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**WELCOME TO GREATER NY/NJ REGION #15**

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**2013 Greater NY/NJ Quartet Champions  
Drive! Quartet  
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**2013 Greater NY/NJ Region #15 Chorus Champions  
Liberty Oak  
2014 International Contestant, Baltimore**



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## 2013 Quartet Competition

**DRIVE!**  
1st Place

**HARMONICS**  
2nd Place

**JUST 4 (KICKS)**  
3rd Place

**EAST COAST STYLE**  
4th Place

**THE FOUR BARIS**  
5th Place

**IMPULSE**

**SAVED BY THE BELLES**

**AFTER HOURS**

**MOONSTRUCK**

**WILDFIRE**

**MATCH 4**

**CHAIN REACTION**

**BALANCING ACT**

**TIME OF OUR LIVES**

**LOCAL COLOR**

**OVATION**

**SING THING**  
(mic testers)

**SPELLBOUND**

**THREE QUARTER TIME**



**Greater NY/NJ Region #15 2012 Chorus Champions  
Greater Nassau Chorus  
2013 Competition Hosting Chorus and  
2013 International Contestant #21, Honolulu**

To All Members of Region 15:

Hawaii is fast approaching, and we're working hard to be the best representatives of Region 15 that we can be!

We currently have two (2) extra early-bird SAI member registrations and two (2) guest registrations available. If anyone is interested in attending the International Convention in Hawaii (the week of November 4<sup>th</sup>), and has yet to purchase an all-events registration, we would be happy to transfer/sell these to you. The seats would be located in GNC's seating block, and we'd love to have you sit with us.

Please contact Teresa Heuser at [theuser@kelleydrye.com](mailto:theuser@kelleydrye.com) or 718-366-0515 for more information. The deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

We hope you're enjoying a safe and happy summer, and we're looking forward to being with all of you at VocalFest in September!!

In Harmony,  
Greater Nassau Chorus



***Fare Thee Well***  
**Sheraton Downtown Philly Hotel**





***New members of Region #15 and 2013 Region #16  
Lake Ontario Quartet Champions  
One Track Mind! Quartet  
International Contestant #30, Honolulu***



A compilation of photos and fun from the 2013 Contest



Top row: Jane Holden, Director - HONJ  
 Stephanie Ofshinsky, Asst. Director - SOG  
 Connie Kash, Director - TCC  
 Center row: Harriette Walters, Master Director - GNC  
 Bottom row: Katie Blackwood, Master Director - LOC  
 Peggy DiSunno, Director - LIS  
 Tom Noble, Director - SOTV  
 Carole Argulewicz, Director - EC  
 Kat Britt, Director - JH





**Saturday Night Dinner Show included  
SAI Queens of Harmony *the Buzz Quartet* and  
Masters of Ceremony  
Jean Schoenlank and Diane Sussuma**



## A Note from your Editor

**Taglines a Greater NY/NJ Region 15 Publication**

Hi there Region 15! Welcome to the Region 15 publication, *Taglines*! Here you will find Sweet Adelines International Regional News. There is Regional Management Team news; links for [Around the Region Chapter News](#), [VocalFest](#), [International Competition in Hawaii](#) and [Baltimore](#); photos and results from 2013 Regional Quartet and Chorus Contests weekend and a wonderful heartfelt

feel good article that you must read sent in from a new member of Long Island Sound Chapter. In addition, you will always find something newsworthy on our regional website ([www.sairegion15.org](http://www.sairegion15.org)).

As we begin our new, expanded regional journey together, we look forward to our first event, VocalFest in Parsippany, New Jersey this September 20-22, 2013. The weekend planned is sure to give you that barbershop boost. The programs are many. This year, Master Director and International Faculty member Lori Lyford joins us from Scottsdale Chorus. For more about VocalFest, Greater NY/NJ Region 15's wonderfully planned educational weekend, [click here](#).

Thank you for your continued support in making *Taglines* such a wonderful publication. As you may not know, I've been serving you as Taglines Editor for over four years and as your RMT Communications Coordinator for just over one year. I try to ensure that you all get the news, notices, and updates in a timely manner. At this time, I am reaching out to you all for some assistance. I am on the lookout for those of you who would like to assist me with *Taglines*. In addition, if you are a photographer, a proofreader, a journalist, an interviewer, or would like to try your hand at any of the above; then I would love you to consider joining the team!

