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from Sally Kelly, Events Coordinator

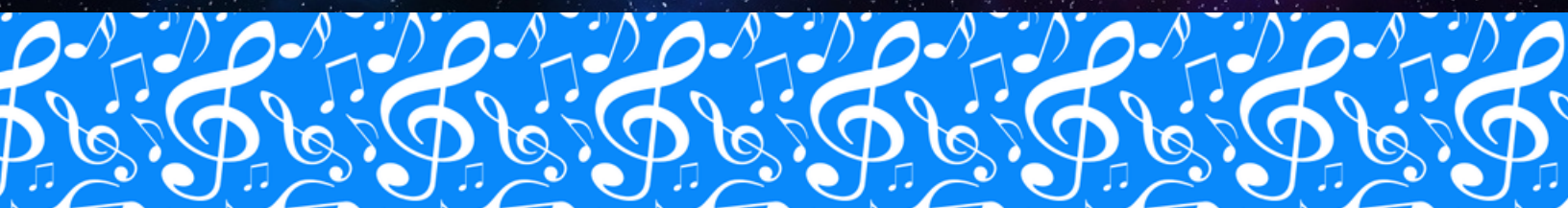
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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

EVENT	DATE
2023	
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
2024	
Quartet Intensive Weekend	Jan 19-21

Upcoming Shows:

Heart of Maryland - Finally Off Mute: A Platinum Jubilee

March 11



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

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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

WOW! Singers' School was an amazing event with attendance that exceeded our expectations. Huge thanks go to **Valerie Ruhl**, Education Team Event Chair, and her team of volunteers who made everything go smoothly. **Kathleen Hansen** and **Jennifer Cooke** were exuberant with sharing their knowledge throughout the weekend. The Friday night Tag Singing was fun. For many of us, experiencing a Mini Brigade was first-time chaotic fun as everyone scrambled to sing with as many people as possible. Kudos to **Sally Burton** and **Sherry Stanton** for making that happen. We might need to do this again!

What's next from the Education Coordinator's Team? Here's a list.



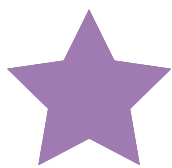
Convention - May 18-20 - Lancaster, Pennsylvania

There will be three classes added into the convention weekend and we hope you can take advantage of these experiences. Barbershop 101 for Rookies, Entertainment Packages and the Mass Sing Songs will be the topics this year.



Leadership Academy - Saturday, June 3rd - Bel Air, Maryland

Nikki Burkhardt is the Education Team Event Chair. Class lists and descriptions will be published soon. Classes will be for both musical and administrative leaders with Mo Barrett and Katy Stevens opening and closing the day. You won't want to miss this one!



F.L.A.S.H. - October 6-8 in Hunt Valley, Maryland

Sarah Nainan-Newhard is the Education Team Event Chair. The featured International Faculty will be Vickie Maybury and Kimberly Newcomb. Vickie is the director of the Skyline Chorus and an Expression Category Judge. Kim is the director of the Capital City Chorus and the Baritone of the current Queens of Harmony, The Ladies. I'm excited about this combination of expertise already!

LINES FROM LORI JO

EDUCATION



Quartet Intensive Weekend - January 19-21, 2024

Sally Burton and **Val Ruhl** are the Education Team Co-Chairs of this event. We haven't had this event since 2016 and we are starting the plans now to bring this very popular quartet experience back. This will replace Singers' School and is open to any quartet and individuals interested in quartetting now or in the future. Put the date on your calendar and more details will be coming this summer.

The DCP and ACP have coordinators who are working to keep the members of these programs moving forward. **Cheri Bowers** (DCP) and **Kate Towne** (ACP) would love to help you in your journey. Please stay in touch with them.

Finally, we have added a new position to the Education Team. **Page Hesser** will be the voice for Assistant Directors. We would like to add education specifically for current and aspiring Assistant Directors (ADs) at all of our events. Page is an Assistant Director for Vocal Harmonix and is the Tenor of JewelTones. She has already started gathering a list of educational needs from ADs. If you want to add to the list, please reach out to Page.

The Education Team is busy, yet it's fun creating programs to help everyone in our region.

