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HOT STUFF!

- **FROM YOUR BOOKING CZAR: Singouts: Jan. 31, 2009** - Kiwanis Show (New Smyrna Beach). We need EVERYONE. Thanks, Myron
- **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:** The time has come! We're almost there! But are we ready? Thanks to all who attended the extra rehearsal on Saturday. Please keep preparing on your own and let's be ready for our Tuesday night rehearsal. There are mainly "only" three things to nail down for the show **WORDS, NOTES and PERFORMANCE!** When we do these three things to the best of our individual abilities then the Kiwanis show next Saturday will be a big success. **Please keep plugging for the Singing Valentines.** We really need a giant response this year. Starting on February 16th we will have a little breathing room but not much. Our focus must then turn to our Spring Show. More will be said about this at the meeting! For the good of the Chapter:
 1. **Costumes** - I am asking each of you to check over all your chorus costumes. If you find that you may have accumulated extra pieces and parts, such as ties, cummerbunds, shirts, etc., why not turn them back in to the chapter so that we can recycle them. It is also my hope to request the same from our inactive and former members. We now have the storage room to gather additional items. Bring the extras to Walt.
 2. **Music** – Let's do the same for all the music that we have collected. You only need one copy (if you remember to bring it to rehearsal). Bring the extra copies to Karl. I realize that this is not a new idea and that it has been attempted in the past. Let's just give it another try. Three additional, equally important items to remember - **TICKETS, PROGRAM ADS, NEW MEMBERS!** Thanks, Bill
- **FROM OUR DIRECTOR: It's SHOWTIME guys!!!!** I am trying to get off the paper for my songs. I hope you have done the same. Thanks, for coming last Saturday. That says a lot to me as your Director and how we all want our chorus to grow and also to do a good job this Saturday. **Tonight, we are going to run the whole show.** Please be ready to go and let's be attentive and work hard on our singing and our faces in selling the song. We have a good first half package to really set our chorus in the right direction. **Let's be in performance mode beginning right at 6:30 p.m.** Saturday, we will again run the first half of the show as a final dress beginning as soon after 5 p.m. as we can. **Call time is 5:00** and after getting the props and risers up we will go with the first half in total. Then we can rehearse with the ladies for the combined number and then they can have the stage to rehearse their songs. **Please be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there with the right attire.** Thanks, Art
- **FROM YOUR MUSIC & PERFORMANCE V.P.:** Hi Gang. Last rehearsal before the Kiwanis Show...Couple of reminders:
 1. Do you know your music "cold"? Every note, every word?

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2. Are you prepared to **PERFORM** for your audience? This isn't Art's audience, it's **YOURS**. Mostly, all they will see is the Director's back, so **YOU** have to deliver the emotion. You have to convince everyone in that house that you are having a great time, and that this is a "hobby" that's really fun to participate in.
 3. Moving in "your" space, and still watching the Director is not difficult. The time to be intently aware of the Director is when he wants you to Start (called an attack), and when he wants you cease singing, at the same instant, (called a release). There are a few other nuances like softening or getting louder, which we already know he wants beforehand, as we do those things at rehearsals. Nevertheless, there should always be some kind of expression on your face except NONE. **Sell the Story, Sell the Story, and Sell the Story.** Can't say that enough gentlemen.
 4. **Get your costumes ready before Saturday afternoon.** Anyone having more than one red hanky at home, please turn it in Tuesday. Check, you may be surprised. Highly polished Black shoes for the second half. Look Good.
 5. We will have a good audience, as there is a Big Spaghetti Dinner going on in the cafeteria preceding our show, and they are really promoting the show.
 6. Thanks, for your hard work. **Bob**, Your Music V.P.
- **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be **February 3rd** in the D.S.C. Choral room. We will begin at **5:30 P.M.** Have something for the Agenda? See a Board member. All members are invited to attend Board meetings. Agendas, minutes and other reports are available in the Members Only section of Chapter web site: <http://www.surfsidechorus.org>.

[DEADLINE is Monday BEFORE 6 PM for this sheet. Call or email Christopher FUN-290-3452.]