



# FootNotes



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## Director's Notes

### UNITY vs UNIFORMITY

**"In an army, you need unity of purpose"**

Emmeline Pankhurst

**Houses are built to live in, and not to look on: therefore, let us be preferred before uniformity...** Francis Bacon

Many of our members in the SCOK are seasoned enough to remember the Wrigley chewing gum commercials for *Double Mint Gum*- "Two...Two... Two mints in One" the Double Mint Twins would say. With that phrase in mind, we ask you to consider the following. Which is better, Unity or Uniformity? Maybe we shouldn't say 'better'. Instead, we could ask- "Which is more relevant to the barbershop presentation"??? Or, would either allow for a more *Believable* performance? As we continue to explore the concept of delivery and message, would it surprise you to know that **BOTH** play a significant role and in fact are inter-twined? Read On!

#### UNITY

Unity is the state or quality of being one or, being in accord. It is singleness and defines harmony. When the combination or arrangement of parts into a whole occurs, unification is the result. A union is thus formed. This relates to our hobby in a most profound manner.

#### UNIFORMITY

Uniformity conforms to a pattern or rule while possessing resemblance, consonance and agreement. It maintains the freedom from variation or difference, while retaining the sameness of action and effect under like conditions. This yields continued, unvaried sameness or likeness.

At the initial first blush, we may say Unity should be the goal. Who can deny the importance of a state of oneness?

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## Calendar

Oct. 10 -12: District Convention, Jacksonville

Oct. 18: Chapter Picnic on Lido Beach at Webber's Cabana

Oct. 26: Concert with "In The Mix" at Manatee Community College, Bradenton

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Jan. 17: Installation Diner, Location will once again be held at The Meadows C. C.

Mar. 8: Annual Show at Van Wezel: afterglow at SAHIB SHRINE, 600 N. Beneva Rd.

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This indivisible nature provides integrity to a performer and the performance. But there is also an undeniable sense of creativity which lies within the uniform. In fact, a clear framework serves as the conduit for the artistic. *Beauty* is said to consist in uniformity with variety.

When Coacher suggested that we all wear our SCOK polo shirts, this was an act of uniformity. We all responded with a positive attitude. The group showed up the following week looking like one another. We all had different shoes and different belts. Some in shorts...BUT...uniform. This act created an environment for unity. Believe it or not- we started singing as a unit. Intonation and synchronization improved. The group took on a more cohesive approach.

When we implemented a 'free style' choreography plan for *JAMAICA FAREWELL*, the chorus began to have fun with the lyric and the song came alive. We unified through uniformity.

As we progress on this enjoyable journey, we will come to a realization that uniformity and unity are inseparable. Structure and a solid framework ALWAYS provide the opportunity for a unified effort.

"Two...Two...Two Concepts Yield...ONE!!!

The Directing Team,

Don & George

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

10-5 Howard Dobson

### And Spouse

9-30 Linda Alexander, Charles

10-4 Sandra Feely, Mike

10-5 Carol Gilrane, John

10-6 Marilyn Rose, Ken

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10-1 Nathanael & Regina Ditchfield

10-6 Paul & Eva Goetz

## 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 about 3 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 9:15 pm until.....?

**See you there!**

## THE DITCHFIELD'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

Gentlemen, this is a reminder to get your show tickets **ASAP**. The Orchestra Main seating for the Saturday matinee is almost sold out already. There are only 2 rows open at the back of the theater in the Orchestra Prime, which Bernice is hoping the COTK will order before they're all sold out, too. Both evening shows have plenty of good seats available at this point.

## CHAPTER PICNIC

The picnic invitations are on the rear table for those who need them. Cost is \$13 per member & \$25 per couple. Checks are preferred and have to be given to Dick Bechtel or Bob Kemp by Oct. 14 for a head count for the catered food from Sonny's.

Thanks, Dick Bechtel

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should be sent to the editor at—

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## Sunshine News

### A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving". O. W. Holmes

Jim Spear: had another operation on an artery, had a clot. Is home & doing OK

Hopefully, no news is good news,  
BUT, it is sometimes NOT!!!

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.  
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<[hiedm3@comcast.net](mailto:hiedm3@comcast.net)>

### OUR WEBSITE

All of the information for viewing, listening to, or downloading files, 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

### SHOW PROGRAM AD SALESMEN

For our upcoming SHOW season, we're going to make a change in procedures to make it easier for our Salesmen to acquire AD SALES RENEWLS. Start collecting contact names and e-mail addresses NOW and your chairman will send all material electronically for you. Our purpose is to personally save time and gasoline. For those reluctant 'contacts', we may still have to make a personal call. But September is still kick-off month for the Annual AD Sales Campaign. Dick Bechtel

### IN THE MIX BENEFIT CONCERT

The Chorus will sing on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 2:00—4:00 with the Sweet Adeline Quartet "In The Mix" and other groups at MCC in Bradenton. Don Clause will direct us. Sign up sheets are available at each meeting. If you have any questions, call— Bob Amer, 312-5587

### THE DITCHFIELD FAMILY SINGERS

Will be performing a new show at The Sarasota Players Theater on Nov. 7th, 8th & 9th. "The Songs America Sings" with a musical tribute to America just before Veteran's Day. We hope you'll join us there if you can. Box Office: 941-365-2494