



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

Our most important goal for tonight is to get thoroughly prepared for our coaching session with Don & George next Tuesday. In addition to knowing our notes and words, it's vital that we also concentrate on good vocal technique and apply everything we know about good singing: target vowels, smooth connected sounds: vocal placement, staying on pitch, synchronization, volume/dynamics and involved and believable faces.

It's really important that we take the "qualification" process seriously. Every member that wants to compete in May needs to submit a recording of himself to his section leader. It's the only way we will be able to determine note and word accuracy and avoid a muddy sound and/or "noise" in our presentation. Please take advantage of the recordings on our website to practice notes, words and interp. Spaced repetition will help you learn and retain it, and eventually, it will be automatic. We need to get to the "automatic stage" as quickly as possible so that we can spend our remaining time on fine-tuning and overall presentation. Special thanks to Dave Richards, Gary Raulerson, Dick Zarfos and Michael Ditchfield for making the extra effort to give us a part predominant learning CD for "The Way You Look Tonight".

This week is probably the last week for calling friends and former members to join us in our quest for the District Championship once again. Please call everybody you know that might be willing to jump on board for contest one more time, and let's give the District an unforgettable performance.

Together, we can be our very best once again.

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.
- Mar. 27: Lunch Bunch at **Café Baci**
- 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
- May 2: Friday, full Chorus rehearsal at the Omni, after the Quartet Contest
- May 2-4: Sunshine District Convention

We are competing

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Members registration for the Spring Sunshine Convention being held on May 2 & 3 is now on the District Website. Go to <sunshinedistrict.org> webpage and in the center column click on 2008 Spring Convention.

Again in the middle of the page it will say, visit: <http://sunshinedistrict.org/convention>. Click on it and it will take you to a convention information page. Proceed to the bottom of the page until you see Convention Registration Form and click on it.

It will produce the form which you may print out and mail in. The price changes from \$35 for all sessions to \$50 in April. Every man is responsible for his own registration. Everyone on stage **must** have a registration badge. I will also have forms available starting at the meeting on 3-18-08. Mike Miller. Chorus Manager

2008 SHOW VIDEOS

Gentlemen, it is imperative that you **ALL** return the CDs of our 2008 Show. You will get 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 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

3-20 Warren Worthley
3-22 Frank Astorino
3-23 Jeff Schwaeber
3-23 Joe Stachniak

And Spouse

3-18 Alice Sapareto, Frank
3-20 Natalie Sievers, Vernon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3-21 Dave & Catherine Sants
3-21 Jim Stoup & Janet Albright

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!

Gentlemen, 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. ONLY listen 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 follow 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 the recording to catch any wrong notes. Guaranteed to work.

LUNCH BUNCH

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

Sunshine News

"Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is Unknown, Today is a gift. That's why it is called the Present"

Jim Spear: is back home & on the mend. Will start Chemo again soon. Appreciates the cards and calls. Misses us.

Bob Durgin: is starting PT with a positive attitude.

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

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

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

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