



*"Coming together is a beginning,
keeping together is progress,
working together is a success."
- Henry Ford*



**Best of luck to all our friends
as you grace the stage.**

**May you be united in song
and enjoy a
successful performance!**

Greater Nassau Chorus
OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

Greater New York/New Jersey Region 15

Sweet Adelines International Annual Convention and Competition



**March 27-30, 2025
Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Albany, NY**



WISHING THE BEST TO ALL
COMPETING QUARTETS AND
CHORUSES. MAY YOUR
WEEKEND BE SPLENDID,
RESONATING IN UNITY
THROUGH THE MAGIC OF
SONG.



Music may bring us
together but the
Friendships make us
Strong!



We wish all of the
Greater NY/NJ Region
#15 competitors a
weekend full of music
with good friends!



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Please patronize the concession stand here at the arena.*

SAVE THE DATE!!



BEST OF LUCK to everyone who crosses the stage this weekend in Albany!

from HEART of LONG ISLAND CHORUS



A special shout-out:

"BREAK A LIP"

to our Tenor, Gina Cicero

as she makes her debut with Greater Nassau Chorus.

You make us proud!

You've got this - now go on and SPARKLE!

In Memory of Elfi Schreyer 1938 - 2025



50 year Sweet Adelines Member

with love, your Evergreen Sisters



Evergreen Chorus

congratulates Garry "Butch" Ashdown on his first contest as our new director

Together We Are Better (When We Sing)

UNITE in song TOGETHER we're STRONGER!

Heart OF NEW JERSEY CHORUS

wishes good luck to Region 15 Choruses and Quartets One and All

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The Island Hills Chorus Bashes

Send Deep, Warm and Resonant

Wishes to all performers!

With Love,

Toby, Debbie, Barbara, Marianne, Janet,
Diane, Susan, Joan, Penny and Marcia

2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**THURSDAY • MARCH 27, 2025**

4:00 pm	Hotel Check-In	
5:30 - 7:30 pm	Boxed dinners available (pre-paid)	Hilton, Restaurant
6:45 - 7:15 pm	Hand in forms/Return awards	Hilton, Governor B
7:30 pm	Quartet/Chorus Briefing	Hilton, Governor A
** Blue Notes Chorus	immediately at conclusion of briefing	Hilton, Governor A

FRIDAY • MARCH 28, 2025

7:30 am	Dedicated buses for mic testing chorus/quartet ONLY to ESPCC	
8:00 am	ESPCC Facilities Inspection/Sound Check - <i>By Invitation Only</i>	
9:00 am	Buses for quartets (walk-ons)	
9:15 am	Quartet Walk-Ons - <i>By Invitation only</i>	ESPCC
11:00 am - 7:00 pm	Spectator Buses between Hilton and	ESPCC
11:00 am	Registration Desk/Ticket Sales	ESPCC
11:00 am	Boutique (open through contest end)	ESPCC
11:45 am	Mass Sing (weather permitting only)	ESPCC
12:00 pm	QUARTET CONTEST BEGINS	ESPCC
4:00 pm	Hotel Check-In	
7:30 - 9:00 pm	Buffet dinner (pre-paid)	Hilton
8:30 + 9:30	Chorus rehearsals (assigned spaces)	

SATURDAY • MARCH 29, 2025

8:00 - 9:30 am	Chorus breakfasts (assigned spaces)	
11:00 - 5:00 pm	Spectator Buses between Hilton and ESPCC	
11:00 am	Registration Desk/Ticket Sales opens	ESPCC
11:00 am	Boutique (open through contest end)	ESPCC
12:00 pm	CHORUS CONTEST BEGINS	ESPCC
6:30 pm	Banquet and Show of Champions	Hilton
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Cocktail Hour
	7:30 pm	Buffet Dinner (pre-paid)

SUNDAY • MARCH 30, 2025

10:00 am	Farewell Sing	Hilton Lobby
	Safe travels, everyone, and see you next year.	

2025 INTRODUCTIONS



Welcome to Albany and to the Greater NY/NJ Region 15's 2025 Convention and Competition! While there's plenty to see and do in Albany, we think that you are already in the best possible place today – here at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center enjoying great a cappella music that is being sung by some VERY talented individuals! Over the past year we have been hard at work planning for this weekend's event – and we're thrilled to be able to share it with you.

Choruses and quartets from all over the Greater NY/NJ area have come to this stage today to present their best performances – to entertain you and to impress the judging panel. Regardless of the scoring outcome, your smiles and applause carry the greatest reward for all – we're glad you're here – and hope you have a great time!

An event as complex as this one does not happen without a lot of hard work. I want to take this opportunity to thank the individuals who make this event a successful one for all involved. Thank you to the many committee members who work diligently to plan and execute the weekend's events; to the Assisting Chorus members who are helping competitors and the public have a successful event experience; to the folks who are here working behind the scenes to engineer and guide the show you are about to see; to the ESPCC staff who are such gracious hosts; and most importantly, thank you to the choruses and quartets - the singers themselves - for their dedication to and love for the barbershop craft. Without them, there would be no music here today.

