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October Issue
Region 4 Calendar
Of
Events

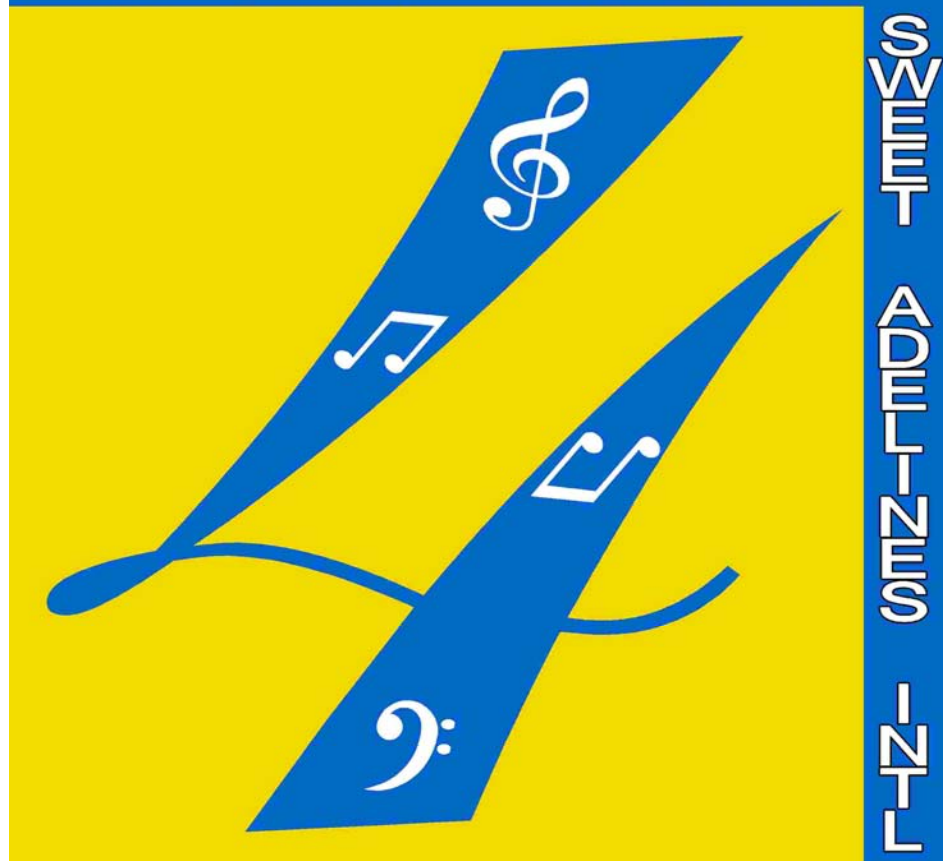
October 2nd
Fall Chorus Coaching
Columbus, OH

October 19-23rd
International
Convention &
Competition
Seattle, Washington

January 21-22, 2011
Winter Warm Up
Marriott East
Indianapolis, IN

April 7-10, 2011
Region 4 Competition
Covington, KY

EAST CENTRAL REGION #4



Hey Region 4!!!!



**We've got a brand new LOGO!!
Pretty cool....don't ya think!!**

Christmas City Chorus Sponsors "DivA" Workshop!

August 27 & 28th found Sweet Adelines from 5 Division A choruses in beautiful downtown Marion, Indiana. Attended by Divas from: Capital Showcase, Crystal City, Song of the Bluegrass and Towns of Harmony from Region 17, this great event featured classes, singing, great food and wonderful coaching! And from the look of all these great pictures, everyone enjoyed every minute of this **GREAT EVENT!**



Faculty for this special DivA workshop: L to R: Danielle Ellenburg, Marlene Brauchle, Fran Furtner and Char Gurney.





Chorus Chatter



River Magic Chorus...The Circle of Life.....by Carol Sue Spence

The events of this summer have proven that “The Circle of Life” is not just a song title, but a true observation. Life is a series of rituals, and our chorus has experienced three of these milestones in a short period of time.

