



An Occasional Newsletter

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## ~ VCG Rehearsals in Full Swing ~

Well, we're back! A warm welcome to the new members!!! And to the Old Timers, here we go again!!

The Guild Board has grown. Cossondra continues as the alto section leader and Norwood continues with the basses. Anna Marie Schaer, a recent Spotlight On, takes the soprano baton from Paulette Butts who remains our Historian. John Akers, past President, is the new tenor section leader.

Daniel Folsom is our new Social Chairman, a position that has been vacant for quite some time. Nancy Burrige has agreed to be Financial Chair and coordinate the Patron Drive coming up in mid October. She takes a position that was held by Deland Guthrie. He left over the summer to create another singing group.

God Bless Nancy who has extensive audio recording equipment since she is "The Karaoke Lady" at the Elks Club. We have her to thank for recording the rehearsal CDs!

The rest of the Board are as follows: LaWanna Lennington, President; John Mitchell, VP; Bobbie Michelle Dixon, Secretary; Polly Diamond, Treasurer; Dick Uhler, Membership Chair; Debbie Anderson, Publicity Chair; Ann Embry, "Carlton your door man", Keeper of the Music and light flickerer extradinare; and last, and most definitely least, Alfreda E. Newman, Newsletter Editor and Vaudeville clown.



## ~ Patron Drive ~

Lynde Young, honors graduate of the Fine Arts program at VSU, is our webmaster. She is applying her artistic ability to the upcoming Patron Letter. Wait till you see it! This editor has seen a sneak preview and it is really classy!!! It is not just a form letter that this editor used when she was Financial Chair. We can really be proud of it.

Lynde is tying together, branding, the website, letterhead and Patron Letter so, once seen, it will be instantly recognize as being from Valdosta Choral Guild.

## ~ Spotlight On ~



Here is our lovely accompanist, Brittany Brown, laying down on the job again. Brittany was born in Evansville, Indiana on January 27. Her interest in music began early; school choir in 1st grade and piano lessons in 3rd. In high school she sang in Mixed Chorus, Concert Chorus and Jazz Ensemble. During her four years in choir, she was named Student Director and accompanied the choir on piano. Brittany also began voice lessons during that time.

Brittany was accepted into the Music Education program at Missouri Baptist University. During her time there, she sang in the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Shelter (a traveling women's ministry band), and worked in the Campus Ministry office.

Brittany began accompanying the church choir at King of Kings Lutheran Church. During the summer of 2009, she got engaged to Joshua Brown, and was married in January 2010.

They moved to Gainesville, FL for Joshua's internship. Brittany taught two year olds at Open Arms Child Development Center during this time.

Joshua got his call from Messiah Lutheran Church in Valdosta, Georgia on May 4, 2011 and they moved here shortly after.

In addition to being our accompanist, she is also an accompanist at VSU, teaches two year olds at Brookfield Academy, gives private piano and voice lessons and directs the choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. Let's all go over to Messiah Lutheran and sing with her <smile>.

She is on a two week leave to work on You're a Good Man Charlie Brown.

Do you think she's going to be playing Schroeder???



## ~ VCG Christmas Concert Dates ~



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

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!**

## ~ Spring Patriotic Concert ~

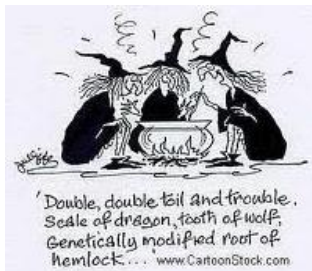
Dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 21, 2011. Time to be announced.  
Concerts at 2:30pm on Sunday, April 22 & 7:30pm on Monday, April 23



## ~ Stuff It!!!! ~

Please join Nancy and the board for a stuffing party. We will be stuffing and stamping the Patron Letters in the **First Baptist Church Music Library** on **October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**. The library is just off of our rehearsal room.

## ~ Double, Double Toil & Trouble ~



Thanks to Daniel Folsom's hard work and Jim Ingram's gracious offer, Jim is providing a "Low Country Boil". A low country boil is a Georgia / Carolina lowlands tradition. A typical recipe is shrimp and sausage with vegetables like potatoes and corn.

