



Bay Watch



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Words of Wisdom From Denise

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!

And in honor of our new year, we are rolling out a mini-membership drive. January is the month to invite all your "singing" guests. I have lots of FUN rehearsals planned and new music for you to learn.

The last official date for someone to join the chorus and be able to sing at contest is February 9th. We have about an eight-week delivery time on our beautiful costumes.

We are also going to be start a Gold Medal Taping Program beginning immediately. I will give you more details at chorus rehearsal. The gist is that you will be awarded a GOLD MEDAL if you pass your tape on the first try - the Gold Medal tape!! You will have ample opportunities to pass your tapes and given extra help if you want it or need it. The music team and I are committed to helping everyone in this process.

I look forward to a wonderful year with our chorus!

Denise

Profile of a Sweet Adeline

Getting to Know Martha Copp

Martha was selected to be the profile for this issue of Bay Watch. She joined us about three months ago as a tenor. She had joined Sweet Adeline's once before but for a very short time. She sings tenor and/or lead.

When asked how she happened to choose Gulf to Bay she said that she worked in Pasco County and lives in Pinellas, so she had 2 choices; she could go to rehearsal even if she was caught at work, but would have to drive more than an hour after rehearsal, or drive the hour, be closer to home or leave work promptly to be at rehearsal. She was sitting in the parking lot of the high school, where Suncoast Harmony rehearse, waiting for rehearsal time, when she decided that she would rather "check out" Sweet Adelines closer to home, than wait at the high school parking lot, during a time that I could be driving south, rehearsing. She decided that if it didn't work out, she could always "rethink" and visit them the following week. She never "checked: out the other chorus.

Her favorite song is whatever she is singing at the moment, said she has learned to love and enjoy things, that she could hardly tolerate the first time she heard them.

She played a flute as and undergraduate, then changed to audiology in graduate school, so she could "enjoy" music.

Martha was born in St Petersburg and has lived there all her life. She met her husband in band in junior high but they didn't start dating till their early college days. They got married while finishing college and have been married 30 years now. They have one son, who went into the USMC out of high school, served four years and now lives in St. Petersburg, also. He is presently attending college there.

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Don't forget to wear your *name badge*. You may know who you are but our new members don't.



The Prez Sez

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed our two weeks off. We ended 2009 with very good feedback from our Holiday Sing Outs and a great Christmas party at Beth's house. We have so many good things happening for 2010. We are starting with a mini membership campaign. Let's get the word out that singing with Gulf to Bay is a wonderful way to spend your Tuesday evenings. We have a great contest set to work with and retreat is just two months away so we want to get these songs nailed for notes and words so that at retreat we are getting them polished to knock the socks off Region 9. April 17th sounds far away but you know that old saying "Time flies when you're having fun" so it will be here before we know it. In between everything else going on don't forget Regional is January 15th-17th and this should be a weekend filled with wonderful learning experiences. In harmony.

Connie



A Sad Goodbye to Pat

After many years of singing and faithful service to the chorus, Pat Hansen decided it was time to retire from the chorus. Pat has always been ready to help anywhere it was needed, especially helping with refreshments, worked at the Youth Workshops and many times Dick would be there helping, also.

We will miss seeing Pat's smiling face on the risers.

Carol says.....

Now that the holidays are over and things are getting back to "normal" (not sure what normal really is), I am going to try to get a Bay Watch knocked out.

I contracted a bad virus and had to have my computer formatted. Then we had to start putting back all the programs, that I use for the newsletters and the website. I didn't realize how many different programs, that I used, without even thinking about the it, like resizing pictures, putting pages together, etc. Then we were into the holidays and with decorating, baking and Windsong gigs, I just couldn't get everything done and work on the chorus things.

Hopfully, 2010 will go better than 2009, computer wise. Between having to rebuild the website, when they made a big change, and then doing the updating, that Denise wanted, and then the virus, I was about to start pulling my hair out.

The last couple of weeks have been nice to relax and get ready to start really working on the competition songs. Don't you love the new one "Goody Goody"? It should be a fun one to do. I think we will have a good package for competition, one that we will enjoy singing.