In the meantime, enjoy this summer issue of *Taglines*. And be sure to visit the many links in the issue. Remember too that our [Around the Region Chapter News is found by clicking on this link](#). See you in September!

*Loretta*

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Deadlines are one (1) month prior to publication - July 15, November 15 and March 15. We also have a wonderful *Woman of Note* Issue that runs in the winter!

## 2013-2014 RMT

Communications Coordinator, Loretta J. Peskin



### GETTING TO KNOW R15

If you have ever wanted to locate a leader within our region, you can now do just that with a click of a button. In the past Region 15 printed a booklet containing this information, and provided it to our chapter leaders. Today is it available to all. The [2013-2014 Regional Leadership Directory](#) is downloadable and printable. Login using your membership ID number as the information is membership protected. If you can't remember your membership ID number then just ask your Chapter Website Administrator for it.

Have you met your Chapter's Website Administrator? Now is your chance to know her!! She's another wonderful SAI volunteer who updates the Regional and International Databases with email address and personal information in addition to keeping all chapter leadership changes current. Get to know her and give her your information when it changes. If you don't, you won't be receiving these wonderful Taglines or other SAI communications.

Here is the list of our Chapter Website Administrators:

Brooklyn Chapter	Denise Brogan
Capitaland Chapter	Marilyn Semerad
Carousel Harmony Chapter	Judith Zwick
City of the Hills Chapter	Dorcas Ross
Evergreen Chapter	Kathy Sylvester
Golden Apple Chapter	Delia Siemers
Greater Nassau Chapter	Andrea Macey, Gerri-Ann Seidman
Harmony Celebration Chapter	Heather Collins
Heart of Long Island Chapter	Lillian Morrison
Heart of New Jersey Chapter	Chesla Wechsler
Hickory Tree Chapter	Dolly Power
Island Hills Chapter	Felicia Redfield
Jersey Harmony Chapter	Debra Santilli
Liberty Oak Chapter	Johanna Herudek
Long Island Sound Chapter	Noreen Comenzo
River Valley Chapter	Sandra Collins
Saratoga Soundtrack Chapter	Jennifer Hunter
Seneca Soundwaves Chapter	Jo Ann Lebrecht
Seven Valley Chapter	Diane Colf, Ann Homer
Sirens of Gotham Chapter	Alexis DePersia-Norelli, JJ Kovacevich
Song of the Valley Chapter	Pat Meade
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter	Lynda Weaver
Twin County Chapter	Elise Laine

Many thanks go out to my fabulous Communications Team, Cary Kruzansky and Kathy Sylvester for pulling together the R15's 2013-2014 Leadership Directory.

## Team Coordinator, Dana Dunlevy



It's a new Region 15, with a new name, logo, and Facebook page. The Regional Management Team and some members of the Regional Convention Committee met June 8<sup>th</sup> for team-building and goal-setting with Diane Porsch and Region 15's Harriette

Walters, both of whom are Master Directors and Certified International Faculty members. Together we set this new region on a path to success by developing core values and a vision statement.

The RMT also held a mini-meeting where the following actions were taken:

- Approved the 2013-14 Budget
- Declined to host the 2014 Rising Star competition (per a request from SAI)
- Agreed to meet September 22 (instead of the originally-scheduled August conference call), as per a request from Nominations Chair, Peggy DiSunno
- Agreed to post to website a Summary of Actions Taken following RMT meetings.

There's always room for more singers on our risers! By popular demand, International is hosting a September Global Open House, and a related webinar which is recorded and available for viewing on the SAI Website. It's a great opportunity to get in on the *Sweet Adds!* Membership incentive campaign. Region 15 is offering a VIP seat at our 2014 contest and a feature in Taglines!

I'm looking forward to meeting you at VocalFest, especially the TC's and Presidents with whom I'll share lunch. We'll also preview our Regional competitors at what promises to be an amazing dinner show.

Thank you to my predecessor, Arlene Gunther, who helped lay the groundwork for a successful Region 15 'Harmonic Progression.' I am privileged to work one more year with a generous, dedicated group of talented women, and I thank everyone who answers 'yes' to the call to serve Region 15.

