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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,

Region 15 congratulates a.k.a. Quartet and Hickory Tree for their fine performances in steamy Hawaii. We're so glad to have them back home safe and sound. ...

As we all prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, the Regional Management Team would like to share some thanks of its own.

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First, we are grateful to each of the terrific chapter teams and boards who help share all the great ideas and information that Sweet Adelines International has to offer all of us. We rely on them to help convey the things the RMT learns from International and other regions. Members, remember to hug at least one of your team or board representatives every week. They do so much behind-the-scenes to help make everyone's on-the-risers experience so much better.

Second, we give thanks for our fabulous Region 15 directors, who inspire us in song every week. Sure, it's their "job" to be there, but we know it's a labor of love. How can we on the risers do any less than SING WITH JOY and FREEDOM every single week?

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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 December 15.

Finally, we thank each and every Region 15 member for allowing the RMT to represent you to the International organization. Please keep sharing your ideas and feedback, and consider serving in some capacity in the future. Together, we can make Region 15 a model for other Sweet Adelines regions around the world.

Have a joyous Thanksgiving!

Heather Collins

Thoughts from the International RMT Education Forum in Honolulu

I was excited to go to Hawaii to compete with Hickory Tree Chorus on the International stage. I was looking forward to visiting my friends from HTC who had moved to Chicago and now sing with Melodeers, and my other friend who sings with Spirit of the Gulf.

I spent Monday of the competition week at the RMT Education forum held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Don't feel sorry for me that I wasn't hanging out on the beach watching cute Hawaiian guys doing exotic dances. I was looking forward to meeting all the women who serve on the International Board. Up until now, they were only names to me except our own Harriette Walters.

The morning started promptly at 9 a.m. (despite jag lag) with our International President Peggy Gram talking about the Psychology of Motivation, which touched on her strong feelings about having a positive climate at rehearsal each week. We then moved into breakout sessions, and I was with Cammi MacKinlay, our International President-elect, for Membership and Marketing discussions.

After lunch, Kathy Carmody, our International Membership Chair, provided insight about the new "Real Women, Real Harmony, Real Fun" membership campaign, which was exciting. After a short break, we broke up into small groups and discussed topics that had been suggested by our own members.

Time flew and we didn't cover all of the topics presented to International, but I came away from that meeting feeling very good about our own region and all the hard work being done by the choruses in Region 15. It's a credit to all of you that we can share ideas from this region in a forum such as this one. The RMT Membership Coordinators were impressed by the Comact Award and the "Women of Note" award, along with other great regional activities that I was able to brag about.

The week in Hawaii flew by. Singing on the International stage is a great honor and enjoying some downtime in such a beautiful state didn't hurt either! I was so proud to be one of thousands of Sweet Adelines in Hawaii that week.

Dolly Power

Region 15 Woman of Note

At TRAX 2008, the region adopted a recognition program called Women of Note. Choruses were asked to select one member whose dedication to their chorus and to Region 15 is unfailing. Here's more about one of those women, Sylvia Kudan of Twin County Chorus.

Sylvia became a Sweet Adeline in 1977 and joined Twin County Chapter in 1992. In addition to being a valued member of the baritone section, she has served several terms on the Twin County Board of Directors, often as either President or Vice-President. Her strong leadership skills, combined with her warm and diplomatic nature, continue to make her invaluable as a Twin County member.

As chairman of the By-Laws and Rules Committee, she keeps the chapter guidelines in order with a steady and fair hand, and is always at the ready to help Twin County employ the proper procedures while attending to chapter business.

In addition to her tireless attention to administrative detail, Sylvia is one of the first to greet new members with a friendly smile and a kind word. In fact, her outgoing manner and willingness to share her love for Sweet Adelines has brought Twin County several new divas to join its ranks!

Sylvia is known throughout the region and is loved by many. She has earned a great deal of respect and admiration of every single member its Woman of Note, a Star Sweet Adeline.

Regional Calendar

Dec. 6: Song of the Valley Show, "Christmas at the Lodge," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dec. 7: Greater Nassau Show, "From Nassau to Nashville," 3 p.m.

