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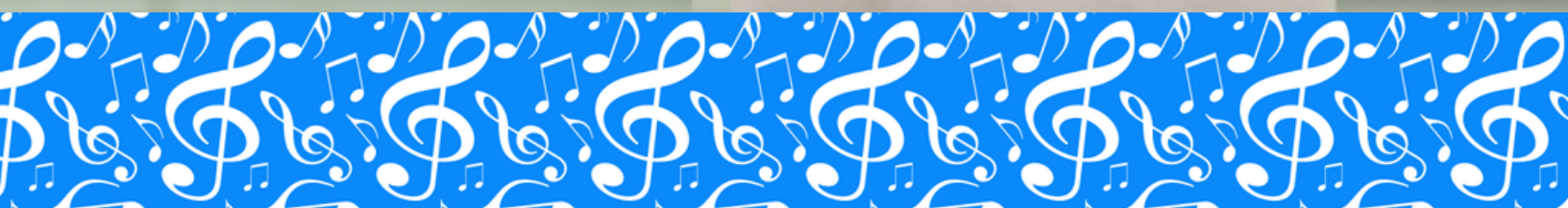
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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

EVENT

DATE

2023

Region 19 Convention & Competition - Lancaster, PA

May 18-20

Leadership Academy - Aberdeen, MD

June 3

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

Oct 6-8

International Convention & Competition - Louisville, KY

Oct 30-Nov 4

2024

Fearless Foursomes

Jan 19-21





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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REGION 19 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

The Regional assessment of \$25 per member (\$12.50 for youth, 25 and under) is due at the beginning of each fiscal year for all members of your chapter as of May 1 according to SAI records. (If a member has left the chapter before May 1, but is still listed on the SAI records, please so indicate, and do not include an assessment for her.) Assessments for 50-year members are waived. Please list your 50-year members and annotate. Assessments are due for paid lifetime SAI members. Please do not include names of dual members who are paying through another Region 19 chapter. Assessments are due by May 31, 2023. Choruses should use this form. (updated 2018-06-02) Please follow all directions on the form.

CHAPTER AT LARGE MEMBERS (CAL)

Chapter at Large members may pay their regional assessment (\$25) through the Region 19 Store, using a credit card/PayPal. Just use this link and select "CAL Regional Assessment".

[https://www.region19sai.org/store/c1/Featured Products.html](https://www.region19sai.org/store/c1/Featured%20Products.html)

A late fee of \$2.50 is assessed AFTER May 31st, and if no payment is received by July 31st, you will be moved to Member-at-Large status. So, if you wish to remain a member of Region 19, please pay your regional assessment promptly.

For those unable to pay online, you can make out a check to Atlantic-Bay Mountain Region 19 and mail it to Peggy Reno at 13549 Youngwood Turn, Bowie, MD 20715.

CALs - PLEASE NOTE – you must also pay annual International dues. Effective May 1, 2023, SAI will be dropping the \$10 USD at-Large fee for At-Large members, making your International dues in alignment with Regular member dues at \$100 USD. Go to the MEMBERS section of the international website to check your status and make your dues payment to International if necessary. Your Sweet Adelines International membership, due on April 30, 2023, is available to pay online and will be available until June 30, 2023. If you have any questions regarding your Chapter-at-Large status or have any issues that require the RMT's attention, please don't hesitate to contact Lois Conrad, Region 19 CAL Liaison (lconrad803@comcast.net).


REGION 19 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

INTERNATIONAL RENEWAL

Renewal of chapter membership, commonly referred to as “rechartering,” is due in May of each year. A chapter must have a total of 12 members plus a director to recharter. The Charter Renewal form is automated online in the Chapter Membership Report pages of the Members Only section on the International website. If international headquarters has not received a chapter’s renewal by May 31, the chapter is charged a late fee. If, after May 31, a chapter has not fulfilled the charter renewal requirements, an extension of time until June 30 may be granted by the International Board of Directors.

Now that all regional members receive our monthly newsletter, The Barbershop Beat, all the info you could possibly want or need will be published there. For those who don’t receive email regularly, you can read each month’s edition, as well as past editions, on the regional website at your leisure. Just navigate to www.region19sai.org and click the Barbershop Beat link at the top of the homepage.

