



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

Tonight the Sarasota Chorus of the Keys takes another huge step forward as we introduce our new co-directing Team of **Don Claus & George Gipp**. Our future has never looked brighter and in just three weeks we will have completed our quest in Jacksonville and will be turning immediately toward preparation for our annual show. Don, George and I will be working very closely together over the next 6 weeks to lay out a plan and effect the smoothest transition possible. But for tonight, we concentrate our full efforts on continuing our preparations for contest.

At this stage, all but a handful of you have let me know that you are using the learning tool we created on the website, and it obviously paid big dividends for us last week, and it will continue to do so if we ALL continue to use it. Knowing the plan cold allows us to focus all our efforts on communicating the powerful message of both of our songs—one, the beginning of a love story, the other, looking back over a lifetime love.

If any of you have any note or word issues, it is imperative that you do whatever it takes to be prepared. We now have many names on our board—but we need to have EVERY name on the board. Our new slogan is EVERY NOTE, EVERY WORD... EVERY NAME!!!! (or something like that)

Don't forget our intensive Saturday session with both Don & George. It is vitally important that everyone is there. There will no doubt be some fine tuning and additional input from Don and George, especially in the area of choreography. If you for any reason have a business or family emergency that makes it impossible for you to attend, you will need to get a copy of the video so that you can be up to speed when we implement everything the following Tuesday.

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Calendar

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

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

May 10: Singing for life blood drive

May 22: Lunch Bunch, details later

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After tonight, there are only 4 rehearsals left before contest, and I, for one, can't wait to see how good we will be by then. Hard work is worth it when you see improvement, and it is very obvious that we are seeing significant improvement on a weekly basis. Please keep up the effort. I am very proud of all of you, and regardless of where we place in Jacksonville, nothing can change that!

Onward & upward,

Stephen

SUMMER PERFORMANCES

Beginning in June 2008 the Chorus will again be performing in churches, RV parks, senior citizen centers and other places. All performances, where possible, will require a small fee or offering. The chorus will not be doing the Inspirational Concert this year and revenues from that show need to be replaced. It is anticipated that we will do six church performances and the balance in the other weeks in other facilities. Remember that most performances will require a small summer chorus. If you are interested in participating, please contact the chorus manager, Mike Miller, for dates and times.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

4-15 Steve Eccher
4-16 Frank Sapareto
4-16 Lowell Wolfe
4-18 Jim Spear

And Spouse

4-15 Bernice Ditchfield, Stephen
4-17 Francine Bravo, Paul
4-18 Helen Mazzola, Phil
4-21 Louise Hinkley, Ed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4-15 Dick & Virginia Morrow
4-18 Chuck & Laurie Lindberg
4-19 Jim & Peg Styer

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 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

"Next to being shot at and missed,
nothing is really quite as satisfying
as an income tax refund"

Humorist F. J. Raymond

News & Views for the **FootNotes**
should be sent to the editor at—
<editorken@yahoo.com> by **Noon Monday**.

Sunshine News

Today's message of the Day is:
Life is short. Break the rules. Forgive quickly.
Kiss slowly. Laugh uncontrollably, and never regret
anything that made you smile. I have learned to
imagine an invisible sign around each person's neck
that says, "Make Me Feel Important."

Author unknown

Charlie Lenny: Nancy is now at Palmer Ranch
Healthcare, Rm 224. Prayers please.
Don Scholten: is progressing well after an aorta
valve work-over. Is at Memorial but
no visitors for now. Cards only.
Jim Spear: is back in Sarasota Memorial Rm 834
with Pneumonia. Can only take calls,
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>

CONVENTION INFORMATION

Hotel reservations have been finalized. However,
anyone needing to cancel, please call me first be-
fore canceling in case I need the bed or beds due to
a late change by a chorus member.

Signup sheets on the table are for members
needing a ride to Jacksonville or for those who can
give a ride. I need transportation for John Short
who would like to go up & return on Saturday. Bob
Gannon has also volunteered to drive his SUV if
needed or would like a ride.

Also, there is a signup sheet for bringing food to
the Saturday night afterglow & helping setup &
breakdown. Everything needs to be cleaned up on
Saturday night before we shut down the room.

The following is the tentative schedule for the
chorus:

Arrive at hotel on Friday, May 2.
Setup of risers at hotel between 2 & 4 pm.
Friday night, 20 minutes after end of quartet
contest, a 1 hour rehearsal in the Omni Ball
room C with coaches.
Saturday schedule to follow.

**Costume for contest: new tux jacket, tux
trousers, pleated white shirt, new blue vest,
cuff links (no studs), long blue tie, black pat-
ent leather shoes & socks.**

See Jack Webber for missing pieces.
Thank you, Mike Miller, Chorus Manager