EVENTS UPDATE

This year's convention theme is "Together wherever we go" Indeed, with COVID infections and restrictions lessening, we hope to see everyone back TOGETHER for a fun convention in Lancaster, PA on May 17-21. As you have probably seen from our periodic emails to all members, this year we have changed things a bit to offer more. The quartet and chorus briefings, an award ceremony celebrating our members' achievements, and a social hour for all will be on Thursday Night. Two classes and a mass sing rehearsal are on Friday morning; and of course, the quartet and chorus contests are as normal on Friday evening and Saturday day followed by the Show of Champions and afterglow Saturday night. You can find all convention details and schedules at <https://www.region19sai.org/2023-convention.html>

We are staying in the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square which is connected to the convention center. You will be making your own room reservations here: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1669666844350&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

There have been a few problems with the reservation system, so please read the updates below

- There are several room types available. Kings, Kings with Sofa bed, Exec Corner room (a Larger King with a little more elbow room), Double Queens and Double Doubles. These are all \$149/night. Two free parking spaces are included with each room.
- Regarding room type, handicap accessibility, and proximity to their chorus, folks can note that request in the "Any Special Requests or Needs" field under either the "Choose Room Features" or "Room Accessibility & Bed Type" sections. The hotel will try their best to honor these requests, but they can not be guaranteed.
- Secondly, there is not an option to list 4 people in a room. If you want to pile 4 friends together you'll need to add the 4th in the "Special Requests or Needs" field.
- We currently only have 3 standard rooms in the contract for Wednesday night. They are booked already so if anyone else tries for Wednesday it will say no availability. If indeed we need more rooms for Wednesday I will extend the block, but folks should contact me, Sally Kelly sakhcmc61@gmail.com
- Finally, April 26 is the cut off date for making your room reservations in our block at the group rate of \$149/night.

Also, in addition to the regional Afterglow, there are a few meeting rooms we are making available to choruses who might want their own gathering space Saturday night. Please contact Sally Kelly sakhcmc61@gmail.com if your chorus is interested.

See you in Lancaster!

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Spring is almost here, and among other things that means that our chapters should be holding their annual meetings and elections in the next couple months! This also means that it is time to update your chorus' entry in the Region 19 Directory!

The Directory is a living document that contains the contact information for the RMT, Regional Committees, and all of our Chapter leaders. It is important that you help us keep this up to date so that you and your chorus do not miss important information. The link to the Regional Directory can be found in the Members Only section of our website (to protect the privacy of our leaders). You are not automatically registered to the Members Only section, so if you have not accessed that before you will need to click the "Register" button and be approved before you gain access.

If you have already registered:

- Click the "login" button to access the information.
- On the first page you will see a list of links - click on "Communications". The first item on the Communications page is the Regional Directory.
- Click on the word "link" and it will take you to a Google Document.

You will have the ability to suggest changes and comment, so type in your changes and it will highlight the former information being removed with a strikethrough and the new information will be underlined. Both of these types of changes will appear in a different color as well. You may also choose to add a comment that contains the updated information. Our Regional Directory Editor will be notified of these updates and will then accept them.

If you have any questions or have trouble with this process, reach out to Nikki Burkhardt (saireg19communications@gmail.com) or your RMT liaison with questions. Remember that changes can be made at any time as well, so if roles change mid-year you can also update them at that time using the same process. Have a great spring, and we will see you at Regional Convention in May!

SMALL CHORUS WORKSHOP RECAP

The region held a workshop in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday, March 4, 2023. The day was designed especially for needs of the Small Chorus. A full-day of workshops was taught by Jennifer Williams, Master Director of the Dundalk Chorus. Jennifer offered sessions in Visual Communications, Vocal Skills, You Be the Judge, and Does Riser Placement Matter. Diamond State Chorus served as the Demo Chorus for the session on Riser Placement. Jennifer also met with Directors and Musical Leaders to lead a discussion on Choosing Music. And of course we couldn't go without a little Tag Singing led by Linda Beaver. Eleven choruses from Region 19 were represented at the event.



THE VOICES NOVICE QUARTET COMPETITION

*** CALLING ALL NEW AND NOT SO NEW QUARTETS ***

Has your quartet ever had the “itch” to compete in the regional quartet contest – but you hesitate because you feel you are not quite ready? Do you wish there was a venue where you could get your competition ‘feet’ wet before you entered the real deal in the Spring?

Well Region 19 has the **perfect** opportunity for you!

