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Taglines

Greater New York Region 15 is dedicated to advancing four-part *a cappella* music through the original American art form of barbershop harmony by providing opportunities for education, performance and personal growth.

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Dear Heather,

Hope you are all enjoying your summer ... and are planning to start your fall in style with TRAX! Read ahead for more details.

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A Word From Your Education Coordinator

TRAX is approaching fast, and I hope you are getting as excited about it as I am. Have you signed up for the Regional STAR Chorus yet? When you do, be sure to learn the two songs really well. There will be a one-hour rehearsal late Saturday afternoon with your director, Peggy DiSunno, prior to the class on Saturday evening with Jean Barford, where Jean will be doing riser placement and some coaching with the chorus as a demonstration for the rest of the TRAX attendees. You also will entertain us on Sunday morning during the calculation of the scores for

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Submissions Deadline

If your chorus or quartet has news to share, [e-mail your idea to Heather Collins](#) before the 15th of each month for consideration in the next electronic Taglines. The next deadline is August 15.

the fun quartet contest, so make sure you sign up for the complete TRAX package if you want to participate in the Regional STAR Chorus.

Has your chorus planned how to present your contribution to our International Competitors at the Saturday night Love Gift Celebration yet? You are welcome to give your gift in a special way, maybe with a Hawaii touch? Remember to choose your chapter's Woman of Note Award, so we can celebrate these magnificent women during the Sunday morning festivities. We have already received the first entry for our Fabulous Fun Foursome Contest being held that morning, and YOU could be one of the audience judges! Leave your name in the box to be part of the audience participation award, and we will draw the names of the audience judges on Sunday morning.

Registrations to the hotel are coming in fast, so make sure you get your room booked now. We already know some members of Region 1, 16 and 19 are signing up to join us for TRAX, and we are excited about the prospect of possibly planning some future events together with those regions!

Jean and I will be finalizing the TRAX classes before the end of July, and the subjects will then be posted on the regional Web site. Our regional quartets will get together on Friday evening to discuss exciting plans for the future, and that brings me to the next thing I want to share with you: The New Education Coordinator Team!

For the next two years I will have the enormous pleasure of working with these fabulous ladies, whose contact information will be in the new regional roster coming out shortly:

- Connie Kash is our new Arranger Coordinator and will be planning how to develop this program for different levels of

experience.

- Harriette Walters is our Leadership Coordinator, and we will together be planning classes for next year so we can continue Region 15's pioneering in this area. Did you know Harriette has been asked to teach a class on Leadership at the International Directors' Seminar in Detroit from July 22-26 2009? We are so proud of her, we are bursting!
- Kat Britt is our new Quartet Coordinator, and she will help plan special events and education for all our quartets. She is also handling all the regional coaching money for both choruses and quartets.
- Laurie Woolever is our new Young Women in Harmony Coordinator, and she will help plan and arrange our very first YWIIH contest, hopefully at next year's TRAX.
- Judy Douglas is our Young Singers Foundation Liaison and will be heading up some exciting fundraisers in the coming year.

We are also working on plans for the coming years' TRAX format and will try to cover as many of your ideas and wishes as possible. You will be asked to evaluate each of the classes and the overall experience after TRAX in September, and your input will guide future plans. So be sure YOU are there; in order for our region to grow and evolve YOU need to be part of the solution and YOU are needed more than you may think.

*See you in September.
Love, Lisbet*

Save The Date For TRAX

Featuring Guest Faculty Jean Barford

DATE: Sept. 12-14

LOCATION: Ramada Inn & Conference Center,
130 SR 10, East Hanover, N.J.

FACULTY: Jean Barford, Certified International

Faculty, Certified Sound Judge and Master Director, Gem City (Region 4), Five-time International Chorus Champions. Jean was also a member of Sounds of Music, the 1974 International Quartet Champions.

Other Dates To Remember

July 27, 8:30 p.m.: Island Hills will appear once again in the Huntington Arts Council's Summer Concert Series at the Harry Chapin Theatre, Heckscher Park in Huntington (free, bring a chair).

Sept. 8: RMT Conference Call

Sept. 28: Long Island Sound Show

Sept. 28: Hickory Tree Show

Oct. 25: Jersey Harmony Show

Oct. 26: Evergreen Show

Nov. 4 - 8: International Convention (Honolulu)

Dec. 7: Greater Nassau Show

Dec. 7: Song of the Valley Show

May 2: Harmony Celebration Show

Members Only: Using The Region 15 Web Site

Psst. It's a secret. To sign into the "Members Only" section of the [regional Web site](#), enter your Sweet Adelines membership number (minus any zero that might be on the front of your number). There, you'll find resources and files meant only for Region 15's eyes Such as the Regional Standing Rules. Plus, you'll see a directory of your chorus members, complete with e-mails that have been provided to International. If you have changes to your membership profile, contact [Heather Collins](#).

New Members Share Their Inspiration

Editor's Note: Each Region 15 chorus has asked to contribute the names of new members, so they can be highlighted on an ongoing basis. We love growing! New members have also been encouraged to share their thoughts and inspiration. If other new members have

additional thoughts to contribute about what inspired them to join their Sweet Adelines chorus, please send to [Heather Collins](#).

Island Hills

SAMANTHA MULHOLLAND (an 18-year-old who joined while in high school): "I really like being a Sweet Adeline! It's something I've dreamed about because it always looked like so much fun, and I like the songs that Island Hills sings better than the ones I had to sing in high school. What inspired me to join was my mom [Island Hills lead Chris Mulholland], whom I look up to for guidance. She also stood behind me when I decided to go for the audition and was one of the many people jumping for joy when it was announced I had made it!"

HELEN "BUNNY" COHEN: "I feel so welcomed into Island Hills. After throat surgery kept me from singing for over 10 years, I was hesitant to try out my vocal skills again. My pre-surgery voice was changed, and I found that my very high register (tenor) was no longer dependable. With the encouragement of an old friend, I decided to come back to Sweet Adelines as a Lead. The friendliness of all the women and the help of my section leadership made the transition for me, a very positive experience. It was great seeing former chorus buddies, and it's great to be singing again with all the great ladies of harmony. Never take your gift of voice for granted. Remember that voice is the only musical instrument made by God."

Quartets Seek Personnel

Two Region 15 quartets are auditioning members.

- Escape, Region 15's 2008 Silver Medalist, and 2005, 2006 and 2007 Region 15 Quartet Champions, is searching for a new Tenor. After 10 years and eight regional

medals (including 3 top place finishes!), Michelle Metallo has decided to step down as tenor of Escape. [You can read more by visiting the Region 15 Web site at this link.](#)

- Interested singers, please contact Susan at susanschuman@comcast.net
- Sweet Revival from Liberty Oak Chorus is seeking a Baritone. E-mail Jean Ferguson at isng10r@yahoo.com or Laurie Shuss at quartet20@aol.com for more information.

International Director's Workshop

All directors, please add to your calendar the International Directors' Seminar in Detroit, July 22-25. We are also learning that international area schools, called Personal Performance Power, are being planned to begin in 2010. More information can be found at [this Web site link](#). Watch the *Pitchpipe* for more upcoming information. Locations are not completely contracted yet, but it will be blasted on the Sing-eZine as soon as we know.

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