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## GREATER NY/NJ REGION #15

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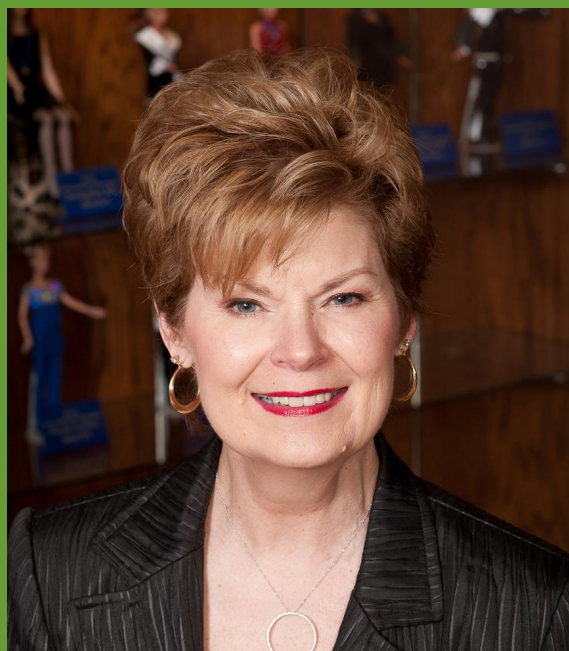
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## What you need to know...



**VocalFest 2017  
with Peggy Gram  
September 15-17, 2017  
Parsippany Sheraton**

Featuring:

PVI Opportunities

Friday Night Quartet Showcase

Regional VocalFest Chorus

Saturday Night Performances by  
Host Chorus *Sirens of Gotham*  
and our Las Vegas Representatives.



Barbara Wright  
Regional Team Coordinator



Greater Nassau Chorus

## THINGS TO DO TODAY:

- Consider submitting your application for one of the many Regional Management Team appointments in Region 15: Communications Coordinator; Membership Coordinator; Marketing Coordinator; Education Coordinator; Team Coordinator; and Education Coordinator. These positions are critical to the well-being and long-range stability of the region. [Click here to find out more.](#)



Evergreen Chorus

- Register for [VocalFest!](#) Yes, it's that time of year when we all get together to learn something new, meet someone new, sing something new. Peggy Gram is this year's International Faculty and has some great educational sessions planned.

- Get ready to cheer for Region 15's representatives to the 2017 International Competition and Convention in Las Vegas - October 9-14. If you see members of Greater Nassau, Spirit of Syracuse or Evergreen Chorus, be sure to offer your personal wishes for their success in Vegas! Be sure to do the same for our quartet representatives Harmony and Voce.

See you all at VocalFest!

Barbara

Voce  
Regions 1 & 15



Harmony  
Region 15 Quartet Champions

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# Around the Region

## Harmony Quartet: This is Happening



Hello Region 15!

Harmony is SO excited to represent Regions 15 and 9 in Las Vegas! "This is really happening!" That's the phrase uttered so often in our rehearsals, because we feel incredibly lucky to have found each other, and to be supported by our Regions! You have been so generous with your encouraging words, giving hugs, and gifts of love, that we are forever humbled. Thank You!

As many know, long distance quartetting can be a challenge, but we are resolute in continuing our journey, well.... because Harmony has formed a bond that is unbreakable by distance. But those airline miles are adding up because our Sarah has just moved to Atlanta! It's an exciting time for Sarah and her sweet husband Brian, as they embark on a new adventure, but no worries, our Sarah is Harmony forever. Kim has also been on the adventure of starting a new chorus in Region 9. Please welcome Bridges of Harmony to the Harmony family! We've just returned from Florida where we were thrilled to be asked to sing at Bridge's Charter Party, and it was a blast, getting to meet and spend time with new Region 9 friends! While in Florida, we also had the great occasion to coach with the incomparable Ruth Ann Parker, and then we all flew back to New York to work with the amazing Carole Persinger, followed by time with the one and only

