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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,**

What a weekend! Thanks to the 300-plus people (a record!) who attended our Training Region 15 Annual Xcursion (yes, that's what TRAX stands for). We have reconfirmed next year's event for the weekend of Sept. 11-13, 2009, so save the date. Location and faculty to be announced.

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## **TRAX Recap: A Note from the Region 15 Event Coordinator Carol Schultheis**

What a great weekend we had at TRAX with Jean Barford. I'd like to offer my sincerest thanks to our 2008 Hostess Chapter, Liberty Oak, for the great job they performed all weekend long. Thank-you for being so organized and for coordinating all the work that needed to be done. I realize it's a big commitment that starts months in advance to plan what needs to be done. You helped

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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 October 15.

make my job so much easier, and I can't thank you enough! Liberty Oak not only brought and set up the risers, manned the registration desk, was there with the handouts for all the sessions, but they also created a fabulous boutique! The boutique was so wonderful that I had hotel staff tell me they were going back for the third or fourth time to buy things: Did everyone get a Diva fan and/or shoe holders? Great job ladies, I hope you made lots of money!

The new format was a phenomenal success. I personally had many people come up to me on Sunday morning to say this was the first time they've been to our fall regional meeting, and that they learned so much and had so much fun they definitely will make it a point not to miss one in the future. We're already setting the stage for TRAX 2009, so if you don't want to miss out on all the fun and exciting learning opportunities, be sure to mark your calendars now for the weekend of Sept. 11-13, 2009! It is my pleasure to announce that our hostess chapter is Harmony Celebration!

Being a hostess chapter is a lot of work. A sampling of the responsibilities are: providing and setting up the risers, stocking and manning the boutique, manning the registration desk from Friday afternoon through Saturday night, handing out the handouts, performing after dinner on Saturday night, and working with both the Education Coordinator and Events Coordinator to help make the weekend a success. If your chapter is interested in being a hostess chapter in the future, please [send me an e-mail](#) and I'll put you on the list for 2010. Preference will be given to chapters that have not hosted a regional event in the

recent past, and an invitation will be sent out in early 2009 to a lucky chapter asking you to host in 2010.

In closing, I'd like to offer my best wishes to both a.k.a. and Hickory Tree at the International Convention. We're so proud to have you represent Region 15 in Hawaii! Break a lip!

In harmony,  
Carol Schultheis  
Region 15 Events Coordinator

### **Regional Calendar**

**Sept. 20:** Brooklyn Chorus 50th Anniversary!

**Sept. 20 & 21:** Island Hills Garage Sale (9 Silo Lane, Levittown, 516-735-7694)

**Sept. 28:** Long Island Sound Show

**Sept. 28:** Hickory Tree Show

**Oct. 19:** "Forever Island Hills," Annual Show at 2:30 p.m., Huntington High School. Guest performer: Round Midnight Quartet (BHS)

**Oct. 25:** Jersey Harmony Show

**Oct. 26:** Evergreen Show

**Nov. 4 - 8:** International Convention (Honolulu)

**Nov. 16:** RMT Meeting

**Nov. 23:** Heart of New Jersey Show

**Dec. 6:** Song of the Valley Show, 3 p.m.

**Dec. 7:** Greater Nassau Show, 3 p.m.

**Dec. 14:** Jersey Harmony Show

**Jan. 10, 2009:** RMT Retreat

**March 26 - 29, 2009:** Regional Competition

**April 19, 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

**Sept. 11-13, 2009:** TRAX 2009

For additional information, visit the calendar

on the Region 15 web site at  
[www.sairegion15.org](http://www.sairegion15.org).

### **A Director's Reflection on TRAX**

What a great weekend we had with Jean Barford. I know all the directors were excited to have Jean give "personal time" to all of us. As directors it is so vital to improve our own vocal production so we may be able to teach effectively the members of Region 15, you the chorus member!

As we learn to improve our singing abilities, the individual chorus member will also be improving vocal skills. We are teachers of many -- and yet we are students of the same craft! We strive to do our best not only for ourselves but for each member that stands before us. Vocal production can only be taught correctly if one understands the intellectual and physiological process. It is imperative we continue to work with other directors and or coaches who visit our choruses. We cannot expect our singers to achieve accuracy unless we can demonstrate it effectively. Vocal instruction is an ongoing process; we have an obligation to work on it for the benefit of our hardworking singers.

As I stood in front of the region receiving Personal (although not private) Vocal Instruction from our faculty, Jean Barford, I realized how much I still need to learn about this great style of singing we call Barbershop. I ask all directors, assistant and associate directors and all music leaders in our region to actively seek out vocal instruction. Through this process, we will all improve our general membership, the women who love to sing!

Think how empowering it will be help every

woman in our region to achieve her potential as a singer! Real Women! GREAT SINGERS!

