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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,

Welcome to the first edition of the new electronic *Taglines*. By moving into the online world with our Region 15 newsletter, we hope to make the information more timely -- something you can act on. We welcome news articles about wonderful educational experiences or performances that your quartet or chorus has experienced. We'll also remind you about upcoming events and deadlines.

If one of your regional buddies doesn't get this e-mail, encourage them to give me their address so I can add it to our list. Your comments and suggestions for features, photos and random submissions are also welcomed.

*Heather Collins*  
Regional 15 Communications Coordinator

## Your Regional Management Team

Team Coordinator  
[Peggy DiSunno](#)

Finance Coordinator  
[Jeannie Allen](#)

Education Coordinator  
Harriette Walters

Director Coordinator  
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Membership Coordinator  
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Communications Coordinator  
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## Harriette Walters Named To International Board

Region 15 is thrilled to congratulate Greater Nassau Master Director Harriette Walters on her appointment to the International Board of Directors for a one-year term starting May 1, 2008. We're so proud of this achievement and know she'll represent us well. Way to go, Harriette!

## The RMT Retreat

On Feb. 2 and 3, the Regional Management Team will meet to strategize for the upcoming year. We will welcome our incoming team members, Dolly Power (Membership) and Dana Dunlevy (Marketing), for this weekend of planning. As of May 1, Lisbet Kline will become our Education Coordinator, as per International's appointment. Carol Schultheis will begin another two-year term as our Region 15 Events Coordinator. Two team members will leave this year, Harriette Walters and Chris Klepeis. These team changes technically take place May 1 at the beginning of the fiscal year, but we include the new team members at this planning meeting. If you have any items you'd like considered for discussion, please reach out to any RMT member.

*Peggy DiSunno*  
Team Coordinator

## RMT Nominations Being Accepted

May 1 will begin my sixth and final year on the RMT as your Team

## Submissions

## Deadline

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

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Coordinator. That means we're looking for Team Coordinator candidates! The Communications Coordinator, Finance Coordinator and Director Coordinator positions are also subject to new elections and appointments for the 2009 to 2011 term.

I personally have loved being on the RMT and getting to know all the Region 15 choruses on a more personal level. We have accomplished a lot in these past five years and have organized information to pass onto incoming members. Many of you would be excellent in the Team Coordinator position. 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 the tools that are necessary. Please let the Nominating Committee (chaired by Heather Collins and aided by Cari Salvadori of Long Island Sound and Kathleen Wright of Liberty Oak) know if you are interested in any open position. Contact any incumbent coordinator to discuss the job.

*Your friend in harmony,  
Peggy DiSunno  
Team Coordinator*

## A Word From Your Membership Coordinator

Thanks to all of you for sharing your membership status with me. It is exciting to see so many of you doing very well. I hope those struggling with declining membership numbers will continue to reach out for help, suggestions and ideas.

We all tend to get into a routine with our chorus rehearsals, in terms of how they are conducted and how we like to do things. We sometimes need to remind each other that if we do not like the direction in which we are headed, we need to change that direction. As the saying goes: "If you continue to do what you always did, you get what you always got."

Change is the key word in politics these days, and that word describes what we sometimes need to do within our own choruses. Learning to embrace change is very scary. Why change something that works, we are comfortable with what we know. To which we may respond: Why Not? Maybe things can get even better?

Please take a good look at your routines, at your organization, at your procedures and how your rehearsals are conducted. Then be courageous enough to change what doesn't work. Apart from going over all the membership material each chorus has received, I encourage you to look in the leadership manuals we all got from the leadership training with Harriette and the Paradigm Associates, Doug and Mark. I refer to it from time to time, and it is like getting a shot in the arm -- seeing what works well and why that is, and getting help with what still needs to be improved. Let us know if you want any help in that area, and we will make it happen!

Also a reminder that the COMACT reward time frame changed last year. The forms are not due until April 30, and the results will be revealed at TRAX instead of at contest. If you need any help with that, too, or need me to resend you the forms, let me know.

*Love,  
Lisbet Kline  
Membership Coordinator*

## Give Someone A Boost, A Booster That Is

Deadline approaching fast!

The Regional Convention Committee is accepting boosters for the 2008 Regional Convention program. Personal messages are \$5 per line (which is approximately 55 characters and spaces). To add a digital photo and text costs \$25. [The application form is on the regional Web site at this link.](#) E-mail Lauren Heller with questions at [LSHbari@aol.com](mailto:LSHbari@aol.com). The deadline for submissions is Feb. 2.



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