Betty Clipman. To say we are grateful is the understatement of the year. Harriette, our Harriette, is a mini dynamo of energy and love, and is busy reading Greater Nassau Chorus for their own trip to Vegas, and Harmony is so thankful that there will be a big group cheering for us in that huge MGM arena! Leigh Anne, our 'upstate' bass, is traveling to Nassau County so often that her phone now thinks she has two homes, but having the chance to sing in Greater Nassau and Harmony is a dream come true, so watch out Southern State Parkway, here she comes! To our choruses, Greater Nassau, Sirens of Gotham, and Bridges of Harmony, we say thank you for the opportunity to represent you on that stage. We hope to make you proud! With Love and Harmony, Sarah, Kim, Leigh Anne, Harriette

## Voce Quartet: Summer Fun



VOCE Quartet is still riding high after our 11th place finish in Vegas '16's competition. We are comprised of 3 members from Region 1 (Judy, Beth and Angie,) who sing with Millennium Magic Chorus, and 1 member from Region 15 (Deanna), who sings with Saratoga Soundtrack Chorus. We travel a total of about 430 miles weekly for this "seriously fun" barbershop hobby. While there are always challenges in coordinating schedules to make things happen in a long distance quartet, this summer, VOCE Quartet has known and felt the reality of the quote, "For it is in giving that we receive!"

We experienced the gifts of joy, passion, and excitement overflowing back toward us while helping to mentor over 80 high school girls (130+ campers total) as the guest female teaching quartet at this year's Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast, held August 3-6th at Worcester State College in Worcester, Massachusetts. Whether facilitating a sectional, teaching a Masters class, or helping to coach a quartet, it was a privilege to witness the intense focus and work effort that each camper gave while learning to unite their musical talents under the direction of Morgan La Croix (girls) and Douglas Carnes (guys). We were also honored to be a featured quartet at the show for parents and the public, alongside all the campers, Drive A Cappella quartet, and Signature Quartet, the current International 2nd place Men's quartet.

Just when we were starting to experience Harmony Camp "withdrawal" a week later, it was time for Region 1's RQA/Regional Quartet Association day, held at the University of Hartford, in CT. We were thrilled to be able to continue to prepare for Vegas '17 as we were coached by the fabulous ladies from The Buzz Quartet. Throughout the course of the weekend, we were able to spend time with Nancy, Jeannie, and Karen, including quartet demonstrations with both public and private coaching. We got to visit with our regional quartet friends, listen to other quartets be coached, and made some new friends along the way.

As VOCE Quartet continues to seek opportunities for continuous improvement, we are always grateful for the support of our choruses and regions, the friendships, and to the coaches along the way [Mike Gabriella, Debra Lynn, Vickie Maybury, Nancy Cloeter, Joe Connelly, Karen Breidert] who inspire us and take us to new depths in understanding our individual and unit sound, and help us to continue to grow in our desire to be authentic communicators in song. Looking forward to seeing many of you in less than 2 months! Wishing all of our regional choruses and Quartets their best performance yet as they also compete in Vegas!

## New Addition to Stolen Moments



Stolen Moments is thrilled to announce the addition of Robin Benowitz as tenor in "Stolen Moments". Robin has been a Sweet Adeline since 1999. She was an English teacher who spent 17 years as the musical director for her school's drama program. Currently, she is a stay at home mom, who keeps busy with the occasional tutoring job, a collection of children's poems that she is writing, and the weekly chorus newsletter. She enjoys spending time with her husband Phil, her son Daniel, and their dog Max.



## Busy Summer for Liberty Oak Chorus



What a summer Liberty Oak Chorus is having with coaches like Karen Breidert in June to work on musical artistry and finesse and then Jean Barford in July to work on sound. We so enjoyed both of these very talented coaches and continue to work on the techniques given to us to become even better singers!

