



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

SHOW TIME 2010...

The Ladies of Broadway...

Sweet Gypsy 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 Song Writers- Irwin Levine and L. Russell Brown

Irwin Levine and **L. Russell Brown** are two American composers born in Newark, New Jersey and collaborated on some 40 songs during their career. They were honored by the Smithsonian Institution for a song titled, "*Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree*", originally recorded by the 1970's pop group, Tony Orlando and Dawn. It topped the charts for four weeks in 1973. This was the **Song of the Year**, which is considered one of the four most prestigious awards in the Grammy Awards ceremony, if not in all of the American music industry. "Ribbon" made them famous, becoming popular again as an anthem and a symbol of hope during the 15-month American hostage crisis in Iran that ended in January 1981. Yellow ribbons were also tied in communities across the United States for Americans taken hostage in Lebanon in the mid-1980s and again during the 1991 gulf war.

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Calendar

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

Jun. 6: Chapter Picnic at Jack Webbers Cabana on Lido Beach. See flier for all information. Sign-up sheet on front tonight & next Tuesday. Cost is \$15 (\$10 extra for spouse, lady friend or kids).

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Levine and Brown co-wrote other chart stopping songs recorded by Tony Orlando including "Knock Three Times" and the tune that we will perform on the 2010 Show- "**Sweet Gypsy Rose**".

Most agree, the inspiration for 'Sweet Gypsy Rose' came from the American burlesque entertainer, **Gypsy Rose Lee**, born **Rose Louise Hovick** in Seattle, Washington January 8, 1911. She was also an actress and writer, whose 1957 memoir, written as a monument to her mother, was made into the stage musical and film *Gypsy*.

Arranged by the incomparable 11 time Gold Medal director of the Vocal Majority, Jim Clancy, the VM performed this crowd pleaser back when Coacher Don was working with Jim in the formative years of the Dallas legacy. Coach feels re-introducing this piece to the Florida Gulf Beach audiences will be a winner. It promises to raise a smile while raising the roof...so with "**rings on her fingers and bells on her toes**"—let's stop the show with **Sweet Gypsy Rose!**

Your Directing Team,

Coacher and GGG

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

5-21 Ed Manville
5-22 Kent Perry Jr.
5-25 Tom Hankins

And Spouse

None to report

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5-23 Dave & Nancy Richards
5-25 Dick & Judy Heddleson

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
John & Diana Betts
Dick & Sandra Casanzio
Don & Nancy Smith Clause
Bill & Valerie Colleran
Dave & Marlene Cross
Stan & Pam Dickinson
Lewis & Nancy Dinsmore
Howard & Fay Murphy Dobson
Bob & Betti Hargen
Marty & Mary Jahnel
Jim & Dee Jutzin
Andy & Margaret Kelly
Tom & Geri Kilgallon
Mike & Jennifer Le Blanc
Steve & Jane Marrin
Tom & Norita Martin
Phil & Helen Smith Mazzola
Chuck & Linda Nelson
Chris & Lana Owens
Bryan & Luri Payne
Eric & Juanita Petersen
Ken & Sheila Rear
Chuck & Patti Shreffler
Greg & Laurie Shuss
David & Eileen Smotzer
Le Roy & Bonnie Sobania
Steve & Irene Stenzler
Earl & Nancy Sterling
Henry & Vickie Randall Stromenger
Dick & Alice J. Sturgeon
George & Maria Thacker
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

Sunshine News

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

"Impossibility is no excuse,
we do things daily that were impossible
a century ago."

Mary Shipp, Don: is in the hospital undergoing several tests & a KYPHOPLASTY.
Marilyn Rose, Ken: is in ICU at Venice Regional Medical Center, kidney failure.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.
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SINGING FOR LIFE

Plans are 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 singing 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 PHOTOGRAPHER to step forward and make sure we have several pictures of each & every Quartet participating. 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. 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. Last week, we had about 12 guys show up. The beer is cheaper than Applebee's & the bartender Jon is a good guy. Ray (the elder) has gone north for the season, we need another Elk member to sponsor us at the Club. Anyone interested??? Come join us. editorken

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