- You can't sing harmony alone... -

- ♪ Barbara Wright
- ♪ Chair, Regional Convention

Parade of Champions Quartets Region 15			
1966	Tic-Tac-Tones	1995	Summer Windsong
1967	Petti-Chords	1996	Summer Windsong
1968	Parfaits	1997	Follies
1969	Fireflies	1998	Follies
1970	Priorities	1999	Debut!
1971	Penna-Fores	2000	Debut!
1972	Sugar Cones	2001	Xclamation!
1973	Neat Arrangement	2002	Millenium
1974	New Dimension	2003	Moondance
1975	Song Peddlers	2004	Debut!
1976	Chord Poppers	2005	Escape
1977	Strawberry Sunshine	2006	Escape
1978	Sound Express	2007	Escape
1979	Chord Poppers	2008	a.k.a.
1980	Ladybugs	2009	a.k.a.
1981	Wintergreen	2010	Escape
1982	Ladybugs	2011	a.k.a.
1983	Wintergreen	2012	East Coast Style
1984	Manhattan Rendezvous	2013	Drive!
1985	City Lights	2014	Foreign Exchange
1986	City Lights	2015	One Track Mind
1987	Promises, Promises!	2016	Drive!
1988	Promises, Promises!	2017	Harmony
1989	Promises, Promises!	2018	Just 4 (Kicks)
1990	City Lights	2019	Harmony
1991	Starstruck	2022	Illuminate
1992	Starstruck	2023	Illuminate
1993	Madison Avenue	2024	Yellow Brick Road
1994	Madison Avenue		

Region 16 Quartet Champions now members of Region 15 since 2014			
1980	The Sound Relations	2004	All the Rage
1995	Fanfare!	2005	All the Rage
1996	Fanfare!	2006	All the Rage
2000	InJoy	2008	Tetra
2001	InJoy	2013	One Track Mind
2002	InJoy		

International Champions			
1957	Cracker Jills	2005	the "BUZZ"
1992	City Lights		

Parade of Champions Choruses Region 15	
Division A	Division AA
1999 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	1999 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2000 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2000 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2001 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2001 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2002 Liberty Oak Kathy Feher, Director	2002 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2003 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2003 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2004 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2004 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director
2005 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2005 Millstone Valley Jack Pinto, Director
2006 Golden Apple Anastasio Rossi, Director	2006 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director
2007 Metro Rhythm Daniel Chernosky, Director	2007 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
2008 Long Island Sound Peggy DiSunno, Director	2008 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
2009 Jersey Harmony Rich Gray, Director	2009 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2010 Jersey Harmony Rich Gray, Director	2010 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director
2011 Jersey Harmony Rich Gray, Director	2011 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2012 Long Island Sound Peggy DiSunno, Director	2012 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2013 Long Island Sound Peggy DiSunno, Director	2013 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2014 Saratoga Soundtrack Nancy Faddegon, Director	2014 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2015 Sirens of Gotham Sarah Clay, Director	2015 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2016 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director	2016 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2017 Sirens of Gotham Sarah Clay, Stephanie Ofshinsky, Directors	2017 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2018 Sirens of Gotham Stephanie Ofshinsky, Director	2018 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2019 Saratoga Soundtrack Jennifer Hunter, Director	2019 Harmony Celebration Kat Britt & Jeannie Froelich Directors
2022 Sirens of Gotham Under their own direction	2022 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2023 Capitland Chorus Susan Koppenhaver, Director	2023 Spirit of Syracuse Kay Crawford, Director
2024 - Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director	2024 - Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
Region 16 Champion Choruses now members of Region 15 since 2014	
Division A	Division AA
2007 Carousel Harmony - Debra Saucke, Director	2001 Capitaland - Kathy Mendenhall, Director
2009 Saratoga Soundtrack - Nancy Faddegon, Director	2002 Capitaland - Kathy Mendenhall, Director
2011 Saratoga Soundtrack - Nancy Faddegon, Director	2007 Capitaland - Kathy Mendenhall, Director
	2012 Saratoga Soundtrack - Nancy Faddegon, Director
International Champions Harmony Classic	
2019 Sirens of Gotham Mira Taferner & Kari Francis, Directors	

Hello and Happy Spring, Region 15!



As one of the earliest contest seasons we've had in Albany, this year's regional convention is the perfect opportunity to shift our mindset, boost those positive endorphins by thinking about the warmer weather ahead, and kick off a new contest season while rekindling our love for barbershop music. Whether it's your first contest season or your fortieth, I'm sure you'll feel the excitement – performing on stage in a quartet, chorus, or both days, or simply enjoying the event as a spectator!

I've been amazed by the behind-the-scenes efforts of so many dedicated people who work tirelessly to create a convention that's both complex and yet so comfortable and enjoyable. As a new Events Coordinator, I had no idea how much work goes into organizing a contest of this scale. Special thanks to Barbara Wright, our Regional Convention Chair, and Jeanne Viscito, our Competition Coordinator, for their leadership and countless hours spent preparing for our weekend together. The entire Convention Steering Committee deserves our thanks for their dedication and hard work in their respective roles, as well as the Greater Nassau Chorus for hosting and supporting us. A special thanks to the chorus liaisons for their behind-the-scenes help too! When you have a moment, I also hope you'll take the time to share your gratitude with your director for their dedication, a fellow Sweet Adeline who encouraged you to take the leap into barbershop, or a friend or family member who supports you in this hobby!

While we enjoy the weekend together, know that the Convention and Regional Management Teams are working to bring you quality programming, comfortable housing, excellent faculty, and great venues, all while keeping costs reasonable. Although we hesitated to pass on the additional busing fee, we found it necessary as without buses, transporting everyone would have been even more challenging (as I learned at international, some regions opt not to provide this service at all!) We'll continue finding ways to offer the best experience at the best price.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for another fantastic weekend at VocalFest with Dynasty Quartet, September 19-21, 2025, at the Sheraton in Parsippany, NJ! But for now, I hope you enjoy your time in Albany, and feel free to reach out if I can assist in any way!

