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Regional Convention

May 18 2018 to May 20 2018

Albany, NY

[Convention Webpage](#)



News



We say goodbye to our amazing Regional Team Coordinator, Barbara Wright.

She took the reins and helped lead us at the onset of the Harmonic Progression and we could not have asked for a more honest, progressive, fiscally responsible and loving leader to direct us during this change. Region 15 is better for having Barbara at the head of the table.

Please welcome the team that will lead you in the 2018-2019 Year.



Greater NY/NJ Region #15

April 20 at 8:42pm · 🌐

Congratulations to SoundByte Quartet, Lake Ontario Region 16 Sweet Adelines Quartet Champions. This quartet has members from Regions 15 and 16! We are so happy for you!



Beth Fulton
Team Coordinator



Kat Britt
Director Coordinator



Mary Connelly
Financial Coordinator



Kay Weiss
Event Coordinator



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Education Coordinator

Lori Britt Horvath
Marketing Coordinator



Victoria Tisch
Communications Coordinator



Melissa Prew
Membership Coordinator

Goodbye and Thank You

Hello Region 15 Members,

When I received a phone call four years ago asking if I'd be interested in becoming the Regional Communications Coordinator, I had no idea what the road was ahead of me. What would it be like to be at the RMT table making the decisions that would direct the future of the region? Having come from Region 16, I was interested in getting more involved in my new region, meeting new people, visiting choruses and making new friends. It's been a busy few years for me as our "new region" came together. There were 10 Taglines newsletters, moving over 800 members to a brand new website, countless emails to members, choruses and quartets, and temporarily taking over the regional marketing position when the position was left vacant.

I was amazed at the time and dedication your RMT puts in behind the scenes making this region the best it can be. Amazing women throughout the Region have lovingly taught me lessons in leadership that will follow me into my new role as director of Saratoga Soundtrack Chorus. Thank you for the opportunity to be at the table. I know Vicky Tisch will do a fantastic job as your Communications Coordinator.

Jenn

Jennifer Hunter
Regional
Communications
Coordinator

A NOTE FROM HARRIETTE WALTERS

Regional Education Coordinator



Hello Region 15!

Yes, it is hello today, as it is always! With my current term about to come to a close, I am writing to say how much I have enjoyed serving as your Education Coordinator these last 4 years, I am excited for the changes that are upon us.

I say my current term, as I have served in this capacity, as well as many others in Region 15 over the years. I consider it to be one of the most important privileges I have had the honor to behold. What occurs when we serve others cannot be measured or put into words. I love meeting and seeing all of you at our Regional Contests and Events. I love talking with you. I love hearing what you would like to see, what you would like to do, watching you sing and share what we love to do, SING!

Our Organization changes lives. And those of us that realize this, well, we are the lucky ones!

Change is ALWAYS good! And it is always exciting! And today will be no different!

I will continue to share and serve this region, as someone who wants the very best for each of you individually, as well as

collectively. The perspective will be different, and that is exciting for me. I am always amazed when a chorus or quartet that I have never worked with or coached contacts me. It makes this brand new every time!

Thank you for all the support and love you have always shown me. I know that you will share all of that with my successor, Jean Shoenlank.

Please stop and talk with me when we see each other at Contest this year.....it is coming, I promise!

And as always, I wish you all the time of your lives when you are on the Regional or any other stage, singing your hearts out! That is my favorite thing to see.

If I can leave you today with one thought that has always worked for me, I would say Never Ever Give Up.....EVER! Great things DO happen if you just keep going!

With much love and gratitude,

Harriette Walters,
Master Director 700
Greater Nassau Chorus
Education Coordinator,
Region #15



Top Six

What not
to miss at
Convention

1

REGIONAL BOUTIQUE

FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-7:00 PM
SATURDAY: 10:30 AM-6:00 PM
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA CONVENTION CENTER

HELPFUL TIP:
DON'T FORGET TO PACK
SOME CASH IN YOUR
PERFORMANCE BAG.



2

REGIONAL DINNER

EAT, DRINK & CELEBRATE LONGEVITY AWARD
RECIPIENTS AND OTHER AWARD WINNERS.
SEE THE TOP THREE CHORUSES AND
QUARTETS PERFORM AND INTERNATIONAL
QUARTET CHAMPIONS THE BUZZ.

HELPFUL TIP:
BRING YOUR CAMERA
OR PHONE
TO CATCH THOSE
SPECIAL MOMENTS.



3

QUARTET CONTEST

DON'T MISS ALL OF OUR AMAZING
REGIONAL QUARTETS PLUS MIC TESTER
VOCE QUARTET FROM REGION 1 AND 15.

