



# President Elect Message



Bill Hutchins

Great to be back singing! We not only welcome Mike Slamka as the fabulous new director, but we are happy to welcome FGCU voice major, Jackson Rine, as assistant director. This powerful new team will take us to a new level of music performance.

The Welcome Back Paradise Coastmen BBQ was a big hit as 35 members of our barbershop family got to share fellowship, food, and fun tags. Thanks to Judy in the kitchen and brother Bob on the grill. It was a pleasure to talk to Mike and Traci (pictured) and discuss the bright future ahead as we come out of hibernation. We had a wonderful tree lighting at Kensington. Don't forget to tell your friends to visit! Pics from the BBQ - below

Cheers!



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# The Marketing & Program Guy



Things are going along swimmingly for the Naples/Ft. Myers Chapter and its Paradise Coastmen Chorus.

We have hired a gold medal director and a talented music major from FGCU as our assistant director.

Gray Poehler

We have decided to go forward with our Sing for Salvation project to benefit the area needy, and our 2022 spring show is just a few months away. Mike Slamka is excited about the prospect of recruiting new members from local colleges and says the Society's AIC has a fund that will pay the expenses for one of their quartets to come and put on a workshop for music students at FGCU and Ave Maria.

More about this in the next newsletter.

Again, I remind you that our spring show is just around the corner and it is critical we make the effort to get off the paper so Mike can fine tune the finished product. Also, it's critical we begin now to make contact with our patrons and advertisers.

## Happy Days are indeed here again!



# Kensington CC Tree Lighting





Curt Wood

We have a new prezzie named Bill  
To lead a new tag he would kill  
When Tony steps down  
And Bill wears the crown  
Filling these shoes Bill surely will

Don Evans



56+ yr. BHS member  
2008-2020  
Paradise member  
Passed away  
April 17, 2021

## Why Does Jerry Wear A Mask?

I am 85 years old, which puts me into an age group that is very vulnerable to serious effects of the virus. For my age group, the motto should be.

A tisket a tasket  
Wear a Mask or  
a Casket.



Jerry Vetowich  
maybe

Each member of the chapter has a duty to be responsible and to avoid, as much as possible, high risk environments & behavior.

Please do not be the person who becomes infected and ruins our season.



# From the Peanut Gallery

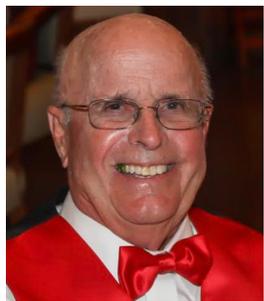
It was sad. It was sad.

It was sad when the great ship went down.

To the bottom of the....

Husbands and wives, little children lost their lives.

It was sad when the great ship went down.



Larry Leonard  
Vice President  
Peanuts

I rather enjoy singing that jolly ditty. I don't know exactly why, but I do. Perhaps it's because I had no friends on the Titanic. Or did I? I asked my behavioral advisor, high school roommate Mahatma Gandhi, who suggested I should probably seek immediate psychiatric attention. Gandhi also said:

"Speed is irrelevant when you are going in the wrong direction."

I don't know why I'm scribbling this stuff, but it does allow me to segue to the real reason I am writing. I would like to inform you

that the Peanut Gallery will be closing shop this month. It's been fun; I have enjoyed it. What began as a two to three month endeavor turned into a three year stint. I'm bailing, no parachute! That's not to say that the Gallery cannot reopen. It certainly can and should; there are no locks on the door; I encourage anyone or all to throw down your thoughts and pass them along to the Great Jerry V. for

Work on your words and music. Focus on the Director.

Keep smiling and have fun.

My best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Holiday Season and much success for 2022. Thanks for listening!