Yours in Harmony,
Deanna Sargent, Events Coordinator

ASSISTING CHORUS WELCOME

Greater Nassau Chorus

Welcome to the Greater NY/NJ 2025 Regional Competition.

Greater Nassau Chorus is thrilled to be your assisting chorus for this event as we reunite with you, our Region 15 family. When we are United in Song, we truly are Strong. We are here to help you have the best contest and convention experience possible this weekend, so please reach out to any GNC member if you need assistance of any kind.

Best wishes to all our quartets, choruses, and directors as you cross the stage this weekend.

Alaina Tutrone and Kay Weiss
Assisting Chorus Co-Chairs
Greater Nassau Chorus



ASSISTING CHORUS COMMITTEE

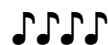
Alaina Tutrone and Kay Weiss Co-Chairs
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Jane Giamalvo Busing
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Phyllis Capolongo Pit Crew

Parade of Champions Choruses Region 15		
1966 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1985 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2004 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director
1967 Island Hills George Avener, Director	1986 Hickory Tree Ann Minihane, Director	2005 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director
1968 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1987 Suburban Sound Sonny Steffan, Director	2006 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1969 Island Hills Joan Cobb, Director	1988 Hickory Tree Ann Minihane, Director	2007 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director
1970 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1989 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2008 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1971 Island Hills George Avener, Director	1990 Island Hills Scott Brannon, Director	2009 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
1972 Valley Forge Jan Touring, Director	1991 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2010 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1973 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1992 Suburban Sound Alice Lesniak, Director	2011 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
1974 Valley Forge Jan Touring, Director	1993 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2012 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1975 Ramapo Valley Millie Delude, Director	1994 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2013 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
1976 Ramapo Valley Millie Delude, Director	1995 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2014 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1977 Island Hills George Avener, Director	1996 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2015 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
1978 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1997 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2016 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1979 Staten Island Betty Keating, Director	1998 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2017 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Marilyn Block, Directors
1980 Island Hills Estelle Grau, Director	1999 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2018 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1981 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2000 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2019 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
1982 Hickory Tree Janie Pedersen, Director	2001 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2022 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1983 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2002 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2023 Spirit of Syracuse Kay Crawford, Director
1984 Hickory Tree Janie Pedersen, Director	2003 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director	2024 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director

Region 16 Chorus Champions now members of Region 15 since 2014	
1996 Capitaland Kathy Mendenhall, Director	2002 Capitaland Kathy Mendenhall, Director
1997 Spirit of Syracuse Nancy Field, Director	2004 Capitaland Kathy Mendenhall, Director
1999 Capitaland Kathy Mendenhall, Director	2006 Spirit of Syracuse Nancy Field, Director
International Champions	
1978 Island Hills Estelle Grau, Director	1979, 1986, 1990 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director



Shout-outs



- ♪ Shoutout to my riser-mates whose voices blend so beautifully from Joan C. (GNC)
- ♪ Welcome to the contest stage, Ellen Zimmerli from Twin County Chorus.
- ♪ Best of Luck to my Island Hills Chorus sisters! You are all terrific inside and out, and you can SING!!!!
- ♪ To Balancing Act, Here's to you and here's to me, the best of friends we'll always be, from your roomie groupies.
- ♪ Time after time I know you'll sing divine Island Hills Chorus from M. Savarese.
- ♪ Congratulations to Laura Riffaud and the Island Hills Chorus for your wonderful performance! We love you Laura from LG.
- ♪ Best of luck Recap Quartet, break a lip!! Love, Leigh and AI.
- ♪ BariStrong! To The Magnificent LOC Baritones from your grateful section leader!
- ♪ To Laurie Schwartz. I'm sure you will "bari" the competition, from your best fan and loving husband.
- ♪ Best of Luck to the Spirit of Syracuse Quartets from Mary Connely.
- ♪ Congratulations to the Amazing SOS Rookies from Mary Connely.



2025 REGIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE (RCC)



We are so happy to see all of you!
 Best wishes for a harmony filled weekend both on and off the stage.
 With love, from the RCC



Barbara Wright
 Chair of the Regional Convention



Jeanne Viscito
 Competition Coordinator *
 (* International Appointment)



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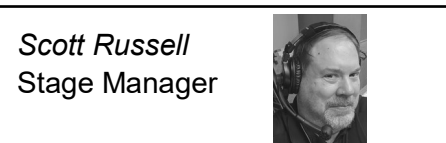
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**Your Regional Management Team
wishes all competitors and audience
members a wonderful weekend of
harmony and friendship!**



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★ Calling All Volunteers! ★

**For information on how to get involved
with this fun, creative and impactful
group, talk to any current RMT member.**

Regional Most Improved Quartet Award

Eligibility for this award is open to any quartet that has no more than one new member. No minimum score is required. Quartets performing For Evaluation Only or in the Open Division are not eligible for this award. Quartets must have competed the previous year. There is no limit on the number of times a quartet can win this award.

