

BARBERSHOP BEAT

ATLANTIC BAY - MOUNTAIN REGION 19 | OCTOBER 2020



2020 Virtual Convention: Music, Education, and Friendship

Thursday, Oct. 15 to Saturday, Oct. 17
Exact dates and times will vary by time zone.

While we cannot have an in person convention, I am so excited that Sweet Adelines International has created a Virtual Convention that everyone can attend! If you missed the live event, don't worry - the festivities are available to view on-demand. Check out the Sweet Adelines website for details!

Don't forget that October is the month for our Global Virtual Open House! I know many choruses have set dates for their own Virtual Open House. Please share the details with Region 19 so we can help share the fun!

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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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2020

Greater Harrisburg Chorus Show

Dec. 5

2021

Winter Weekend (Zoom)

Jan. 15-16

Region 19 F.L.A.S.H. (Faculty: Britt-Helene Bonnedahl), Location Baltimore, MD

Sept. 10-12

International Convention, St. Louis, MO

Oct. 11-16



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

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

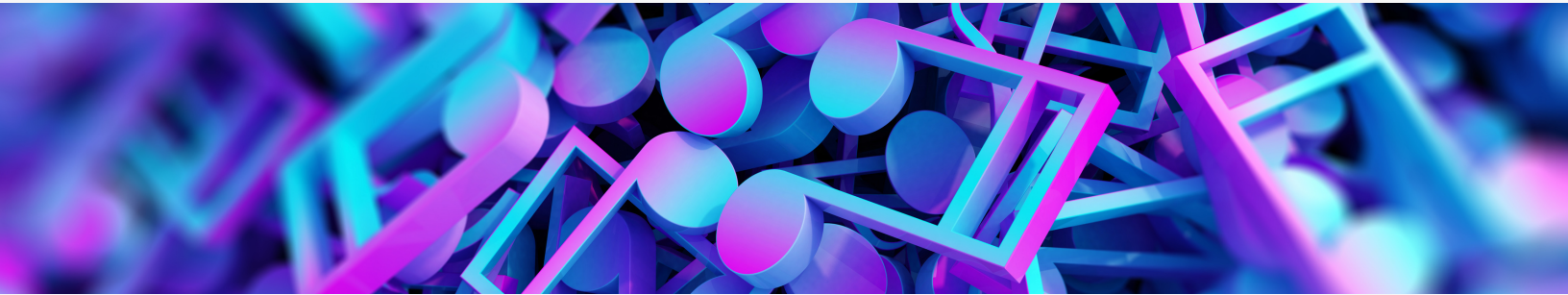
Membership Coordinator's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/2484755828517569

THANKS FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

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

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TEAM COORDINATOR MUSINGS



Well, 2020 just keeps on giving, doesn't it? The problem is that it appears that the troubled year of 2020 forgot that we had hoped it would end on December 31st! It appears that 2020 is the year that will keep on giving for a period of time.

The operative thought here is "a period of time". We must rest assured that this season that the world is living through is just a season and we will come out on the other end. I am sure that many of us are disheartened, disappointed and grieved over the difficult decision to cancel another year of our competition season. The question that lays before us is what do we do now? There are some options.

The first thing is to allow yourself to grieve this loss. We all know that the actual competition is not the be all and end all of our Sweet Adeline experiences. The fact that we can not gather together again in 2021 to celebrate and enjoy all the accomplishments of our individual quartets and choruses is heartbreaking. We have to grieve for a season and then grasp what comes next.

There are hurdles to cross but what makes our Sweet Adeline experiences are the relationships that we build within our local groups. Preserving and growing those relationships is paramount to what we do moving forward. We cannot let this pandemic destroy all of what makes us who we are. We must choose to continue to celebrate and support each other and continue to find ways to hone this wonderful harmony that is SWEET ADELINES. The time is now to gather with your local leadership and find creative and new ways to grow and learn and love together.

From the Regional Management Team, we acknowledge and appreciate the struggles that each of you are going through. Rest assured that we are and will continue to work diligently in conjunction with support from the International Organization to develop as many ways and opportunities as we can to help our region through this time in our history. Please watch our communication channels (FaceBook, Barbershop Beat, and mailings) to find ways that we are reaching out to each of you. We will get through all of this together. It is my hope that Region 19 can continue to be a light to other regions and to each other.

Please let us know of specific ways that we can help you. We stand united!