We also have a Summer Quartet program to help each member become more independent and confident. It's educational and fun as Katie works with the quartet chosen at random to sing in front of the chorus and be coached by Katie. Contact Katie Blackwood and she will share with you the details of this very productive program.

Our Annual Show "Music in Motion" will be at Old Bridge High School on October 7th with special guests "Gimme Four". They are BHS Mid-Atlantic District Medalist quartet and 16th place 2017 International qualifier. Check our website for flyer along with Facebook for more information. We are also selling afterglow tickets to be held at the Knights of Columbus in Old Bridge. Then we move a little south to sing on the Oceanaires show at North Toms River High School at 4 p.m. on October 15th. LOC are the featured guests on this show and we are excited to perform for the Oceanaires and their friends and families. We're not done yet! December 9th will find us singing on the Brothers in Harmony show.

So we are busy learning new repertoire and choreo. Speaking of choreo, Renee Portzel will be coaching LOC on the Thursday before VocalFest weekend. We look forward to Renee and to VocalFest and Peggy Gram.

We all agree that our greatest performance this year was for the residents of Applewood Estates where we rehearse. The residents there have become our family and they are always at our Thursday rehearsals. Our first place trophy is housed in their main hall in a very prominent place. We sang for the residents in July and the finale had everyone in tears as we paid tribute to the men and women who served in the Armed Forces. This is why we sing!

We've had guests coming through our doors every week. Two guests will be starting the audition process. Our two newest members are Lauren Marden and Shayna Atkinson. Welcome to our new members as we keep building our LOC family!

## Twin County Chorus



Twin County Chorus has been very busy this summer, with activities that took many of us beyond our Thursday rehearsals. Our ten members who went to Ireland in June with the Harmony Travel Chorus, a traveling chorus of SAI members, had a blast; sightseeing, singing, and building friendships every day. We've been learning new songs, and getting our ideas together for our fall fundraiser. Several prospective members checked us out during our membership drive in July, with some expected to audition soon. The highlight of our summer has been the recent participation of 12 TC members at the International Educational Symposium at the University of Maryland, sponsored by Sweet Adelines International. Everyone took classes with the best instructors and coaches around. Ours was one of the teams chosen to play in the Harmony Games, which were great fun!

Sweet Adelines throughout our region joined hundreds for *IES 2017 Back to the Future* in College Park, Maryland this August. In addition to attending classes led by International Faculty, Deke Sharon, and Tom Carter, members participated in Harmony Games, the Rising Star Contest and the first Mixed Harmony Quartet Contest.







Sweet Adelines International attending 2017  
International Education Symposium at The Stamp  
(Adele H. Stamp Student Union).  
August 6 at 12:28am · College Park, MD ·

Deke Sharon and Sirens of Gotham Chorus #IES2017 #iamsweetadelines  
#comesingwithus



Perfect Fourth wins the  
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Rendevous 2nd Place Rising Star

## CALLING ALL QUARTETS!

If any quartet is interested in opening up one of  
our class sessions at VocalFest, please advise  
Kathy Sullivan at [esulliv5@yahoo.com](mailto:esulliv5@yahoo.com).

Requests will be honored on  
a first come first served basis!

L.I. Sound: Across America:

Sep 30 2017

Liberty Oak: Music in Motion with Gimme Four:

Oct 7 2017

Heart of Long Island Show:

Oct 21 2017

Heart of New Jersey Show:

Oct 29 2017

Twin County Fall Festival:

Oct 29 2017

Capitland Chorus: Elegance with Voce:

Nov 4 2017

Harmony Celebration with The Buzz:

Nov 4 2017

Hickory Tree Show with Lustre Quartet:

Nov 18 2017



## Girls Just Wanna Have Fun - tag

Tenor Lead

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They just wan-na, they just wan-na, girls, Girls just wan-na have fun!  
Fun just wan-na, the girls just wan-na have fun, girls, Girls just wan-na have fun!

Bari Bass

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Fun bum bum bum bum girls just wan-na have fun, girls, Girls just wan-na have fun!

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