HELPFUL TIP:
DON'T FORGET
CARDS AND GIFTS
FOR YOUR FAVORITE
QUARTETS.



4

SIREN'S TAG PARTY

SING ALONG WITH SIRENS AT THE TAG
PARTY FOLLOWING THE REGIONAL
DINNER IN THE BALLROOM LOBBY.

HELPFUL TIP:
BRING A FEW
FRIENDS AND RING
THOSE CHORDS!



5

CHORUS CONTEST

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO SEE ST LOUIS
CONTESTANTS HARMONY CELEBRATION AND
LIBERTY OAK CHORUSES PERFORM AS WELL
AS OUR REGIONAL CHORUSES COMPETE FOR
THE GOLD.

HELPFUL TIP:
BRING AN EXTRA PAIR
OF SHOES FOR
THOSE ACHING
FEET!



6

REGIONAL SINGS

MASS SING
FRIDAY NOON CAPITOL STEPS
FAREWELL SING
SUNDAY 10:00 AM BALLROOM LEVEL LOBBY

HELPFUL TIP:
TAG GREATER NY/NJ
REGION 15 ON ALL YOUR
SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.



Around the Region

When a "Monkey Wrench" is Thrown into Your Life

SUBMITTED BY -- Dana Dunlevy



Monkey Wrench quartet is excited to sing in the Open Division of this year's Region 15 contest! We are four friends who met when we were all members of Hickory Tree Chorus. We had been busy with separate musical commitments over the years, but when a monkey wrench (or two) separated our chorus lives, we made our dream of singing together a priority while we still could.

We are so excited for our Bass, Kristen (with an 'e') McDonald, who is making her quartet contest debut! A long-time Sweet Adeline, she now sings and performs on the front row with Lehigh Valley Chorus, and is an Associate member of Hickory Tree Chorus.

Michelle Metallo, is also making a quartet contest debut of sorts. She won many Region 15 quartet championships with Escape quartet singing Tenor, but she'll be singing Baritone this time, for the first time in a quartet! She continues to sing with Hickory Tree Chorus, where she is now a Baritone section leader. But, wait! There's another debut!

Veteran quartet singer, and current Bass of Region 19's medalist Mosaic quartet, the multi-talented Shayna Atkinson is singing Lead (for the first time!) with Monkey Wrench. She is a respected learning track-maker, now singing with Liberty Oak Chorus, where she is a Bass section leader. Dana Dunlevy, a 'chorus Baritone,' is singing 'quartet Tenor' again, as she formerly did with The Four Baris quartet. She's a primary, Associate member of Hickory Tree Chorus, and in denial about moving out of Region 15 to Region 9, where she is a member of Toast of Tampa Show Chorus. We are grateful for this one-time opportunity to sing together and share our message of enduring friendship and fun with the Greater NY/NJ Region 15.

GNC Is Heating Up!

SUBMITTED BY -- Andrea Macey



It's been snowing outside but things have heated up for Greater Nassau Chorus! Competition preparation, luncheons, new members, and performances mean that we have been busy ladies.

GNC is SO happy to announce three new members! Welcome to Alicia Spiegel, Jeri Schwartz, and Laura Lynch, who have joined us as sisters on the risers. We are thrilled to have them. With competition preparation in high gear, our newbies have jumped right in. The excitement is contagious as GNC gets ready to join our sister choruses in Albany and ring those chords.

Since we do LOVE to party, we are looking forward to our fabulous Fashion Show Brunch! Featuring fashions from Studio East of Northport, the luncheon will be held at Kasey's Kitchen in Rockville Centre on April 8th at 12pm. Delicious food, vendors, entertainment, raffles and door prizes are going to make it a fun afternoon! We would

love for our local chorus sisters to join us! Don't miss the chance to see our very own director, Harriette Walters, walking the runway. Tickets are \$45.00. Contact Alison Cohen at alihic@aol.com for tickets.

Our next performance is coming up as well. The Plainview/Old Bethpage Library will be hosting GNC for a show on Saturday, April 28th at 8 pm in Plainview. Harriette has crafted a show featuring both old and new music that is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. There is something magical in these performances when we get to see our audience's delight right there in front of us. We recently had that experience while performing at the SingStrong a cappella festival in February, along with our 2018 Queens of Harmony, Lustre. The audience - largely made up of High School students and non-barbershop a cappella pop, doo-wop, hip hop and gospel groups - went wild for both GNC and Lustre. Harriette also took on the role of panel judge for the High School a cappella contest and taught a very well received Barbershop class with demos by GNC and tag singing by all. It was so rewarding to be able to introduce Barbershop to an eager group of young singers and see them fall in love with our genre right before our eyes. Our music is truly a wondrous thing to share!

