



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

Thanks for all your effort at the coaching session on Saturday. We're starting to act, sound, and look like District Champions once again. Can't wait to see the improvements this week, and with your continued dedication, we can hope to peak on May 3rd.

With our interpretive plan locked in for both songs, we can now concentrate on internalizing all the "A" level singing techniques, the target vowels and valuation, tempo, volume, and the use of air to energize non-singable consonants. We'll be using demonstration and repetition on specific phrases as necessary, until it becomes automatic. The key will be for you to follow my direction, and I will do my best to remember everything. If I inadvertently or accidentally fail to execute the plan properly, it won't matter if you are all following me meticulously.

George will be with us this Thursday night and we will work choreography exclusively (assuming that we are able to properly execute our musical plan) and then we will run sets as though we are on the contest stage to conclude the night...no stopping, no talking...nothing but great performance.

IMPORTANT: Tonight we will review our final interpretive plan that you have been using, so that you can mark everything you need to remember. Use this during your individual practice to make sure you're executing the plan.

Finally, many of you have faithfully followed through with submitting your tapes for the qualification process, but many of you have not. Also, it has come to my attention that there have been some instances in which names have been written on the qualifying board without the authorization of you section leader or Music VP.

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Calendar

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

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 at TooJays New York Deli in Westfield's Southgate Mall, corner of South Tamiami Trail & Siesta Dr.

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.

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If you have not submitted a tape or sung your part in a quartet to validate your qualification for contest, you will be asked to do so. We have to uphold the integrity of the commitment we have made to one another.

We're in the countdown to contest. We are progressing wonderfully. Let's keep it up and go the distance. Don and George are very encouraged about our chances and you know that I am too. I'm giving you everything that I have to try and make this our very best contest experience together ever.

With great love and appreciation, as always!
Stephen P. Ditchfield

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

4-28 Bob Quinn

And Spouse

4-4 Kelly Perry, Kent (with apology)
4-6 Susan Nicholson, Richard (with apology)
4-22 Kathleen Loos, Don
4-24 Carolyn Reidenbach, Bob
4-25 Eva Goetz, Paul

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4-22 Merrill & June Brown
4-24 Richard & Susan Nicholson

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

AFTERGLOW ON THURSDAY

Ray Gape has made arrangements for us to visit the Elks Club on Lockwood Ridge just north of 17th street for an afterglow this Thursday.

News & Views for the FootNotes

should be sent to the editor at—
<editorken@yahoo.com> by **Noon Monday**.

Sunshine News

"Broadmindedness is just another way of saying a fellow is too lazy to form an opinion"
Will Rogers

Joe Nanfito: is home & doing real well.
Don Scholten: is progressing well after an aorta valve work-over. Is home for a long recovery. Cards only for now.
Jim Spear: is back home but is still getting chemo daily. Looking forward to returning.
Bob Durgin: is having a PET scan for serious & continuous back pain.

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 before 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 patent leather shoes & socks.

See Jack Webber for missing pieces.

Thank you, Mike Miller, Chorus Manager