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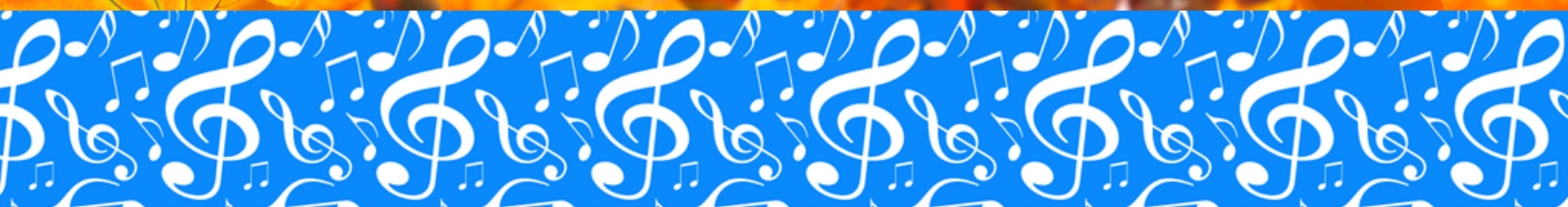
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This issue:

Fearless Foursomes preview!

**Learn about the
RMT Team Coordinator role!**

**Chapter News
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
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2024

Fearless Foursomes (Quartet Weekend)

Jan 19-21

Regional Convention - Lancaster, PA

May 16-18

Leadership Academy

Jun 8

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](mailto: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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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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TEAM COORDINATOR VIBES

Greetings Region 19-ites!!

What a joy it is to be part of this wonderful region! We can certainly be proud of all the talented singers who represented us so well in Louisville, KY this year. Every one of you do us so proud. Thank you for all you bring to this art form and congratulations for all the work, fun, sacrifice and everything that you give to be the best representation.

Now we look to even greater opportunities for growth, fun, learning, friendships, laughter and harmony. I wish you all the best as you move toward the holidays and then begin looking forward to the Fearsome Foursome event in January. From there, we move toward our next gathering of talent at Regional Convention next Spring.

My wish for each of you today is that you consider ways that you can contribute your talents and expertise to the region as a whole. Serving at the regional level is a great privilege and it is my hope that you might consider how YOU can be involved.

I will be completing my 6th year as Regional Team Coordinator on April 30, 2024. I am in need of a successor. Let me share a bit about what this position has given and done for me. It is my hope that you might consider stepping in and experiencing the joy that I have been given. So what makes serving on the RMT great?

- You get the opportunity to build relationship with a wonderful group of women who love and are dedicated to the growth and greatness of Region 19
- It is fulfilling and rewarding to learn and understand the “behind the scenes” work and decisions that are made. You get to be a part of that
- It is also fulfilling to be a part of something larger than yourself and larger than the corner of our own worlds
- You get the opportunity to gather thoughts, ideas, needs and wants from others (just like you, by the way) around the region and share them with others on the team. This sometimes leads to awesome opportunities for others too
- Being part of a “think tank” for creative ideas for local and regional activities (just think of the fun stuff you could bring back to your local chorus?!)
- However, I think one of the greatest joys that I have gotten from serving on the RMT is the people that I have met who I can call friends. People who recognize me and say hello when we meet at events. People who I’ve worked through some good and difficult times with have been tremendous.

TEAM COORDINATOR VIBES

There are probably more things that I could share about the experience but I strongly encourage you to try it out for yourself. You don't have to jump in with both feet. Apply to be a Shadow to the RMT. I did that and it gave me a great overview of the areas where I felt my skills would fit best. You can also just "take the plunge" and submit an application for Team Coordinator. YOUR REGION NEEDS YOU!!

If you have questions or want more information, feel free to reach out to me at teamcoordinator@region19sai.org. I'd be thrilled to guide you to experience a great next step. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Top 5 reasons why YOU should attend this amazing school!

- 1 Classes are being taught by ClassRing Quartet!
- 2 Quartets will have the opportunity to have some amazing coaching using our quartet coaching track.
- 3 ALL singers are welcome to attend and learn from classes.
- 4 The class list includes “Sing Your Part Smart”, “Grunge Work”, “Storytelling”, “Gaining Confidence as a Singer”, and many more.
- 5 Did I mention ClassRing Quartet?!?

The dates for this school are January 19-21, 2024. The location is the Sheraton Baltimore North. I hope you all plan to join us for this amazing weekend of singing, coaching, and learning!

