



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

SHOW TIME 2010...

The Ladies of Broadway... I Don't Mind Being All Alone

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.

Question: What do The Mills Brothers, The Ames Brothers and The SCOK all have in common?

Answer: We all sing barbershop and perform the toe-tapper- "I Don't Mind Being all Alone".

The Mills Brothers- whose father owned a barber shop in Piqua Ohio, founded a barbershop quartet called the Four Kings of Harmony- learned their close harmonies first-hand. They included this song on their second Greatest Hits Album. *The Ames Brothers*, recorded and performed this tune in 1956 as they starred in their own syndicated television program, *The Ames Brothers Show*, seen on Friday nights. *The SOTK* will be gracing the gulf beaches with the song many times over the next 18 months and beyond.

The Song Writers- Clarence Gaskill, James Francis McHugh and Irving Mills

Clarence Gaskill was born in 1896. A composer and songwriter noted for such tunes as "Minnie the Moocher" and "Prisoner of Love".

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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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He was also an author, pianist and publisher that was educated at St. John's School and Friends School in Philadelphia, PA. In addition to McHugh, his chief musical collaborators included Cab Calloway, Leo Robin and Duke Ellington.

James Francis McHugh was born in 1896. A prolific composer, pianist and music publisher, his songs have appeared in hundreds of films, and many have been recorded by well over 50 artists. He wrote Cotton Club shows and enjoyed his first hit with Gene Austin and Irving Mills, "When My Sugar Walks Down the Street" in 1924. In 1926 he and Clarence Gaskill had success with "I Can't Believe That You're in Love with Me" and our featured song "I Don't Mind Being All Alone".

Irving Mills was born in 1894. Mills did a great deal to help jazz and is most famous for his work as Duke Ellington's manager from 1926 to 1939. In addition to securing numerous recording sessions and important engagements he helped Ellington gain his job at the Cotton Club. Mills wrote the lyrics to some of Ellington's most famous songs, including "It Don't Mean a Thing if It Aint Got That Swing", "Mood Indigo" and "Sophisticated Lady".

Coacher Don arranged the chart we sing FORTY PLUS years ago and it still stands the test of time. Oh Yeah- he did update the tag... "when I'm all alone with you a-BUNG BUNG".

Your Directing Team,

Coacher and GGG

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

5-26 Mike Miller
5-30 Walt Schlicht
5-31 Rich Casanzio
5-31 Fred Williams
6-01 Marty Martin
6-01 Eric Peterson

And Spouse

5-27 Sheila Wild, Ray
6-01 June Brown, Merrill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6-01 Gary & Jennifer Raulerson

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

NEWS FROM THE WEBMASTER

The chorus calendar has been updated. If there is something that has been missed, let me know. To get to the calendar, click on 'Chorus Calendar'. Dates in **blue** are chorus events.

Sunshine News

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

"There are really no great persons, only persons who perform great deeds."

Mary Shipp, Don: surgery went well, is re-covering.
Marilyn Rose, Ken: is at Venice Regional Medical Center, doing well.
Steve Ditchfield: came thru his eye operation fine, is recuperating at home.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.
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JULY 18 & 19

We have a very busy, fun-filled and hopefully profitable weekend planned for July 18 & 19.

Sat. July 18, 9:00 am, One Voice Rehearsal
Sat. July 18, 7:00 pm, Concert at Glenridge
Sun. July 19, 10:00 am, Service at First Methodist Church in downtown Bradenton
Sun. July 19, 2:30 pm, Concert at Glenridge

This is an ambitious schedule, but it is designed to help generate some much-needed revenue. Accordingly, we hope that every singer who participates; sells from 7 to 10 tickets for the concerts at Glenridge. They are a bargain at \$15 each. Additionally, we hope that those of you who can't sing that weekend will still buy several tickets to show your support.

GENTLEMEN:

I visited the new Broadway Bar last Tuesday. The room we used the first time was totally empty. I talked with John, the owner, to make sure we would be able to use it this week. editorken

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