If you have any questions about your chapter’s regional assessment, you can send a note to Patty Weeks, Membership Coordinator (patty.weeks@comcast.net) , or Cathy Schuman, Finance Coordinator (clschuman@gmail.com).



SALLY KELLY, EVENTS COORDINATOR

REGIONAL COMPETITION

Hello all!

I hope you are excitedly packing to head to Lancaster for our Together: Wherever We Go convention and competition. The RCSC has been working hard all year to improve your convention experience and we can't wait to see you there.

As Chair of the Regional Convention, Di Bartel highlighted in her last email that there will be classes for both newbies and those more experienced on Friday AM. Also, if you are present on Thursday night, please join us in Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1&2 for a Celebration of Members immediately following the chorus and quartet briefing. There will also be an open mic after the planned program for any quartets who might want to run through their set to get rid of pre-contest jitters.

Come celebrate with us!

LINE FROM LORI JO

EDUCATION

Happy New Year!

For our organization, May 1st begins the new fiscal year and my final year as the Education Coordinator. Anyone curiously interested in this role can chat with me at the upcoming convention.

Here's a preview of the educational programs for fiscal year 2023-2024 as designed by the Education Coordinator's (EdC) Planning Team:



June 3, 2023 - Leadership Academy (Nikki Burkhardt, chair)

Location: Aberdeen, MD

Faculty: Mo Barrett & Katy Stevens, Sarah Nainan-Newhard, Cyd Wentsel, Patty Weeks, Cathy Schumann, Jen Williams

Classes are for both administrative and musical leaders and future leaders. Page Hesser has joined the EdC Planning Team to help with a focus on Assistant/Associate Directors. Check out the class just for them. Registration is open. Sign up now!



October 6-8, 2023 - F.L.A.S.H. (Sarah Nainan-Newhard, chair)

Location: Hunt Valley, MD

Faculty: Vickie Maybury and Kim Newcomb

Includes The Voices program (Donna Halley, chair) for novice quartets and performances by our Louisville-bound quartets and choruses. Registration for The Voices is open now. Registration for the full event will happen in September.



January 19-21, 2024 - Fearless Foursomes (Sally Burton and Val Ruhl, co-chairs)

Location: TBD

Faculty: Class Ring Quartet and many more coaches

This quartet coaching extravaganza is back! A full weekend of coaching for registered quartets with classes for current and interested quartet singers. Watch this space for cost and location details.



Regional Faculty Visits (Sharon Boyer, coordinator)

All choruses will again receive three free visits from the faculty. The free quartet coaching program that we piloted last year will become a full program with details to be released in July

It's going to be a great year in Region 19.

TEAM COORDINATOR VIBES

ARE YOU READY FOR A PARTY???

We have all worked, practiced and learned so much this year and I hope you are each ready to show your best performance on the contest stage this year. It is undeniably exciting to see so many of our wonderful region coming together on a single weekend to celebrate all of the work and wonderful harmony that has been part of our individual and chorus journey for the past year. I hope each of you are looking forward to sharing all that hard work with those who will be supporting and cheering you on.

Do we stop there? No, we don't. Do you realize how very lucky we are to not only be part of an organization that embraces and supports levels of musical education that seem vast and constantly evolving? Not only that, but YOU are part of a region that wholly supports and provides outstanding educational experiences for any area of growth that you might be interested in. Region 19 is and has great resources for you, personally, and within your chorus family to learn and grow in this wonderful musical genre.

Make sure that you keep your eyes on all of those upcoming events. Next up is the Administrative Day in June. Make sure you send representatives from your chorus to continue to grow their leadership skills. There is something for everyone. Then we have FLASH in September. You won't want to miss that event either. Check out all of the educational opportunities provided for you.

- There is so much to be had in our region. I am quite proud to be a part of Region 19. I hope you are too. If you love this region as much as many of us do, why not get involved? There are a myriad number of ways to get involved. Every Coordinator on the Regional Management Team looks for individuals to become a part of what they do.
- Do you embrace the wonderful education we are provided? Lori Jo Whitehaus would happily help you explore ways for you to become involved with small and large roles.
- Do you have an interest in the financial concerns of what we do? Cathy Schuman would be happy to help you become a part of the efforts to keep the financial business of the region.
- Do you have a desire to continue to spread what we love to do with others in our communities? Patty Weeks has a burden to continue to help our choruses continue to reach women all over our communities find the joy that we have found. She would be thrilled to have your ideas and willingness to become involved in her efforts.