## Director's Coordinator, Carole Argulewicz



Welcome from your Directors' Coordinator. Summer is here and many choruses are busy preparing for performances, fall shows, and of course Hawaii. How do we get it all done? How do we keep rehearsals engaging to our members? These are the

never-ending questions that all directors, new and seasoned face weekly.

Summer rehearsals can be rejuvenating for everyone in your chorus. This is a great time to provide PVI's, section work, row work, pods (preferably by a pool), and choreography. Try a new method for teaching vocal/visual skills. Perhaps a night of dueting and listening to each other sing in ensembles. Many choruses work on the songs that will be sung at Vocal Fest.

For all of us, it is also a time for us to get rejuvenated. Why not visit another chorus' rehearsal, watch a coaching session, or collaborate with your coach or another director in our region. Communicating with your peers who experience the same joys and challenges is one of the BEST ways to learn our specific craft – Being the musical leader.

This can be a wonderful time of year for directors. Have fun trying new ways of learning. I would love to hear what you did for summer 2013. My email is [cargulewicz@hvc.rr.com](mailto:cargulewicz@hvc.rr.com). I welcome all of your thoughts and ideas to be shared with your peers.

### Events Coordinator, Pat Miller



What an exciting time it is to be the Events Coordinator for Region 15! Now that the Greater NY/NJ Region 15 has expanded to include almost 300 more members, my team and I

are busy planning 2013 AND 2014 events with focus not only on contracts for the events, i.e. VocalFest and contest, but also plan creative ways to allow opportunities for our members to meet and bond as harmony sisters.

I previously served the Region on the RMT as the Finance Coordinator and hit the ground running in my new position as EVC. Many of you know my mentor, and now retired, Carol Schultheis. Carol did a fabulous job of preparing me for this new position and continues to give great tips and advice to help me succeed. I also now have a new team, Events Coordinator Assistant, Johanna Herudek the Liberty Oak Chorus, Coordinator of the Regional Convention (CRC), Sharon Putney from Spirit of Syracuse, and Competition Coordinator (CC) Jeanne Viscito, dual member with Liberty Oak Chorus and Hickory Tree Chorus and many committee members that are energetic, focused, knowledgeable, and prepared to ensure the upcoming events for Region 15 are successful.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming events!

### Finance Coordinator, Barbara Wright



**Hello, Region 15!** I am excited to be serving the Greater NY/NJ Region as your new Finance Coordinator.

I am a member of the Spirit of Syracuse Chorus, and look forward to working for our

membership in my new regional home. I expect to be meeting many of you in person at VocalFest in the fall – but in the meantime please feel free to contact me with any financial questions or issues

that might arise for you within your respective choruses (I learn something new with every question asked!)

As a helpful reminder – financial and reimbursement forms are located on the Region's website – go to the MEMBERS tab, apply your SAI member number to gain access to the member site, and then click on ALL FORMS to review forms and information specific to reimbursements.

Enjoy your summer – see you at VocalFest in September!

### Marketing Coordinator, Tricia Zichello



**Hello everyone!** I hope you are having a wonderful summer! It has been a whirlwind of activity since I became Marketing Coordinator on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Here is a quick update on what's happening in the Region 15 Marketing world.

**FACEBOOK** - Did you know that our [NEW Greater NY/NJ Region 15](#)

has a **NEW** face book page? On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the old face book page **closed** and we created a brand new one featuring our awesome new logo by Marianne Savage. Make sure you **LIKE** the [new page](#) to keep up with all the Region 15 happenings. Also, once you've **LIKED** the page, hover over the word "Liked" and click on "SHOW IN NEWSFEED" so that any new announcements will appear in your face book newsfeed.

Choruses should feel free to share their events and news on the Region 15 face book page so that we can all keep up with happenings in the region.

**NEW REGION 15 LOGO ITEMS** – And speaking of that fabulous new Region 15 logo, when we revealed the new logo on May 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the Harmonic Progression, many of you asked us for an opportunity to purchase Regional Logo items. We have good news! We are working to make this happen. Hopefully, we'll have the region logo printed on items you can purchase like pins, shirts and mugs. Watch for more news on this soon!

**TEXTS** - Would you like to receive exciting and important announcements from Sweet Adelines International as soon as they become available?