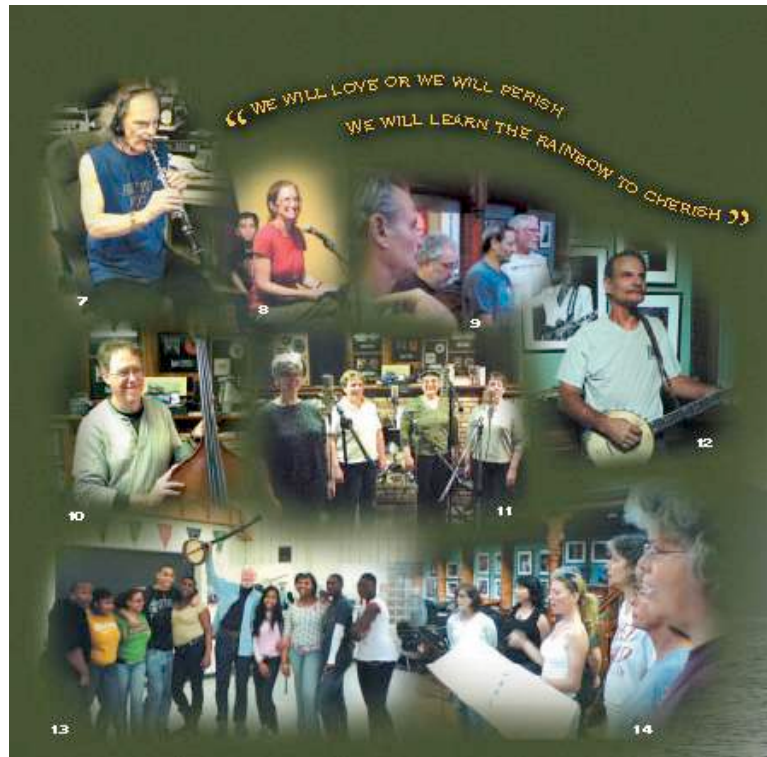
Carole Argulewicz  
Director Coordinator

## **Women of Note**

***At TRAX 2008, the region initiated a new recognition program called Women of Note. Choruses were asked to select one member whose dedication to their chorus and to Region 15 is unflinching. Here's the class of 2008-2009! Bios on these terrific ladies will follow in future Taglines issues.***

Brooklyn: Mindy Fliegelman Jacobsen  
Evergreen: Kathy Sylvester  
Golden Apple: Barbara Ann de Ferrari  
Greater Nassau: Joan Shuster  
Harmony Celebration: Mary Jo Pardee  
Heart of Long Island: Charlotte Prescka  
Heart of New Jersey: Carolyn Wolfe  
Hickory Tree: Lilas Schmidt  
Island Hills: Betty Banach  
Jersey Harmony: Carole Auletta  
Liberty Oak: Johanna Herudek  
Long Island Sound: Colleen Marron  
Metro Rhythm: Judy Douglas  
Song of the Valley: June Pierson  
Twin County: Sylvia Kudan

## **QUARTET CORNER**



## **After Hours Backs Legendary Pete Seeger**

Although it was not a typical barbershop venue, Poughkeepsie-based After Hours had the experience of a lifetime providing back-up vocals for legendary folk singer, Pete Seeger. After Hours' Baritone, Cary Kruzansky and her company, Diverse Productions, recorded most of the songs during live recording sessions at the Diverse Productions recording studio and the Howland Arts Center in Beacon. Cary sang with the Hudson River Sloop Singers Chorus for many of the songs, and when additional voices were needed, she lined up her quartet, After Hours, to come in to the studio.

Pete Seeger's new CD, Pete Seeger at 89, is scheduled to be released on September 30, 2008 by Appleseed Records. The songs can be sampled at

<http://CDBaby.com/Peteseegerat89>.

## **Winners of Region 15's Crazy Quartet Contest**

If you missed TRAX, you missed our very first

fun, fabulous, whacky quartet contest, where just about anything went, including shirts! Thanks to all the contestants for your talent and bravery. Can't wait to see what flies next year. Congratulations!

**1st place:** 3/4 Time from Hickory Tree Chorus

**2nd place:** Learner's Permit from Harmony Celebration Chorus

**3rd place:** Treble Makers from Song of the Valley

**4th place:** Curmudgeons from Song of the Valley

**Most Entertaining (by audience vote):**  
3/4 Time

### **Moonstruck Seeks Tenor**

Want to sing with some fun and funny ladies? Moonstruck Quartet seeks a new tenor to complete the foursome. Interested? Contact Dolly Power at [dollybamba@aol.com](mailto:dollybamba@aol.com).

### **Long-time Member Says Good-bye**

To all my Region 15 friends:  
I am taking this opportunity to say arrivederci, for now. After much soul-searching, Joe and I are becoming Floridians and will be transferring very soon. I actually thought I would be able to attend TRAX, but everything moved too quickly to make that possible. So here I am saying "bye" for now.

It has been 25 years of love, music, education and camaraderie, and I've loved every minute of it. Working on the regional level, belonging to Golden Apple and ultimately Greater Nassau has given me friendships that I will treasure forever.

I will remember all of you with fondness and hope that when we next meet we can sing a

song or two.

With Love & Harmony,  
Mary DiLeo  
"Music Makes the Heart Sing"

### **New Members for Heart of New Jersey**

Heart of New Jersey Chorus would like to thank Region 15 and our RMT for a great TRAX weekend! We are delighted to welcome two new members, baritone Chesla Wechsler, who did an awesome job demonstrating how to give personal voice instruction (PVI) Saturday in Jean Barford's class, and lead Karen Pearson.

Karen found us through our successful new ad featuring an informal rehearsal picture. The ad was timed to run right before a performance. Karen came to check us out, liked what she heard on the streets of Red Bank, and has been enjoying rehearsals ever since. Pictures work, great sound works, and class with Jean Barford, WOW! This is one hobby that keeps us coming back for more!

### **We Love a Parade: Song of the Valley Wins Award for Musical Float**







Song of the Valley, which won the Region 15 2008 Community Activity Award, is at it again with great publicity in the name of Sweet Adelines International. This time, the chorus has won honors for its patriotic musical float, which it showed off on Sept. 6. To read more about the event, visit the Region 15 Web site [at this link](#).

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