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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,**

The RMT would like again to extend its deepest appreciation to the Regional Convention Committee for a terrific and terrificly well-run spring contest. And thanks to all Region 15 competitors and our wonderful supporters, to whom we dedicate our song.

**Your Regional  
Management  
Team**

**Team Coordinator**  
[Peggy DiSunno](#)

**Finance  
Coordinator**  
[Jeannie Allen](#)

**Education  
Coordinator**  
Harriette Walters

**Director  
Coordinator**  
[Carole Argulewicz](#)

**Events Coordinator**  
[Carol Schultheis](#)

**Marketing**

**Congratulations to Greater Nassau Chorus and a.k.a Quartet!**

A big high-five to the 2008 Region 15 Champion Quartet a.k.a. (589) and 2008 Region 15 Chorus Champion Greater Nassau (638). We're so proud of your achievements!

Kudos also to ....

- Midsize Chorus Winner (and Second Place Overall), Liberty Oak Chorus
- Small Chorus Winner, Long Island Sound
- Most Improved, Heart of New Jersey (+ 36 points!)
- For the complete results, visit this [link](#) on the International Web site.

You can view, purchase and download "official" candid photos of the competition weekend on the Lilley Photography web site. [Click here for the link.](#)

**Members Only: Using The Region 15 Web Site**

**Coordinator**  
[Christine Klepeis](#)

**Membership  
Coordinator**  
[Lisbet Kline](#)

**Communications  
Coordinator**  
[Heather Collins](#)

### 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 copy deadline is May 15.

Psst. It's a secret. To sign into the "Members Only" section of the [regional Web site](#), simply 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 Director's Workshop Registration form. Or the regional standing rules. Plus, you'll see a directory of your chorus members, complete with any e-mails that have been provided to International.

If you have changes to your profile information, please contact [Heather Collins](#).

### Save The Date

#### Region 15 Directors/Music Leaders/Leadership Weekend

With International Faculty Lorraine Barrows

**DATE:** May 30 - June 1, 2008

**PLACE:** Woodbridge Hilton, Iselin, N.J.

**TIME:**

- On Friday May 30 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Lorraine will meet with Frontline Directors. On Saturday, May 31, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., we welcome all Musical Leaders.
- Classes offered on Saturday will follow the Director Certification Program module plan with audience participation.
- On Sunday, June 1, Paradigm Consultants, along with Harriette Walters, will continue leadership training in Region 15 for all Directors, Management Teams and Chorus Musical Leaders.

Contact [Carole Argulewicz](#) for more information.

### Other Dates To Remember

May 18: Liberty Oak Show

Sept. 12 - 14: TRAX Workshop

Sept. 28: Long Island Sound 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**  
**Feb. 28, 2009: Harmony Celebration Show**

### **Leadership Tune-Up**

**Attention All Chorus Directors and Chorus Leaders!**

Our Annual Leadership Tune-Up will be held as part of the Region 15 Director's Retreat on June 1, 2008. This workshop will be facilitated by Harriette Walters with Doug Brown and Mark Paul of Paradigm Associates. We have successfully brought leadership to new heights in Region 15 and look forward to being inspired each year during this special day for our Chorus Leaders. We invite ALL Chorus Leaders -- both Music and Management Teams -- to attend. During the day, we will evaluate what we have accomplished region-wide within our Chorus Leadership Teams and how to take ideas and best practices to the next level. This workshop proves to be a highlight of our year as leaders, and the knowledge, camaraderie and sharing we experience cannot be matched!

Please plan to be there NOW, and make sure this date is on your calendar! I am looking forward to seeing many returnees, as well as new faces this year!

*Love and Harmony,  
Harriette Walters, Education Coordinator, Region 15  
Moderator, Director Education Coordinators  
International Board of Directors*

### **Save The Date For TRAX**

**Featuring Guest Faculty Jean Barford**

**DATE:** September 12-14

**LOCATION:** Ramada Inn & Conference Center, 130 SR 10, East Hanover, NJ.

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

Class schedule and cost will be announced after the RMT meeting May 10. See you ALL there - you do not want to miss this event!