The boil will be in Jim's barn on the evening of Saturday, October 1 from 6 PM until 9 PM.

Enjoy food, spirits and laughter and get to know your other Choral Guild members. Bring a guitar and let's sing a little by the camp fire. This editor is planning on being there. How about you?

Jim Ingram lives at 5350 McMillan Rd Hahira, GA 31632 ►►► [Google Maps](#) [Link To Directions](#)

## ~ Theater Guild Valdosta ~

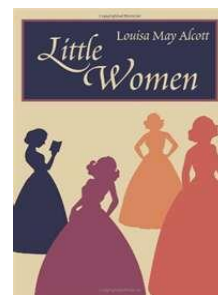
The timeless classic is brought to the stage by the Gingerbread Players of TGV.

Show dates: Oct. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 2011.

Ticket prices - \$7 for children 12 & under; \$9 for ages 13 & up.

The four March sisters and their mother, whom they call "Marmee", live in New England during the Civil War. Mr. March is a chaplain in the Union Army and rarely at home.

The March girls suffer because of the war and their poverty, but contrive to be happy by performing charitable services for neighbors, staging home theatricals, and attending parties. Theodore "Laurie" Laurence III, the grandson of Mr. Laurence, their wealthy next-door neighbor, makes their acquaintance and falls in love with Jo, the tomboy of the March family. Meg, the eldest, is a governess who wishes she were rich. Beth is Jo's pet; she is shy, quiet, and very musical. All she ever wants is to be at home. Amy is the youngest sister. She is a selfish, pretty little artist who often fights with Jo. At the end of *Little Women*, Meg is engaged to Laurie's tutor John Brooke; Beth has recovered from a terrible illness she contracted from helping a poor, starving family; Jo wants to write a great novel; and Amy is growing less selfish and more womanly every day. In addition, their father has come home from war.



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



## ~ More Than You Ever Wanted to Know Dept. ~

Jewish synagogues, or temples, have an eternal light burning as do Catholic and Episcopal Churches. The second holy temple, the one that Jesus preached in, also had an eternal light by the ark where the Ten Commandment tablets laid.

In the 2nd century BCE, a Jewish rebel army called the Maccabees took back the land of Judea from the Seleucid Empire. Because this Hellenistic or Greek like culture were idol worshipers, the temple had to be purified and the eternal lamp re-lit.

There was only sufficient lamp oil for one day but it lasted for 8 days. This is the miracle of Hanukkah <sometimes spelled Chanukah> also called The Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is celebrated by lighting a *Hanukiah*, a special kind of *Menorah* or candelabra that has one tall candle, the attendant, and eight candles at the same level lower down. Each day the attendant candle is lit and it is used to light first one then two then three until on the eighth day all eight candles are lit.

Can't you just see Mother Mary and Joseph each with an arm around their son Jesus while they teach him the prayers that had been said for hundreds of years then? The same prayers are sung with the exact same tune as Jesus sang it then!

In modern times a dreidel, a four sided spinning top, is played by children in a gambling game where foil wrapped pieces of chocolate in the shape of gold coins are used. In Jesus' time, dreidels were fashioned from clay. Today they are often made of wood or plastic. Perhaps one day the Guild will sing The Dreidel Song, "Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay. Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, a dreidel I will play..."



Small gifts are given to children, like Christmas presents, one on each day of the eight day holiday.

## ~ European Tour for the Summer of 2013 ~

Please join Lynn Corbin, Valdosta Choral Guild director emeritus, 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 Austria is being planned.

Check out our website at: <http://www.valdostachoralguild.org/europe-2013.html> for details.

## ~ Lowndes' Lampoon ~

Please send news and announcements to [valdstachoralguild@gmail.com](mailto:valdstachoralguild@gmail.com). Get involved in the fun!

~ HAPPY ~

September



Polly Diamond

Molly Stoltz

Birthdays

~ BIRTHDAY ~