



# 2023 BOTY - John Longfellow

Previous BOTY's welcoming John Longfellow



Jerry, Gray, John, Jack, Richard, Jim, Bill, Larry

Barbershopper Of The Year



There is NOT enough room on this page to list all of the many tasks that John does. He works & works some more to assist Paradise Coastmen to be the wonderful group that it is. WELL DONE & WELL DESERVED



## Joey Bonello - Rookie Of The Year

What a breath of fresh air this wonderful guy has been. His love of singing and joy of being with us is lifting all of our spirits.

May he have many years of the Joy Of Barbershop.



Previous ROTY welcoming Joey  
Jerry, Joey, Bob, John, David





# Installation Banquet - Invocation



Composed by  
Phil Adlen

Read by  
Larry Leonard

Dearly Beloved

We are gathered together this evening to join in holy union the members of the Naples/Ft. Myers Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society with several novices and a handful of masochists running for reelection to serve as their Board.

## Nominees:

Kindly consider carefully your answers to these questions:

- Do you, the newly elected officers, take this chapter to be your sole responsibility in 2023? Will you love, honor, cherish and promote it .... for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as your term requires?

If so. say "I DO"

## Members in the audience:

- Do you, members of the Naples/Ft. Myers Chapter, take these officers, to more or less, cherish, accepting good as well as poor decisions, in good times or in bad?
- Will you support them with adequate funds regardless of occasional suspicions of embezzlement .... so long as ye all can sing?

If so, say "I DO"

If there is anyone here who has reason to believe we should not join these officers and the chapter together, let him or her speak now and you will be immediately promoted to take charge of:

1. Membership
2. Fund raising
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3. Chairmanship of the Annual Spring Show

And now as this years' Lord High Installer,  
I do solemnly declare the 2023 officers  
of the Naples/Ft. Myers Chapter to be duly installed.  
Congratulations and best wishes for a great 2023.



Friday night was a special time for the Paradise Coastmen. Almost 40 friends, members and former members joined to celebrate the chapter's rich history and install the new Officers.

The moderator was Larry Leonard, a previous BOTY winner. Who used a script composed by Phil Alden, who was not available.

 <b>President</b> <b>Bill Hutchins</b>	<b>Paradise Coastmen</b> <b>2023 Board of Directors</b>	
 <b>Past President</b> <b>Tony Pasqua</b>	 <b>Treasurer</b> <b>John Longfellow</b>	 <b>Secretary</b> <b>Jerry Vetowich</b>
 <b>VP Music</b> <b>Fran Page</b>	 <b>VP Marketing &amp; Programs</b> <b>Gray Poehler</b>	 <b>VP Membership</b> <b>David Walker</b>
 <b>Jack Felver</b>	 <b>Henry D'Aloisio</b>	 <b>Tim Murphy</b>

Bob Davidson, the most recent Rookie of The Year, presented the 2023 ROTY award to Joey Bonelo. A great choice. He was delighted by the poster we surprised him with. Most recent Barbershopper of The Year, Jerry Vetowich, announced the 2023 BOTY, John Longfellow. Another great choice.

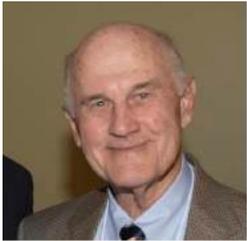


And we sang some songs,  
and then some more songs.





# The Marketing & Program Guy



Gray Poehler

It's February and we have already performed three times in this new year. There are five more performances booked through April and we have our big spring show March 10 & 11. In addition, we are scheduled to perform the National Anthem at FGCU and the Twins/Red Sox games. This is great exposure for our chorus. Your continued participation in these events is critical to their success.

So, mark your calendars and try to schedule other commitments around them.

From a program standpoint, we are also quite busy with Singing Valentines and our annual Office Installation Banquet. Our new director, David Lindsay, has hit the ground running, calling for section rehearsals and quartet try-outs for the upcoming spring show.

Speaking of which, the music team will be distributing new music selections for 2024 following the spring show.

The music is already up on Choir Genius and Music VP, Fran Page, can produce both CD's and flash drives you can use while driving.

Please let Fran know if you want one.



**Sing so that the deaf can hear you.  
Say it with your face.**

**Mike's dad Jack Slamka (who won the Gold with Mike in Power Play in 2002) was a long time BB chorus director.**

**He would always say  
"Sing so the deaf can hear you."  
When you think that communication is  
70% verbal that makes sense.**

**They watch you and can see what you are  
communicating by animating and having  
good expression**

*Happy  
Birthday!*

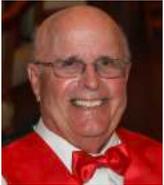


**Richard Klym  
Feb 12**



Hopefully  
on pitch

Larry Leonard



## FROM THE MIDDLE LANE

It was good to see—and hear—the Paradise Coastmen recently at Moorings Park. The chorus and quartets looked good, sang well, and performed in splendid fashion. Dancing, well, not so much! But that's okay; if we wanted dancing, we would just click on Fred Astaire! Now comes the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Show with guest quartets which will add a layer of pizzazz to the proceedings. It will be great fun, I'm sure. Exuding much bias, I thought the addition of several older gentlemen singing

*Keep the Whole World Singing was admirable.  
Can't keep those old buzzards away from a little four-part harmony!  
Wahoo!*

2002 Paradise Coastmen Annual Show  
*An Evening Of Irish Music  
at the Elks Club*



Submitted by Dick Percy