



An Occasional Newsletter

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~ May I Have the Envelope Please!!!! ~

Our judges have been extremely busy sorting through mailbags full of Christmas Carol Contest entries. Our own Kay Vincent broke two nails banging out each song for the judges on her toy piano.

(Drums roll in the background) Our third place winner is Mario Bartoletti for his *Christmas Carol*, a song he wrote for his college sweetheart who is now his lovely wife. It's a wonderful song Mario. I love the bass part. It has character. It would be nice if you can come and hear us perform it for you and Lili. I hope we do you proud!

Second place goes to... *(Drum roll ending in rim shot)* Peter Johns for *Come See The Mystery*.

And First Place, over about a gazillion entries <what a bonfire that's going to be!!> goes to *(Drum roll and cacophony of blaring out of tune trumpets)* for a moving lullaby, *Sleep Now*, by Peter Johns. How nice to have Joseph included in a song!!



~ Alfreda E. Newman, Editor in Chief

For the bios of these two talented gentlemen ►►► [Christmas Carol Competition Contest 2011](#)

~ Smile!!! You're on Candid Camera!!! ~

PICTURE TIME - On Monday night, November 14 at our regular rehearsal time we will meet in the Sanctuary to take a group photo for use in the newspaper, website etc. Please plan to wear (or bring and change into) your concert attire that evening. For men that means a black tux or suit and bow tie, white shirt, black shoes. Women, please wear or bring a long black dress or long sleeve black top and long pants. Consult your VCG Handbook for exact concert attire information. If you don't think you have appropriate concert attire, talk with your section leaders. That's what they get paid the big bucks for <NOT!>. We're family and we'll find something for you.

~ 🎵 **First Time for Everything... My Ears Still Ring!!!** 🎵 ~

A big THANK YOU goes to Nancy Burridge for her HOURS of work on our rehearsal CDs. She did a great job and it is much appreciated. Thanks also to Polly Diamond for recording the alto and soprano CDs and to Grant who did the bass and tenor CDs. <Ain't we got talent!> Keep listening and singing along! You can also go to our website to the "Music Links" page to hear the recorded music from the publishers.

~ Dress Rehearsal ~

Our special Dress Rehearsal for our Christmas Concerts will be on Saturday, December 10th from 10AM to 12 noon in the Sanctuary of First Baptist. Please do everything you possibly can to be in attendance at this VERY IMPORTANT REHEARSAL. In addition to all our music, we need to work on the processional and some other movements around the room so plan to be there, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th BY 10AM.



~ VCG *Christmas Joy* Concert Dates ~



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

Dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 10th from 10 AM until noon
Concerts will be performed.

Sunday, December 11th at 2:30 PM Singers Be IN THE **SANCTUARY** BY 1:30 PM

&

Monday, December 12th at 7:30 PM Singers IN THE **CHOIR ROOM** by 6:45 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

~ Low Country Social ~

This editor told you the last issue that she was going to our Low Country Boil that Jim Ingram graciously provided and, oh dear, was she glad she did!!! When she got out of the car, she was greeted by a couple of friendly horses.

There were wonderful treats and a buffalo dip that was dynamite and delicious. There were chances to sit at different tables to bond with different groups of people and a fun game to help us interact.

I'm not sure who thought of it, but cards were given out with instructions on the back and song titles on the front. People could ask yes or no questions or the person with the card could pantomime the song title. The person with the most cards won. Margie Vollenweider was the big winner. She got a cup with a musical motif and a key chain with music notes. Congrats Margie!

If Daniel Folsom is as good a photographer as he is a dip maker, you can expect pictures of the social on the website soon. This editor thinks she saw Princess walking around with a camera taking pictures. Make sure to get pictures to the editor. She will get them onto the website and will give you credit. You can hand deliver them to the good looking woman in the bass section, the one with the gap in her teeth <see picture above>.

This editor had never had low country boil. It was delish and she hopes she gets it next year. The pièce de résistance as far as this editor is concerned was the blueberry cobbler. You can email the recipe to valdostachoraguild@gmail.com. One of my staff of flunkies, namely me, checks it routinely.

~ Theater Guild Valdosta ~

A comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicolas Hope, and Jamie Wooten.



Show dates: Dec. 1, 2, 3*, 4, 8, 9, 10, 2011

Evening performances start at 7:30pm; Sunday matinee* starts at 3pm.
All seats \$13.

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

~ Austrian Tour for the Summer of 2013 ~

If you're interested in a fabulous musical trip through Austria, drop Lynn Corbin an email from our website. There is also the address of the travel agency there. They take installments on the package.

For information: <http://www.valdostachoralguild.org/europe-2013.html> for details and to contact Lynn.

~ Lowndes' Lamppoon ~

Please send news and announcements to valdstachoralguild@gmail.com. Get involved in the fun!

~ HAPPY ~



Happy Birthday to the following guys an ghouls:
Leah Bittner, Linda Pinkston and Daniel Folsom



October

Birthdays

~ HAPPY ~