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Intro to the Regional Convention Steering Committee

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with Lori Jo, Education Coordinator

Chapter and Quartet updates!



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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

EVENT	DATE
2022 International Convention, Phoenix, AZ	Sept. 12-17
2023 Singers' School Region 19 Convention & Competition	Jan 20-22 May 18-20

Upcoming Shows:

Harbor City Music Company Show - An Evening at the Cabaret	Oct. 1
Dundalk Chorus Show - Last Stop Diner	Oct. 22
Diamond State Chorus Show - The Colors of Harmony	Nov. 12
Ringling Hills Chorus Show - Favorite Hits	Nov. 12
Chesapeake Harmony Chorus Show - It's the Music	Nov. 13
Lehigh Valley Chorus Christmas Show	Dec. 10



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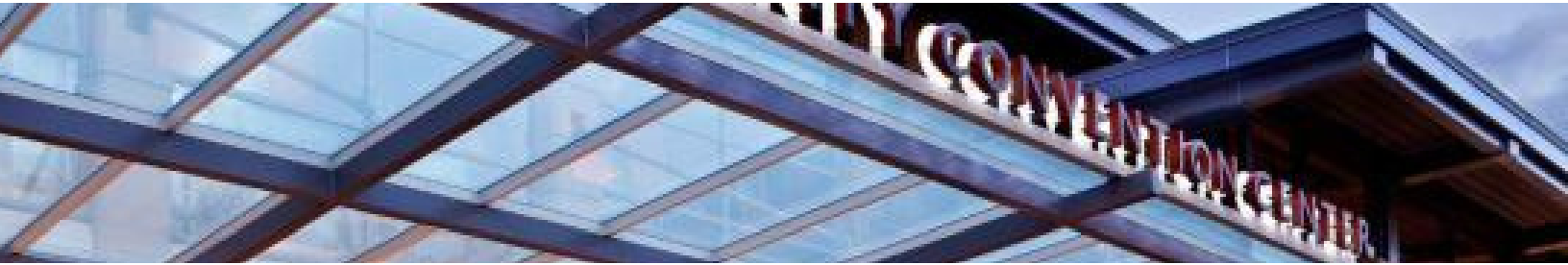
Membership Coordinator's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/2484755828517569

THANKS FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

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

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EVENTS UPDATE



Hello Region 19.

Your Regional Convention Steering Committee (RCSC) is already hard at work planning next year's convention. We have some new personnel on the team this year and also some new and creative ideas in the works to make convention more fun. Arundelair and Shades of Harmony Choruses are teaming together to be your 2023 hosts, and they came up with a fun theme. More details soon. (See next page for list of RCSC team members)

We will be in Lancaster again in 2023 but are starting to look for another venue for the future. Preferably, we'd like to find a theater that already has a stage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to find a new venue. If you know of a theater or would like to be on the site selection team please let me know.

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Lines from Lori Jo



Friendship, Laughter And Singing Harmony? Yes! F.L.A.S.H. is back and the weekend with over 100 members of our region had a fantastic time. The weekend kicked off with the traditional Double Quartet Comedy Contest organized by Sally Burton, Quartet Coordinator. Kudos to Shades of Harmony and Upper Chesapeake choruses for entertaining the crowd which laughed and applauded the cleverness of these entries. The show on Saturday night featured a Parade of Quartets followed by our International Contest-bound choruses and quartets, giving our region a preview of what to expect from these talented members in Phoenix in just a few days from this publication. The performances by the Greater Harrisburg, Valley Forge and Vocal Harmonix choruses along with Sound Design and All Fired Up quartets show that Region 19 will have very strong representation at the International Convention that has been on hold for three years! Gluing these activities together were an abundance of classes taught by guest faculty from Northern Lights/Southern Charm Lindsay Chartier and Connie Light along with regional faculty Kate Towne and Sherry Stanton. Finally, none of this would have gone off so smoothly without the efforts of Sarah-Nainan Newhard as event chair, the members of the Regional Management Team and Upper Chesapeake as Host Chorus. 🙌😊

Now that most of our choruses are back to rehearsing, it's time to remember that our Regional Faculty is ready to serve. Our faculty do much more than coaching. A class or training workshop can come to your rehearsal hall and be tailored for your chorus needs. The process is easy. Decide on the needs of your chorus, select the faculty member who meets those needs and then contact that person directly. These free visits are limited to a three-hour session and most choruses are eligible for three of these visits in a fiscal year. When the session is finished there are forms on the regional website that must be completed in order for the faculty member to receive reimbursement. Sharon Boyer is our Regional Faculty Coordinator and she can answer any question you may have. Please, please, please consider using the faculty for more than just 'coaching for contest'. If you do count on them to coach for contest, start now! Don't wait for March of 2023 to be prepared for May's convention. Build those skills now and you'll see the improvement you seek.



