



Notes and Measures

January 16, 2017

In Memoriam: Thomas “TomBob” Carr, 1924-2017

Our Chorus lost several good friends last year. As much as we had hoped that we wouldn't have to say goodbye to someone for a while in this New Year, life has decided otherwise.

We're sorry to inform everyone that a long-time member of the Chorus, Thomas “TomBob” Carr, passed away on January 4th at age 92. Tom was born in Long Beach, but his family became residents of Ventura; he graduated from Ventura High School and attended Ventura College before moving on to get Bachelor's and Master's degrees from UCLA. Tom had successful careers as a naval officer, a meteorologist, and a Federal civil service employee before retiring in 1980.

Tom had a great passion for music, having sung in his church choir for 40 years in addition to singing with GCCC. In addition to his love for music, Tom was involved with the Boy Scouts, both as a Scout and as adult leader, for more than 80 years; he attained the rank of Eagle Scout and received numerous leadership awards from the Boy Scouts of America. As you might guess, Tom really loved the outdoors, enjoying hiking, backpacking and camping.

Tom is survived by his son, daughter and daughter-in-law, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, Tom's family has requested that donations be made in his honor to the Ventura County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Gold Coast Concert Chorus offers its deepest sympathies to Tom's children, his family, and his friends at their loss.

Coming Up: Now That You Know How to Get Here...

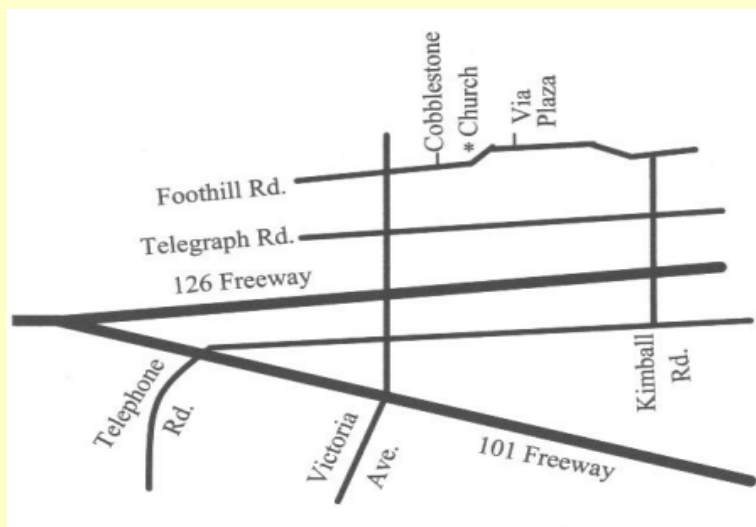
We're glad to see that everyone made it to Church of the Foothills for tonight's rehearsal. (If you happened to go to VACE first before getting here, we'll keep that our little secret.) We appreciate your help and understanding with this change of venue. Unfortunately, because of the schedule of the Ventura Unified School District, the folks who run VACE, we're going to have to ask you to join us here again a couple more times in the next few weeks! Here's what's going on.

For our rehearsals on **January 30th, February 13th, and February 20th**, we'll be meeting at Church of the Foothills, located at 6279 Foothill Road in Ventura; the zip code is 93003, for those of you who get everywhere using Google Maps or a similar website or app. For those of you who prefer written directions, here are directions to Church of the Foothills:

DOWNTOWN AND WEST VENTURA, OJAI & POINTS NORTH: Take U.S. 101 South to the Victoria Avenue exit. At the end of the ramp, make a left on to Valentine Road, then turn left at Victoria Avenue. Stay on Victoria (heading over Highway 126 and into the hills). After about 2 ½ miles, turn right at Foothill Road. The driveway for Church of the Foothills will be about a third of a mile up the road on your left (slow at Cobblestone Drive).

CONEJO VALLEY, CAMARILLO, OXNARD, AND POINTS SOUTH: Take U.S. 101 North to the Victoria Avenue exit. At the end of the ramp, turn right at Victoria Avenue. Stay on Victoria (heading over the 126 and into the hills). After about 2 ½ miles, turn right at Foothill Road. The driveway for Church of the Foothills will be about a third of a mile up the road on your left (slow at Cobblestone Drive).

EAST VENTURA, SANTA PAULA, FILLMORE, AND POINTS EAST: Take Highway 126 West to the Kimball Road exit. At the end of the ramp, turn left at Kimball Road. Stay on Kimball Road (heading past Telegraph and into the hills). After about 1 mile, turn left at Foothill Road. The driveway for Church of the Foothills will be about a mile up the road on your right (slow at Via Plaza).



Area map courtesy of Church of the Foothills

Rehearsal will still start at 7:00, but be sure to allow extra time for your trip, since it may take longer to get to the church than to VACE. Once again, thanks to all of you for making the extra effort to join us to rehearse in the next few weeks! If you have any questions, please talk to your section leader or a member of the Board.

It's A New Year – Resolve to Shop with a Smile

We've just wrapped up the holidays, which means many of us are now busy with our New Year's traditions - like putting away decorations, trying not to break our resolutions, and figuring out what to do with your gifts. If those gifts included Amazon.com gift cards, or if you're looking on Amazon for some things you wanted but didn't get for Christmas, consider supporting the Chorus with your purchases by "Shopping with a Smile"!

Here's how it works. If you shop on Amazon.com, and you **#StartWithaSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to GCCC. There are no special codes or passwords involved; all you have to do is register and use a special hyperlink - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0214637> - instead of the regular Amazon home page. When you do, you'll be supporting GCCC every time you shop.

Now we understand that half of one percent of every dollar someone makes in purchases may not sound like a lot of money. But those little amounts of money add up with every purchase, and the support that we receive with each purchase helps to pay for everything that we need to put on our concerts. Please share the Amazon Smile link with your friends and family members, and remember to go to smile.amazon.com every time you shop on Amazon! If you have any questions about Amazon Smile or need a little help getting started, please see a member of the Board.

That's it for this edition – see you next issue!

If you have news or information that you'd like to share in a future issue, please contact a member or the Board at rehearsal, or send an e-mail to Paul Schnebelen at membership@goldcoastchorus.org.