**Text** the word **sweetadelines** to **24587**, to get exclusive text messages from HQ. You will receive breaking news, scores, announcements, discounts, and special text messages throughout the year!

**OPEN HOUSE** – Over the last few years, SAI has held its global Open House in January. Some choruses asked that this event occur at a different time of the year and SAI made it happen! Visit the Members Only section of the SAI website to find all your resources you need or join the [September Open House](#) face book event to keep up with all the news. I encourage you all to listen to the SAI Webinar which is all about the September Global Open House. Remember that, as part of the *Sweet!* Adds membership incentive campaign, Region 15 is offering a VIP seat at 2014's regional contest and a feature in Taglines to the Region 15 member recruiting the most new members to SAI this year!

**MARKETING COMMITTEE** – I am looking for some Marketing assistants to work with me. Are you comfortable working with social media or PowerPoint? Are you a good writer? Can you create flyers, posters, or write newsletter articles? Do you already handle marketing for your chorus? If you are interested in getting more involved with Marketing for Region 15, please email me at [Tzichello@gmail.com](mailto:Tzichello@gmail.com).

Education Coordinator, Eileen Welsh



Where has the time gone? Summer is almost over; however, we are busy planning a fantastic VocalFest 2013 for you. Lori Lyford, Master Director of Scottsdale Chorus will be our International Faculty for the weekend. She is a master of the barbershop art form and has a wealth of knowledge to share with us. Our regional faculty classes will be held on Friday evening this year. There are a variety of choices to enhance your skills as a chorus or quartet member. We have a special fun filled Hawaiian Luau themed Saturday evening dinner and show. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with friends as well as meet our newest sisters in Region 15.

As your Education Coordinator, I have the opportunity to work with a talented team of women dedicated to helping me provide educational programs to you. They are:

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Quartet Coordinator – Jeanine Perruso Brown

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YWIH Coordinator – Alexis DePersia Norelli

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ED Team Planning – Lisbet Duponte

[lisbet@ptd.net](mailto:lisbet@ptd.net)

There are Regional Faculty members who are available to help any chorus or quartet. Their resumes and contact information can be found on our regional website.

Programs for 2014 and beyond are now being planned. Information will be announced shortly. I am here to serve the members of The Greater NY/NJ Region #15. Let me know what I can do to help you become the best singer that you can be.

See you at VocalFest 2013!

### International Update

*SAI Nominating Committee met at the Side by Side Seminar in July 2013. The slate for the International Board of Directors election for a three year term beginning May 2014 to April 30, 2017 is:*

*Anne Cargill  
Jeanne d'Arc (JD) Crowe  
Paula Davis  
Elaine Hamilton  
Cammi MacKinlay  
Marcia Pinvidic  
Renée Porzel  
Chris Temperante*

## Membership Coordinator, Dolly Power

### Membership Grows!



The Greater New York/New Jersey Region 15 now has 908 members to brag about! 23 choruses make up that number and it's wonderful to see our membership increase. We have VocalFest fast approaching us. I hope you will be joining us with the very talented, Lori Lyford as the faculty for the weekend! The fun begins September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sheraton Parsippany located in Parsippany, N.J.

As Membership Coordinator, I am in charge of collecting the "Women of Note" information so please make sure you make the deadline of August 9<sup>th</sup>. You can email the bio of your "Woman of Note" to me at [dollybamba@aol.com](mailto:dollybamba@aol.com) but you have to snail mail your photo to my home address. Everything you need to know was sent to your Team Coordinator/President and it's all on the website. I can't wait to meet my new sister Sweet Adelines and then try to remember everyone's name! Name badges really come in handy for that.

Friday night is chock full of great classes! We have a great Saturday night show featuring our choruses and quartets going to International Competition in Hawaii! So find a Hawaiian shirt to wear. You don't want to miss VocalFest!

## HAWAIIAN QUILT FUNDRAISER



Our Region was elected to be a participant in the Hawaiian quilt fundraiser project, Na Wahine Ho'olōkāhi (The Women Who Gather In Harmony), sponsored by the Honolulu Blend Show Chorus. This project is the making of a 60 x 70 (throw size) quilt to be raffled at the 2013 SAI convention being held in Honolulu 4-9 November 2013. The Young Singers Foundation will receive 10% of the proceeds from this quilt raffle. The quilt will consist of 30 squares...28 of the 30 squares will be personalized, representing each of the 2013 qualifying SAI Regions. The finished quilt will be reversible! One side will consist of all the personalized regional squares sewn

together in a patchwork style and the reverse side will be a lovely Hawaiian print. The quilt will be completed prior to the convention and will be on display at Harmony Bazaar.

