

Dean's Message for November 2018

From the Dean

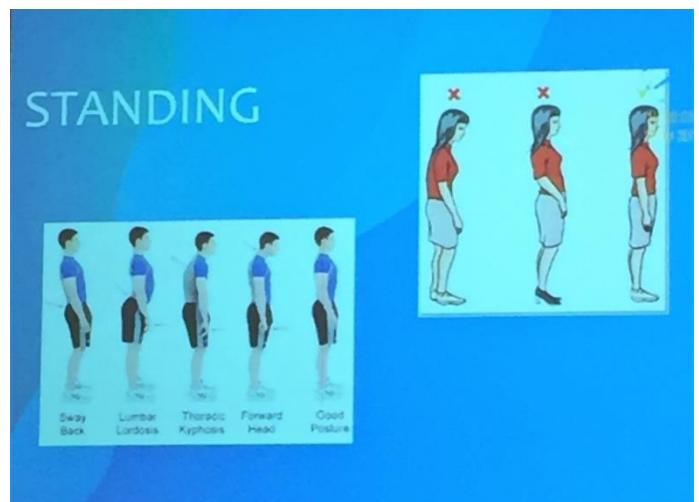
What a wonderful “Healthy Singing” workshop it was Saturday morning, October 27th at St. Boniface on Siesta Key! Approximately sixty-five of us enjoyed a morning of inspired ensemble singing under the stimulating leadership of clinician Andrew Walker. Director of Music at St. Michael’s Episcopal in Orlando and a well-known choral clinician, Andrew gifted us with a potpourri of technical, organizational, communicative and musical ideas.



Andrew Walker – Workshop Leader

Technique basics included: do’s and don’ts of posture, “rib” breathing, “holes” near the ears, and yes, alternatives to repetitive warmup exercises. It was enlightening to hear how we individuals came together in a short period of time to blend, balance and deliver a sacred message through sensitive singing.

A special thank you to Dr. James Guyer for organizing this clinic along with the rest of our Program Committee members: Jim Walton, Richard Benedum, Greg Chestnut and Jim Hawkinson. Thank you, also, to Janet Davis who accepted reservations and who, together with Linda Peterson, provided the mid-morning snacks.



The importance of posture

We will soon enter the busy Advent season with its multitude of musical events to participate in and/or to attend. Please save Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 PM to hear a choral concert by Sarasota Young Voices that our chapter is sponsoring along with Christ Church, Bradenton.



65 Singers strong

If you wish to get a head start for our social-trivia evening January 7th, consider the answers to these trivia questions; remember, you will not be allowed to use your smart phones to answer questions that night!

What is the German name for “chimney” flute?

How many editions of the Method of Organ Playing did Harold Gleason write?

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