

Sandpiper **I**nformal **N**ews

Gazette

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Greetings Sandpipers!

Communication! That is what we aspire to, and we sure have not heard much since our 'PEEP' sheets stopped running this year. I (Bruce Witton - Bass) am here now, with Brian Lewis on the website side, and our director (see below), to try to revive chorus communication since our Annual Show on March 27th. A lot has happened since and we would like to catch you all up..... ~ so here goes! People news first.

Jerry Ammons - our illustrious chorus director these past 2 years, gave his notice of resignation following the best show yet. His reasons were of a personal nature. We will miss him and owe him a lot for holding the chorus together and working so hard to accomplish our recent show and singout successes and hope he will return to at least sing with us once again soon. Thank you so very much Jerry!



Glen Moon - is our 'rapid replacement' chorus director. Glen started

Barbershopping in 1969 singing tenor in a quartet with his dad singing Bass, in a 20 man chorus. They sang as a quartet that first chapter show and Glen has been in a quartet ever since. He has sung Tenor, Bari, and Lead in contest and show quartets. Glen says, "Just get 3 other guys to sing and go for it, it is a great feeling to blend voices and become a quartet that takes on a personality of its own". Glen says, "Chorus is where you learn and grow for the fun of trying it on your own in a quartet. Chorus is where we meet other guys who like to sing, support each other, entertain ourselves and others with God's gift of music and share our talents". His current Quartet is "The Bowery Boys" (941) 720 9734 (Jim). They sang, for those who were there, in our last show and were very entertaining!

Thank you Glen for taking up the appointment so swiftly and eagerly! We are already enjoying his style and having a load of fun. Take note, Glen may have

already contacted you with regard to chorus schedules to keep us all informed of what to expect. Glen can be contacted at: glenmoon@hotmail.com 941-753-5609



Phil Wilding - Bass (The 'Hugger' Man) was recently presented with a

special engraved pitch pipe from BHS commemorating his 50 years as a barbershopper. Way to go Phil! Congratulations! For you guys who don't yet know him (and his singing), then please get on it and sing a quartet song with him!



Bruce Witton - Bass, was recently appointed to the Board as "VP -

Member At Large". He will assist with this letter and other yet to be announced duties! Hope he can 'deliver the goods' given his crazy work (yea - bad word huh?) schedule! Good luck! BumBa-BumBa-BumBa, Bubba-Ba-BumBa-Bumba-Bumba!

Show 2011 - Is set for March 19th next year. The venue I understand will still be back at the Neel Auditorium apparently. The theme and title of the show has yet to be determined. Someone (no names) mentioned to me that there are 28 regular practice days until then, ~ ha!



Music for the show - *You should have your CD part, if not contact

us asap. These are the songs (less standard Polecats) that we may be singing - some new, some old. Check updates from Glen.

Alexander's Rag Time Band
Basin Street Blues
Darkness On The Delta
Muskrat Ramble
Rag Time Cowboy Joe
Tin Roof Blues
Waiting On The Robert E. Lee
Play A Simple Melody

Summer Break - Is from May 27th and start back on September 2nd at Water's Edge, every Thursday 7-9pm. We 10 or so Florida 'summer bird' residents however discussed keeping it going during the summer break, so Glen has come up with a schedule for us all to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7 to 9pm, which translates to June 10th, July 8th, and August 12th.

We may meet at Water's Edge and/or possibly at our local watering pizza hole Joey D's.



Future Singouts - We already have 3 lined up in December! We just

did our official last one on Mother's day at Colony Cove in Ellenton. Great success all round - they loved us and Phil only got 7 hugs!



Pitch Pipes - 4 members recently bought a Pocket Tones Chromatic F

(battery driven) Pitch Pipe at \$12.50 each through a bulk order Bruce made. It is small, handy and a great tool for learning. You can buy one or check it out at <http://www.justgottasing.com/> or call 866-746-4229 to order. Or contact Bruce for more details (bruce.witton@manateeclerk.com or 941-773-9804).



Website - A reminder that we do have our own website (that will also

contain this news), hosted and cared for by Brian Lewis. So check it out as often as you can, and don't miss out on any gossip!

Hope this filled you in some. Have a GREAT Summer! Keep on singing, learn & stay in touch!