Region 15's quilt square was created by Linda Linsenbarth from Twin County Chorus. It is machine embroidered and features the beautiful new Statue of Liberty logo designed by Marianne Savage from Heart of Long Island Chorus. Liz Levitt helped with getting the colors of Lady Liberty right and tells us the hardest job in getting the logo on cloth was to digitize the image received from the region. This was done by Kate Ireland, an employee of Linda's store "[Sew What's New](#)" and it took her two full work days to complete.

All those involved in fabricating the square were happy to take on the project and wish all the competitors from our newly formed region success in Hawaii.

## More Regional News

### Regional Convention Committee Competition Coordinator, Jeanne Viscito



I first learned about Sweet Adelines when I was 7 years old. My mom joined Ramapo Valley Chorus and I couldn't wait to be old enough to join them.

In 1980, I visited a couple of choruses and Hickory Tree felt like the right place for me. I "took a break" in 1989 to pursue some other activities including law school and serving two years as Mayor of Berkeley Heights. I feel extremely blessed and fortunate that for nine years or so, when I returned to HTC, my mother joined me on the risers of Hickory Tree. It was really great to harmonize with my mother. She became an affiliate member and remained one until her unfortunate death as a result of the fire which took our home during Hurricane Sandy last November. I am truly a "barbershop brat" and credit my mother with my love for this amazing organization. I have been a dual member of Hickory Tree and Liberty Oak choruses for the past 14 months.

I got involved with the Regional Convention Committee because I really wanted to help at that level. I became the Assistant Competition Coordinator to learn all that I could about the running of a competition. I am honored and thrilled to receive the official appointment from International as Region 15's Competition Coordinator. I do not believe in "reinventing the wheel", and will look to the more experienced members of the RCC for their wisdom and guidance. I look

forward to working with our new CRC, Sharon Putney.

### Quartet Coordinator, Jeanine Perusso



Hello everyone! What an exciting Region 15 contest! Congratulations to Drive! our 2013 quartet champions and our chorus champions, the Liberty Oak Chorus!

As most of us are now unwinding from this weekend and setting goals for 2014 competition, don't forget about our Reg. 15 Coaching reimbursement program! Now's the time to get your calendars out, pick 3 dates, and reach out to a coach who you feel will help with your quartet goals! The region will reimburse you, don't delay! How great it is to see some of the quartets taking full advantage of this program and I'm sure they'll agree the program really helps and you'll receive prompt reimbursement!

Please visit [www.sairegion15.org](http://www.sairegion15.org) and click on Quartet Resources, then follow the links noted below to seek coaches and your reimbursement form!

### Regional Coaches

[Seeking some outside ears? Here's a list of Region 15 faculty and coaches.](#)

[Get reimbursed by Region 15 for coaching. \(Requires log-in to Region 15 site.\)](#)

Info will be coming soon regarding 2013 Vocal Fest and how you can mentor gals looking to join a quartet and also be part of our evening's entertainment!

Have a safe and wonderful summer! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me!

## YWIH Coordinator, Alexis DePersia



Greetings Region 15! My name is Alexis DePersia-Norelli. I sing with Harmony Celebration and Sirens of Gotham and am very proud to be your Regional YWIH

Coordinator.

The Regional YWIH Chorus which performs Friday night at contest is our primary youth event and this year we want to expand it! The idea is to 'grow' this **festival chorus** by giving participants more time with the music and each other, and to (hopefully) get their parents to come to the quartet contest to watch their daughters' performance at the end!

To do this we need to find a school upstate willing to host us. The Thursday before contest, we'll hold a "Festival of Harmony" with all day music education and rehearsal for the participants. As in recent years, Friday will consist of a morning rehearsal, tickets to the quartet contest, and will culminate in a performance at the close of the contest. To achieve this I'll need a partner (or several!) in the capital region. Ideally, I'm looking for someone who already has connections to a school - music teachers and parents, I'm looking at you! Please email me at [AlexisDPN@gmail.com](mailto:AlexisDPN@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Of course, if anyone is interested in reaching out to schools in your area, has questions on how to start YWIH activities, or wants to get a regional Rising Star contest started please let me know! The key to youth outreach is having chapters make personal connections with their communities. Every Sweet Ad I know says "I love barbershop! I only wish I had found it sooner!!" Let's help the young ladies of Greater New York/New Jersey area find it sooner – harmonize the world, one youth at a time!