Lines from Lori Jo



The recent letter from our International President, Joan Boutilier, answered our questions about the spring contest season before we were even asking that question aloud. I'm sure that many of us were expecting this decision yet that email sealed it. For many of us, we were forced to choose to either step away or to step forward. Now that a few days have passed, I hope you have resolved to step forward and redefine your personal, quartet and chorus goals as a Sweet Adeline. After all, we still have each other and that's what matters.

#sweetadelinestong

The Tech Team is super awesome! They worked together to ensure that Race & #RealTalk and Virtual FLASH 2020 went off without a hitch. I'm sure they are snickering right now as we did have a few minor glitches that were being handled promptly behind the scenes and for a while we all felt like ducks - calm on the surface and paddling like mad underneath. Race & #RealTalk will continue in January.

FLASH was packed with education! We ran a virtual weekend with 2 International Faculty and 9 Regional leaders teaching 17 classes. Kim Wonders, Anna-Lisa Glad, Cyd Wentsel, Sherry Stanton, Michael Gellert, Cathy Schuman, Nancy Cloeter, Jennifer Newman, Donna Vincent Roa, Jennifer Williams and Ashley Conway stepped up to the challenge of converting their classes to virtual presentations. We are looking at the evaluations now to prepare for another event in the winter.

What's next?

1. Do you like to visit other choruses? Check out our website for a list of choruses who are Zooming regularly and are open to guests.
2. Want to spend some time with the Regional Mass Sing Songs? Watch for details soon for a monthly Zoom gathering to refresh your memory or learn these songs. Sheet music and learning tracks are on the website in the Members Only section.

Lines from Lori Jo



3. Are you a Tag Singer? Again, watch for details soon for a regional Tag Night. Jennifer Cooke has been creating tag-learning videos regularly so we can keep our learning skills strong while we're apart.

4. We will be having a class taught by Jenny Harris on November 14th which will focus on reviewing your repertoire to align with our organization's position on diversity and inclusion. Jenny is very familiar with the new song assessment tool on the SA website. Details coming soon.

5. Illuminating Online Learning will continue into 2021 with a full weekend on January 15-16. Have ideas for topics that interest you? Let me know! You know how to reach me.

6. Region 19 Virtual Chorus. Yes, I know this is something that we can do and should do. If this is your passion, let me know and we can take the steps to get this going. I love the idea and welcome a few volunteers to own this project.

Whew! While contest itself is not happening in April for us, there are many other things we CAN do. We are a non-profit organization and as a 501(c)(3) we are focused on education. Now is a perfect time to learn.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

I know that we are capable of ingenuity, of adapting, and of healing. I know that we can learn from the pauses in our lives and use them as opportunities to reflect and reevaluate what's important to us. What will COVID-19 teach us? What will it inspire us to change?

Dena Simmons

I have had the great pleasure of getting to know many of Region 19's Presidents, Team Leaders, and Membership Chairs during the monthly meetings we've held since May for your chorus administrators. And after each meeting, I feel more confident that we are going to come out OK on the other side of this current situation. There are so many dedicated women in your choruses who are committed to the organization and looking for new ways to keep moving forward. Creative and energetic, these women are sharing ideas to grow our membership and help to engage those members who attend our virtual rehearsals, meetings, and social evenings. And I am reminded of that often-repeated phrase "I came for the music but stayed for the friendship."

And so I encourage each of you to stay connected and look for ways to contribute your unique skills to help keep your chorus moving forward. Volunteer to lead a workshop in the use of social media, or teach a workshop on how to email recordings from your phone to your section leader. Try designing a new certificate or flyer for your chapter. Create a chorus directory that lists all previous and current members and send them a holiday greeting. Design a "Mystery to Solve" event for your chorus that requires them to learn something about their Sisters in Harmony. Ask for a task!

The Saturday morning leadership group is helping me with two little projects that might help us stay connected. Coming Soon! Digital Scrapbooks – yes, they have returned. We asked all the choruses to tell a story about the chapter, about the members, about the fun of Sweet Adelines by using digital media and allow us to post it on the Region 19 website. We also asked each chorus to celebrate the arrival of autumn by creating a chapter scarecrow. I can't wait to see the submissions.