CHAPTER NEWS



Heart of Maryland Chorus



Just in Time



4 Heart Harmony

HEART OF MARYLAND

"This castle hath a pleasant seat." (Macbeth, Act I, Scene 6). If Shakespeare were living in the present day, he might make the same remark about The Manor at Silo Falls, a popular restaurant and wedding venue here in Montgomery County, where we "Hearts" had the pleasure of singing in the performance gazebo on July 10th. Marked by the same silo from the original dairy farm (built in 1919), the Manor is situated on an embankment up off Route 97 between Olney and Brookville. Surrounded by groves of trees is a small lake that makes for a picturesque setting for outdoor diners. Our chorus (pictured below, left) was thrilled to see our families, friends, and lunch patrons gather on the lawn to cheer us on. We sang "Sentimental Journey", "Kokomo", and "I Will Survive", among others, in our two sets. Just in Time (center photo) sang several tunes (i.e., "Java Jive" and "Doodley Doo".) Two of the four songs provided by Four Heart Harmony, (photo far right), were "Andrew Sisters Medley" and "It Had to be You".

If you're ever traveling north on Route 97 and drive through Olney, watch for the silo after about a mile and a half, on your right. HOM is a walking (and singing) recommendation.

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HARBOR CITY

Coaching anyone? According to the commercial, Back to School is the most wonderful time of the year! It is also the theme HCMC chose for its August retreat with the fabulous Betty Clipman.

Our creative team thought of everything, from morning announcements over the loudspeaker and ringing the bell for “recess”, to an inspiring graduation message from our “school principal” and an opportunity to leave personal comments on each other’s “yearbook”.

Our esteemed guest instructor, Ms. Clipman, skillfully guided us into character on our new uptune and songs for our show with her signature concise, understated, but pointedly insightful comments! We came away from the weekend exhilarated, with a clear direction for the coming months.

Announcing Harmony for the Holidays, our holiday chorus! Have you ever wondered what it's like to sing in a large chorus? Or to sing with one of the top Sweet Adelines choruses in the world? Here is your chance...and it's FREE! See our flyer in this month’s issue of Barbershop Beat.

HCMC will present our 2022 chapter show, An Evening at the Cabaret, on 1 October at 7PM at the Kraushaar Auditorium at Goucher College, Towson, Maryland. Come join us for a night of music and dance with renowned jazz singer, Suede; award winning, Maryland Performing Arts Center Dance Group; 2018 Queens of Harmony, Lustre; 2022 international competing quartets, All Fired Up and Sound Design; 2022 Region 19, 3rd place quartet, Mix It Up and your host, 2022 Region 19 chorus champion, Harbor City Music Company Show Chorus.

Tickets are available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-at-the-cabaret-tickets-369140076907?aff=BarbershopBeat>

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CHESAPEAKE HARMONY

The Chesapeake Harmony Chorus has been busy getting back into the swing of things now that COVID restrictions are easing up. We walked in the Severna Park 4th of July parade, and held an introduction to four-part harmony singing for the community in July. Although our audience was small, they seemed to thoroughly enjoy the session. In August, we sang the National Anthem at a Bowie BaySox game. We lucked out in getting to do it on the night they allow pets to come to the game. We are busy preparing for our fall show in November. In honor of one of our favorite songs, the theme will be "It's the Music". If you are in the area on 11/13/22, please join us. Ticket sales are expected to start 10/1/22. Spread the word.



DIAMOND STATE

Do you have your mask? This is a frequent question these days with the new variants of Covid 19 floating around and infecting various members at various times. At DSC rehearsals we are now back to wearing masks and keeping some distance between us. A few rehearsals this year have had to be canceled due to illness, not always Covid.

Still, we have been going over our repertoire, especially the songs we will use in our show on Nov. 12, 2pm at the Newark Senior Center, The Colors of Harmony. Do come if you can, it will be fun. If you would like to advertise in our program, please let Juli LaBadia know. We expect to have some tickets available at the door, but each member will have some to sell soon.

We have had a couple of guests at rehearsals recently, and one enthusiastic (fully vaccinated) lead singer just passed her audition this week! We are thrilled to welcome Shannon Hevener as our newest member, and will file her paperwork very soon.