*Lisbet Kline  
Incoming Education Coordinator*

### **Apply For The Community Activity Award**

Here is a reminder to get your COMACT (Community Activity) AWARD application together. The period for collecting all material is May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008.

You can download the application by logging onto the Members Only section of the [Region 15 Web site](#). (Your password is your Sweet Adelines membership number.)

Please send your completed application to Lisbet Kline by June 15, 2008 at:

Lisbet P. Kline  
475 Winona Lakes  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

The applications will be judged by our incoming Marketing Coordinator Dana Dunlevy, who from then on will be in charge of the award. The prizes will be presented to the winners at TRAX in September. There are three prizes:

1. \$500
2. \$250
3. \$100

Once you have downloaded the forms from the Web site please make sure you read all the instruction on page 4 very carefully. Any questions? Feel free to call Lisbet Kline at (570) 223-4292 or e-mail her at [lisbet@ptd.net](mailto:lisbet@ptd.net).

### **The Planning Starts Now For Next Year**

Many of us know how hard we worked preparing for our contest experience. We used more money in coaching this past year than ever, perhaps. The region has provided money to help with this coaching.

Unfortunately, predicting the outcome is never an easy task. If you were pleased with your scores, that's wonderful. If you were frustrated by them, now is

the time to move on and plan for next year. [On the regional Web site, I have submitted an outline that I use with my own chorus to get EVERYONE in the contest mindset.](#)

This hobby of ours, which has us compete each year, produces members that are resilient. The smiles are still there. The need to sing and be together every week is still there. The planning for future performances, the annual show, and next year's contest is still there. That's the beauty of this wonderful organization. Yes, we have mountains to climb at times but our members have a way of looking at those mountains as small bumps in the road.

We have a lot to look forward to. We have Hickory Tree and a.k.a. representing us in Hawaii this year. If you can go to International, what a great opportunity it would be to see and hear the best in the world. Experiencing great barbershop helps us all to become better singers and allows us to bring home new ideas for our members.

We have Lorraine Barrows as our faculty at the Directors' Retreat this spring and Jean Barford (our sound judge) as our faculty at our TRAX regional weekend in September. This year's TRAX will also be a perfect opportunity to hone those barbershop singing skills. Let's see if we can break all attendance records this year by beginning to plan now. Those who learn and sing together, stay together!

We have two new members joining our Regional Management Team on May 1: Dolly Power from the Hickory Tree Chorus will be our Membership Coordinator and Dana Dunlevy, also from Hickory Tree, will be our Marketing Coordinator. Lisbet Kline will wear a different hat, leaving Membership and becoming our Education Coordinator. We look forward to having more choruses represented on our team. Please know that we are here for all of you. Our Regional Management Team will continue to visit the choruses in our region to help with any planning that you may need and to let you know that we are here for you. Please know that we appreciate your comments and suggestions, so feel free to e-mail us.

Finally, I would like to add that we have two members leaving our Management Team this year, Harriette Walters and Chris Klepeis. Thank you Harriette and Chris for all you have done for our region. Chris will be moving to another region and Harriette is now part of our International faculty.

So, in closing, pick yourselves up, dust yourselves off, and start this new fiscal year with a burst of energy that allows us all to improve our singing of the barbershop style.

*Love you all  
Peggy DiSunno, Team Coordinator*

### **RMT Candidates Sought**

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for four RMT positions that will become open May 1, 2009:

- **Communications Coordinator**
- **Director Coordinator**
- **Finance Coordinator**
- **Team Coordinator**

If you are ambitious, organized, have good people skills, are able to meet four times a year and have access to e-mail, you have all the tools necessary. Please let the Nominating Committee (chaired by [Heather Collins](#) and ably abetted by Cari Salvadori of Long Island Sound and Kathleen Wright of Liberty Oak) know if you are interested in any open position or whether you wish to become involved with any RMT team. Contact any incumbent coordinator to discuss their individual job.

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