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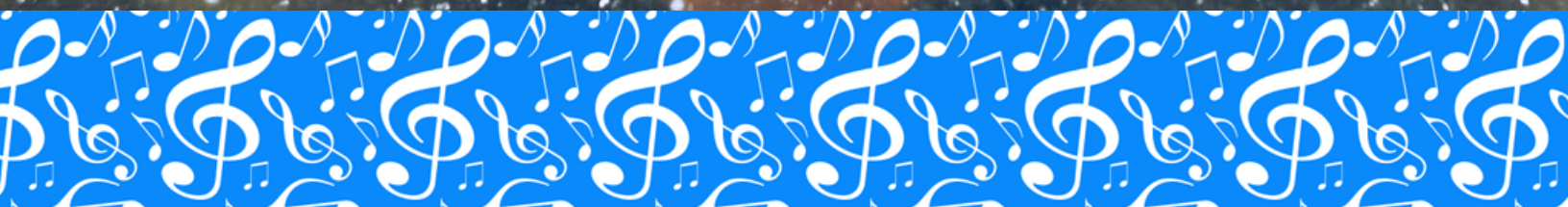
Mini-Brigade details!

from Lori Jo Whitehaus, Education Coordinator
and Valerie Ruhl, Singers' School Chair

Regional Convention Updates

from Sally Kelly, Events Coordinator

and more!



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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS SECTION INCLUDES CHAPTER EVENTS, REGIONAL EVENTS, EDUCATION EVENTS, AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

EVENT	DATE
2023	
Singers' School - Wilmington, DE	Jan 20-22
Small Chorus Workshop	March 4
Region 19 Convention & Competition - Lancaster, PA	May 18-20
Leadership Academy	June 3
F.L.A.S.H.	Oct 6-8
International Convention & Competition - Louisville, KY	Oct 30-Nov 4



Upcoming Shows:

Clustered Spires Chorus - That's Barbershop!

Feb 25

SUBMIT ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE REGIONAL CALENDAR TO IRENE HERSHEY, TEAM COORDINATOR, IHERSHEY@AOL.COM
CHORUS SHOW DATES DO NOT HAVE TO BE "CLEARED" WITH THE REGION, HOWEVER, THIS CALENDAR MAY BE USEFUL FOR PLANNING EVENTS.



REGION 19 MISSION

Our mission: Region 19 is a women's organization dedicated to musical excellence and the development of leaders through education, camaraderie, and performance of a cappella harmony in the barbershop style.

Region 19 Website: www.region19sai.org

Member's Facebook: www.facebook.com/region19SAI

Director's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/381778536043160

Presidents/Team Leaders' Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/514932849349532

REC's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/558299848045442

Membership Coordinator's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/2484755828517569

THANKS FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

We welcome your calendar items, chapter
and quartet news, and other items
of regional interest.

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LINES FROM LORI JO



Happy New Year!!!

I'm super excited to begin 2023 with an in-person Singers' School with the amazing Kathleen Hansen and Jennifer Cooke in Wilmington, Delaware. Did you register yet? C'mon! Join us in January. Evaluations from FLASH indicated that you want to sing more so that's what we've built into this event that's jammed with learning through song.

Be sure that you use your free visits from the Regional Faculty. Did you know that three free chorus visits are rather unique to our region? Most regions do not offer a program like this and it continues to surprise me how few of our choruses take full advantage of this program. What kind of education do you need to enrich your choral community? We have what you need. Just ask.

SINGERS' SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT MINI-BRIGADE

To prepare for this fun Quartet Mini-Brigade, brush up on the following regional mass sing songs: One Song At A Time, Send Your Love and How We Sang Today. An optional fourth song is It's the Music That Keeps Us Together.

Here is the link to the regional songs and learning tracks under the members only portion of the regional website:

<https://www.region19sai.org/educationmo.html>

At the brigade event, you will receive a "dance card". You look for three people of the other three voice parts and sing as a quartet one of these songs. Then you initial the other singers dance cards and they initial your dance card. The object of the game is to sing with as many people as you can and have a blast! The dance cards are collected at the end of the evening and the winners announced on Sunday morning.