As of 2024, medals for this award are being sponsored by our 2023 Most Improved Quartet, **Repeat Offenders** (Laura Packer, Sabrina Doolittle, Kiara Contreras, and Alexis DePersia-Norelli). They have designed a beautiful new medal along with a polka dot ribbon commemorating the costumes they wore when they won this award. The medals will be awarded along with the traditional traveling plaque supplied by the region. Repeat Offenders' generous sponsorship will fund the Most Improved Quartet Award medals for many years to come. Alexis shared: "We decided to do this because we have always thought of this award as the pinnacle of regional quartet achievement. As Sweet Ads, we talk so much about how contest is a chance to get feedback on our own personal growth, and no award embodies that more for us than Most Improved Quartet. The winners of this award deserve to sport medals showing off their hard work."

Your Region 15 Family thanks you, Repeat Offenders!

CHAPTER MILESTONES

Greater Nassau Chapter - 65 Years
Heart of Long Island Chapter - 65 Years
Jersey Harmony Chapter - 45 Years
City of the Hills Chapter - 40Years

Congratulations!

2025 HONORARY REGIONAL AWARDS

Dody O'Brien Most Improved Chorus Award



This award was established in March 2006 in Memory of Dody O'Brien's years of dedicated service. She embodied a spirit of unfaltering trust in our organization's ability to inspire members to achieve goals of improved success through harmony.

Renee Craig Performance Award



This award was established in March 2007 by The Harmony Celebration Chorus to honor Renee Craig's accomplishments in both Region 15 and Sweet Adelines International. It was designed to recognize that, although the goal is always musical excellence, it is the performance that creates the magic. This award is given for the highest combined scores in Expression and Visual Communication.

Harriette Walters Leadership Award



The Region 15 Management Team (RMT) established this award in 2010 to recognize the qualities that International Faculty Member and Greater Nassau Chorus Master Director 700 Harriette Walters demonstrates in every aspect of her Sweet Adelines life.

Here are some of the qualities the RMT weighs in the selection: trustworthiness, discipline, ability to identify great ideas, willingness to motivate and inspire, dedication to ongoing growth. Applications are accepted annually for this award through December 15, and they should be submitted to the region 15 Team Coordinator.

Audience Choice/ Bravo Award

The Audience Choice/Bravo Award was discontinued by Sweet Adelines International and cannot be presented on the contest stage. It has been reinstated by Greater NY/NJ Region 15 and will be presented during the Regional Awards presentation following the competition.

Region 15 sponsors the chorus award and Monkey Wrench Quartet sponsors the quartet award. Both awards are for open division competitors only and will be chosen by audience ballots if two or more quartets/choruses are competing. To be eligible for this award a quartet or chorus must achieve a score of C or better.

For more information regarding these awards please visit www.sairegion15.org and search for Open Division Awards.

2025 REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM (RMT)

- Team Coordinator Jennifer Hunter
- Communications Coordinator Debra Saucke
- Directors Coordinator Harriette Walters
- Education Coordinator Alicia Caron
- Events Coordinator Deanna Sargent
- Finance Coordinator Phyllis Capolongo
- Marketing Coordinator Alexis DePersia-Norelli
- Membership Coordinator Evelyn Langenstein



Congratulations and Very Best Wishes to our quartets and choruses representing Region 15 in Columbus, Ohio October 20 - October 25, 2025

2025 LONGEVITY AWARDS**Sweet Adelines International Region 15***(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2024)***55 YEARS**Harmony Celebration Chapter
Saratoga Soundtrack Chapter
Twin County ChapterJan MacCaskill
Pamela Hyde
Connie Kash**50 YEARS**Chapter-at-Large Region 15
Evergreen Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Hickory Tree Chapter
Long Island Sound Chapter
Long Island Sound ChapterMarilyn Block
Elfi Schreyer
Lucienne Byrne
Carolyn Schmidt
Thea DiSunno
Peggy DiSunno**45 YEARS**Capitaland Chapter
Evergreen Chapter
Evergreen Chapter
Greater Nassau Chapter
Long Island Sound ChapterCaroline Kruzansky
Linnea Acton
Eileen Manning
Lori Schnipper-Nastasi
Anne Cantwell**40 YEARS**Harmony Celebration Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Hickory Tree Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse ChapterCathy Bucholtz
Roberta Smith
Diane Sussuma
Willadene Karns
Pamela Tracy**35 YEARS**Chapter-at-Large Region 15
Hickory Tree Chapter
Long Island Sound ChapterDoris Gearing
Mary Lou Van Handle
Anne Lachcik**30 YEARS**Capitaland Chapter
Chapter-at-Large Region 15
City of the Hills Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Harmony Celebration ChapterLisa McVey
Carolyn Burroughs
Jan McGrath
Virginia De Mario
Carole Harrison
Ann Lombardi
Frances Pinsdorf**2025 APPROVED CANDIDATE JUDGES, continued****LAURA BARNICK - Music**

Laura Barnick is a third-generation barbershopper - her parents and grandparents were involved in the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA) and Sweet Adelines, and barbershop music was always around!

She studied vocal performance and music technology at Elon University and participated in various choirs and vocal jazz groups during that time.

Laura has been a member of Sweet Adelines International and Skyline Chorus since 2015. She serves as an assistant director, bass section specialist, and floor team member for Skyline.

Laura sings bass in Last Call, 2024 6th place International Finalists and Region 8 Quartet Champions and 2022 Region 8 Quartet Champions and 9th place International Finalists, and Vintage, 2018 Region 8 2nd Place Medalists and International Wildcard qualifier.

Laura is also an Approved Candidate Judge in the Music category in SAI's judging program. One of her favorite parts of barbershop will always be teaching and singing tags, wherever and whenever she can!

