



BARBERSHOP  
HARMONY  
SOCIETY

# FootNotes

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## Director's Notes

### THE PLAN AND THE PERFORMANCE

*"Success comes in cans; failure in can'ts" unknown*

Your directing team wishes to express the pride and joy we feel today. Over the past few months we have encouraged each man to strive for excellence. The stated goal is to master the techniques, continuously improve and to move toward unity. Coacher put it so succinctly in the warm-up room... "The Plan and The Performance". In order to enjoy the performance, you must first execute the plan. Gentlemen, this weekend, you did just that. You internalized the concepts we have provided and delivered THREE solid performances. The greater accomplishment is the bond we solidify and the trust we continue to build. As a group, we are moving in a positive direction. Let's review the dialog we have engaged in over the past few months.

### LAST WEEK'S ASSIGNMENT (12-02 & 12-09)

*Prepare this week and next for three OUT-STANDING Christmas performances at the Opera House (add a fourth if you are doing the Bird Key). This may be the first public performance opportunity our friends and family will have to see the new energy of The SCOK. We only have ONE opportunity to make a first impression.*

### PREVIOUS PREPARATION & ENCOURAGEMENT (11-08 & 10-08)

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## Calendar

Dec. 18: Christmas Party, **CANCELLED**  
due to lack of participation.

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### 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.

### 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.

Let's celebrate our short term victories and continue to create memories on the SCOK "Journey".

### 1-2-3 CHORUS OF THE KEYS—HOOOH!!!

Your Directing Team, Coacher Don & GGG

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

12-17 Gene Gruse

### And Spouse

12-19 Carol Gape, Ray

12-21 Ann Gape, Ray S.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12-21 Warren & Donna Worthley

12-22 Charles & Ruth Becker

### 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!**

We have a total lack of sign-ups for our scheduled Christmas party on Thursday the 18th. I have tried last Friday & Saturday at the Opera House to get additional members to add to our TOTAL OF NINE paid on the list, so rather than be embarrassed or take up valuable space in the restaurant, I am canceling our Dec. 18th Luncheon date. Will try to re-schedule on or about Feb. 19th.

Sorry for the late notice. Dick Bechtel

### News & Views for the FootNotes

should be sent to the editor at—

<editorken@yahoo.com> by **Noon Monday.**

This address is for **FootNotes** articles only.

For all other emails, please use—

<rohrskf@yahoo.com> Thank you, Ken

## Sunshine News

### A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

A task worth doing and friends worth having make life worthwhile.

Rod Sexauer: our friend passed on to the chorus in the sky on Dec. 9, 2008.  
No local memorial.

John Wooley: came through the operation OK, is home, but no visitors. Use email.

'Robbie' Robinson: is at Life Care Center Rehab to recuperate, doing well.

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  
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### AD CAMPAIGN — 2009 SHOW PROGRAM

We kicked off the new AD campaign last week with issue of old RENEWAL Envelopes for those 100+ customers from previous years. Envelopes for new "prospects" (unassigned) are also in the AD BOX on the back table tonight. If you did not assist with this AD SALE campaign in previous years, give it a try. It's easy; just contact a business or professional office with whom you've done business. Inform the 'contact' that this is one way of producing income for the chorus and explain that our budget is at a six digit level annually, even though each member has to maintain his uniforms, and provide his own transportation to sing-outs and rehearsals.

**As an incentive to selling an AD to a new customer this year, the Chorus will pay a 10% commission to each salesman for each sale made.** If you have any questions, see or call (or email) Dick Bechtel