



An Occasional Newsletter

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~ Welcome Past Members!! ~

This editor crawled through our moldy email vault full of cobwebs and dug out the email addresses of past members and friends.

The *New* and *Improved* Guild, now with active ingredient VCG, has had a face lift and this newsletter and website are some of the results. We hope you will consider singing with us again!

If you no longer wish to receive these newsletters, drop us a line at [valdostachoralguild@gmail.com](mailto:valdostachoralguild@gmail.com) and our staff of flunkies will remove your name from the list. Thank you for your past participation and we hope to see you again! – Alfreda E. Newman, Editor in Chief



~ VCG Rehearsals Begin ~



On your mark, get set...

Our Singers, Patrons and Friends are our best recruiters for the Choral Guild.

We're always eager to welcome new singers at the beginning of our season together. So, talk it up with your singing friends at church, in the workplace, in the neighborhood – anywhere! Say a good word about VCG and invite them to come sing with us starting on Monday, August 22 at 7:30 PM in the First Baptist Church's choir room. It's not too early to begin planting some seeds of invitation! <from Grant>

Share the map with your singing friends and have them join us. <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=ll>  
"A" marks the spot.

At this time the music has not been announced.

Have a great summer and come back ready to work.

## ~ Patron Drive ~



Grant, our Fearless Leader, called this editor's attention to all of the influential people he saw in the audience this past concert. He requested that this item be put in the newsletter.

"It is likely that you saw them or know who they are. We know they like our music so remember them and get ready to approach them for a donation when our patron drive starts this coming October. Thank you."

## ~ Spotlight On ~ OR ~ In Search of... ~ ...antibiotic ointment!!!



This month our Spotlight is on the Big Game Hunter and Bass Section Leader, Norwood Simmons, In his spare time he hunts lions in deepest, darkest Africa!!!... "Would you believe..." He wrestles crocigators in the Everglades!!!... "How about..." vicious, man-eating Crappies with only his legs as bait?

Note the close-up view of his legs >>>

Norwood was out fishing with his son in their 4 wheeler. The 4 wheeler got stuck in the mud. Without recourse, "♪ They trudged thru the briars and they trudged thru the brambles and they trudged thru the bushes where a rabbit couldn't go ♪"



His son, being an obedient son, took off and left his father in the dust. Or rather hip deep in mud, misquotes and rattlesnakes. Alone without compass and with only a rusty fishing rod, Norwood beat his way thru the sticky mud and brambles. "Let's see, if I keep the sun over my right shoulder... or is it my left??? Uhh, my wedding ring is on my right hand, so..." Our hero, Captain Wrongway Peter Peachfuzz took the circuitous route to civilization.

I'm really proud of Norwood! "Oh come on!!" No really! I'm serious this time! After walking out of a bramble patch larger than the Northwest Territory, he and his son got the tractor to pull out the 4 wheeler and (could I make this up??!) the tractor got stuck so they had to go out and get a different tractor to pull the tractor and 4 wheeler out.

"Was he wearing long pants this time?" That's a good question. I have no idea. So they went back in with a second tractor and got the first tractor and 4 wheeler out. But that isn't the end of the story. His son dropped his keys and cell phone, so the next day they went *back in* to retrieve them. "And they all lived happily ever after. The End".

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## ~ VCG Christmas Concert Dates ~

The dates for the Christmas Concerts are set and on the calendar at First Baptist

Dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 10 time to be announced

Concerts will be performed.

Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 PM & Monday, December 12 at 7:30 PM

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Dates for the Spring 2012 Concerts will be confirmed and announced later this summer.

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## ~ All the, All the Outs in Free!! ~

Debbie Anderson, our Publicity Chair, said she is missing some yard signs. If you still have a yard sign, please bring it back with you to the August rehearsal. Thank you.

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## ~ Party Time! ~

We will have our Fall party on the evening of Saturday, October 1. Place and exact time will be announced later. For now, just reserve the date on your calendar for a great time!

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## ~ Membership Handbook ~

Our outstanding Membership Chair, Dick Uhlir, is working on a VCG Handbook that will list lots of helpful information regarding the Guild. Articles about dues, concert attire, rehearsal attendance, Guild history and so much more will be part of this document which will be available to you early next season. Thank you, Dick!

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## ~ Theater Guild Valdosta ~



There's a new tenant at Armadillo Acres – and she's wreaking havoc all over North Florida's most exclusive trailer park. When Pippi, the stripper on the run, comes between the Dr. Phil-loving, agoraphobic Jeannie and her tollbooth collector husband – the storms begin to brew.

Show dates: Aug. 4, 5, 6, 7\*, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2011

Evening performances start at 7:30 pm; Sunday matinee\* starts at 3pm.

All seats \$17.

For ticket information: <http://www.theatreguildvaldosta.com/ticketinfo.html>

NOTE: This play contains adult themes and language.

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## ~ European Tour for the Summer of 2013 ~

Please join Lynn Corbin, former Valdosta Choral Guild director, for a summer choir tour in 2013. In cooperation with Jennifer Franz-Melady, director of the Magnolia High School Choir (Mozart Requiem, 2008), a tour to either Italy or Austria is being planned.

The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$3500 for a 9 day tour that includes airfare, housing, some meals, some sightseeing, guide, and all ground transportation.

Lynn would like to know of your interest in order to proceed with repertoire selections and other issues.

The tour is being run by the same company that took some of the Guild to Australia in 2009. Expressing interest at this time does not commit you to the trip, but please be sure you are seriously interested. For more information, please contact Lynn Corbin by going to: <http://www.valdostachoralguild.org/europe-2013.html> and emailing her.

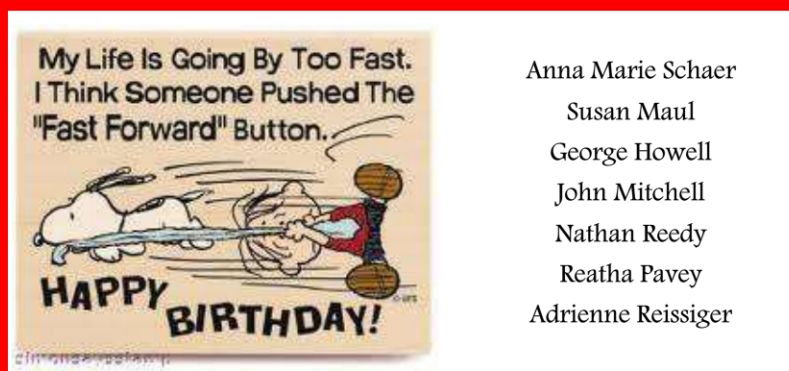
## ~ Lowndes' Lampoon ~

Do you have any news you want to share with Guild members? Do you have any news you *don't* want to share with Guild members? Send it anyway to [valdstachoralguild@gmail.com](mailto:valdstachoralguild@gmail.com). Get involved in the fun!

## ~ VCG Website ~

Have you checked out our website recently? It looks great, is up to date and has lots of helpful information. If you've been talking to potential singers about joining us, refer them to the website for complete information - [valdostachoralguild.org](http://valdostachoralguild.org). They'll be impressed! Thanks to Lynde and Bobbie Michelle for their work on the website!

## ~ HAPPY ~



Anna Marie Schaer  
Susan Maul  
George Howell  
John Mitchell  
Nathan Reedy  
Reatha Pavey  
Adrienne Reissiger

JULY

Birthdays

## ~ HAPPY ~