## DCP Coordinator, Jeanne Elmuccio



**DCP – It's for everyone!**

Looking for something to enhance your chorus experience? Consider going through the Director Certification Program (DCP). It's not just for Directors; it's for you too!

The DCP is an educational, self-paced, home-study program designed to develop skills related to the barbershop craft. Much of the information contained within the DCP skill areas is useful for ALL chorus members. It's a great way to increase your knowledge and support the growth of your own chorus at the same time.

SAI offers a DCP manual (along with other materials) with valuable information. These resources continue to be a wonderful reference for me. Ten skill areas will give you a well-rounded view into the musical, technical, management and communication areas of Sweet Adelines. You can work through the skill areas at your own pace and in any order.

We currently have eighteen members actively participating in the DCP program in Region 15. All members in good standing are eligible to apply for the DCP.

Try something new in 2013. Become a member of the DCP.

**THE 2013 HARRIETTE WALTERS LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT IS:****PEGGY DISUNNO**

**(L to R): 2012-2013 Team Coordinator Arlene Gunter  
Master Director and International Faculty Member  
Harriette Walters  
Harriette Walters Award Recipient and  
Director of Long Island Sound Chorus  
Peggy DiSunno**

Peggy DiSunno is a past Regional Team Coordinator where she ran tight, orderly, productive meetings – always prepared with a comprehensive agenda, giving everyone their say in-turn, working toward the necessary consensus, staying on-task, and delineating clear accountabilities.

Since leaving the RMT, Peggy continues to serve the Region on the Nominating Committee, where she encourages and fields nominations for future regional leaders from the general membership, and diligently prepares the necessary documents. An essential part of this job is recognizing leadership potential in members who may not recognize it in themselves, and encouraging them to consider serving as a Regional leader, and Peggy is that gentle voice.

Peggy generously shares with the Region skills developed in her professional life as a teacher, President of the Teacher's Union, and a professional Music Teacher Mentor. She is a Sweet Adelines International Certified Director, having directed the Long Island Sound Chorus since 2003.

LIS chorus members say that Peggy is still a teacher, involving the chorus in leadership training, development of core values, and goal-setting. According to her bio on the LIS website, she embodies personal commitment, fun, fairness, excitement, and a pursuit of excellence.

Even Region 15 members who do not know her personally can feel Peggy's love for the Region if they have ever sung under her direction at a mass sing or when she has had the opportunity to teach and direct one of the 'regional choruses' at VocalFest.

Peggy does not seek the spotlight. Like the great teacher she is, she seems to derive great joy through the nurturing of leadership potential she sees in others. For that, Peggy DiSunno is the recipient of the 2013 Harriette Walters Leadership Award.



## REFLECTIONS OF A NEWBIE

By Jackie Moss  
Long Island Sound Chapter

Dressed in a black derby and tuxedo top I checked the bathroom mirror one last time. The transformation was complete. Walking toward the elevator, I took my place among the Liza Minnelli look alikes. “At Last” filled the small alcove, and as the last grace note faded, our director bowed her head and smiled. “That was gorgeous, girls,” she said. We knew it wasn’t flattery.

*Quiet in the Primp Room* read the sign on the door. We sat in silence thinking: about the songs, about the writers, the arrangers, and the many people who made the competition possible. I thought about how, once again, I was in the perfect place doing the perfect thing with my Sweet Adelines.

The announcement came: “Under the direction of Peggy DiSunno, the Long Island Sounds Chorus!” As we began to sing I felt like a beautiful hibiscus in full bloom, reaching for the spotlight. At one point, the room became still and quiet. That’s when I knew we had gotten the prize we had come for.

I have never been a competitive person but I have to tell you that I wept, I leaped, and I hugged for joy when it was announced that my new chorus had won awards, including first place in the small chorus category. I was on a peak high; that is until we met in the hospitality room to go over our scores.