On July 10, 2010, Carrie Bentley (baritone) became Mrs. Jeremy Baisden. It was a true Sweet Adeline wedding with three of our quartets and our chorus performing before and after the service.

On Friday August 13th, little Elise Benedum, daughter of Angela (lead) and Michael Benedum, granddaughter of Pat Quackenbush (bass), became our newest Sweet Adeline. She appeared in her first regional competition last spring, sequins and all.

Both of these events were accompanied by great joy. However, life is a continuum, and each of these joyous occasions came on the heels of sad events. In July, Linda Hall

tenor) lost her mother, Velma Shaver; and in August, Connie Pappas (lead), lost her husband, Phil. Both of these fine people had succumbed after long illnesses. Within a few short weeks, we had to observe birth, marriage, and death within our chorus family. These events only strengthened our sense of togetherness and sisterhood, proving that “Blessed Be the Ties That Bind” us to one another.



Three Generations of Sweet Adelines! Grandmother Pat Quackenbush (Bass) holds newest Sweet Adeline, granddaughter Elise Benedum, daughter of Angela Benedum (lead)!

Region 4 Welcomes VOICE OF AMERICA CHORUS—NEW PROSPECTIVE CHAPTER

Located in West Chester, Ohio, our newest prospective Sweet Adelines Chapter chorus features 21 singers who are eagerly moving forward to Chartering! Led by Director Tracey Martin, this exciting chorus has just been approved by Region 4 Educational Coordinator Bev Miller to sing in public. Their repertoire is expanding each and every week, and they are truly excited to be a part of our wonderful organization! As Bev Miller said upon her return from visiting the chorus: “This chorus is going to be a fine addition to our region.”

WELCOME TO THE VOICE OF AMERICA CHORUS!



An Afternoon in the Emerald City
featuring
Capital City Chorus

Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 2:30pm
Delaware Township Community Center
9094 E. 131st St., Fishers, IN 46038

Come help us celebrate our journey to Sweet Adelines International Competition in Seattle, WA. CCC will present an afternoon of musical entertainment, including some repertoire favorites as well as our competition packages. See what all the excitement is about without traveling across the country!

For more information, visit www.capitalcitychorus.net or call 317-241-SONG.

FREE of charge to friends and family.



Chorus Chatter



The Cincinnati Sound Chorus

by

Libby McCord



October 2010 Sound Bytes: Spreading the News.

ambassador: am-bas-uh-der. noun.

A diplomatic official of the highest rank. An authorized representative or messenger. Synonyms. Agent, delegate, emissary, envoy, representative.



Cincinnati Sound's Master Director **Lynn Hartmuth** and Arranger and Music Judge Specialist **Carolyn Healey** are now officially Harmony Ambassadors. This month, as part of its 15th Anniversary Vocal Arts Festival, radio station WMKY honored them "for showing passion and love of singing in Greater Cincinnati and around the world."

WMKY recognized the importance of their "efforts, education, and outreach on behalf of vocal harmony, helping to musically enrich our cultural community and making Greater Cincinnati a truly unique center for the arts."



The Sound is so proud of Lynn and Carolyn, and so excited that this same month, the three youngest of six women who joined our ranks will ensure our musical message continues well into the future: **Elaine** (23 years), **Teresa** (18 years), and **Irene** (13 years-not pictured) **Whitaker**.

Here's a big Sound Shout-Out to all of our new ambassadors-in-training: the Whitaker sisters (above) and new members **Bonnie Baker-Hicks**, **Beth Kiley**, and **Winona Patterson**. You've all got big shoes to fill.

Photos by **Joyce Cooper**; design by **Vivien Carmichael**.

“OUR” ADELINES....DIXIE deWEES

Written and created by Dominique Latare, Region 4 Membership Reporter

SWEET STATS!

