



# FootNotes



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## Director's Notes

We had a great coaching session last Tuesday with Don Clause, and we've now begun our quest to regain the Sunshine District Chorus Championship, **BUT**...(sound familiar?)...we've got a lot of work to do in the next two months to be worthy of the title. By the time we leave the rehearsal tonight, we will have a very good handle on the interp changes for 'With a Song in My Heart', and all the changes in 'The Way You Look Tonight'. You will be pleased to know that it will not be nearly as difficult as it seemed last week, and we will have a recording on the website that you will be able to practice with. I have never been more excited about any District contest, and I believe this can be our finest hour.

There are just a few things we need to remember:

- 1) The qualifying requirements for contest will be that you know all the notes and all the words to both songs. Your music team is available to do everything we can to help you, but only you can make the commitment to devote whatever time is necessary to accomplish these two goals.
- 2) It is important that you attend all Sectional Rehearsals at 6:30 every Tuesday night because there will be an emphasis on craft, vocal technique and interp, not just notes and words.
- 3) Choreography will be minimal in exchange for your commitment to use your faces to express the lyrics. Start working in front of a mirror TODAY! Go to the website and download the current recording of the chorus singing our contest songs. Stand in front of a mirror, or your sweetheart, and sing the songs start to finish. Evaluate (and/or have your sweetheart evaluate) if your facial expressions were believable and appropriate for the words of the song. This is not a suggestion...this is a requirement. You've got to start doing this. Until you see yourself the way others do, it's hard to believe how much facial expressions have to be exaggerated in order to be detected at all.

I love you all! Let's do it!

Onward and upward!  
Stephen

## Calendar

EVERY meeting from now til Contest will start with Sectional Rehearsals at 6:30 SHARP

- Mar. 25: Don Clause will be here to evaluate us  
Let's NOT disappoint him.
- Apr. 10: Thursday Special meeting here- 6:30 pm
- Apr. 19: Saturday Special meeting here- 8:00 am
- Apr. 24: Thursday Special meeting here- 6:30 pm
- Mar. 27: Lunch Bunch at **Café Baci**
- May 2: Friday, full Chorus rehearsal at the Omni, after the Quartet Contest
- May 2-4: Sunshine District Convention

**We are competing**

### 2008 SHOW VIDEOS

Gentlemen, due to a mix-up on the purpose of the videos & the poor sound & visual quality, I would like each of you to return the video for a refund of your \$20 donation. We will try to get a better copy for archival purposes only, and that will be available for your review from Steve or one of the chapter officers.

These were not for sale to the general public and should be used only by chorus members as a critique of our performance for improving our overall skills and presentation. If you have any questions, please see me. Tom Hankins, President

### HOW TO USE YOUR LEARNING CDs

**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 **GREAT** feature.  
Steve

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

3-7 Cary Zolot  
3-9 Vernon Sievers  
3-10 Don Geers

### And Spouse

3-5 Dee Isringhaus, Bob  
3-8 Catherine Sants, Dave  
3-9 Beverly Webster, Charles

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3-4 Bob & Kathy McPherson

### 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!**

### JACKSONVILLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All reservations for the Spring Convention on May 2nd to May 4th have now been confirmed. The hotel is now sold out. Any member who finds he can not attend the convention, DO NOT cancel your room but call the chorus manager about not attending. DO NOT call the hotel as we will still be able to use the room by transferring the name on it. We will need from six to eight more rooms before now and May. Thank you, Mike Miller, Chorus Manager

Gents, now is the time to dig out your tape recorders. Record all that is sung on the risers. This is the best way to keep track of how you are progressing with the learning curve of the contest numbers. Listen ONLY to your recording daily to get the new notes & interp into your sub-conscious.

You should not sing along while listening as that will disturb the input to your sub-conscious. While listening you should just mouth the words as you look at the sheet music. NO SOUND. After listening at least a dozen times, then softly hum your notes while listening. Then after another dozen times of this, you may sing softly enough that you can hear clearly the recording to catch any wrong notes. Guaranteed to work.

## Sunshine News

"There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt."

Author unknown

Bob Durgin: is home after a stay in the hospital for a TIA & doing OK with Jan's help.

Mike George: is in the hospital up north for a heart Cauterization. Will keep us informed.

Gordon Loy: is home after a prostate surgery & recuperating. He thanks everyone who called, who came to sing to him, who sent cards & who prayed for him.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.  
SunShine Chair—Ed Manville **941-346-8219** or  
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### 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

### LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 27th at  
**CAFÉ BACI. 4001 S. Tamiami Trail**

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