TEAM COORDINATOR VIBES

- What about communication? Is that an area where you have a heart to see that information grows and continues to all our members? Nikki Burkhardt wants a team to help make that happen in new and exciting ways. In addition, you might be interested in taking notes and minutes for our Regional Management Team meetings. That is an immediate need that you can step into. It is a great way to dip your toes into the management of the region.
- Marketing? We all appreciate the wonderful marketing that can be done on so many levels for our local choruses and also on the regional level. Do you have some skills, ideas and desires to be a part of that exciting aspect of our region? Jaime Weinfeld would love to have you step into some roles in that area.
- Maybe you, like many of us, have a huge appreciation for those individuals who stand before us every week and bring joy, education, encouragement and growth to each of us every week. Do you see yourself helping to find ways to support and encourage these individuals? Sherry Stanton is the person you want to touch base with to assist her in helping all of those people that we respect and love.
- I don't know about you, but I am in constant amazement and appreciation of our regional events that come to us throughout the year. There are SO MANY tasks that go into finding and coordinating the events that we've become so used to attending (at least my hope is that you are taking advantage of these). Sally Kelly would be very appreciative of individuals willing to come beside her to help fill all of the tasks that go along with each event that we offer.
- Leadership? Is that something that you feel you have a talent for? Come shadow my position of Team Coordinator and learn ways that you can not only contribute to all the efforts of the other Team members but also to your region. I'd love to have you come alongside. It is an honor to serve this region.

So, there you have it!! So many things to celebrate about a wonderful region. Step up, volunteer, become involved. You will be SO glad that you did!

HAVE A WONDERFUL CONTEST! I can't wait to see you there.

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

We are excited to celebrate with you all the milestone membership anniversaries within Region 19! Whether you are celebrating 5 years or 60 years, we are so happy that you have chosen to share your voices and talents with us! Congratulations!

65 YEARS

Jo Atkinson - Dundalk
Jane Cullum - Dundalk
Carole Kagle - Dundalk
Yvonne Cody - Greater Harrisburg

55 YEARS

Charlotte Shrewsbury - Dundalk

50 YEARS

Mary Kay Parrish - Altoona
Edwina Martens - Chapter-at-Large
Kathy Matyger - Chapter-at-Large
Marie Decker - Greater Harrisburg
Nancy Cloeter - Harbor City Music Company
Bonnie Kerr - Harbor City Music Company
Judith Wisner - Jersey Sound

45 YEARS

Lois Conrad - Chapter-at-Large
Carol Ludwig - Delmarva
Rosalie Miller - Dundalk
Carolyn Cline - Greater Harrisburg
Joan Spangler - Greater Harrisburg
Shirley Eckert - Jersey Sound
Lori Jo Whitehaus - Vocal Harmonix

40 YEARS

Mary Strachan - Dundalk
Gloria Perryman - Greater Harrisburg
Alice Eppolite - Jersey Sound
Sharon Hamilton - Lehigh Valley
Donna Dougherty - Valley Forge

35 YEARS

Virginia Dudek - Altoona
Nancy Leahey - Altoona
Sherry Stanton - Capital Accord
Joyce Fangman - Diamond State
Adele Jones - Harbor City Music Company
Megan Kellner - Harbor City Music Company
E. Elaine Wilreker - Harbor City Music Company
Lynn Hoyle - Jersey Sound
Elizabeth Lutz - Jersey Sound
Margaret Nichols - Upper Chesapeake
Anita McLarin - Valley Forge

30 YEARS

Elizabeth O'Shea - Cape Shore
Margaret Alspach - Capital Accord and Clustered
Spires
Maggie Ryan - Greater Harrisburg
Becky Copeland - Harbor City Music Company
and Dundalk
Gale Lewis - Harbor City Music Company
Honora Leighton - Ringing Hills
Karen Bonin - Shades of Harmony
Mary Gray - Upper Chesapeake

