

Rehearsal on March 24

I am so glad that you guys put the work in on Happy Days Are Here Again at your sectionals during last week's rehearsal.

I THANK YOU FOR THAT!

As you are listening to that pitch, what are you thinking of?

What is my SPACE ?

What is my PLACEMENT ?

What are my NOTES ?

What are my VOWELS ?

What are my WORD SOUNDS ?



Mike Slawka



President's Message

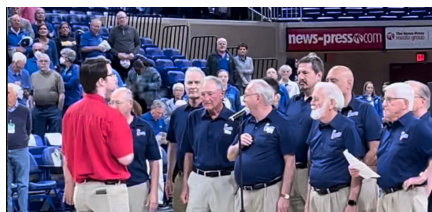
This has been an extremely gratifying time for the Paradise Coastmen. For me, since we are a musical organization, the quality of our singing is improving dramatically. We had a chance to put it on display in a lot of places. We did sing for the Salvation Army fundraiser, the Lions Club, FGCU basketball games and retirement homes. Singing Valentines were fun. Congrats to Jerry Vetowich for becoming Barbershopper of the Year.

We're welcoming members, both new and old.

This has been an extremely gratifying time.



Bill Hutchins



**April
2022**





BOTY

2021 Barbershopper of the Year

I'm honored to announce Jerry Vetowich is the Paradise Coastmen 2021 Barbershopper of the Year. There could not be a more deserving individual. He has been an outstanding Chapter Secretary for the past 4 years. It's impossible to underestimate the work he did during the pandemic, with ZOOM and video organization, to keep the chapter going. He does an enormous amount of work with Groupanizer, web site development, and all the social media and computer details. He handles all the paperwork for the Society, for our insurance, and for the sing-outs and spring show. Oh, did I mention he's a great dedicated baritone? He also answers the phone, which is such an important attribute as there is always so much going on we need to talk about.

Well-deserved award!

Bill Hutchins

We are proud of you Jerry!



Previous BOTY

2020 none

2019 Richard Klym

2018 David Eastlake

2017 Larry Leonard

2014 Jim McKinnon

2013 Jack Felver

2012 Bob Rose

2011 Don Kirkpatrick

2003 Phil Alden

& many others

Jerry is in
Good Company



2019 BOTY Richard Klym with previous winners



Mike Slamka
April 4



Gray Poehler
April 7



David Eastlake
April 7



Tim Murphy
April 15



David Dallman
April 21

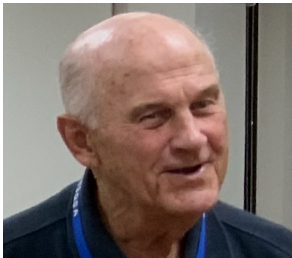


Larry Leonard
April 29





The Marketing & Program Guy



Gray Poehler

It's hard to believe the 2022 high season is almost over. In spite of the pandemic, 2022 has proven to be a good year. We have a new front line director in the person of Mike Slamka who is working wonders with our chorus. Rehearsals are on schedule and quite productive. As you are reading this, you have received notice of the revised performance repertoire, 2023 show songs, and proposed contest songs. Choir Genius has been updated

and the songs grouped accordingly. You will notice a few duplications among the various groups. You will also notice that the arrangement of **God Bless the USA** is a bit different than before, and the **Armed Forces Medley** includes a reference to the Coast Guard. Your primary emphasis should be to master the revised performance and 2023 spring show repertoire songs. Rehearsals will continue through the summer months and Snowbird members are encouraged to participate via ZOOM. I am excited with the direction our chapter and chorus is going and, I hope all our members will get on board and put in a little extra effort to come prepared to each rehearsal. On a personal note, I will miss Tony Caruso and wish for him continued good health and happiness.



We have many things to be proud of!





We Have Some Competition

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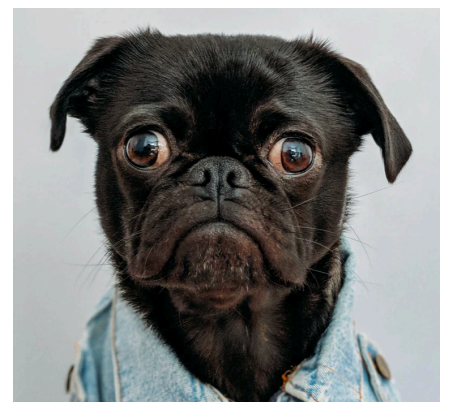
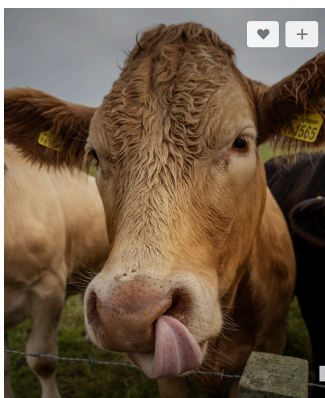
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and otherwise bring about the NON-EXISTENCE of SPEBSQSA that group of tenors, leads, baris & basses who sing each month.



April Fool





Saying Goodbye to Tony



Tony sings a great BARI part
When he sings out he wins your heart
He's leaving us now
We'll miss him and how
He made his song a work of art!

Curt Wood

Tony joined Paradise Coastmen in 2008 and has been a most valuable member for 14 years. He always had a smile.



2020 SHOW

Tony has been a great asset to the Baritone section. His voice and enthusiasm will be missed. I wish him the best, always.

Bob Davidson



*2022 Singing Valentine
Tony & Henry*

In my opinion, Tony Caruso is the **Mr. "JOE BARBERSHOPPER"** of our Paradise Coastmen Chorus! He carries the baritone part well, loves each and every chord, tries to be on time to rehearsals, accepts advice regarding tuning a chord, always lives on the bright side of facial presentation, which makes the audience happy, and is just an all-around good great guy! We are all gonna miss Tony!!!

Richard Klym

I first met Tony 14 years ago, when he joined the Paradise Coastmen Chorus. He joined with Brian Boag and Bill Ott. They all lived in a community in Bonita Springs. Brian was forming a quartet and asked me to join, as the Lead. Tony Caruso sang baritone and Bill Ott sang tenor. It was the start of our Chordial 4 quartet. Tony had a good baritone voice and loved to sing, especially in the quartet. We had some great times during those years with our quartet. We sang a lot of gigs, with the chorus and also by ourselves. His friendship was valued, as was his wife's, Mary Ann. I am sorry to see him go and will miss him. He was a dedicated member of the chorus and the chorus will miss him.

Jim McKinnon

Tony...A genuine human being...always a kind never-ending smile...thoughtful and decisive....a good friend to others...and a voice from heaven ! What a joy to know you ! Wherever life takes you, may our good God be with you...always.

*Sunshine to You!
John Kaspar*