SINGERS' SCHOOL 2023



VALERIE RUHL

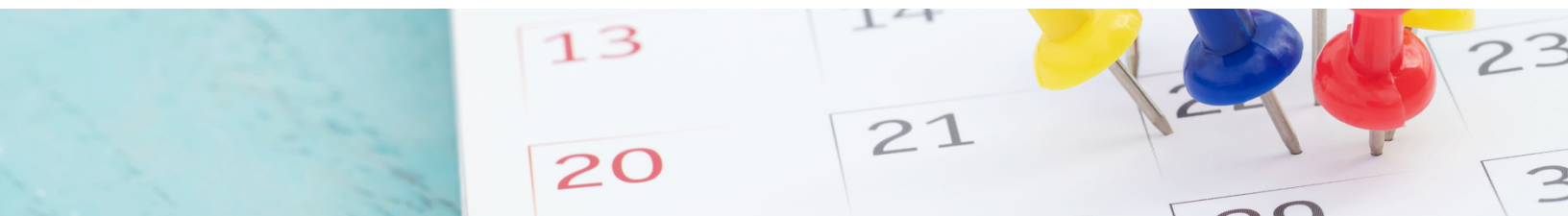
I am the chair for the upcoming Singer's School 2023 (January 20-22): Together Let's Sing! Our amazing faculty for this event is Kathleen Hanssen and Jennifer Cooke. They will be teaching so many awesome classes, and our weekend includes not only a Tag Night led by our visiting faculty but also a Mini Brigade! There will be so many opportunities to sing with one another and ring those beautiful barbershop chords. Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for registration and housing is right around the corner, January 6. I hope to see you all there as we come together to sing and see our Region 19 family!

BIOGRAPHY

Valerie Ruhl joined Sweet Adelines International in 2018 as a Lead in Vocal Harmonix Chorus. She has been in various leadership roles from the very beginning and is the current Events Coordinator on the Management Team. She is also the Lead in Starling 4 Quartet. Val works at the Heart of Lancaster as a Certified Surgical Technologist. Singers' School Chair is her first leadership role on the regional level and we are excited to have her as part of the Education Coordinator's Team.



EVENTS UPDATE



Happy New Year Region 19!

2023 is shaping up to be an "Event"ful year. We've listened to your feedback from previous events and are using that to make changes that we think you'll like.

January brings Singers' School to Wilmington, Delaware. Please join us Jan 20-22, for a very fun weekend with strong emphasis on actually singing together. Of course, that will be on top of some very useful and informative classes by visiting faculty, Kathleen Hansen and Jennifer Cooke. Get more info, download the music and learning tracks, register and make hotel reservations at the following link. Earlybird deadline is January 6: <https://www.region19sai.org/singers-school-2023.html>

March is the Small Chorus workshop with an emphasis on helping small choruses retain and grow membership.

May is the Regional Convention & Competition. For 2023 we will be back in the Marriott in Lancaster, PA. While the venue is the same you will notice many other Big Changes. First, you will receive periodic emails from the Regional Convention Steering Committee with just in time information as you need it. In January, you will receive the biggest communication with forms and deadlines. Please read that one closely. As you start planning your weekend, please be aware that we are changing the agenda and adding some events. The fun will start on THURSDAY evening with the chorus and quartet briefings, awards presentations and a welcome party. This will free up time on Friday so we are planning a few morning classes, with offerings for new members and also some for those with many years experience. Stay tuned for more info on that. Finally, we are moving the afterglow to be just outside the competition hall. We also want to have some hospitality rooms on the 2nd floor. The region has booked most of the 2nd floor rooms for the pattern, but they will be available after the show. If your chorus is interested in using one of these rooms for a hospitality suite for a small fee, please contact Events Coordinator, Sally Kelly sakhcmc61@gmail.com

All these events will fall under the newly revised COVID protocol for 2023 which reads: "Beginning in January 2023, COVID vaccinations are strongly recommended but will not be required in order to participate in "live" events hosted by the region. Similarly, negative COVID tests will not be required but are encouraged. Masks will be optional and your personal choice. This policy could be adjusted should there be a change in local, state, or national guidelines. "

Stay healthy and see you soon!