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25 YEARS

Carol Gass - Chesapeake Harmony
 Sandra Mulligan - Diamond State and Harbor City Music Company
 Caroline Burrall - Harbor City Music Company
 Shyamali Godbole - Harbor City Music Company
 Amy Kinder - Harbor City Music Company
 Alta Paronto - Harbor City Music Company
 Marilyn Swantkowski-Hughes - Harbor City Music Company
 Patricia Sheaffer - Jersey Sound
 Julie MacGregor - Ringing Hills
 Edye Mills - The Annapolis Blend
 Mary Ann McCauley - Upper Chesapeake and Harbor City Music Company
 Barbara Rogish - Vocal Harmonix

20 YEARS

Ann Flumerfelt - Altoona
 Jeannette Latzo - Delmarva
 Fran Mancino - Delmarva
 Patricia Schrawder - Delmarva
 Virginia Stannard - Delmarva
 Beverly Bruening - Dundalk
 Laurie Ports - Dundalk
 Nicole Hartshorn - Greater Harrisburg
 Bonnie Whaley - Greater Harrisburg
 Amanda Clements - Harbor City Music Company
 Cheryl Foley - Harbor City Music Company and Upper Chesapeake
 Jennifer Harris - Harbor City Music Company and The Annapolis Blend
 Susan Peretti - Harbor City Music Company

20 YEARS (CONT)

Diane Woodruff - Jersey Sound
 Jeanne Marcopul - Lehigh Valley
 Laurie Ports - Lehigh Valley
 Anja Di Cio - Ringing Hills
 Susan Carter - Vocal Harmonix
 Irene Hershey - Vocal Harmonix
 Karen Kilheffer - Vocal Harmonix

15 YEARS

Patti Faith - Altoona
 Elizabeth Cooper - Capital Accord
 Valarie Gill - Clustered Spires
 Kati Williams - Dundalk
 Vicki Axton - Harbor City Music Company and Dundalk
 Holly Hall - Harbor City Music Company
 Emily Smith - Harbor City Music Company and Upper Chesapeake
 Ellen Cook - Heart of Maryland
 Krissi Folsom - Heart of Maryland
 Melea Greenfeld - Heart of Maryland
 Carma Wilson - Heart of Maryland
 Mindy Weaver - Jersey Sound
 Christine Murphy - Ringing Hills
 Sharon Boyer - Valley Forge
 Christine Miller - Vocal Harmonix

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10 YEARS

Kaitlyn Burns - Chapter-at-Large
 Abigail Crone - Chapter-at-Large
 Nancy Lorsche - Chapter-at-Large
 Susan Berger - Chesapeake Harmony
 Lynda Walsh - Chesapeake Harmony
 Mary Beth Whisman - Chesapeake Harmony
 Catherine Walker - Delmarva
 Margaret Frymoyer - Diamond State
 Courtney Bruno - Dundalk
 Stephanie Everett - Harbor City Music Company
 Janet Klik - Harbor City Music Company
 Selene Knoll - Harbor City Music Company
 Jennifer Lee - Harbor City Music Company
 Joann Robertson - Harbor City Music Company
 Joan Schneider-Wilson - Heart of Maryland
 Ann Seltz - Heart of Maryland
 Peggy Fiabane - Jersey Sound
 Sabra Jernigan - Jersey Sound
 Amy Sclarsky - Jersey Sound
 Susan Kane - Ringing Hills
 Nancy Burns - Shades of Harmony
 Naomi Richmond - The Annapolis Blend
 Caroline Blume - Upper Chesapeake
 Katie Knorr - Valley Forge
 Beth Rooney - Valley Forge
 Marta Griest - Vocal Harmonix

5 YEARS

Megan Trone - Chapter-at-Large
 Stephanie Covati - Clustered Spires
 Lois Covati - Clustered Spires
 Emily Mathis - Clustered Spires
 Taylor Magda - Clustered Spires
 Sydney Myers - Dundalk
 Jennifer Summy - Dundalk Chapter
 Shelly Stallsmith - Greater Harrisburg
 Karen Burke - Harbor City Music Company
 Barbara Collins - Harbor City Music Company
 Katie Kelly - Harbor City Music Company
 Susan Shipp - Harbor City Music Company
 Jacqueline Taylor - Harbor City Music Company
 Tiffany Zhao - Harbor City Music Company
 Katherine Weber - Heart of Maryland
 Stephanie Lewis - Jersey Sound
 Wendy Lombardi - Shades of Harmony
 Sarah Sirajuddin - Valley Forge
 Julie Pedelini - Vocal Harmonix
 Valerie Ruhl - Vocal Harmonix
 Hayley Ryan - Vocal Harmonix

