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FootNotes

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Director's Notes

TEAMWORK

"Synergy is the highest activity of life; it creates new untapped alternatives; it values and exploits the mental, emotional, and psychological differences between people". Stephen Covey

You've heard all the clichés, motivational quotes and pop phrases. To list a few...

There is no "I" in TEAMWORK

TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More

A job worth doing is worth doing together

The ratio of We's to I's is the best indicator of the development of a team

None of us is as smart as all of us

You know what? They're ALL true. Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. It transcends the inconvenience of distance. People who work together will win, whether it be against the complex problems of modern society, routine daily tasks, or the challenges we encounter within our own organization. It is appropriate to address the following two areas.

SYNERGY

Simply put, synergy is the concept that the **WHOLE** is greater than the **sum of the parts**. It means that 2 + 2 does not equal 4. It may equal 5 or 7 or maybe 10 or 20. This relates to our hobby in a most profound manner. With respect to singing, we know that when a four part chord is **locked**, the undeniable enjoyment is hearing the overtone and the harmonics. In this case four notes have the ability to produce **MORE** notes than are actually being sung **IF** they are locked in unity and working together in concert. *This can and should also apply to our organizational relationships.*

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Calendar

Oct. 26: Concert with "In The Mix" at Manatee Community College, Bradenton
Neel Auditorium, more info to follow

Chapter Picnic is postponed til after Jack's operation

Dec. 6: 'Lighting the Fleet' Concert, Bird Key Yacht Club

Dec. 12 & 13: Christmas Concert with the Ditchfield Family, Sarasota Opera House

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CONFLICT

Conflict is inevitable in a team... in fact, to achieve synergistic solutions, a variety of ideas and approaches are needed. These are the ingredients for conflict. Competitive situations will, by their nature, cause conflict. However, it can also occur in cooperative situations, where two or more individuals/party have consistent goals. Sometimes the manner in which one party tries to reach their goal can still undermine the other. Positive conflict can be a good thing if properly managed and harnessed to the betterment of the group.

So how does this relate to The Chorus of The Keys? We have an incredible collection of human resources and talent that is balanced with experience and energy. We now embark upon public performances, spring show and new contest preparation. We are looking to ignite a youth program, enhance on-going recruiting efforts, increase public relations and augment internal relational growth. It is an exciting time to be a member of SCOK. Let's maximize our synergy and put conflict in its proper place. We are a special group of people.

We are FAMILY!

The Directing Team,

Don & George

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

10-16 Ray Schiller
10-17 Don Hadden

And Spouse

10-17 Jane Appel, Arnie
10-20 Dolores Joyce, Walt
10-20 Katie Reynolds, Matthew

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10-14 Bob & Mary Ellen Hagen
10-18 Glen & Barbara Moon

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 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

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.

Sunshine News

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

You cannot do a kindness too soon, because, you never know how soon it will be too late

John Woolley: will have surgery on the 28th. Is now studying the music for our March show. Cathy will keep us posted

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

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

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR— 'IN THE MIX'

Tonight there is very attractive woman named Leslie Amer that will be selling tickets @ \$15 each. Since we are performing and will receive money for our effort, it behoove us to support the Show and buy as many tickets that we can. With **six** great acts @ \$15 equals \$2.50 per act. **WHAT A DEAL!**

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

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>

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

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