks to Dave and Cora Frantz for the enormous job of handling all the ticket sales over the past 6 months, and for handling Will-Call on Saturday, along with Carol Gilrane's help (and any other volunteers.)

*Thanks to Nancy Frayer for designing and executing the lighting plan, union oversight (saving us over \$1,000 in labor charges via time management) stage décor and dressing, stage management and for calling the show — which went flawlessly...(and to Lee Frayer for all of his assistance and backstage support.)

*Thanks to Dick Bechtel for his many hours of work in making our printed show program possible via sales and organization of all the sales efforts by several of our dedicated members. **Thanks Guys!** One of the ushers made a point of telling me that there were almost no copies left in the auditorium — they were all taken home—which was a sure indication to her that the folks loved the show and treasured their souvenir program.

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Calendar

2008

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.

(When people don't enjoy the show, they tend to trash the program, leaving hundreds of them under the chairs as they exit.) Dick Bechtel also tackled the huge job of arranging and managing our wonderful afterglow party. Thanks again Dick.

*Thanks to Deb and Ray Pontoni for their wonderful hospitality and Food & Beverage Management in the Green Room, and to their helpers (especially Linda & Sandra) and all who helped with set-up and clean-up. The Green Room felt like a fancy restaurant with top-notch service...with a SMILE. And special thanks to Deb Pontoni for making the silk rose boutonnières for our jacket lapels—weren't they smashing?!!

*Thanks to Bob McPherson and all of the wives/sweethearts who assisted with make-up and rose pinning.

*Thanks to Jack Webber for his devoted service in keeping our entire membership supplied with all of our wardrobe and costuming needs for every performance, outfitting our new members and keeping track of all of our sizes and requirements. It's an enormous job, and he does it with class and finesse. You all looked fabulous on Saturday, and the audience was WOWED with the contrast between the first and second half of the show, indicating their delight and appreciation with their vigorous applause. (Thanks for the extra time and effort in making the change at intermission. It was well worth it.)

*Thanks to Ken Rohrs for his many hours, week in and week out, spent in publishing The FootNotes, our weekly bulletin, in which Ken keeps us informed of all the interesting and important chapter information that needs to be communicated in writing.

*Thanks to Erd Dahl for helping with a myriad of show and program planning and organizational details.

*Thanks to Patrick Kilbane for hosting our Guest Quartet, Vocal Spectrum.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

2-16 Al Piltz

And Spouse

2-12 Judy Heddleson, Rich

2-12 Sandra Kemp, Bob

2-14 Marjorie Tonner, Leo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2-12 Bob & Janice Durgin

2-14 Milt & Radeene Rothweiler

2-15 Joe & Betty Chamberlin

*Thanks to Richard Romley for his masterful management of our website and in particular, the hours spent in posting of our weekly rehearsals, show music and learning aids that made it possible for everyone to have access to the most up-to-date show information at their fingertips. I don't know of any other chapter with more thorough website support available for every member. (Thanks Sandy, for allowing Richard to devote so much of his time for the benefit of our whole chapter.)

*Thanks for the extra efforts of our Chapter Quartets, Temporary Arrangement, The TrueTones, My Three Sons, and The Power of Ten, and for their wonderful contribution to the variety on our show.

*Thanks to Gary Raulerson for our riser chart management and choreography, and numerous show preparations.

*Thanks to Vernon Sievers, Dave Frantz and our Riser Crew for the hours of early load-in and set-up and the late-night break-down and load-out. Your faithful hard work has not gone un-noticed or unappreciated. We **ALL** thank you.

*Thanks to all of the CD sales assistants in the lobbies for both shows — and to all the extra volunteers and helpers in every aspect of our show on Saturday. You were wonderful and much appreciated.

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Super Guest Night

It should already be on your calendars, but on Tues. Feb. 19 on Siesta Beach, we are hosting a guest night for all those men who were impressed enough with our appearance at the show to have some inkling they might also like to sing with the SCOTK — and your picnic hosts (Stachniak, Nanfito, Ditchfield & Bechtel) promise you a fun rehearsal, in the moonlight & warm springtime breezes. It depends on you to be there & invite that special friend who might enjoy our hobby as much as we do.

Sunshine News

"You've reached middle age when all you exercise is caution." Anonymous

Jim Spear: is doing better. A PET scan showed the cancer had been obliterated.

Treatment will continue to make sure.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.

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LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 27th at

CAFÉ BACI. 4001 S. Tamiami Trail

Don Crabb's musical "BEST SELLER" will receive it's world premiere by the Manatee Players, Feb. 28 thru Mar. 16, 2008. "BEST SELLER" was selected as a winner from 491 entries in a world wide contest for new musicals under the patronage of Andrew Lloyd Webber. To quote the Manatee Players, "it is a sparkling comedy with joyous music and an affectionate celebration of New York City." The chorus has joined with the American Assoc. of University Women for a special matinee performance on Sat. Mar. 1, 2008. Tickets are \$22 each with free goodies at 1 PM. Show is at 2 PM. Get your tickets from Howard Dobson so the chorus will get the credit for the ticket sale. We have to fill the auditorium so we don't lose money on the project. Mike Miller, Chorus Manager.

I could go on and on... and I'm sure there are many whose names I haven't listed who made the extra effort to help ensure the success of our show on Saturday, but there is one that I need to recognize. Without whose help it would not be possible for me to do all the things I do, and that is my devoted wife, **Bernice**. She spends countless hours on behalf of myself and the chorus, responding to e-mails and phone calls. She is constantly heading off problems at the pass and keeping me on schedule. She has sacrificed anniversaries, birthdays and family events and has listened for hours as I have bounced ideas, goals and challenges off her. There is almost no area of my work with the chapter in which she is not involved in one way or another. But most of all, it is her constant love and support that keeps me going — through thick and thin.

HAPPY 36th ANNIVERSARY!!

Onward and upward,

Stephen