Spare time activities include teaching piano, boot camp classes, watching/listening to anything "true crime", traveling, and avoiding moths at all costs (don't ask)!!

SUSAN KRISNIK - Visual Communication

Susan grew up studying ballet, tap and jazz then earned a degree in Dance Education from UW-Madison. She has choreographed musicals and coached/judged High School Dance Team for 25 years.

Susan joined her first SAI chorus in 1991 in Visalia, CA. She has been choreographer/physical warm up leader in four\ small choruses (in Regions 11, 22, 6) before joining the Twin Cities Show Chorus in 2005. She has served on

her region's RMT and is currently on the region's Faculty. She is in her 2nd year of trial scoring in the category of Visual Communication.

Susan has been a School Psychologist for 35 years. Susan lives in Eden Prairie, MN.

DONNA HALLEY - Visual Communication

Donna Halley, trial scorer in Visual Communications, hails from suburban Philadelphia and is a 46 year member of Sweet Adelines International, all of that time as a member of Atlantic Bay Mountain Region 19. Donna is a former Education Coordinator for her region, and has been a member of several chapters and served in many capacities in service and administration of her chapters. Donna has sung in many quartets and was a member of the first

Mixed Quartet Championship Quartet, PhilHarmonix, at the Buckeye Invitational. Her judging journey began in 2018 and she received her first panel as a Visual Communications Judge in 2024. She is delighted to return to Region 15 and appreciates all of the support Region 15 has given her in her judge training journey over the past few years.

JANICE MCKENNA - Panel Secretary

Janice is a current member of the International Board of Directors, Chair of the Philanthropy Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee.

She has been a member of Sweet Adelines International since 1981; been a member in three different regions (1, 12 and now 13) and four choruses, Liberty Belle now Boston Skyline, Camellia City, Pacific Sound and now A Cappella Joy.

She has been fortunate to have served as an assistant director in two choruses, Interim Co-Director of Pacific Sound Chorus for six months, section leader in three choruses; regional faculty member in two regions and former RMT Finance Coordinator in Region 13.

She previously served on two International committees; Editorial Committee, and Membership Retention Committee. Currently, she is in her third and final term on the IBOD, Treasurer in 2022-2023 and the Inaugural Chair of the Philanthropy committee. She also serves as Panel Secretary within SAI, the reason for her visits to many different regions. She loves coaching and working with singers because she feels it's an educational experience for her as well.

In her "other" life, she was married for 31 years and recently she is in the "failed retirement" phase of her life. She retired at the end of 2023 from full-time employment as a senior financial manager, but after about two months she joined a firm that provides consultants to assist companies with financial support on a temporary basis. It allows her to work with other non-profit organizations but still set her own schedule. A definite plus at this stage.

2025 APPROVED CANDIDATE JUDGES**BETH KIMLICK - Visual Communication**

Beth is very excited to return to Region 15. Beth is in her third year of trial scoring and looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces. Please seek her out to say hello! Beth is not even close to a new Sweet Adeline. She has over twenty years of experience singing in chorus and quartet competitions at both the regional and international level.

Beth lives in Virginia in the metro DC area and belongs to the Vienna-Falls Chorus. She has been their Visual Director for over twenty years, Baritone Section Leader, and Performance Coordinator. She directs a small daytime performance group visiting memory care and senior living facilities bringing music into their lives with engaging programs and audience participation.

When not singing or performing (which is rare), she is a Special Needs Advocate helping families navigate the educational system and also an Executive Function Coach helping adults develop successful skills for work and life.

2025 LONGEVITY AWARDS**Sweet Adelines International Region 15**

(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2024)

30 YEARS, Cont.

Heart of New Jersey Chapter
Island Hills Chapter
Island Hills Chapter
Jersey Harmony Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Song of the Valley Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter

Becky Woodard
Eileen LeBrando
Linda Martella
Carole Auletta
Robin Carberry
June Noble
Paula Smith
Julie Sul

25 YEARS

Capitaland Chapter
Capitaland Chapter
Golden Apple Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Song of the Valley Chapter
Twin County Chapter
Twin County Chapter
Twin County Chapter

Karen Cashin
Kathie Hedrick
Barbara Ann deFerrari
Robin Benowitz
Donna O'Brien
Leonore Popiolek
Dolores Whalen
Sheila Palsma
Patty Bueth
Ronnie Greene
Elizabeth Levitt

20 YEARS

Evergreen Chapter
Evergreen Chapter
Golden Apple Chapter
Golden Apple Chapter
Greater Nassau Chapter
Hickory Tree Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Long Island Sound Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter
Twin County Chapter
Twin County Chapter
Twin County Chapter

Patricia Caldara
Patricia Rock
Amy Kruse
Kathleen Kruse
Rebecca Rihn
Rita Peyton
Barbara Tucker-Just
Linda Gorniok
Hilda Blevins
Carol Buchanan
Eve Henderson
Pearl Mintzer

2025 LONGEVITY AWARDS**Sweet Adelines International Region 15***(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2024)***15 YEARS**

Capitaland Chapter
 Heart of New Jersey Chapter
 Liberty Oak Chapter
 Liberty Oak Chapter
 Long Island Sound Chapter
 Saratoga Soundtrack Chapter
 Saratoga Soundtrack Chapter
 Sirens of Gotham Chapter
 Twin County Chapter