Dixie de Wees

Favorite part: Lead

Number of choruses: 4

Number of quartets: 2

Usual riser position: 2nd row, 3 people in

Favorite Memory: Singing Valentines with Ruth Doll of Piper-ettes (1966 Int'l Quartet Champs)

Favorite ice cream flavor: butter pecan; also loved eating hot fudge sundaes all over Europe during International competition in London, England



Chapter at Large. As a Sweet Adeline, you frequently hear this term, but what exactly does it mean? Dixie de Wees can surely tell you. Dixie's Region 4 membership status has been Chapter at Large (CAL) for many years, but you would never know it. Dixie is one very active Sweet Adeline. She started her Sweet Adeline career in her 30s, through a SPEBSQSA men's chorus from Hillsboro, Ohio. After attending the men's chorus' show and a number of rehearsals, Dixie fell in love with four-part harmony. A wife of one of the chorus men volunteered to help Dixie establish a women's chorus in the area, and the Sweet Adeline chorus Highland Hills chapter was born, chartered with 38 members in 1977. Dixie co-directed Highland Hills and sang in a chapter quartet, Ladies Choice, which won the Novice Quartet Award in Knoxville, Tennessee. With Ladies Choice, Dixie had the pleasure of coaching with Norma Mundstock, who imparted valuable advice and became a mentor to Dixie. After being so involved in Highland Hills chapter, Dixie transferred her membership to the Seven Hills chapter and won an International gold medal with the chorus in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dixie then made the difficult decision to relocate to Texas for a job opportunity, changing her Region 4 status to Chapter at Large. Dixie described CAL as "a status for a Sweet Adeline who was previously part of a chapter, but could not be an active part anymore for various reasons, such as illness or change of location". As a Texas resident, Dixie had the pleasure of directing the Black Gold chapter, a prospective chorus at the time, and singing tenor in a comedy quartet called Roustabouts.

After a number of years in Texas, Dixie returned home to where she grew up, Washington Court House, Ohio. To this day, Dixie does fit the description of Chapter at Large, however, she remains an incredibly involved and knowledgeable member of our region. While maintaining her CAL status due to health reasons, Dixie has served the region in many capacities: usher coordinator, pre-stage holding area, and, currently, housing coordinator and box office—single ticket sales. Retaining the status of Chapter at Large has also allowed Dixie to feel very much a part of our international organization. Dixie hopes that, in the future, Sweet Adelines International remains true to the barbershop harmony art form and Region 4 infuses even more joy and excitement into annual events.

For the first 25 years of her Sweet Adeline career, Dixie has never missed a single International competition. How incredible! She is so grateful for all the wonderful people she has met during competitions and would "never trade those weeks for anything." Dixie has three children—two sons and one daughter. She shares a home and a huge love for barbershop with her daughter, Roxy Hensley of Gem City, giving this duo the opportunity to accomplish many things for Region 4. Dixie encourages fellow Sweet Adelines to "take part in things and be apart of things. People would be happier that way."

Thank you, Dixie, for your knowledge and all you continue to do for our region!



REGION 4 NEEDS You!

CALLING ALL FINANCIAL GURUS!!

Budget Developer

Position requires experience in...

- ***forecasting/projections**
- ***budget development**
- ***knowledge of EXCEL**

Budget submissions will be provided by appropriate RMT members, and final review of budget will be coordinated with RMT Financial Coordinator Peggy Taylor. If you feel you'd like to contribute to Region 4 in this annual capacity contact:

peggytaylor@earthlink.net

Pre-Event Vendor Coordinator

If you consider yourself a very organized, detailed oriented person, your RMT has just the perfect spot for your talents.

We are looking for a computer savvy Pre-Vendor contact person who will:

- ***Contact all potential vendors**
- ***Confirm their participation**
- ***Collect appropriate fees**
- ***Assign space**

Once the vendors arrive on site, you job is finished!!

If this sounds like something that is "right up your alley" contact

peggytaylor@earthlink.net

Public Relations Chair!

If you enjoy and have experience in all aspects of designing and implementing a comprehensive public relations campaign, then Region 4 needs

YOU!

If you'd like to know more about this position, please contact Wendy Gillette.

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