

Sandpiper Informal News Gazette

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Greetings Sandpiper Barbershoppers!

Surprise surprise! We're back in action with some chorus news to keep you awake! I trust you northern folks are making the most of your time and weather, though not so nice in some parts! The surviving crew in Florida (about 17 of us) are enduring,... Well... We are sustaining the Florida weather! Darned dry of recent weeks!.... send us some rain!

This time news is being snail-mailed to you deliberately, with enclosed attachments that mainly pertain to the planned 2012 Annual Show, **"IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH"**!

FIRST news is:



2012 Show! - The board decided on having **2** shows! First a 'Preview' show, to be performed at the Harmony Hall in the Colony Cove in Ellenton, on Saturday March 10th. Next the REAL show will happen at the Neel Auditorium on Saturday March 17th, the exact day of the show title! Well now, what a marvellous stroke of luck that is, begorrah!!

We have tentatively got a great line-up of talent for our audiences!!



Odd Man Out – The main attraction quartet from the Big Orange chorus up in Jacksonville. They formed in 2010 and are competing in the State Championships. Check out their website at oddmanoutqt.com.



 **Best Of Times** – Out of Sarasota, ~ they sang at our Installation Banquet in January.



Remember? The same day our Phil turned 90!



 **Bowery Boys** –



with our director Glen Moon starring!

And ... **Sunday Tea** from the Sweet Adelines Magic Of Manatee Chorus!



2012 Show Preparation Information ~ so you all know what is going on!

Enclosed with this newsletter in the package you received are: ~

1. Audio CD from Act I of the previous “It’s A Great day For The Irish” show in 2001. This gives you a chance to listen how it was in 2001 and how it could be in 2012.
2. Copy of pages from the original 2001 show Program, so you can follow the songs on the CD. It may also give us possible sponsor ideas from the program advertisers!
3. Copy of original BHS script “**It’s A Great day For The Irish**”, from which the 2001 show version was taken. The plan is to adapt this same script to suit our 2012 show, and hopefully slip in some songs from the quartet talent above. The idea is that the whole show will be an Irish affair and backdrop, and therefore we may all be dressed accordingly! Fun eh? Oh, and it seems Denny may be the leprechaun, lads!
4. Meeting Schedule through October 2011, including rehearsal, show & board.
5. 2012 Show Committee Agenda for upcoming meeting on Thursday June 23rd. with Projected Show Costs sheet.



Glen Moon – Chorus Director and the 2011 'Summer Gang'

We are glad to report that Glen is recovering rapidly from his heart condition and has returned to his job, though flogging him too hard it sounds! He has returned to singing, little by little, and recently has returned to assist the chorus in our rehearsal sessions, after we had some help from Gia who coached us for 2 weeks.

What a difference it makes once Glen is there! The chorus has been diligently trying to learn some of the 6 'chorus' songs, and just when you 'think' you are close to knowing the melody and notes and some words, Glen demonstrates there is a lot more work to be done! Do not depend on that CD only guys! Follow the musical notes closely and practice, practice, practice!



Appeal!

This 2012 show can be a huge winner for the chorus and organization, in terms of barbershop singing success and financially. All of us are responsible for making it happen, and the appeal is for each of you to please subscribe to and volunteer and attend show committee meetings whenever you can, and/or provide active support of ideas and assist those involved in every aspect of producing the show. These include, but not limited to, the show script and song content, stage organizing & content, props, marketing, sponsors, advertising, and spreading the word out to everyone via materials and word of mouth.

It is planned to approach potential businesses for sponsorship, of not just the show, but maybe the individual quartets, the program, and so on. Pre-show marketing materials such as business cards and posters are in the design stage, so that by the fall we can flood the community with such, sing to them, and generate a whole lot of enthusiasm for the show!



Thank You!

If you have anything to say, please contact either myself or Glen at the following: ~

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And its goodnight from us at Joey D's! ☺ Cheers!