Congratulations to those in Region 19 Celebrating 25 Years of Membership

Marge Puccinelli

Arundelair

Patricia Bright

Cape Shore

Sandra Lee

Chesapeake Harmony

Joanne Kloby

Deborah Reese

Marlene Teitel

Dundalk

Cheri Bowers

Iris Evans

Nancy Farrar

Jennifer Fox

Ann Geis

Greater Harrisburg

Karen Hanchett

Megan Solfronk

Harbor City Music Company

Laurie Boyer

Linda Ellis

Betty Nevins

Heart of Maryland

Gail Green

Doris Murdock

Jersey Sound

Miriam Costa

Lehigh Valley

Marge Grossman

Pride of Baltimore

Region #19 Chorus Scrapbooks are Back!

To help celebrate the 75 th Anniversary of Sweet Adelines this year, Region 19 choruses were encouraged to create a digital scrapbook that commemorated their chapter's years as part of this amazing organization. Submissions can be found on the Members Only Page of the Regional Website -

<https://www.region19sai.org/members-only.html>



CHAPTER NEWS



JERSEY SOUND

Jersey Sound was excited to have Donya Metzger (arranger, track producer, and vocal coach) visit a few weeks ago. She helped us to loosen up and get moving with fun and freeing exercises. Donya also helped validate our feelings about our voices and singing during the pandemic. We enjoyed sharing our night with her!



UPPER CHESAPEAKE

We are still in our zoom boxes, but at least we are together. We are disappointed that we will not have a regional convention again this year, but we are still busy learning about how to improve our singing. We are so grateful to Cyd Wentsel, music judge, and Barbara Nielsen and Jen Williams, showmanship judges, for sharing their expertise with us on how to improve in these categories. We wish you joyful singing at home and a beautiful fall season.



HARBOR CITY

Despite the sad news cancelling 2021 spring convention, Harbor City is even more determined to stay strong, gather virtually, keep learning and support our chorus family. We will be participating in the virtual open house on Oct 14. If you would like to join our rehearsal then or any time, send a request to membership@harborcity.groupanizer.com Hope to see you soon.

CHAPTER NEWS

VALLEY FORGE



On August 25th, the Valley Forge Chorus enjoyed a fun joint Zoom rehearsal with Ringing Hills Chorus. We shared stories, learned a new tag, performed for each other and even had a scavenger hunt. It's hysterical to see what happens when voice parts are pitted against each other to find common household items. In the end, the baritones reigned supreme! Thank you again to Ringing Hills Chorus for a great evening.

GREATER HARRISBURG



Well, we're 6 months in and our latest outdoor rehearsal occurred recently and 20 of us took the leap. We can hardly wait for the other 50 to join us, but until then, the harmony sounded pretty darn good and very welcomed. Like you, we Zoom every week and Claire has treated us to quite a few amazing coaches with more to come. We believe in looking ahead, so quite a few of us will be joining the Harmony Cruise in July 2021 to London, Oxford and (extended) Paris where we will sing in the chorus directed by our own Claire Domenick. And maybe you've heard - LUSTRE will be the featured quartet!! So Region 19, check out the brochure at harmony-travel.net (see the flyer at the end of this issue). It's time to think about TRAVEL. COME ABOARD!!! HERE'S TO REGION 19 and to all of the music that is unsung. Let's keep the vibes positive and the friendships strong until we can all be together again.

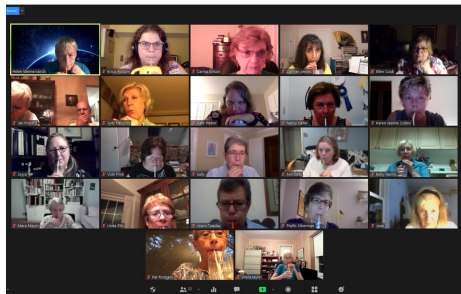
ARUNDELAIR

If you didn't hear the incredible news, last month we welcomed a new member to our chorus. Please join us in welcoming Rachel to the family!



CHAPTER NEWS

HEART OF MARYLAND



On August 31, Kris Adams, Director of the Old Dominion Chorus (BHS), Leesburg, VA, was our guest, demonstrating "Straw Phonation". We vocalized blowing straws through water. This allowed us to glide smoothly through notes without stretching vocal chords, improving range and resonance. Good therapy! Vocal chords stay hydrated!

VOCAL HARMONIX



After a brief late-summer hiatus, Vocal Harmonix resumed "Zoomhearsals" in mid-September and had the pleasure of singing in a new member who found us when we held a virtual event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Sweet Adelines. Welcome, Robin! We are so happy to be able to keep learning and singing while virtually connecting. We've had fun with new physical warm-ups and been lucky enough to have guests such as Donna Vincent Roa, Cindy Hansen-Ellis, Michael Gellert and others join us for a little while some nights.