Late Arrivals

Sorry



If you arrive late for rehearsal - please sneak in! Save talking and business for after rehearsal (or before if you can get there earlier). Please respect our chorus rehearsal time each week and give 100% of our attention to what's happening up front.

Youth Workshop



November 18, 2009

Hi Everyone,

Just a note to thank you for your contributions to the workshop. Sometimes it seems we are just milling and enjoying, but be assured that everyone of you contribute to our presence and the spirit of the event. Also we act as chaperones - there were fifteen of us for 227 students, that's about 1/15 which is a good ratio.

All seemed to flow very smoothly. Special thanks to Harriett and Dale for all the advanced prep for lunch. That's at the very least a full additional day of coupon searching, shopping and delivering a day prior to the event.

Thanks also to the pizza runners: Susie, Paula, and Dale, along with Carol who returned the warming bags.

And finally, our devoted name tag maker, Beth, who spent a solid weekend getting the student and guest name on those sticky pieces of paper. It's this kind of advance prep that makes check-in go so quickly and professionally.

One request - we were so fortunate to have this workshop covered by the St. Pete Times. Thank you Susie for escorting the reporter, Piper Castille and the photographer throughout the day. The Request - "the short article with many pictures" should appear in tomorrow's (THURSDAY'S) St. Petersburg Times, in the LARGO city section. If you live in Largo and can get an extra copy of two from your neighbors, I would like to have enough to send to all the teachers and also to use for our various grants. So even though workshop day is over, we still have significant follow-up work to complete. >

Congratulations!!!

to our
New Members



Susie Courtice, lead
Theresa Presley, lead
Melinda Swindle, lead



QUARTET



WORKSHOP

The Region #9 Education Team and RMT have planned a Quartet Workshop for June 11-13, 2010. This

workshop is targeted to quartets and those who want to be in a quartet. Our fabulous International Faculty is Darlene Rogers -- click here for her bio:

<http://www.texasharmony.org/director.htm>.

We would like your input to help us plan a fun and productive event. Please help by taking a few minutes to complete a short

Thanks to each and everyone of you for your "always availability and dependability". This wouldn't have happened if it weren't for your caring for our barbershoppers and Sweet Adelines of the future.

Let's do it again next year!

Hari

Martha Copp continued

Martha has worked as an Audiologist ever since her graduation and is presently working in a New Port Richey VA outpatient clinic.

When asked about hobbies and personal activities she said she is active in her church, sailing recumbent cycling, travel, her wheaten terrier, choral music and hand bells. Sounds like that should keep her pretty busy.

If she could have a two month, all expense paid vacation, she would like to go on an old fashioned family vacation, visiting friends and family along the way, seeing whatever "they" wanted to see or show her.

Her most memorable experience in life was "freezing", while playing hand bells on the Great Wall.

Her favorite era would be in the future. She would love to go into the future 100 years cause she thinks it all comes around.

If she could invite anyone in the world to dinner, she thought she would love to have any of the "presidents", she would love to talk about hopes/dreams, what they thought it would be and how that compared to how history will tell it.

She thinks the worst invention of mankind would be "fast food" in general. She eats it but hates herself for doing it.

Welcome to Gulf to Bay Martha!!

November 18, 2009

Hi Everyone,

Gulf to Bay was well represented in our community today!



Event #1:

From 9:00 this morning till 3:00 PM this afternoon, Windsong brought barbershop harmony to three Pinellas County Schools (Dunedin High, Countryside High, and Oak Grove Middle). Their presentation included International's Young Women in Harmony Production, and excerpt from Harmony Explosion camp, and the teaching of three tags: Mickey Mouse, Happy Trails, and Run to the City of Refuge. Quote from Judy, "Wednesday Nov 18th Windsong went to the three schools and did the Teach In. It went very very well. We had a good time and the students did too."