CHAPTER NEWS



VALLEY FORGE

The road to Harmony Classic has been very busy for Valley Forge Chorus!

In July, we hosted a retreat to further develop our Harmony Classic package. Coach Sean Devine helped us fine tune and focus our sound, which and elevated our artistic performance. We always find his insight tremendously helpful and his energy inspiring. Many thanks to Sean!

We are ecstatic to welcome two new members; Susan and Chris along with two COMs Ness and Lori. We truly appreciate the talent that they bring to Valley Forge Chorus, and thoroughly enjoy signing with them.

Valley Forge Chorus also managed to fit in a couple community performances during this busy time. We performed at the inaugural Easton Township Summer Concert Series at Hilltop House, and joined our friends The Bryn Mawr Mainliners for a joint performance at Rose Tree Park. We performed two joint numbers with them and it was so wonderful to perform outside with a live audience - especially when singing with friends!

On Saturday August 20 we were thrilled to debut our Harmony Classic at FLASH! We had a wonderful time performing, and cheering on our Region 19 friends! Love and support to our fellow competitors - we can't WAIT to cheer you on from the audience on Phoenix.



RINGING HILLS

This year, Ringing Hills Chorus is busy getting ready for our first Fall Show in a few years. The ladies are learning new music and polishing some old favorites, and all the committees from choreo to script are hard at work. Put November 12 on your calendar and make plans to share our "Favorite Hits" with us.

Six of our ladies, Lisa D., Cath J., Aimee H., Helen B., and Rose S. were all given their longevity pins celebrating five to twenty-five years in Sweet Adelines. One of our charter members, Kathy L., was presented with her thirty-year pin. Congratulations Ladies!

Ringing Hills has a set of 6 risers that are free to a good home. If you are interested, please contact Christine Murphy at cfm_512@yahoo.com.

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JERSEY SOUND

Yes! The search is over! Jersey Sound is excited to announce the appointing of our new director, Ritchie Lavene! We had several candidates that had great qualifications and personalities but in the end, Jersey Sound choose Ritchie! We are excited and looking forward to many wonderful years under his direction. Please welcome Ritchie Lavene to Region 19!



DUNDALK

We have a new home at Dundalk High School. And at our very first rehearsal there, we were coached by the fabulous Betty Clipman! We're happily preparing for our appearance at International next year, and also for our fall show. Join us for "The Last Stop Diner", October 22 at 2:00 pm, at Dundalk High school. Once you're here, you'll never want to leave!



LEHIGH VALLEY

Lehigh Valley Chorus celebrated Christmas in July with a Membership Drive!

Stayed tuned for details about our Christmas Show on December 10 at 2 pm and for the exciting news of our search for a new Director.



CHAPTER NEWS



CLUSTERED SPIRES

It's been a long time since we had some exciting news to share – after almost three years of struggling through the COVID experience! But things are looking up and Clustered Spires Chorus is singing out once again!

In June we had a booth at the annual Frederick Festival of the Arts where we taught women a simple tag and let them sing along with us. We had several people sign up to find out more about joining our chorus. We even had one woman come to rehearsals this past month and is now our newest member! Welcome, Samantha Acosta, our wonderful new Bari!

We hold our rehearsals at Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick, where they kindly allow us to store our risers and meet weekly at absolutely no cost. As a thank you for their generosity, it's been our tradition to sing at a Sunday service once or twice each year...that was, until the pandemic hit. We are so excited that we finally returned to sing for the congregation again on Sunday, July 17. The members of the church were so gracious and welcoming that we can't wait to do it again!

On July 22, we were back at the Frederick Keys baseball stadium and sang the National Anthem to open the game! We hadn't been able to do that since 2019 and, boy, did it feel great to be back on the field all decked out in red, white and blue! We even entertained fans with some fun and patriotic songs outside the entrance before the game. And since we're still performing with our masks on (except when we actually sang the National Anthem), we all wore matching stars-and-stripes masks to complete our outfits!

And there's more to come! On August 27 we'll be singing in the streets of Mount Airy, Maryland as part of their Celebrate Mount Airy event. This is a new gig for us and we're looking forward not just to the singing, but to reaching out to women in that area and inviting them to join our chorus.