Region 19 is bringing back “The Voices” competition at FLASH 2023. In 2014, we reimagined the original Novice Quartet Contest. We wanted to provide an opportunity for new quartets to compete, but also wanted to provide them with some tools and coaching to help them succeed. Thus, ‘The Voices’ was born!



In a nutshell, a Novice Quartet is defined as a quartet where no more than two members have ever competed in a Regional Quartet Contest. Quartets who fit this requirement can apply to compete with two contestable songs at FLASH on Friday evening, October 6, 2023. Applications are due on May 26, 2023 and will be forthcoming. However, the exciting twist is that each quartet will be paired with at least one member of the Silver Sorority, the Region 19 organization of Quartet Champions, who will provide, free of charge, a total of three 2.5 hour coaching sessions, to assist the quartet in preparing for the upcoming “The Voices” competition.

We have had three “The Voices” contests in 2014, 2016 and 2018. The winners of those contests, JewelTones, 2nd Star and Starling 4, respectively, are currently all still together as quartets. Comments from many participating quartets feel the experience and associated coaching was invaluable in their singing and quartet development.

As far as the competition, the winner of the contest is eligible for reimbursement for their Regional Quartet Contest registration, should they choose to compete in the Spring following “The Voices” competition. The other quartets in the contest will receive constructive comments to help them improve as a quartet but will not receive placements or scores. There will be four judges, one in each of the four categories.

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting opportunity!

Donna Halley
The Voices 2023 Coordinator

QUARTET NEWS



IN THE MOMENT

Moment in Time Quartet was able to open 2 classes at Singer's School this past weekend, we had a blast and are looking forward to seeing what the future holds in store for us!

CHAPTER NEWS



CLUSTERED SPIRES

The Clustered Spires Chorus held their first show in almost 20 years on February 25 at Frederick Community College's theater. Over 150 people attended to see and hear their celebration of barbershop harmony, "That's Barbershop!" The show was well-received and the chorus members had a blast presenting it! Thanks to all who attended!



ALTOONA

The Altoona Chorus is searching for a new director. After 43 years, Ann George has retired and this award-winning and enthusiastic chorus is looking for a new director. If you are interested, please get in touch at Altoonachorus1@gmail.com or talk to any member of the chorus.



DUNDALK

At our recent chorus retreat with Dale Syverson, we sang the weekend away from high atop Mount Olympus! Surrounded by our sister goddesses of song (and goddesses of lots of other things!), we reached new summits of sound and merriment. Our recent guest night was also quite successful, with eight guests in attendance.

CHAPTER NEWS



HARBOR CITY

In a (not so covert) operation, coach Erin Howden slipped across the US-Canada border and into Maryland to lead Harbor City's February retreat codenamed, Mission Possible. HCMC had already conducted a clandestine training session earlier in the month with David Wright, preparing to execute his challenging arrangements in our contest set.

The intense weekend of training with Erin featured a spy gadget exhibit covering the Gellert Seven Basics of Barbershop Singing—on display to remind us of the clever tools at our disposal and Michael's dedication as our ingenious head of operations.

Erin cunningly challenged each of our members to make a personal choice. Accepting the mission would require every one of us to develop the self-discipline necessary to 1) convey the meaning of our songs with vocal and visual authenticity and 2) do so without even the slightest breakdown in our connection with the audience. Accepting this level of commitment would not be something to take lightly.

We're pleased to report this mission has been accepted! See the results of our efforts at Regional Convention and Flash later this year.

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DIAMOND STATE

Wasn't Singers School wonderful? The coaches from SA International were not only excellent in their knowledge but engaging and funny as well. Everyone in attendance reinforced the basics, learned a few new things and also saw where the organization is headed. If you didn't manage to go this year, try to do it next year.

DSC has been busy! We had a coaching Saturday with Tancey Bosna in January which went very well. We sang the Star Spangled Banner before an enthusiastic crowd at a U of D Men's Basketball game Feb. 4. We all wore red for a Valentines day rehearsal, at the end of which Cathy Brock gave us her hand decorated Valentine and note-shaped cookies (sweet!). We are preparing for the Small Chorus Day Mar. 4 at our own rehearsal site of Limestone Presbyterian Church. Also our retreat with Cyd Wentzel will be Mar. 17-21, when we will prepare for our biggest change yet.