The remarks were sobering. I descended to Earth with a thud! I could see the road in front of me would be paved with *practice*, *practice* and more *practice* but the prize of touching others would be worth it.



### Little known facts about **DRIVE! Quartet**

- 1) Together since the fall of 2008, we are Diane (tenor), Carol (lead), Helen (bass), and Patty (baritone).
- 2) Carol and Helen met on a "blind singing date" at regional convention in 2008, at the suggestion of our chorus directors Harriette Walters (Greater Nassau Chorus) and Stephanie Bricton (Jersey Sound Chorus, region #19), who thought our voices would be "good for each other". (They are so smart!!!)
- 3) Diane ("Di") and Carol sang together previously for a few years in a quartet called "Soirée", and both sing for GNC.
- 4) Patty (from Randolph, NJ) and Carol (from Garden City, NY) actually met all the way in San Antonio, TX during the last IES.
- 5) Patty received her barbershop inspiration in the womb, since her mom (Kathe deRose) was a regional champion in 1979 with her quartet The Chord Poppers. (Most recently, Kathe sang with Ramapo Valley Chorus and The Music Makers quartet.)
- 6) At our first contest, the program announcing us as the third place medalists contained a tiny little typo, that quickly became our claim to fame for the weekend, as the " ! " was mistaken for an " L" and we

became known as "DRIVEL" quartet. AHH...the power of punctuation!

7) Committed to an incredible work ethic consisting of lots of individual practice and efficient use of together time, "Drive!" usually rehearses once a month for approximately 4 hours.

8) Although we all share in the decision making and creative process, we each bring various individual talents to the mix--Patty (a music teacher by trade) is our musical extraordinaire, Helen is our financial/record keeping guru, Carol is our organizational/communication liaison and Di is our talented shopping fashionista.

9) We are motivated by the love of the barbershop musical journey, our passion to succeed and most of all, the joy of singing together!

10) Drive! is honored and super excited to represent our newly formed region in Hawaii!!! Thank you all for your love and support!!!!

### **Carol Beckmann**

Drive Quartet!

2013 SAI Greater NY/NJ Region 15

Quartet Champions





### Getting reacquainted with a.k.a. Quartet...

Aloha to all of our Region 15 friends and family. A.k.a... is so excited once again to be competing at the International Quartet Contest in Hawaii this coming November. We have had such a wonderful journey the past 5 years singing in four part harmony with our best friends which is (always kind of awesome...a.k.a...) We have been extremely fortunate to have very understanding families that have helped to support us in this hobby. They have had to put up with us travelling and being gone on weekends for rehearsals and coaching sessions and shows. We love them all so much!!!!

a.k.a... would like to say hi and to introduce ourselves to all of the new members in Region 15. a.k.a... is the current 6<sup>th</sup> place International Medalist Quartet. We have been singing together for 5 years and love what we do.

Harriette Walters, our baritone, is the Master Director of the Greater Nassau Chorus who will also be competing in Hawaii as well. Harriette is on the SAI Faculty and coaches quartets and choruses in her spare time. She has helped her chorus win the International 4th place medals too!!!

Susan Taylor, our tenor, has been in barbershop her whole life and has sung in many quartets. She

is currently singing with two choruses as well, Upper Chesapeake Chorus and Harbor City Music Company, both from Region 19. Harbor City Music Company will be competing in Hawaii too. Sue and her husband coach choruses and quartets in their spare time as well.

Janeen Summey, our lead, is also a barbershop lifer and used to sing with her mother when she was little in Region 9 in Florida. She has previously sung with Heat Wave Quartet who place 8<sup>th</sup> at the International competition. She loves country music and sings with a country band in her spare time.

And I, Janell Paviolitis sing bass, and I have been singing in Sweet Adelines for 35 years. 30 years ago I became a Queen of Harmony with Melo-Edge, 1983 International Gold Medalist Quartet. Since then I have sung with many other quartets, but I must admit that singing with a.k.a... is always kinda awesome!!!! I am currently the President of the Coronet Club which is the organization of all of the past SAI International Quartet Champions. What a treat for me to be singing with a chorus of all champions!!

Even though the four of us live in four states, and travel hundreds of miles just to rehearse, we are truly sisters in harmony. And at the end of every rehearsal, we are already planning and eager to get back together again in sisterhood and harmony.