LEGACY CLUB - CLASS OF 2023

Nancy Cloeter

50 Years

Harbor City Music Company

Nancy was blessed to have found Sweet Adelines right out of high school. She has been a member of many Sweet Adelines Choruses and Quartets over the last 50 years. She won a chorus International Gold Medal in 1990 with Ramapo Valley Chorus and has won two quartet International Gold Medals, one with City Lights quartet (1992 Queens of Harmony), and one with The Buzz quartet (2005 Queens of Harmony). She is currently the Tenor of All Fired Up quartet (International 11th place). She joined Harbor City Music Company Show Chorus in 2019 and is currently serving on the Music Team. Nancy has been coaching choruses and quartets for over 20 years. Everything Nancy has learned about vocal and performance has come from her 50 years of being a Sweet Adeline!! The education in Sweet Adelines is second to none and she is still learning today. This wonderful education, along with the incredible sisterhood in this organization are the main factors that contributed to her 50-year longevity with Sweet Adelines.



LEGACY CLUB - CLASS OF 2023

Bonnie Kerr
50 Years

Harbor City Music Company



It's very hard to believe that 50 years in Sweet Adelines have gone by already! I was invited by a friend, Measie Lynch, who worked across the hall, to attend a rehearsal of the Dundalk Chapter. They were getting ready for a performance to benefit the band uniform fund for my own high school and sang every song they knew. The sound was electric with goosebumps all around. I was totally enthralled, and I never looked back. I've had the pleasure of singing with the Dundalk Chapter for 26 years, the Pride of Baltimore Chapter for 20 years and the Harbor City Music Company for the last 4 years. With many Regional and International Chorus and Regional Quartet Contest performances behind me, the very best memories of these years come not only from all the magical musical experiences but especially the people I have met, sung with, worked beside and am still friends with 50 years later. I served on the Regional Board as Long-range Planner, on the first Regional Management Team as the Finance Coordinator for 6 years, and then again for 6 more, and served as Management Team Coordinator for 1 year. Also, I served on and managed the Regional Faculty. Singing barbershop music has been an utter joy for me and has been the very best form of therapy anyone could want. Singing is good for the mind, body and soul--50 years later I'm still looking forward to more!

LEGACY CLUB - CLASS OF 2023

Edwina Martens

50 Years

Chapter-at-Large

I started singing as a lead in Song of Atlanta chorus and gradually moved into the Bass section. I've been a member of Cold Harbor Lites chorus, (changed the name to Richmond Encore), Hunterdon Hills in New Jersey and Lehigh Valley Chorus in Pennsylvania. Whether it be music camp, chorus rehearsal, Regional competition, International competition, I would be there. I have met some life-long friends in Sweet Adelines who I cherish. I love it!!



LEGACY CLUB - CLASS OF 2023

Marie Decker

50 Years

Greater Harrisburg

Marie Decker is the mother of 13 children, grandmother of 42, great-grandmother of 45 (with four on the way), and one great-great grandchild. The relevance to Sweet Adelines? She had to find a way to escape all that, and she's still here after 50 years. Remember the good ol' days when our hotel rooms were clustered together? Thank Marie, who was regional convention housing coordinator for 40 years. She did it old school, no computers, just Marie telling hotel managers exactly how the weekend would work. In GH, Marie was a stalwart member of the Board of Directors, Ways & Means chair for decades and a lead singer with irrepressible stage presence. Despite retiring from the risers in 2021, Marie has remained a loyal Greater Harrisburg member, throwing her support behind her daughter Linda and all "her girls." Greater Harrisburg Chorus is proud to call Marie one of our true treasures.