-Valerie Ruhl, Co-chair Fearless Foursomes Weekend

CHAPTER NEWS



GREATER HARRISBURG

YES - IT'S TRUE!! The Greater Harrisburg Chorus proudly announces our exciting future with new director DAWN HAGGERTY, actually a former member of our chorus. Dawn is presently a member of the amazing Scottsdale Chorus and will be competing with them in Louisville. She and her family have recently moved back to the Philly area (from Phoenix) and the timing is perfect. If you know Dawn (and many, many of you do), you'll know that whatever she tackles, she's IN 1000% - her musical expertise is phenomenal, her personality is enthusiastically charming, and her vision for our future together has us very motivated and joyful. To complete the package, Claire will step into the chorus as a singer whenever she is in the area, which will be (thankfully) often. How lucky can we get!

Greater Harrisburg Chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening and we are located right off the Lebanon-Lancaster TP.....drop in sometime this Fall to see Dawn at work. FYI - We have a great Christmas show coming up on Saturday, December 2nd. Check out ghchorus.com for details.

IT'S A NEW DAWN - IT'S A NEW DAY - AND WE'RE FEELING.....GREATER!

CHAPTER NEWS



HARBOR CITY

Louisville 2023—Wow, and I repeat for emphasis, WOW! What a ride! We're still catching our breath after an exciting international competition where we brought a third place medal home to Region 19. We are so grateful to members of our region who cheered us on, even attending our rehearsals. Your support meant a lot!

You may have noticed many of the props for our finals package were personalized, including the newspapers used in our closer. In it we acknowledged those coaches who helped on our way to an exhilarating finish. Here is a portion of the article recognizing Becky Ballagh, Erin Howden, and Lynne Smith. You're the best!

STORMS IMPACT PARK

In a city full of shadows, the park is usually a green haven of peace and serenity. This summer, however, the city park was subjected to a series of atmospheric disturbances, from Storm Becky to Storm Erin, followed in quick succession by Storm Lynne. With brilliant, but intense flashes of light punctuated by rumbles of thunder, Becky blazed through the region, leaving music dancing in her wake as she hoofed westward. Erin featured wave over wave over wave of torrential rain, akin to a free and expressive conductor in constant motion. The unseasonable weather continued with Lynne, a storm evincing passionate and boundless energy. All three storms, individually and cumulatively, left their stamp on the park and its operations.

CHAPTER NEWS



DIAMOND STATE

Fund raising and restructuring are ongoing at Diamond State. Our running shoe and sneaker collection is continuing as we get a few more to send in for some money for our chorus. On Sept. 16, our yard sale was a rousing success, our best yet! However with fewer members now, and fixed expenses like rent we still needed to raise our dues. Our director Linda Beaver has scheduled 3 coaching sessions for us with region 19 coaches, so we can continue to improve our singing.

Without enough singers in each part for large performances, we have had to cancel our planned show in December. We are going to do Singing Christmas and other occasion cards with quartets and a small group.

The music symposium will be moved to March or the spring, by which time we hope to have increased our membership again. We continue to welcome guests at rehearsals. Amy Crawshaw, who we think is great, is a natural baritone who will audition soon.



VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge has had a busy fall! We recently received coaching from Nancy Cloeter! She helped us increase our synchronization and improved our sound.

We are so proud of One Night Only Quartet, which recently placed first in the Voices Competition!

Our membership team has also been busy! We welcomed two new members and started our annual Holiday Harmony Singers program with 11 talented singers!

We are also busy gearing up for Regional 2024! We can't wait to welcome you as the host chorus and are excited to share new updates soon!



CHAPTER NEWS



UPPER CHESAPEAKE

Upper Chesapeake Chorus has had a busy fall season. Along with several small community performance opportunities, we continue to refine our vocal skills with our very talented director, Tyler Horton. We had a very successful guest night with 6 attendees and 3 in the pipeline to audition!



Recently, we had an all day coaching session with our Director Emeritus, Cyd Wentsel. She gave us a Master Class on the Music category as she worked with us on our luscious new ballad-we can't wait to sing it for you this spring!

We want to congratulate all of the Region 19 International competitors-Vocal Harmonix, All Fired Up, Dundalk Chorus and Harbor City Music Company. Your energy and musical artistry was on full display and we were so proud of you!



On a very sad note, we recently lost one of our long time members, Marilyn Lewis. We will greatly miss her positive energy, her kindness and her enthusiastic loyalty to Upper Chesapeake Chorus.



BOUTIQUE VENDORS NEEDED

Sell your goods and
services at the Sweet
Adelines Regional
Convention Boutique!

May 16 – 18, 2024
Lancaster County
Convention Center



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Valley Forge Chorus presents

BARBERSHOP
Blizzard
a holiday a cappella show

featuring

Valley Forge Chorus



Alchemy Quartet



**Midnight Society
Quartet**



**Saturday December 2nd
3:00 PM**

Players Club of Swarthmore

(614 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore, PA)

\$20

General Admission

\$15

Seniors, Students, PCS Subscribers

Tickets available at

www.valleyforgechorus.com/holidayshow