



# FootNotes



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## Director's Notes

### SHOW TIME 2010...

#### **The Ladies of Broadway... Lida Rose**

Many of our show patrons, family members and friends alike have asked- "How will you guys top the 2009 Sarasota Spring Show"? Well once again, Coacher Don has put together a blockbuster show repertoire guaranteed to bring the audience out of their seats and onto their "feets". What better way to do so than with *The Ladies of Broadway*? Because so many of our members enjoyed reading about the background of the songs we are performing, we have agreed to provide the "back story" on the 2010 selections. Hope you enjoy.

#### **The Music Man**

**The Music Man** is a musical with book, music and lyrics by Meredith Willson. The show is based on a story by Willson and Franklin Lacey. In 1957, the show became a hit on Broadway, winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and running for 1,375 performances. The cast album won the first Grammy Award for "Best Original Cast Album". The show's success led to revivals and a popular 1962 film adaptation. It is still frequently produced by both professional and amateur theater companies.

The plot concerns con man Harold Hill (most notably, Robert Preston), who poses as a boy's band organizer and leader selling band instruments and uniforms to naïve townsfolk before skipping town with the cash. In River City, Iowa, prim Marion the librarian (most notably Barbara Cook) sees through him, but when Hill helps her younger brother, Marian, begins to fall in love with Harold. Professor Hill, in turn, falling for Marian, risks being caught to win her.

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## Calendar

May 30: Singing for life Blood Drive (plus all the convention stuff, etc...)

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The musical contained such notable tunes as *Till There Was You*, *Seventy Six Trombones*, *Wells Fargo Wagon* and of course the song we will perform— **Lida Rose**.

"*Lida Rose*" and "*Will I Ever Tell You*", sung first separately and then simultaneously, are among the rare examples of Broadway counterpoint-songs with separate lyrics and separate melodies that harmonize and are designed to be sung together. In the original production (and the film), the School Board— played by the 1950 International Quartet Champions of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA), the Buffalo Bills sang counterpoint with the Librarian, Marian Paroo.

Our 1978 International Champions, *Blue Grass Student Union* released a ground breaking barbershop album that captured the essence of this classic musical. This became one of their most memorable and requested recordings. Singing Walter Latzko arrangements and guided by their coach and mentor Don Clause.

Now, Coacher Don has created a masterpiece especially for our chorus, by enhancing the Broadway classic with a featured quartet and special enhancements to the arrangement as only he can do. We know you will enjoy singing this show stopper every time we perform it. This promises to raise a smile in addition to raising the roof. **So here is my love song. Not fancy or fine. Lida Rose Oh won't you be mine?**

Your Directing Team,

Coacher and GGG

## Sunshine News

### A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

"Life is like an ever-shifting kaleidoscope...  
a slight change, and all patterns alter."

Del Sinclair: had surgery today for a couple of  
carcinomas.

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

**GENTLEMEN:** I am updating the Anniversary list.  
The following Anniversaries are missing. If you  
would like your Anniversary listed, please let me  
know by email or hand printed paper.

Roy & Vicky Baden  
Dick & Phyllis Steinke Bechtel  
Dick & Sandra Casanzio  
Don & Nancy Smith Clause  
Bill & Valerie Colleran  
Dave & Marlene Cross  
Lewis & Nancy Dinsmore  
Howard & Fay Murphy Dobson  
Bob & Betti Hargen  
Marty & Mary Jahnel  
Jim & Dee Jutzin  
Andy & Margaret Kelly  
Tom & Geri Kilgallon  
Dick & Lola Lambert  
Mike & Jennifer Le Blanc  
Steve & Jane Marrin  
Tom & Norita Martin  
John & Andrea Mazuchowski  
Phil & Helen Smith Mazzola  
Chuck & Linda Nelson  
Chris & Lana Owens  
Bryan & Luri Payne  
Eric & Juanita Petersen  
Ken & Sheila Rear  
Don & Patricia Rimes  
Chuck & Patti Shreffler  
Greg & Laurie Shuss  
Le Roy & Bonnie Sobania  
Steve & Irene Stenzler  
Paul & Jenifer Stiles  
Henry & Vickie Randall Stromenger  
Dick & Alice J. Sturgeon  
Jim & Mary Tobin  
Jerome & Linda Tobin  
Mike & April Vokoun  
Jon & Doris Wagner

If there is a mis-spelled name, correct that also.  
Thank you, editorken

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Member

5-12 Paul Bravo  
5-12 frank Chlad  
5-15 Dick Zarfos  
5-16 Don Shipp  
5-18 Fred Sellers

### And Spouse

5-13 Susan Hoseth, Jim  
5-14 Fay Murphy, Howard Dobson  
5-15 Nancy Lenny, Charlie  
5-17 Patricia Wise, Dean

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5-14 Mike & Diana Ramalho  
5-17 Ken & Marilyn Rose

### SINGING FOR LIFE

Plans a going ahead right on schedule, for our big  
BLOOD DRIVE on Saturday, May 30 at 4 super  
CHILI'S locations. There will be a Blood Donor's  
Association bus or trailer on site. And we hope to  
have all the information on our web site shortly. We  
still have room for additional quartets (we're sing-  
ing between 11:00 am & 4:00 pm)- **but our real  
purpose can not be over-emphasized. We need  
blood donors. Please, Please, everyone get  
one or two family members or neighborhood  
friends out to volunteer as a donor in order to  
reach our goal of 80 units of blood.** One of our  
sponsoring CHILI'S has got to be close by (Desoto  
Mall, Lakewood Ranch, Doctor's Hospital, South  
Venice below Jacaranda). We're going to have good  
press on this one, BUT I need an official PHOTOG-  
RAPHER to step forward and make sure we have  
several pictures of each & every Quartet participat-  
ing. Our budget for this effort is zero-zip-so pitch in  
everyone...please. Dick Bechtel

### GENTLEMEN:

Ray Gape (the elder) has arranged for us to use the  
Elks Club on Lockwood Ridge Rd. for tonight. It is  
about 1 mile north of 17th St. on the east side of  
Lockwood. It is not that far north of where we met  
at Pizza Hut on 17th. If you want food, pick up  
some carryout on the way.  
Let's give it a try, I will. editorken

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