LEGACY CLUB - CLASS OF 2023

Judith Wisner
50 Years

Jersey Sound

Proud member of Jersey Sound Chapter formerly Medford Lakes Chapter. Love singing beautiful music, treasure my sisters in harmony, delight in performing. I sing Lead. Sang with All In Acchord quartet for six years. I have had nine wonderful directors over the years: Candy Bradley, Carolyn Sexton, Shirley Ann Quigg, Dixie Dalke, Betty Albrecht, Lori Ludlum, Helen Kogut, Stephanie Bricton and now Richie Levin.



LEGACY CLUB - CLASS OF 2023

Mary Kay Parrish
50 Years

Altoona

Mary Kay joined the Altoona chorus when she moved back home after college. She had been to many Barbershop shows as her dad was a charter member of the Altoona Horseshoe Chorus of SPEBSQSA. Also, since she had 3 siblings they were often taught four-part harmony by their mother. Since Altoona is far from any other choruses, Mary Kay has belonged to the

Altoona chorus for her entire barbershop career. She has held many positions in the chorus including 21 years as assistant director. She is a Certified Director and currently interim director while the chorus searches for a permanent director. Since Mary Kay joined in March of 1973, she got married, had 4 children, and now 9 grandchildren, one who is singing with the chorus this year. She's sung in lots of quartets, singing bass initially but baritone for the last 45 years.



LEGACY CLUB - CLASS OF 2023

Kathy Matyger
50 Years

Chapter-at-Large

It is so nice to know that Region 19 will be recognizing me for my fifty years as a member of such a great musical organization. I have met many wonderful and talented people throughout the years and experienced the joy of entertaining appreciative audiences. Through training provided by Sweet Adelines (Region 19) over the years, I learned to sing in a chorus, to compete in a quartet, and to direct. That enabled me to become director of my church choir, a position I have held for 20+ years. I will not be attending contest this year. I am on dialysis now, and travel is difficult. I will be there in spirit. "It's great to be a Sweet Adeline!"

CHAPTER NEWS



A FOND FAREWELL TO FREEDOM VALLEY CHORUS

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Freedom Valley Chorus from Chambersburg, PA. Founded by a small group of women who decided to get together and try out Barbershop in 2004, the chapter name was chosen to honor the pioneers and patriots who settled and defended this part of the Cumberland Valley which is often called the Great Valley. The group attended Region 19's competition as a Prospective Chapter in April 2007 and became a charter member that same year. The chapter was well known for the elaborate Social Tea it hosted each year where the food was all homemade and the singing was joyful. Currently under the direction of Sandy Martin, the chapter has made the difficult decision to dissolve. We hope its remaining members continue to raise their voices in song.



CAPE SHORE

Members of Cape Shore Chorus participated in a 50-year tradition on the beach in Ocean City, NJ this week. Martin Z. Mollusk Day is Ocean City's version of Groundhog Day in which the city's hermit-crab mascot is called upon to predict the arrival of the city's favorite season – Summer! Cape Shore Chorus started the festivities by singing the National Anthem. Once Martin was checked by EMTs for heart rate, blood pressure, and bone density, the chorus led the crowd in an original song – “Some Enchanted Morning”.



CHAPTER NEWS



*Same year as the birth of our Director, Karen Collins, who proudly shouted it from the stage.

HEART OF MARYLAND

We Hearts were thrilled to be back at the Fitzgerald Theatre, Rockville, last March 11, for our first show in three and a half years (after soooo many Zoom sessions) – and to celebrate (belatedly) the 70 th anniversary of our chorus, founded in 1951*.

“Finally off Mute: A Platinum Jubilee”, was a memorable show because this time we had a chance to interact with our audience and to have all the barbershoppers in the house come up and join us for a rendition of “How We Sang Today”. For a fun twist we pulled out costumes from years gone by, which made for a hodgepodge of color on the risers in the first act (along with a pink stuffed unicorn on set.) We introduced our new songs: “Hallelujah”, “A Million Dreams”, “L-O-V-E”, and “True Colors”. Kudos to Karen Collins, Director, our show chairs, Krissi Folsom and Kate Weber – AND to our special small groups: Just in Time Octet and the other quartets: Odd Man Out, Four Heart Harmony, Unmuted, and TQ.