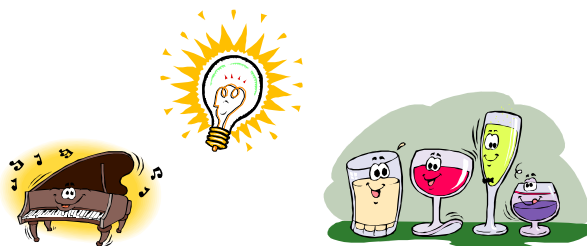
And from Melissa Bumbach at Oak Grove, "Thank you so much for arranging this! What a sweet, lovely group of ladies! My classes really enjoyed them."

Thanks to Judy, Paula, Carol and Myrna for putting together a very well received program. Your extremely long day is very much appreciated by all of us.

Event #2:

The Celebrations of the Arts was a lovely reception and an excellent opportunity to meet fellow non-profit colleagues, along with city officials that help direct funds to the arts. A lot of collaborative ideas were tossed about, as we enjoyed beautiful tenderloin morsels, pastry puffs, and goat cheese shells on the outdoor mezzanine balcony of the Vinoy. Grant recipients also received a recognition certificate, which Lisa is going to put in a frame to display at our show. Thanks to Lisa, Connie, Beth, Susie and myself for attending and hobnobbing with the movers and shakers.

Hari



Start thinking Competition

It is going to be time to register and get your roommates lined up for competition before you know it. We already got our first communication, which I forwarded to Mary Lou.

So....since this is her first year doing this PLEASE be ready with your info and help her as much as you can.



Bounce

Insect Repellent



The US Postal service sent out a message to all letter carriers to put a sheet of Bounce in their uniform pockets to keep yellow-jackets away.

I use it when I am working outside. It really works. The insects just veer around you.

All this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer!

1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.
2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
3. **It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.**
4. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.
6. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.
8. To freshen the air in your home - Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
9. Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.
10. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
11. To freshen the air in your car - Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
12. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.
13. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
14. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
15. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
16. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
17. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.
18. Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. It will keep them smelling fresh.
19. Wet a Bounce sheet, hose down your car, and wipe love bugs off easily with the wet Bounce.



COMING EVENTS



Jan 14-17, 2010 -

Winter Regional - Faculty: The Buzz
Place: Orlando Marriot - Lake Mary,
Florida

February 14, 2010 - Board Meeting
at Iris Gantz's house - 7:00 PM

March 5-6, 2010 - Fri - Sat - Retreat
at DaySprings Episcopal Conference
Center, Ellerton, FL. Toll free: 1 888-
314-5744. Finish by 4:00 PM.

April 15 -18, 2010 District Competition at
Daytona Beach at Peabody Auditorium.
Hilton Daytona Beach Resort, 100 N.
Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL.
Daytona Beach, Florida 32118
(386) 254-8200

Rehearsal Address Site:

Crossroads Christian Church
1645 Seminole Blvd.
Largo



Turn east on 16th St, it is between the church and
a Gas station. Parking is in back and on the side of
the church.

Practice is in the new sanctuary. We practice
every Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM till 9:30 PM



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of each month.**

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mistakes to see if you are
reading the publication. If you find
any please mark with a red pen
and file in the circular file.

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additions:

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NO EXCUSES

In South Louisiana, there came a big flood. It
put Mrs. Boudreaux and Mrs. Thibodeaux up on
top of the roof of the house. Mrs. Boudreaux
looked down and notice this baseball cap floating
on top of the water. It would float down to the
edge of the property and then float back again,
and then float back and forth up and down.

Curiosity got the best of her, and she asked.
"Mrs. Thibodeaux, do you see that baseball cap
floating back and forth from the house to the edge
of your property and then back again?"

Mrs. Thibodeaux replied back, "Oh that's Jack,
I told him he was going to mow the yard today,
come fire or high water!"

CHECKOUT

A woman rushed into the supermarket to pick
up a few items. She headed for the express line
where the clerk was talking on the phone with
his back turned to her.

"Excuse me," she said, "I'm in a hurry. Could
you check me out please?"

The clerk turned, stared at her for a second,
looked her up and down, smiled and said, "Not
bad."



January Birthdays

Jan 2...Iris Gantz

Jan 20...Anna Brown

Jan 25...Linda Gundel

Due to computer problems I missed
December Birthdays :

Dec 10...Paula Bouseman

Dec 17...Harriett Swartzmiller

Dec 24...Linda Brien

