

# Sandpiper Informal News Gazette

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## Greetings Sandpipers!

Hello Sandpipers and possible guests peeping in! I trust you have or are having an enjoyable summer! Time flies doesn't it since my last bulletin May 18th? Anyway, here we go again, I will ramble on and spit out the summer news as it comes into my head. First though, I have to report a very sad loss to our chorus and the Barbershop world at large...



**Frank Chlad** sadly passed away on June 5<sup>th</sup>, ~ just a day after he was singing into the late hour with his buddies at the close down party of the old 'Roaring Twenties' venue in Ellenton. What a guy! To find out what this incredible man did throughout his life, check any number of websites (simply 'google' his name) to see just how amazing he was and what contributions he made to the Barbershop cause. The Sunshine District website is a good start at: [www.sunshinedistrict.org/about/news](http://www.sunshinedistrict.org/about/news). A celebration of Life was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Sarasota for Frank, to a packed house, in which many Sarasota Keys Chorus members and others sang gloriously. We will miss him, his voice, and especially his witticisms!



### **Glen Moon – Chorus Director and the 'Summer Gang'**

Glen has kept us summer locals singing along these last 3 months, ~ thanks for the time and fun so far, Glen! We are about to embark on our final summer session August 12<sup>th</sup>. In July Glen came up with the idea of 'Specialists'. Each person was assigned to one song/part for one of the 2011 show songs. The idea is to learn it in great detail so as to be the 'teacher' and helper for that song for his section. It is in its infancy, but the nice thing is everybody can 'have-a-go' and I believe can make them feel they can contribute and besides, it is a novel and fun way of learning too.

During our summer sessions, we (sometimes up to 12 of us) have worked mainly on 'Rag Time Cowboy Joe', and paid close attention to the 'standard' songs like Polecats, to sing them "correctly". It sure has produced a better sound, even with the small number of us! We are seeing, hearing and believing the difference!

**Note:** Glen has just given us his new 'cool' email address:

[MRBARBERSHOP@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:MRBARBERSHOP@HOTMAIL.COM). He can also be contacted at: 941-753-5609.



**Phil Wilding** – Bass (The ‘Hugger’ Man) again in the news, what can I say? This time he fell and broke his pelvis on June 24<sup>th</sup>. I guess he celebrated a little bit too much after he received that 50 year Barbershopper award! We shall get to the truth Phil! ☺ Seriously though, I understand he is recovering well in rehab and we hope to see him back in the flock soon.



**2011 Show!** – A newly formed quartet by the name of *FLASHBACK* has been secured to sing in our show on March 19<sup>th</sup> next year. Check out their website [www.Flashbackqt.com](http://www.Flashbackqt.com). The group include some notorious members we have seen perform before singing in prior quartets! Check them out here: Mark Schlinkert (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Bill Billings(far right), Harold Nantz and Bryan Hevel. Should be a cracker!



**New members /New Faces** – There should be a few new faces showing up this fall. One fellow I know of is Vern Fitzpatrick, husband of one of the Magic-of-Manatee Sweet Adelines, and who is already learning our songs! So, invite your buddies and neighbors too, let us target for a chorus of 40!



**Back to Regular Time** – Summer almost gone, storms a-comin’, YIKES! For those of you who will be down here, we start back the regular practice sessions at Water’s Edge on Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. For newcomers and viewers, this is located at 3132 21st Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205-4348. (941) 748-7797. Right-side gate entrance is set open for us, but if not, pull into the left side and tell the guard you sing with the Barbershoppers. Practice is held upstairs in the ‘Town Center’ building.



**Ta-Ta!** (\*Dictionary interpretation: ta-ta interjection. Brit., Informal goodbye.) I hope this got your attention! If you have any input, feedback or ideas to keep this content lively, please contact yours truly. Enjoy what is left of the Summer! See you soon and all y’all northern birds git’ back here before Thanksgiving! Cheers!  
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