Dec. 14: Jersey Harmony Show, "Holiday Extravaganza," 3 p.m.

Jan. 10, 2009: RMT Retreat

March 26 - 29, 2009: Regional Competition

April 18, 2009: Festival of Harmony (education event for

young singers)

April 26, 2009: Golden Apple Show

May 2, 2009: Harmony Celebration Show

May 3, 2009: Liberty Oak Show

May 15-17, 2009: Music/Leadership Weekend **FEATURING SHARON BABB**

Sept. 11-13, 2009: TRAX 2009 **FEATURING BETTY CLIPMAN!**

April 22-25, 2010: Regional Competition

Sept. 24-26, 2010: TRAX 2010

March 24-27, 2011: Regional Competition

Sept. 23-25, 2010: TRAX 2011

March 29-31, 2012: Regional Competition

March 21-24, 2013: Regional Competition

For more information on events, visit the calendar on the Region 15 web site at www.sairegion15.org.

Event Alert: Visual Leadership Conference 2009

Don't miss an inspiring educational opportunity for choreographers and members of your visual team. On July 10-12, 2009, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, International Faculty Member Erin Howden, Assistant Director and Choreographer of the North Metro Chorus, will lead an intensive training weekend that will be sure to launch visual leaders into a new level of creative thinking. It will provide an opportunity for choreographers and/or visual teams from all over the Sweet Adeline world to network and grow their expertise. A special demonstration appearance will be made by the North Metro Chorus, three-time International Chorus Champions.

This weekend will present opportunities for interactive learning. A sample of the topics covered will include:

- Engaging the Imagination to Unleash Creativity
- Enhancing Musical Artistry with Effective Visual Planning and Performance
- Choreographing and Staging Techniques
- Layering a Visual Plan: Increasing the Performance Power of the Ensemble
- Momentum and Energy
- Teaching Methods that Work
- Mastering Powerful Body Motion
- Creating Unity with Diverse Individuals
- Identifying and Resolving Performance Gaps

Opportunities will be given for attendees to sign up to have their own chorus video reviewed and coached one-on-one if they choose to come early on Friday. This will be offered by sign-up on a first-come, first-served basis at an additional

cost. The conference sessions will formally commence on Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m. and end at noon on Sunday, July 12. If you have any questions regarding this conference, please e-mail Erin Howden at erin.howden@rogers.com.

Registration forms are available online at www.northmetrochorus.com.

Photographer Wanted

Region 15 seeks a photographer with professional-quality equipment who may be available to take digital photos at TRAX 2009. If you or someone you know can help, contact Dana L. Dunlevy, Region 15 Marketing Coordinator, at dldunlevy@gmail.com for information.

Honolulu Rendezvous



Hickory Tree Chorus members (Left to right, back row and far right) Lois Taylor, Dana Dunlevy, Rita Peyton and Mary Lou Van Handle, met this group of women from SAI's Japanese Combined Chorus while on their way to dinner in Waikiki during International week. The Japanese women began singing "That's What Friends Are For" and the HTC members circled around and joined them, cheering and hugging each other at the conclusion. Although they did not speak each others' language, they shared a special moment in song and helped to "Harmonize the World."



Meanwhile, back east, an enthusiastic group from Harmony Celebration Chorus held a luau and watched the Webcast of the chorus finals. They toasted their friends in Hickory Tree, a.k.a Quartet, Buffalo Gateway, The Buzz, Spirit of the Gulf and Affinity for the great job they did during the week.

Mark Your Calendars: Festival of Harmony for Young Singers

The ninth annual Festival of Harmony will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Rahway Middle School in Rahway, N.J. The purpose is to teach vocal skills to young singers, both boys and girls, and to help spread interest and skills in a cappella singing. The event is jointly sponsored by Sweet Adelines International and the Barbershop Harmony Society, and hosted by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires. Region 15's own Carolyn Schmidt and Patty Danner (Master Director and Assistant Director of Hickory Tree) are involved in the planning. For more information, or to register, visit www.FestivalofHarmony.org.

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