Emily Boncordo
 Esther Krutzel
 Patricia Paulikens
 Rita Yonker
 Virginia Alestra
 Kimberly Britton
 Susan McMullen
 Asuka Ichikawa
 Linda Gempel

*Congratulations to all!***2025 JUDGING PANEL, continued****BARBARA NIELSEN - Visual Communication**

This is Barbara's 34th year of official panel service and her third visit to Albany, NY. She was also a frequent visitor to Region 15 when she was a judge candidate and doing her trial scoring. A native Marylander, Barbara lives in Baltimore County and is retired from McCormick & Company (spices, herbs, food products) after 43 years of service. In fact, she now serves on the McCormick Retiree Association Board of Directors and has edited their newsletter for a number of years. She is a devoted fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore Ravens. In her Sweet Adeline life, in addition to judging, she sings Tenor and serves as a Section Leader in the Harbor City Music Company Chorus, current Region 19 Chorus Champions and former Third Place International Medalists. She will be competing with her chorus in Columbus this fall. Three of the biggest thrills in her Sweet Adeline life are being a part of the Elkridge "orphan package" . . . being onstage with Pride of Baltimore in their first international contest and placing 6th . . . and being in the judging pit when Harbor City's own Lustre won their crowns. When she is not singing, she is an avid book club member, recipe collector and gardener. She enjoys digging in the dirt in both her large backyard flowerbed and her community vegetable garden—where she grows one of the most delicious things in the world—a Maryland tomato! And, yes, they go great with steamed crabs!

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Choruses and Quartets!**

ILLUMINATE

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Naturally
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Saratoga
 Soundtrack
 CHORUS®

**United in Song!****JOAN BOUTILIER - Sound**

Joan has been a frontline director for more than twenty-eight of her thirty-five years in Sweet Adelines International, taking her choruses to the International stage multiple times. She is a judge in both the Sound and Expression categories. As a member of the Sweet Adelines International Faculty Program, Joan enjoys offering interactive classes to provide opportunities for singers, directors and leaders to learn and grow. Joan is the tenor of the 2008 International Quartet Champions, Four Bettys, who have taught, coached and performed around the world. She currently serves on the International Board of Directors and she held the office of President of the organization from 2020 – 2022. In 2022 she received the President's Lifetime Achievement Award.

2025 JUDGING PANEL

JANA GUTENSON - Music and Panel Chair



Jana Gutenson has been a member of Sweet Adelines since 1984, but barbershop has been in her life since birth! Her mother received her 60-yr. membership pin with SAI in Seattle in 2010, and her father was a 3-time International Champion with the Pekin Chorus of BHS.

Jana is a member of the six-time International Champion Scottsdale Chorus and has served as baritone section leader and member of the Music Team since 1988. She is 25-year front row veteran, Certified Director and as Scottsdale's Associate Director frequently serves as in-house coach. Jana has sung baritone in Internationally competitive quartets, placing in the top ten with Affinity in 2008. Jana has coached quartets and choruses at all levels and has served as faculty for quartet workshops and regional events throughout the Sweet Adelines International and BHS organizations.

Jana is a Certified Music Category Judge in the Sweet Adelines International Judging Program. She served on the International Regional Leadership Committee from 2014-2016 and six years as Education Coordinator for SAI Region 21. In 2010, Jana was chosen for the Region 21 Hall of Fame Award. She is the 2016 NAFME/Sweet Adelines Music Educator of the Year and served as Co-Chair for the SAI 2017 International Education Symposium. Jana is currently serving as Music Category Specialist on the SAI Judge Specialist Committee.

Jana has a MS in Curriculum and Instruction, BS in Marketing and Music Education and recently retired after twenty-three years of teaching elementary general music in the Chandler School District.

LISA HUNSZINGER - Expression



Lisa Hunszinger has been singing with Sweet Adelines for over 30 years and is the director of Alberta Northern Lights Chorus in Edmonton, Canada.

Lisa's passion for music began at the age of four when she took her first piano lesson, and she hasn't looked back since. She has grade 10 level in piano from the Royal Conservatory of Toronto and plays several other instruments as well.

Lisa continued her music studies at the University of British Columbia and the University of Alberta, receiving a Bachelor of Education degree, as a Music Specialist. She taught choir and band in the public school system as well as private piano, theory, and voice lessons. Lisa is currently retired from teaching.

Lisa sings baritone with Glisten Quartet, who crossed the International stage for the first time in 2024. She is also a member of the Regional Music Faculty, and an Approved Expression Judge. Lisa is married to Peter, and they have two grown children, Kristina and Connor. When Lisa isn't singing you will find her working in her garden or running the trails of the scenic Edmonton River Valley.

In Loving Memory



Marge Priddy

Mom....you gave me the gift
of music...and you are in
my heart always because of it.

Love, Jeanne

Miss Watson Loves GNC



***Twin County Chorus
Wishes Good Luck To All Quartets
and Choruses! Have Fun Onstage!***

Variety Pack

We are sending our **Best Wishes!**

to all our fellow singers this weekend for an awesome experience, both onstage and off!

also, you should **Hire Us** so we can sing for you and come hang out :)

varietypackquartet@gmail.com

UNITED in song, together we're STRONG!

Best wishes to our Region 15 sisters!