CHAPTER NEWS



Mormon Temple Performance



Annapolis Tree Lighting
(with guest director)



Doo wop backup singers
David DeBoy Crabs for Christmas

HARBOR CITY

One of the most treasured traditions of the holiday season is music. Harbor City Music Company had plenty of opportunities to spread holiday cheer this season and it was made especially merry by more than twenty guests who participated in our Harmony for the Holidays program. From Annapolis to Bel Air, and the Mormon Temple to the television studio where we accompanied David DeBoy singing, Crabs for Christmas dressed in our finest Baltimore Hons attire, we had so much fun!

We invite you to come celebrate a New Year of a cappella harmony with singing, socializing and light refreshments at our Open House on January 18th starting at 7:15 pm. The location is Severna Park Elks Lodge, 160 Truck House Road in Severna Park.

It's the New Year and time to get to work. Our Region 19 and Sweet Adelines International conventions will be here before you know it!

CHAPTER NEWS



HEART OF MARYLAND

On December 4th, the Hearts were again honored to be a part of a tree lighting ceremony, sponsored by the Women's Board of the Olney MedStar Medical Center. At this annual event, the Board seeks to show appreciation to all its volunteers and express its goals for the new year. The Women's Board is the largest philanthropic organization affiliated with the Medical Center.



Established in 1920, it has over 100 volunteer members. One of its principal aims is to raise money for scholarships for those seeking careers in health related fields. The Board also maintains a gift shop in the Medical Center and a thrift shop at Route 108 and

Prince Philip Drive (originally a home for nurses, built in 1936). "White Christmas", "Silver Bells", "Feliz Navidad", and "Let There be Peace on Earth" were four of our songs. On this clear but crisp night we were heartily warmed by a receptive audience, hot cocoa, and "Olney-made" cookies from a local bakery. (Karen Collins, Director; Krissi Folsom, Emcee; Rob Langston, Photographer).

Happy New Year to Region 19 from the Hearts!!



DUNDALK

We've been busy lately!

We have welcomed several new members, and we had a fantastic weekend of coaching with Ryan Heller. We finished off the year by singing to great audiences at the Belair Farmers Market and at the Brightview Senior Living Center.

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season! Happy New Year!

CHAPTER NEWS



VALLEY FORGE

We are absolutely thrilled to announce Debbie Dahlen Kirsch as the Valley Forge Chorus Front Line Director! Debbie previously served as VFC Assistant Director, and then graciously took on the role of Interim Director in February 2022. She has been tremendous this year, directing us on both the regional and international stage. We are so excited to continue to work under Debbie's leadership!

December was quite busy for Valley Forge Chorus! On December 2nd, Valley Forge Chorus went caroling at Tinseltown in Oaks, PA. While caroling, we were featured on a CBS3 news segment. On December 6th, Valley Forge Chorus was thrilled to once again perform at Granite Farms Retirement Community in Media, PA, where we had the pleasure of performing for three former members. On December 10th, Valley Forge Chorus went caroling around Media, PA. We had such a blast performing for the shoppers and exploring Media!

Valley Forge Chorus was ecstatic to produce our first in-person holiday showcase since 2019. The show was titled 'The Gift of Holiday Harmony' and highlighted the many ways that harmony enriches our lives. We were also excited to have One Night Only quartet perform, as well as a beautiful trio that performed the Patapan Fantasia.

Valley Forge Chorus was also overjoyed to invite our Holiday Harmony Singers to perform in the holiday showcase. These tremendous singers have been attending rehearsal for seven weeks. They worked extremely hard, and it certainly showed on stage! It has truly been a pleasure to get to know each one of them, and to sing with them!

From all of us in Valley Forge Chorus, we hope you and your families had a happy and healthy holiday season, and the best start to the new year! We cannot wait to see what 2023 brings!



**Clustered Spires Chorus
of Sweet Adelines International
presents**



That's Barbershop!

A musical performance showcasing women's
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**Saturday, February 25, 2023
2:30 p.m.**

Box Office opens at 1:00 pm

Doors open at 2:00 pm



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Frederick Community College
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