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from Patty Weeks, Membership Coordinator

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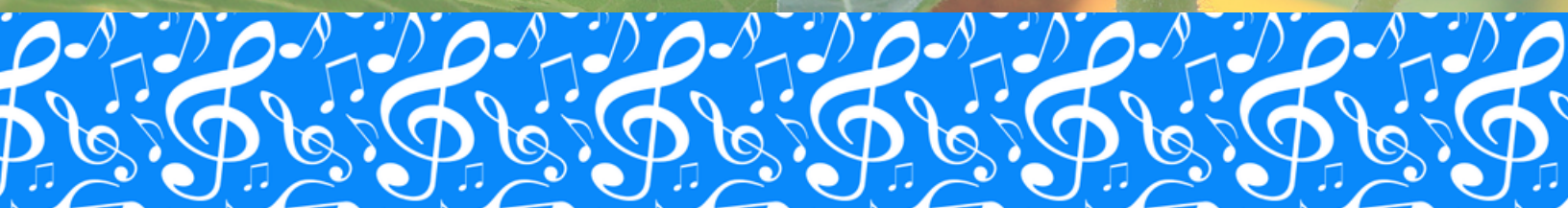
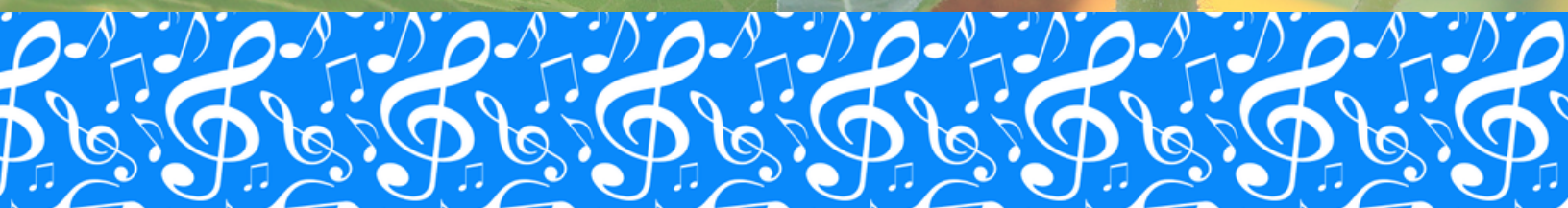
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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

EVENT

DATE

2023

F.L.A.S.H. - Hunt Valley, MD

Oct 6-8

International Convention & Competition - Louisville, KY

Oct 30-Nov 4

2024

Fearless Foursomes (Quartet Weekend)

Jan 19-21

NEW Regional Convention - Lancaster, PA

May 16-18

NEW Leadership Academy

Jun 8

NEW F.L.A.S.H.

Oct 18 - 20



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

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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

EDUCATION



What a fantastic Regional Convention we had this year. Every. Single. Chorus. crossed the stage and that fact alone impressed the judging panel and made me so proud of all of you. Hooray! In addition, we had so many competing quartets that the schedule bumped up the start of the contest on Friday. Huge rounds of applause to the Host Choruses, The Annapolis Blend and Shades of Harmony, and all of the members of the Regional Convention Steering Committee (RSCS) chaired by Di Bartel.

The Leadership Academy, chaired by Nikki Burkhardt, featured lots of laughter while learning due to the educational shenanigans provided by the Mo & Katy Show. Mo Barrett and Katy Stevens kicked off and closed the event and left us feeling super happy that we chose to spend a day in Aberdeen, Maryland. Classes taught by Sarah Nainan-Newhard, Jennifer Williams, Patty Weeks, Cathy Schuman and Cydney Wentzel provided excellent information in both the Musical Leadership track and the Administrative Leadership track.

What's next? F.L.A.S.H. will be October 6-8 in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The theme is Down and Derby and the educational chair of this event is Sarah Nainan-Newhard who is working with Vickie Maybury and Kim Newcomb to create a weekend to remember. They will be assisted by our Host Chorus, Dundalk. F.L.A.S.H. also features our region's international-bound quartets and choruses on the Saturday Night Show. The big event on Friday night will be The Voices contest which happens every two years. Donna Halley is the chair of this event designed for Novice Quartets who are matched with volunteer coaches from the Silver Sorority. We are super jazzed that this year's Voices program involved SIX quartets from six different choruses. Here they are!