Capitaland Chorus
www.capitalandchorus.org

2025 CHORUS COMPETITION

12. **Liberty Oak**
Master Director, Katie Blackwood
Howell, NJ

Notes _____

13. **Twin County**
Director, Christine Krowles
Massapequa Park, NY

Notes _____

14. **Capitaland**
Director, Susan Koppenhaver
Albany, NY

Notes _____

15. **Greater Nassau** **EVALUATION ONLY**
Master Director 700, Harriette Walters
Baldwin, NY

Notes _____

Scoring Levels (per song)

A+ 94-100	B+ 74-79	C+ 54-59	D+ 34-39	F 0-19
A 86-93	B 66-73	C 46-53	D 26-33	
A- 80-85	B- 60-65	C- 40-45	D- 20-25	

Swan Song - while the scores from the Chorus contest are being tabulated, Greater Nassau will perform their out-going package.

Parade of Directors

Certificates presented by Jeanne Viscito, RCC Competition Coordinator

Flowers presented by Paulette Young, RCC Awards Coordinator

How We Sang Today - directed by the Director of the Overall Chorus Champion.

Attention Competing Chorus
Be sure to pick up your banners and riser chairs at the conclusion of the contest!

2025 CHORUS COMPETITION

6. **Island Hills**
Director, *Laura Riffaud* Hauppauge, NY

Notes _____

7. **Golden Apple**
Director, *Sharon Vitkovsky* White Plains, NY

Notes _____

RISER CHANGE/30 MINUTE INTERMISSION

8. **Harmony Celebration** **EVALUATION ONLY**
Director, *Jack Pinto* Ridgewood, NJ

Notes _____

9. **Spirit of Syracuse**
Master Directors, *Alicia Caron, Amanda Sky Harris* Syracuse, NY

Notes _____

10. **Saratoga Soundtrack**
Director, *Jenn Hunter* Saratoga Springs, NY

Notes _____

11. **Sirens of Gotham**
Director, *Anna Chelak* New York, NY

Notes _____



We want to wish you the best of luck as you "ease on down the road" to contest! Have courage, sing with heart, and trust your brain!



wishes all competitors a memorable and fun performance!
In Harmony, Carole, Sharon, Melissa & Kris



Wishing
all of Region 15
Unity in our
Hearts and Voices!



2025 CHORUS COMPETITION

Introduction: - Barbara Wright - Chair, Region 15 Convention Committee,
Member, Spirit of Syracuse Chorus

Emcee: Amanda Fowski - Lead, Saffron Quartet, Region 1

1a.. **Song of the Valley** **EVALUATION ONLY**
Directors, June Noble, Patricia Meade Chester, NY

Notes _____

1. **Evergreen** **EVALUATION ONLY**
Director, Garry "Butch" Ashdown Poughkeepsie, NY

Notes _____

2. **Jersey Harmony**
Director, Kat Britt Princeton, NJ

Notes _____

3. **Heart of New Jersey**
Director, Jeanne Elmuccio Millstone Township, NJ

Notes _____

4. **Long Island Sound**
Director, Peggy DiSunno Hampton Bays, NY

Notes _____

5. **Hickory Tree**
Master Director, Carolyn E. Schmidt Stirling, NJ

Notes _____



In Loving Tribute to our Dear

Barbara Festa

The Island Hills Chorus dedicates this performance to the memory of one of our most loyal and talented members. Barbara Festa was our staunchest supporter and an abiding presence, leader and teacher. She was on stage with IHC in 1978 when they won at International, and during her 45 years at IHC, Barbara was Bari section leader, Music Team Chair, gifted co-writer of our shows, and Co-Director. Her contributions created a loving culture focused on education and performance. A devoted chorus member and true friend, she will be forever missed by her sisters in harmony.

"Barbara Festa: truly the best-a!"

2025 AWARDS

Announcement of Awards by Panel Chair, Jana Gutenson
(Award Certificates will be mailed after Contest)

QUARTET CONTEST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Novice Quartet Award _____

Most Improved Quartet _____

CHORUS CONTEST

Most Improved Chorus _____

SMALL CHORUS AWARDS (Division A)

12-25 Singing Members

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

MID-SIZE CHORUS AWARDS (Division AA)

26-50 Singing Members

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CHORUS AWARDS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____


To all my Spirit of Syracuse Sisters:
I Can't Wish You Anything but L-O-V-E!
Give me Something to Sing About in NC!
 Hugs from Pat Costello

United in Song

Becky

Alicia

Cherie

Jenn



illuminateqt@gmail.com

Grandma GRACIE BASSY

BREAK A LIP!

We love you,

Skylar, Summer, Rivers, Kelby and Sam

GOOD LUCK to DeGaLS and the Long Island Sound Chorus



2025 QUARTET COMPETITION

19. **Tag Team**

Greater Nassau

Jennifer Esposito, Andrea Macey, Janet Prete, Lori Schnipper-Nastasi

Notes _____

20. **Yellow Brick Road**

CAL (#15), Liberty Oak

Diane Duff, Heidi Wilson, Patricia Danner, Shayna Felts Atkinson

Notes _____

21. **Variety Pack**

CAL (#15), Harmony Celebration, Sirens of Gotham

Heather Collins, Sabrina Doolittle, Elizabeth Harris, Alexis DePersia-Norelli

Notes _____

22. **The Edge**

CAL (#15), Capitaland, Greater Nassau, Liberty Oak

Taylor Frederick, Heather Boyea, Angela Reed, Kay Weiss

Notes _____

23. **Off the Record**

Sirens of Gotham

Hilary Berryman, Kara Scharwath, Mika Nagashima, Colleen Christi Willett

Notes _____

The Blue Notes Chorus Recognition

Yellow Brick Road Quartet Swan Song

Award Presentations

Performance by 2025 Champion Quartet

How We Sang Today - directed by Harriette Walters, Director Coordinator

2025 PAGES

Quartet Contest: Libby Horn, Deb Saucke

Chorus Contest: Angie Kunasek, Beth Paul



Harmony STRONG

Wishing all Region 15 Competitors Joy & Harmony this weekend!