RINGING HILLS



RHC has had a busy summer! We shared a great rehearsal with Valley Forge Chorus, celebrated birthdays and had theme nights when we dressed as favorite characters, workers for Labor Day, and wore the colors red, blue and yellow on different nights. We are looking forward to celebrating SAI's 75th and planning our Open House and Holiday Party.

CHAPTER NEWS



SING! SHENANDOAH

Sing! Shenandoah's director, Con Burch, has shown great resourcefulness during these difficult times. When she had to care for her mother who lives in an area that has no internet, Con drove 30 minutes to a library parking lot where she could get a signal and directed our Zoom meeting from her car! That's dedication!

SHADES OF HARMONY



Please help Shades of Harmony Chorus raise \$550 for the "American Cancer Society" for the "Raise Money for Breast Cancer" Campaign during the month of October 2020. Follow this link for the "Shades of Harmony Breast Cancer Awareness Virtual Walk":

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/shades-of-harmony-breast-cancer-awareness-virtual-walk>

CHAPTER NEWS



Connie Gallagher

Cape Shore Chorus Awards Emeritus Status

Three members of Cape Shore Chorus have been unanimously approved by the membership as Emeritus Members. The honor is awarded to a member who retires from the chorus after 25 years or more as a member. Connie Gallagher, Pat Bright, and Dottie Wall have provided countless hours to the chorus as singers, board members, and committee chairs throughout their years as Sweet Adelines and their participation will be missed. We hope to see them in the audience when we are able to perform again. Enjoy your retirement!



Pat Bright



Dottie Wall

CHAPTER NEWS

Chesapeake Harmony and Cape Shore – Learning Together!



Patty Weeks, Cape Shore



Ryan Heller



Sally Burton, Chesapeake Harmony

Chesapeake Harmony Chorus and Cape Shore Chorus combined efforts to offer both choruses online classes with Master 700 Director Ryan Heller. The directors of both choruses organized the special events that brought Ryan to Region 19 again. The first class on *Vocal Energy* was hosted by Chesapeake Harmony during its Wednesday night rehearsal on September 9, 2020 and Cape Shore members were able to participate. The following week, Cape Shore hosted Ryan during its Thursday night rehearsal on September 16 and invited Chesapeake Harmony members to learn about *Individual Vocal Skills*. Ryan's enthusiasm, experience, and love for this genre were on full display during each 90-minute class and members of both choruses came away with new ideas about the important role that each singer brings to a chorus.



LONDON/OXFORD/ REGION 19/ HARMONY - IT'S ALL HERE!!

Have you heard? Things are happening in Region 19 from July 17 - 23, 2021 and YOU are invited to join-in the fun. Our Region 19 chorus, under the superb direction of master director CLAIRE DOMENICK, will be traveling to England. And our guest quartet will be the amazing LUSTRE. Can you even imagine the harmony and the fun?!

5 Facts to Register:

www.harmony-travel.net (For complete details)

Cost: \$2399. - Land tour, lodging, sightseeing, venues, buses, receptions

Air Fare not Included. (Contact person available to schedule)

Based on double-occupancy rooms

REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2020 AND SAVE \$100 (Harmony Travel will donate \$100 for every singer registered to the SAI Overtone Society)

4 Facts for Music:

Region 19 Chorus will learn about 8 songs for our part of the 2 hour shows in London and Oxford. (25 minutes allotted for 2 choruses and Lustre)

Many of the songs will be familiar as regional songs you already know

Rehearsal time/place to be announced at a later date

We will be sharing the trip and the stage with the regional chorus from Region 12

3 Facts about POST-TOUR Options: (Added cost)

France: Perform at the American Cemetery in Normandy

Also perform and tour in Paris. Total of 5 days in France

Scotland: Self-guided tour around Edinburgh - 3-4 days

2 Facts You MUST Know:

AGAIN - REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2020 AND RECEIVE \$100 DISCOUNT!

(Registration fee is \$300)

All welcome - grab singers from other regions OR other friends who sing

1 Fact You Can't Deny:

BELIEVE IT - THIS TRIP WILL BE A HOOT!! ARE YOU READY TO HAVE SOME FUN?

www.harmony-travel.net Patsy Meiser.