Perhaps the biggest news for us has been the generous grant we received this year from the Ausherman Family Foundation. We applied for money for new costumes, music and to help us rebuild our chorus after several members dropped out during the pandemic. Now we're hard at work planning a new performance package that we can perform for community organizations and local events in return for the gift from the Foundation. This has really added some new life to our chorus and everyone is excited about learning new songs, designing new costumes and tapping into our creativity once again!



CHAPTER NEWS



UPPER CHESAPEAKE

Upper Chesapeake has had a busy summer! We began in July by singing the National Anthem at the Aberdeen Ironbirds. We invited guests to join us for several weeks and had 5 enthusiastic women join us.

At the end of July we celebrated "Christmas in July" wearing holiday accessories, singing a few holiday songs and bringing small gifts for a fun gift exchange. We even enjoyed Christmas cookies baked for us by the daughter of a member!



Our attention then turned to preparation for FLASH! We happily took on the challenge of hosting when the Region asked us. We set to work, coming up with the theme, preparing for the Boutique and polishing up a few songs to perform. We even had a double quartet enter the Comedy Quartet contest. As we are now a small chorus, everyone pitched in and we had a wonderful time. We'd like to thank the RMT for their help and all the members of the Region who supported our efforts. We highly recommend taking on the challenge of hosting a Regional event!

We will also be performing for the annual Bel Air Arts Festival in mid-September and will be joined by our chapter quartets, A cappella Journey, and Comfort Food.

Finally-and excitedly- we are now beginning a 4 week membership drive using SAI's "Ignite the Sound" to invite guests to join us for an active and engaging program that will introduce them to a cappella harmony, the barbershop style and the joy of singing in an enthusiastic group of women!



QUARTET NEWS



SOUND DESIGN

Sound Design has been busy since winning Regional in April. Our summer schedule has been full of rehearsals as we prepare for international contest. We had coaching sessions with Karen Sweeters, Nancy Cloeter, and of course Connie Light. What a great FLASH weekend! We enjoyed singing for everyone at F.L.A.S.H., and we appreciate all the love and support you have given us. We hope to make you proud when we take the stage in Phoenix.

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Kraushaar Auditorim- Goucher College-1021 Dulaney Valley Rd.- Towson MD
Sat. Oct. 1, 7:00pm TICKETS

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-at-the-cabaret-tickets-369140076907?aff=BarbershopBeat>

DUNDALK CHORUS presents

The Last Stop Diner

Once you're here...You'll never want to leave

Featuring Special Guest

With an appearance by



2:00 pm

Doors open at 1:30



October 22, 2022

Dundalk High School
1901 Delvale Ave, Baltimore 21222

General Admission \$25.00

Groups of 10 or more \$20.00 each

Children Under 10 \$10.00

For more information and tickets visit:

www.dundalksweetadelines.com



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Saturday,
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Favorite Hits

Saturday
November 12, 2022 2 PM

Grace Lutheran Church
660 N Charlotte Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

\$12 adults
\$6 children 12 & under

Tickets available at the door

ringinghillschorus.org



Potomac Harmony Chorus, Arlington, Virginia, is seeking a director eager to lead us to the next best version of ourselves! We are a dedicated, fun-loving chorus looking to improve our craft and continue to entertain our audiences. Candidates should have strong interpersonal and musical skills. Experience directing a barbershop chorus is preferred, not required. Applications due no later than September 15, 2022.

Interested? View more info and download an application from www.potomacharmony.org or contact Jackie Bottash, backrowlead@aol.com.

2022 Harmony for the Holidays



Come sing with HCMC!



Be part of the Harbor City Music Company this holiday season!

- Meet new friends!
- Sing beautiful four-part a cappella harmony!
- Learn from Master Director 700 Michael Gellert!
- Perform with an international award-winning chorus!
- No audition or previous experience required!
- FREE!

Rehearsals begin **October 19th** and are held every Wednesday from 7:20 to 8:30 PM at the Severna Park Elks Lodge, 160 Truck House Road, Severna Park, MD 21146. There will be multiple performances, but attendance at all is not mandatory – just come when you can.

- Saturday Nov. 18, 5:00 PM: Tree lighting at Annapolis Towne Center
- Saturday Dec. 3 (tentative): Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena, MD
- Wednesday Dec. 14, 6:00 PM: Mormon Temple Visitor's Center, Kensington, MD
- and possibly others!

Participation in the HCMC Holiday Chorus is open to women and girls ages 12 and up (participants under 16 must have an accompanying adult present). There is no cost to participate. For additional information please call 800-856-9868 or send email to membership@harborcitymusiccompany.org.

We invite you to visit our rehearsals any time!