Jan Rubino
Performance Coordinator
(908) 510-2315
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Rebecca Sundt-Tenor; Mary Walaszek-Lead; Jennifer Wiseman-Bari; Jan Rubino-Bass



IT'S TIME TO SHINE, MAKE IT COUNT!
BEST OF LUCK TO OUR REGION 15 FRIENDS!



We'll Say it Again and Again!

Best of luck to our fellow Region 15 Choruses and Quartets!
Looking forward to a wonderful weekend of fun, sisterhood,
and song!



2025 QUARTET COMPETITION

13. **Illuminate** Coastline Show (#1), Merrimack Valley (#1),
Saratoga Soundtrack, Spirit of Syracuse
Rebecca King, Alicia Caron, Jennifer Hunter, Cherie LaDuke

Notes _____

14. **Amethyst** CAL #15, Heart of New Jersey, Liberty Oak
Millicent DiBello, Wendy McCurdy, Mona Carol-Albala

WITHDRAWN

Notes _____

15. **Harmonics** CAL #15, Harmony Celebration
Sarah Coffin, Susan Schuman, Georgette Chrystal, Ailed Hernandez

Notes _____

16. **Balancing Act** Liberty Oak
Rebecca Sundt, Mary Walaszek, Jennifer Wiseman, Jan Rubino

Notes _____

15 MINUTE STRETCH BREAK

17. **Recap** Capitaland, Saratoga Soundtrack
Helen Bravi, Susan Koppenhaver, Caroline Kruzansky, Kathleen Velasco

Notes _____

18. **Naturally One** CAL #15, Farmington Valley (#1), Saratoga Soundtrack
Emily Aure, Christina Wittkowski, Katherine Edwards, Marisa Danko

Notes _____



COME TOGETHER, SISTERS IN SONG, AND SHARE OUR
GIFTS OF HARMONY.
LET YOUR VOICES SHINE!

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO



IMPACT



Good luck to all competitors!



And to **IMPACT** quartet,
and our wonderful director,

Sharon Vitkovsky!



GOLDEN APPLE CHORUS

Thank You Region
15!

We are so lucky to
have amazing
support from all of
the wonderful
members of Region
15!

We are so very
thrilled to continue to
represent you in
2025!

What will Lucille do
next?

IT'S A MYSTERY!



2025 QUARTET COMPETITION

Introduction: Alaina Tutrone + Kay Weiss - Co-Chairs, Assisting Chorus
Emcee: Kay Crawford - Retired Director, Spirit of Syracuse Chorus

Fun Fact: Quartet members are listed in this order: tenor, lead, bari, bass

Mic Testing Quartet: REVOLUTION

Sky Harris, Amy Manley, Kathy Storrings, Barbara Wright

1. **Rosegold Four EVALUATION ONLY** Greater Nassau, Greater Richmond (#14)
Kelly Peterson, Vera Crouse, Harriette Walters, Krista Costa

Notes _____

2. **VOCE EVALUATION ONLY** CAL (#1), CAL (#15), Millennium Magic (#1)
Deanna Sargent, Cheryl Brusket, Angie Kunasek, Beth Paul

Notes _____

3. **Saffron EVALUATION ONLY** CAL (#1), Sirens of Gotham
Helen O'Rourke, Amanda Fowski, Valeri Reynolds, Susan Berry

Notes _____

4. **Nightshade** Spirit of Syracuse
Melanie Kiehl, Karla Chun, Cassia Suslik, Alexis Bruening

Notes _____

5. **DeGaLS** Long Island Sound, Greater Nassau
Susan Goldstein, Donna Mancuso, Linda Gorniok, Gracie Panousis

Notes _____

6. **Impact** Golden Apple, Harmony Celebration, Liberty Oak
Kristina Collins, Carole Argulewicz, Sharon Vitkovsky, Melissa Herkalo

Notes _____

2025 QUARTET COMPETITION

7. **After Hours** **OPEN DIVISION** Capitaland
Karen Cashin, Diane Ostrander, Angela Dourdis, Lisa McVey

Notes _____

25 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Help us meet our Food and Beverage minimums.
Please patronize the concession stand here at the arena.

8. **Into Wishin'** CAL (#15), Capitaland
Isabel Pickett, Kathie Hendrick, Laurie Pracher, Merideth MacLain

Notes _____

9. **Aligned** Greater Nassau, Jersey Harmony
Joan Margaret Katinas, Rebecca Asher, Amy Cordero, Karen Kumpf

Notes _____

10. **Sympatico OPEN DIVISION** Greater Nassau, Sirens of Gotham, Twin County
Asuka Ichikawa, Carol Buchanan, Christine Surh, Maryann O'Keefe

Notes _____

11. **Last Hurrah! OPEN DIVISION** Hickory Tree, Jersey Sound (#19), Liberty Oak
Janene Williams, Carol Bailey, Michelle Metallo, Helen Kogut

Notes _____

12. **Just 4 Kicks** Harmony Celebration, Jersey Harmony
Diane Sussuma, Jean Schoenlank, Katt Britt, Beth Fulton

Notes _____