



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

Sarasota Giving

**He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. ~Roy L. Smith
Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall. ~Larry Wilde**

Charles Dickens is quoted as saying, "I have always thought of Christmas time, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their hearts freely, and to think of people as if they really were fellow passengers bound on the same journey."

During this special time of the year, we are more inclined to consider the benefits of peace on earth and good will to the human race. Perhaps, we may be more open to embrace the concepts of charity, love, an unselfish approach and the true motives for giving. This reminds us of a familiar poem called "**The Giving Tree**". Allow me to paraphrase and reflect.

Once there was a tree...And she loved a little boy. Every day the boy would come and gather her leaves, make them into crowns and play king of the forest. He'd climb up her trunk and swing from her branches. When he was tired, he would sleep in her shade. And the boy loved the tree...Very much... And the tree was "happy".

As time went by, the boy grew older and the tree was often alone. Now when the growing boy would come to visit the tree, she would invite him to climb the trunk, swing from it's branches, eat it's apples and play in the shade and...together be "happy". The boy said he was now too big to play but instead he wanted to buy things to have fun. He now wanted MONEY! The tree had no money to share, but suggested the boy take her apples and sell them in the city. The tree was "happy" while the boy climbed and gathered the apples—because they did it together.

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Calendar

Dec. 20: Sunday at Glenridge Christmas Shows
2pm & 7pm.

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Jan. 26 to 31: 2010 Midwinter Convention, Tampa
Florida at the Tampa Bay Performing
Arts Center, Carol Morsani Hall.

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But the boy stayed away a long time in the city... and although he was "happy", the tree was alone and sad. When the boy finally returned, he was much older and so was the tree. The tree wanted him to stay & play...and be "happy together" but the boy said "I am too old and sad to play. I want a boat that will take me away from here. Can you give be a boat?" "Cut down my trunk and make a boat" said the tree. "Then you can sail away... and be happy." So the boy cut down her trunk, made a boat and sailed away.

The tree was sort of happy, but not really.

And after a long time the boy came back again. "I am sorry, Boy" said the tree, "but I have nothing left to give you—My apples are gone". "My teeth are too week for apples," said the boy. "my branches are gone," said the tree. "You cannot swing on them". "I am too old to swing on branches" said the boy. "My trunk is gone," said the tree. "You cannot climb". "I am too tired to climb", said the boy. "I am sorry" sighed the tree. "I wish that I could give you something...but I have nothing left. I am just an old stump. I am sorry." "I don't need very much now" said the boy, "just a quiet place to sit and rest. I am very tired." "Well" said the tree, straightening herself up as much as she could, "an old stump is good for sitting and resting. Come boy, sit down and rest".

And the tree was once again "happy".

At The Chorus of The Keys, there are many individuals who continually give of themselves. We are so fortunate to have these unselfish souls to nurture our effort. Because the list is numerous, we would do best NOT to exclude any of the heroes that contribute consistently.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

12-15 Mike Worthley
12-17 Gene Gnuse
12-17 Chad Shreffler

And Spouse

12-19 Carol Gape, Ray
12-21 Ann Gape, Ray S.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12-11 Brian & Sally Clark, with apology
12-16 David & Lorna Fischer
12-18 Richard & Lola Lambert
12-21 Warren & Donna Worthley

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We simply say, "THANK YOU".

But we are especially blessed to have some VERY special men, worthy of an extra word. Our director Don Clause. The long hours he labors late at night, behind the computer keyboard. The co-ordination. The passion. The persistence. The planning and the delivery of a world class musical program. He is a 365 day a year Giver. A heartfelt thank you is in order, especially at this time of the year. And the "work horse" effort our president Tom Hankins has given over the past two years. Tom has gone the extra mile at every juncture. Tom, we truly thank you.

Chorus of The Keys, let's end 2009 with a spirit of thanks and the spirit of giving. Let's work TOGETHER in the coming year and be **"Happy Together"... Merry Christmas!**

Coacher & GGG

3 PERFORMANCES— 2 DATES

The following dates have been confirmed. Please mark your calendars.

Sun. Dec. 20: 2:00 & 7:00 Pm, Glenridge
Christmas Shows

2010

Sun. Feb. 21: 5:00 PM Church of the Redeemer,
Sarasota

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Sunshine News

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

It is difficult to have rosy thoughts about the future when your mind is full of blues about the past.

Dusty Stoll, Ray: doing better, they plan to come down after Christmas.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.

Sunshine Chair— Ed Manville **941-346-8219**

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DIRECTONS TO GLENRIDGE

From I-75 take exit #205, Clark Rd. west to Honore (be in the left lane) turn left onto Honore. At the second traffic signal, turn left onto Palmer Ranch Parkway. Turn left at first opportunity. Turn right at the first opportunity for the better parking.

UNIFORM

We will wear the same as we wore in the last Christmas Show.

Formal Pleated White Shirt

Red Sequin Bow Tie

Red Sequin Vest

Black Tux Pants

Black Sox

Black Shiny Shoes

CHRISTMAS SHOW TICKETS

Joe Nanfито has tickets for our two Christmas Shows at Glenridge on Sunday December 20. Please step up, take some tickets and either buy them or sell them. On Tuesday, December 15, please return unsold tickets to Joe and give him a check or cash for the tickets you bought or sold. Thank you, Joe

SARASOTA CHORUS SPRING SHOW

Saturday, March 6th & Sunday, March 7th, 2010 at the brand new Riverview Performing Arts Center. The Center is on Proctor Rd. at the corner of Lords Ave. (south of Bee Ridge Rd & east of US 41, the trail). We will likely be the first Community group to perform at this venue.

Saturday Matinee is at 2 pm,

Saturday Evening Show is at 7 pm.

Sunday Matinee is at 2 pm.

Prices are \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25, and \$20.

Ticket Chairman is Joe Nanfито, 941-484-7589.