#### Janell Paviolitis

Bass, a.k.a... 6<sup>th</sup> Place Quartet Finalist  
Bass, 1983 Queens of Harmony, Melo-Edge







**Getting to know One Track Mind!**

One Track Mind is honored to be representing Greater NY/NJ Region 15 along with Drive! and a.k.a Quartets in Hawaii this November 2013. We are so excited to be a part of our new region! Being brand new, we wanted to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves.

One Track Mind has been together for about a year and a half and represents Saratoga Soundtrack and River Valley Chorus. The 4 of us have so much fun singing together. Our rehearsals are full of laughter and a lot of hard work. The best part about being a part of One Track Mind! is our friendship and the love we have for each other. So who are we? Nancy Faddegon our tenor is also the director of Saratoga Soundtrack. In her spare time, she enjoys arranging. Our lead, Kim Higdon directs River Valley and sings with Saratoga Soundtrack. Jenn Hunter, baritone, and Leigh Anne Dorman, bass, sing with Saratoga Soundtrack and hold positions on Saratoga’s music and visual teams.

Thank you to all of you who have emailed and sent cards with such loving words of encouragement. They mean so much to us! Please be sure to stop by and say hi to us at VocalFest in September. We are looking forward to getting to know our sisters in our new wonderful region. Until then – KEEP ON SINGING!!

**Taglines Classified Section**

Just want to be sure that you are aware of the *Taglines* Classified Section. Our publication readership reaches out to more than nine hundred fifty (950) members within the Greater NY/NJ Region. In addition, our *Taglines* publication is linked to the website for our members. Consider the readership and then decide to place that full-page color ad. It will be worth it!

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### HELP WANTED ...

Please take the time to think about how YOU can make a difference in our region. It's not too late. As August winds down, we are finalizing our search for RMT candidates. If you have a desire to run, please get your application to me before the end of this month.

The following positions will be coming up for appointment or election in the fall:

- Communications Coordinator
- Education Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator
- Team Coordinator

Job descriptions for these positions are on the Regional Website, [sairegion15.org](http://sairegion15.org). You can find applications on the Regional Website, under Members/Regional forms. I also would be glad to email you an application!! Not much time left!

Thank you.

Peggy DiSunno

Region 15 Chair, Nominating Committee

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**Greater NY/NJ Region 15 Calendar****2013**

- 20-22-Sept VocalFest
- 22-Sept RMT Meeting
- 29-Sep Long Island Sound Chorus Show
- 5-Oct Evergreen Chorus Show
- 19-Oct Greater Nassau Chorus Show
- 26-Oct Spirit of Syracuse Chorus Show
- 4-9 Nov Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition, Honolulu, HI
- 17-Nov Twin County Chorus Show
- 17-Nov RMT Meeting (Conference Call)
- 23-Nov Hickory Tree Chorus Show
- 7-Dec Seneca Soundwaves Chorus Show
- 8-Dec Golden Apple Chorus Show
- 8-Dec Liberty Oak Chorus Show
- 14-Dec Sirens of Gotham Chorus Show
- 15-Dec Heart of New Jersey Chorus Show

**2014**

- 31-Jan RMT Meeting (Budget)
- 1-Feb RMT Meeting
- 10-13-Apr Region 15 Convention and Competition, Albany, NY
- 26-Apr RMT Meeting
- 8-Jun Liberty Oak Chorus Show
- 27-29-Jun Leadership Education Weekend
- 19-21-Sept VocalFest, Syracuse, NY
- 3-8-Nov Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition, Baltimore, MD

**2015**

- 30-Apr Region 15 Convention and Competition
- 1-3-May Region 15 Convention and Competition
- 18-20-Sept VocalFest
- 5-10-Oct Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition, Las Vegas, NV

**2016**

- 7-10-Apr Region 15 Convention and Competition
- 16-18-Sept VocalFest
- 17-22 Oct Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition, Las Vegas, NV

**2017**

- 15-17-Sept VocalFest
- 9-14-Oct Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition, Las Vegas, NV

**2018**

- 17-20-May Region 15 Convention and Competition
- 14-16-Sept VocalFest

For more information on events, visit the calendar on the Region 15 Website at [www.sairegion15.org](http://www.sairegion15.org).

## Greater NY/NJ Regional Management Team

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