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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 the latest edition of *Taglines*, featuring news about memorable Region 15 educational experiences or performances your quartet or chorus have experienced. 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*

## 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 - 10:30,

Lorraine will meet with Frontline Directors. On Saturday, May 31, from 8:30 - 5:30, 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. (More details in next item.) Contact [Carole Argulewicz](#) for more information.

Other Dates To Remember:

**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 March 15.

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**April 3 - 6: Regional Contest (Philadelphia)**  
**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 Directors 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*

### A Word From Your Membership Coordinator: Thank You!

Sweet Adelines are known for always helping their chapter members in need. In fact, choruses and regions that have a strong "family" feeling are often the ones with the best and most consistent

membership numbers. I knew that, of course but was nevertheless completely floored and so touched by the enormous outpouring of love and support from so many of you after my father passed away Feb. 26 at age 86. Letters from so many of you touched me more than you can imagine, and my father is sitting on the star my chorus gave him in January 2007 and waving thank-you to you all.

Dad died standing, having come to grips with his fate he was in the hospital with pneumonia. He was joking with the nurses about how great his day had been, when he walked back to his room and stood and talked to his room mate. Discussing dental procedures (he retired from the profession at age 75), he suddenly fell down mid-sentence and was gone. We are all extremely thankful for that joyful end to his two years of suffering.

We join Sweet Adelines for the singing but get so much more. Love, support and camaraderie; validation, appreciation and personal growth; and finally friendships that probably are what have kept most of us in the organization for so long.

Have you taken a good look at YOUR chorus lately to see where you are in that respect? Your leadership greatly influences how the rest of the chorus acts on a daily basis, and if the above mentioned elements are there, your members look forward to coming to rehearsal every week. This -- along with concepts I have touched on in past articles such as planning, organization, continued musical progress, fun and a positive attitude among other things -- will make your members want to stay in spite of all other things that may pull them away from you.

I am almost at the end of my term as Membership Coordinator and look forward to continuing the close contact we have developed over the past two years when I become your new Education Coordinator. Harriette and I will continue to work together, and I am looking forward to now being able to focus on planning for TRAX and getting my new team together for the term starting in May.

It is my sincere hope that all your efforts in

preparing for contest may bring you the results you have hoped for. If not, just remember: It won't be in the Chinese newspapers the next day, and you will survive.

*Love, Lisbet*

#### **RMT Nominations Being Accepted**

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

Communications Coordinator, Director Coordinator, Finance Coordinator and 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 the tools 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 or whether you wish to become involved with any RMT team. Contact any incumbent coordinator to discuss their individual job.



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