We are excited to have a whole new adventure at this year's competition: we are entering the Open Division for the first time ever! Our goals are to really entertain you, our Region 19 sisters, AND to sing well. Props and scripts are in progress.

This winter we have had a couple of guests, and hope to have them on the risers with us at competition. Trudie Thompson just passed her audition and DSC is ready to welcome her in as our new member, most valuable as she is a seasoned SAI already in Region 19.

CHAPTER NEWS

Valley Forge Chorus



Happy 58th Birthday!

VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge Chorus has had a busy start of 2023! The chorus welcomed two new members, Ally Nyson, Baritone and Katie Whitling, Lead. Many chorus members were able to attend Singer's school in January and grew tremendously after attending classes ranging from singing techniques to membership recruitment under the amazing faculty Jennifer Cooke and Kathleen Hansen. One memorable part of Singer's School was being able to sing with our sisters in song at the Harmony Brigade.

Valley Forge Chorus had the opportunity to sing at the Maris Grove Senior Living Center on February 1st and to celebrate the 103rd birthday of VFC, life member, Marion Elizabeth Daniels, with a personal performance. The chorus was thankful we were able to be with Marion before she passed on February 12, 2023. The chorus sang at Marion's funeral on February 21, 2023. Unfortunately, Valley Forge chorus has recently lost other life members, Ida Bilodeau and Maureen Holcombe. On January 17th we had a remembrance for them both and celebrated them and their numerous contributions to not only Valley Forge Chorus but the greater Sweet Adelines International Community. Valley Forge Chorus was honored to also sing at Ida's visitation, where we sang "It's the music that brings us together" and "How We Sang Today". We thank everyone in helping us celebrate these wonderful women by sharing all the beautiful stories and memories.

Happy 58th Birthday to VFC on February 22, 2023! We all celebrated together a day early. A huge thank you to Jen Cooke for coaching our awesome retreat the last weekend of February!

CHAPTER NEWS



HEART OF MARYLAND

A Big Show for Heart of Maryland Chorus, March 11 th ,
Fitzgerald Theatre, Rockville

After three and a half years, Heart of Maryland is onstage again – with extra reason to celebrate. We turned seventy years old last year (chartered 1951), and it's time to sing about it! Despite the fact we were on Zoom for several months, we've had a chance to expand our repertoire; and, since we've been back on the risers, we've added some talented new members.

"Finally Off Mute: A Platinum Jubilee" is coming to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville on Saturday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m.

We're enjoying several new songs, including "Million Dreams", "True Colors", "LOVE", and "Hallelujah".

Here we are rehearsing our last number, "Sister Act". Or we could be saying, "Hooray! We're ready for SEVENTY MORE!!"



CHAPTER NEWS



UPPER CHESAPEAKE

Upper Chesapeake has been busy both on the risers, out in the community and behind the scenes! We welcomed back 2 former members and added a brand new Sweet Adeline all to our lead section! It is exciting to have both new and “old” friends with us again! A small group entertained the Veterans at Perry Point Veteran's Hospital bringing smiles and a few tears to our much deserving service men and women.

We had the dynamic Jenn Williams join us to teach us the visual enhancements to our new uptune-a great night for all of us.



As we all need money to keep our choruses afloat, we hosted a Gift Card Bingo to a packed house of over 180 people. Gift cards and CA\$H were won and folks had a great time and our chorus coffers were replenished! In addition, chorus members and bingo audience brought canned goods for the Food Pantry at the church that houses our rehearsal site.

Finally, we were thrilled to launch our new logo and website, www.uccsai.com, featuring our Visual Voice rebrand! We are looking forward to the Region 19 Convention where we hope to find the GOOD TIMES!

UPPER
CHESAPEAKE

CHORUS



THE VOICES

A NOVICE QUARTET COMPETITION

Atlantic Bay Mountain Region 19

- Any quartet, which meets the following criteria, is eligible: only two members of the quartet may have previously competed in a regional quartet contest.
- Must register by Friday May 26, 2023
- Quartets will be coached by members of the Silver Sorority over the summer
- Novice Quartet Contest will be held at FLASH on Friday, October 6, 2023
- The winner will be eligible for 2024 Regional Quartet Contest registration reimbursement
- Info and registration forms will be available soon!
- Questions? Contact “The Voices” Novice Quartet Contest Coordinator, Donna Halley, at dhalley1@comcast.net



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