Just before the curtain went down Krissi called out, “Keep Your Seats!”, and a huge gift box was brought on stage. Out stepped Bill Collins, Karen’s husband, with a dozen roses. Sadly, this was Karen’s last performance with us. Karen, we will miss you and Bill. Thank you for sixteen wonderful years!

CHAPTER NEWS

Community Performances!



New Members!



VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge Chorus has been tremendously busy this Spring! We had the opportunity to perform at many local Retirement Communities including Shannondell, Granite Farms Estates, and Echo Lake. Additionally we welcomed two new members into our chorus! Olga is joining us as a Baritone, and Amanda is joining as a Bass!

Furthermore, we have been extremely busy preparing for Regional Competition! We had two coaching sessions. We first worked with Tony Colosimo to improve our vocal production, and we recently worked with Cyd Wentzel on our Musicality. We also held a special mirror rehearsal to work on our choreography!

Coaching and Prep for Competition!



DIAMOND STATE

DSC is still busy! The Small Chorus Day Mar. 4 at our own rehearsal site of Limestone Presbyterian Church went very well and all of us learned at least a few new things about judging and sound. Also our retreat with Cyd Wentzel Mar. 17-21 got us on the road to being ready to sing our hearts out to all of you at Competition this year.

Although we have had a couple of guests, most find the commitment too much to handle with their busy lives, so we have not added any new members to our chorus after all.

On our calendar for June 6 is a performance for the Women's Group at New Ark Presbyterian Church. We sang for them last year, and are excited to return and entertain them again with a few new songs.

Good luck to all, and happy singing at Competition!

CHAPTER NEWS



HARBOR CITY

Regional competition season is such an exciting time, full of anticipation for each chorus to see how their work over the past year has improved their performance. Soon, the 2023 Region 19 Chorus Champion will engrave its name among previous champions on a plate at the base of the Region's traveling trophy. But what happens when the trophy runs out of space for new champions? According to SAI tradition, the oldest plate is removed and given to the chorus whose name appears on it most frequently. This year the retired plate was given to Harbor City Music Company. Rather than see this piece of Region 19 history end up in someone's dusty attic, HCMC coordinated with the Regional Convention Steering Committee to donate a wooden plaque to display these historic plates on the awards table at all future Regional competitions. It is our hope for this plaque to start a new tradition—to help preserve and celebrate the record of Region 19's chorus champions for many years to come.



RINGING HILLS

Busy as the bees of Spring. That's the buzz around Ringing Hills. We have celebrated the 25th year of membership with our sister Blanche, and welcomed back a member, Laura. We are so thrilled to be able to celebrate both of these ladies. We also spend a great retreat day with Lori Dreyer. Lori helped with our competition package as we are newbies in the open division. Thanks, Lori, for your expertise and encouragement. We also are preparing for an April sing out while getting ready to go to Lancaster for competition. It will be great to see our Region 19 sisters again!

CHAPTER NEWS



UPPER CHESAPEAKE

Upper Chesapeake had the honor to be chosen as one of the entertainers at the Harford 250 Showcase-a celebration to kick off the 250th birthday of Harford County. It was wonderful to sing several of our repertoire songs as well as our competition set. In addition, two of our chapter quartets, Group Therapy and Acappella Journey performed as well. We ended our performance with a 4 part harmony rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Harford County!

Also as part of the Showcase, we had a booth where we got to show off our new chorus banner with our new logo. Many folks stopped by to say hello.

Now, it's contest time! We look forward to seeing all of our singing family in Lancaster.





QUARTET NEWS

General submission for BB: Quartets! The Region's Quartet page on the website has been updated based on information from SAI HQ <https://www.region19sai.org/quartets.html>. Please review the page to confirm all information is correct, and please send any updated information and/or pics to syuki63@gmail.com.

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Delaware Quartets

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Sally Burton, Lynda M. Walsh, Patricia Platt, Mary Beth Whisman

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Severna Park, MD



A Cappella Journey.

Diane Sengstacke, Patricia Keen, Carol Klein, Elizabeth Rupert

Upper Chesapeake



Alchemy.

Katie Knorr, Jennifer Kuethe, Kathleen Manherz, Amanda Clements

Harbor City Music Company, Valley Forge