Moment in Time - Shades of Harmony and CAL with coach Tancey Bosna
JAMSession - Jersey Sound with coaches Renee Walsh and Barb Carfolite
What A Lark - Vocal Harmonix with coaches Sandy Martin and Ali Hauger
Back Talk - Dundalk with coaches Lori Dreyer and Sherri Stanton
Warp Speed - Harbor City with coach Cyd Wentzel
One Night Only - Valley Forge with coaches Sue Taylor and Linda Beaver

We wish the best of luck to these novice quartets and can't wait to hear them on Friday night at FLASH.

LINES FROM LORI JO

EDUCATION



Does your chorus need help from the region? You get three FREE visits from the Regional Faculty. Check out their talents and interests on the regional website. Individual skills are listed in the Skills Matrix and include much more than vocal skills. Strategic Planning, Membership, Marketing and more! And traditional chorus coaching, of course. Sharon Boyer, Faculty Coordinator, can answer all of your questions.

Would your quartet like free coaching? Last year's pilot program was a success so we are expanding it this year. Watch for news from Sally Burton, Quartet Coordinator, with regard to the procedure for redeeming your one free coaching for the fiscal year.

Need a PVI (Personal Vocal Instruction) or a PAW (Private Arm Waving) Session? Sign up for a free one at FLASH through Nikki Burkhardt, PVI/PAW Coordinator.

Are you an Assistant Director? Keep communicating with Page Hesser, AD Coordinator with questions and ideas for the Assistant Director Forum to be held at FLASH.

Are you interested in Arranging? Reach out to Linda Olding about the ACP.

Are YOU available to help with some regional projects? Are you interested in giving back to the region? Reach out to ME, Lori Jo Whitehaus, and let's chat about how you can give us a hand.

PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Atlantic Bay-Mountain Region #19 has welcomed 47 new members since January 2023 and I understand from our chapters that the number is still growing. Congratulations to all of you new singers who have discovered this wonderful organization. Here in Region 19, we embrace the International mission to “elevate women singers worldwide through education, performance, and competition in barbershop harmony and a cappella music”. Perhaps nothing is more important to a New Member than learning about this amazing organization and how to be a productive participant in the years ahead.

Thanks to the generosity of the Pride of Baltimore Chorus, the Regional Management Team has created The Pride Scholarship Program which supports new members during their first year by providing scholarships to regional educational events including:

- FLASH – October 6-8, 2023 in Hunt Valley, MD
- Fearless Foursome – An Intensive Quartet Coaching Event – January 19-21, 2024

PRIDE Scholarships for each event will be awarded to ten (10) first-time members of Sweet Adelines in Region 19 who have joined the organization since January 2023. Funding is for event registration only and does not include housing or meals. The scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of 3 recipients from one chapter.

Details about applying for the scholarship will be coming soon but in the meantime, learn more about these two upcoming regional events and be sure to mark your calendars. We want to see you all there!

Questions should be directed to Patty Weeks, Regional Membership Coordinator patty.weeks@comcast.net or to Cathy Schuman, Regional Finance Coordinator clschuman@gmail.com.

TEAM COORDINATOR VIBES



Your Regional Management Team has a current opening for a Marketing Coordinator. This position is primarily responsible for developing and providing marketing and public relations programs that promote chapter and regional events, and membership growth and retention. Do you feel you're the right fit for this position? Please contact Irene Hershey, Team Coordinator, at hersheyirene@gmail.com for more information!

Please consider how your talents might be used for this wonderful region of ours. Other areas of need coming up are Team Coordinator, Education Coordinator, and Standing Rules evaluator. Reach out to me at ihershey@aol.com and we'll talk!! Serving this region is a tremendous honor and a lot of fun!

Join the arranger Certification Program (ACP)!

** Available to members and non-member directors only

** Successful completion of the entire program results in becoming CMA
(Certified Music Arranger)

** Cost = \$100.00. No expiration. Ok to stop and start as needed

The Five Levels of the ACP:

Beginner

Self-study based on the Arranger's Guide, available from SAI , hard copy only, \$25.00 members' price. Nine units, each with a test. Unit tests must be passed in order and are administered by the Regional ACP coordinator.

Bridge Project

Relatively new level designed to provide practical arranging experience to people who successfully complete the Beginner level. Groups of up to 3 are tutored by an Approved Arranger (ACP participant who has successfully completed the Intermediate level). Groups meet monthly via Zoom to compare/ review their basic arrangements of assigned songs. This level takes about one year to complete.

Intermediate

The "cohort level". Cohorts consist of five or six participants, from all over the country and even the world, who have completed the Bridge Project level. A defined curriculum is taught by a pair of CMAs, with monthly Zoom meetings. Successful completion results in becoming an Approved Arranger (AA). This level takes 15-18 months to complete.