Liberty Oak Chorus

SUBMITTED BY -- Dolly Power



Our retreat was held at the Princeton Marriott the weekend of March 9-11th with the dynamic coaching duo of Dale Syverson and Peggy Gram. The weekend was exhilarating, educational, exhausting, and great fun! Dale and Peggy work so well together and the chorus responded wonderfully under the direction of our Master Director, Katie Blackwood.

We will be the Assisting Chorus for this year's Regional Contest in Albany. Stop by the boutique in Albany and view all the great items we have to sell as well as taking chances on wonderful baskets! Regional charms will be available once again at the boutique. Don't miss your chance to purchase this keepsake.

We wish all of our sisters in harmony the best experience ever on the contest stage! We are gearing up for our evaluation performance at contest and then working towards our appearance on the International stage in St. Louis in October. We look forward to another coaching session with Karen Breidert and Michael Gellert. Jim and Renee will be back for our July summer retreat.

It's been a wonderful year for LOC. We are honored to be Region 15's representative as your champions in St. Louis. We look forward to sharing the International stage with our sisters from Harmony Celebration Chorus and with Sirens of Gotham as they appear in the Harmony Classic!

Heart of New Jersey

SUBMITTED BY -- Portia Licciardello



Heart of NJ Chorus is proud to announce the addition of seven new members since last year's Regional Contest!

Tenor - Anna Conigliano; Baris - Virginia Dearborn and Rosanne Labi-Crawford; Leads - Cheryl Raley and Sherry Barell; Basses - Beverley Williams, and (former/returning member) yours truly!

The chorus began 2018 with a performance on January 11th at Princeton Windrows, and on February 6th, sang at the Atrium at Navesink to very enthusiastic audiences. We will be performing at Meadow Lakes Assisted Living in June. HONJ returned from our retreat weekend with a wealth of information from coaches Katie Blackwood and Jo Lund; and some great moves from LOC choreographers, Terri and MaryJo! Our heartfelt thanks to each of them for their time and expertise.

We look forward to seeing all of our "sisters in song" in Albany, and extend our best wishes to all competing choruses and quartets a wonderful experience on the "contest stage!"

Repeat Offenders

SUBMITTED BY -- Alexis DePersia...



On Saturday, March 17th, Repeat Offenders, along with 5 other a cappella groups, competed in the New York Harmony Sweeps. We were excited to represent barbershop singers and thrilled to be sharing the stage with our Sweet Adeline Sisters from Region 1, Saffron Quartet, who wowed the audience and judges alike taking 3rd place! For more information on the event, check out this awesome article on FloVoice.

Sirens of Gotham is Actively Seeking a Music Director!

SUBMITTED BY -- Anna Chelak



Sirens of Gotham (Region 15 2017 Div. A Winner, 2018 Harmony Classic contestant) is searching for a Music Director! The person in this position will be responsible for developing and leading the musical and artistic performance of Sirens of Gotham, in collaboration with the Music Team, in a way that is consistent with our mission and core values.

Visit www.sirensogotham.org/director-search to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!

In Memoriam - Ursula Hudson

SUBMITTED BY -- Pearl Mintzer



With great sadness, Twin County Chorus sends condolences to the friends and family of Ursula Hudson, who passed away on February 13. We will all miss her dearly. Ursula was a very special lady, whom everyone loved the moment they met her. She was funny, talented, generous, and kind to everyone, most especially to new members of the chorus. During her 44 years of selfless devotion to our chapter, she became a Certified Director, was our chorus President for many years, served on the Region 15 Board, and volunteered any way she could. Since 1980, she has been our Lead Section Leader. We will always remember her for her thoughtful words of encouragement, her loving, cheerful nature, her humor, and her great smile.

We Learned, We Sang, We Laughed

SUBMITTED BY -- Pearl Mintzer



Twin County Chorus enjoyed a full-day coaching session this past Saturday, March 3, with Katie Blackwood, a Regional Faculty/Coach. Katie certainly has a way of lighting up the room with her enthusiasm and excitement. We learned, we sang, we laughed. What a great day! Check us out on [Facebook!](#)

It's All About the Music...



JUNE 9, 2018
Wood Ridge, NJ

Regional Quartet Day
with Corinna Garriock,
Tenor of Martini

<https://sairegion15.org/quartetday2018>



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[Regional Convention 2018](#)

June 9, 2018

[Regional Quartet Day](#)

Sep 14 - Sep 16 2018

[VocalFest 2018](#)

Sep 22 2018 - 6:00pm

[Saratoga Soundtrack 10th Anniversary](#)

Sep 23 2018 - 4:00pm

[Long Island Sound Chorus Show](#)

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