Enrichment Project

Similar to the Bridge Project, but with somewhat more challenging songs. Small groups of Approved Arrangers meet via Zoom to compare their arrangements of these songs. This level is un-mentored, but CMAs are available to answer questions as needed. It's also self-paced and optional.

Scholarship level

Participants must qualify by submitting three arrangements for review. The arrangements are each scored by three different CMA reviewers who have been trained to evaluate them in a standardized manner. The average of the nine scores must exceed a certain cutoff for the applicant to receive a scholarship. The scholarship money is used to compensate mentor CMAs who work intensively and one-on-one with the participants for one year at a time. Scholarship recipients must re-qualify for a second year, which is with a different CMA mentor. Upon successful completion of two years, they become Certified Music Arrangers (CMAs).

CHAPTER NEWS



CAPE SHORE

Cape Shore Chorus welcomes four new members as part of the chapter's "Harmony Connections" Program. The program is supported by funding the chorus receives from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and will feature a concert with area teens in October 2023.



DUNDALK

We had a blast serving as the demo chorus at the Region 19 leadership conference! And we definitely preferred being a chorus-driven chorus. We're continuing to welcome guests and new members to our risers as we travel down that "unknown road" to Louisville. On a stop along the way, we installed our new Board, who have everything covered for us, from alphabet soup to nuts! Or was that cheese? Visit us, any Thursday evening, to find out!



HARBOR CITY

Harbor City Music Company enjoyed a great day of coaching with Becky Ballaugh on June 17th as we prepare for the 2023 International competition in Louisville, KY this coming October. Want to know what the photo caption is all about... be sure to catch our performance at Flash in October!

CHAPTER NEWS



HEART OF MARYLAND

It was great to compete after the long, long COVID years. We were delighted to bring 5 newbies to competition, all who joined in 2023. They worked hard to learn the music and enjoy singing. Some highlights: "Great opportunity to get to know members of our chorus," "Loved learning about Sweet Adelines and hearing other choruses," "I greatly enjoyed it all, but was surprised how exhausted I was by the end."

We have another 4 singers joining us this month! While we are in search of a new director, we are concentrating on building skills and generally improving as a chorus. For more information, contact our president, Ann.Seltz@gmail.com

Heart of Maryland

DIRECTOR SEARCH



THE SEARCH GOES ON

We're embarked on a search to replace our long-time director. So it seems are many other chapters! Why consider HOM, you ask? We're a bit different. We sing for fun and to entertain. We're a close-knit group, friendly and open. It's easy for new people to feel accepted (they say, really!). Our goal is to keep all of that AND learn to sing better and more competitively. We've been working since April on that. We will have interim and guest directors until our search succeeds!

Reach out if you are interested or suggest people you might think would be interested. For more information, contact me: Ann Seltz (ann.seltz@gmail.com).

CHAPTER NEWS



VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge Chorus has had a busy couple of months, both on and off the risers!

We were honored to earn First Place in Division A and Fourth Place overall at the 2023 Region 19 Competition! Debbie Kirsch did a fantastic job leading us in her first contest as our official permanent director. Our coach, Jennifer Cooke, stopped by one of our rehearsals, and it was so much fun to show off everything she had taught us! We had a wonderful time participating in the Mass Sing, spending time with our friends from across the region, and welcoming quartets to our hospitality room. Congratulations to everyone who crossed the contest stage - especially our chapter quartets who are now regional medalists, Alchemy and Midnight Society!

At our annual installation dinner, members shared a delicious potluck feast at tables decorated with fun themes. Valley Forge Chorus Charter Member Alice Bell led the installation of the 2023 VFC Board of Directors, and she also told inspiring stories about the founding and early years of our chapter- complete with photos and other memorabilia! We also celebrated membership milestones before presenting both the Ida and Dan Bilodeau Award for performance attendance and the Sweet Adeline of the Year award to Emilie Doyle.

VFC had the opportunity to give a special Mother's Day performance for former member Lisa Yocum at Complete Care Berkshire. It was so special to share our gift of music with her, her family, and her neighbors. In June, we also participated in the North Pennsmen Annual Picnic & Songfest in Sellersville, PA. We performed a joint number with the Bryn Mawr Mainliners there, and we are looking forward to sharing the stage with them later this summer at Rose Tree Park! It was a great evening of food, cheer, and song with barbershop singers and enthusiasts from across the area.

We are thrilled to officially welcome new member Kim, joining the Lead section! We also welcomed nine guests to a successful Guest Night! After physical and vocal warm ups and some Barbershop 101, everyone learned two songs before socializing over some snacks. Come visit us anytime!