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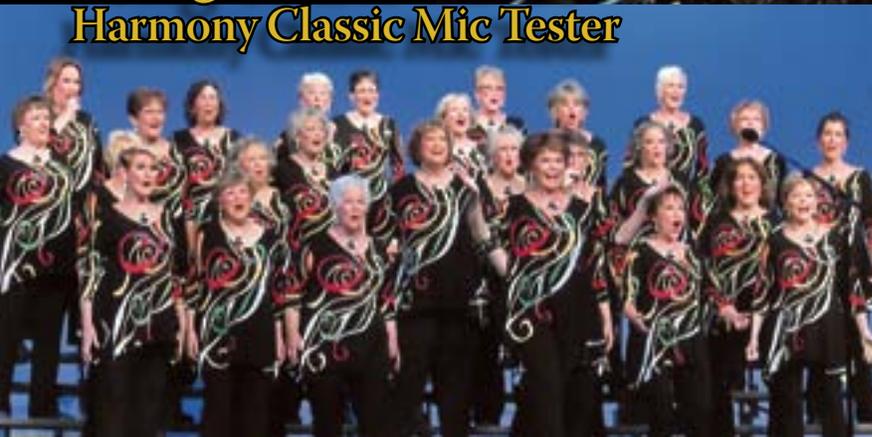


Outgoing performance of 2016 International Champion Chorus

Scottsdale



Song of the Pines
Harmony Classic Mic Tester



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Mission Statement:**

Golden West Region 21 of Sweet Adelines International is at the leading edge of excellence in music and leadership education. We are dedicated to providing a wide scope of personal growth opportunities and raising public awareness of the barbershop art form.



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Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide women's singing organization committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through opportunities in education, performance and competition.

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Beyond the Golden West...

Region 21 had a lot of members competing and performing at the International Convention, but some were pulling double duty. Five active members of **Harborlites** earned gold medals and a champion's trophy to go with their bronze medals. *Debbie Curtis, Barbara Gregg, Judy Ashmore, Mary Ashford, and Lee Hays* are dual members with **Carpe Diem Chorus**.



They earned a trip to the Harmony Classic in Division A, having won the Region 11 chorus contest in 2015 with the highest small chorus score in the world. *Mary Ashford* was particularly busy as director of **Carpe Diem** and bass of competing quartet **Cachet** - that's a lot of costumes to pack!

Team Coordinator, Tracey Sandberg

We are Sweet Adelines. What does that mean to you? Are you a new member just discovering our organization? Or a long-time member, on your second or third chorus journey?

I had my first experience at the International Contest this year where I was not a competitor – and it was fabulous! From the emotional opening session where SAI President *Paula Davis* awarded a posthumous lifetime membership to once-banned *Lana Clowes* on the 50th anniversary of the lifting of the color-bar – to *Song of the Pines* opening the Harmony Classic – to Leadership Training for RMTs – to carrying around a bucket of roses so our five quartets could feel your Region 21 love as they were exiting the stage – to seeing *Jana Gutenson* receive the NAFME music educator award – to leading a room full of Region 21 members at our heartfelt “Rah Rah” – to the spectacular performance by our 2016 Chorus Champion *Scottsdale* – to *High Society’s* recognition on the Coronet Club Show – to the endless energy of the *Harborlites* “Trolley” and experiencing their amazing third place medal performance – to singing tags with friends from around the globe – all was tied together with the thread of love, dedication, and leadership of our worldwide members.

As you continue to develop your voice on your Sweet Adelines journey, I encourage you to work on both your vocal instrument and your leadership strengths. Maybe you are the next International Board Member? Chapter Board Member? RMT Member? Director? The sky’s the limit. What is next on your journey?

Education Coordinator, Bonnie McKibben

What an Opportunity! Something for everybody! MusicFest!

Is your chorus goal for the year specific and targeted? Or is it more general? Wouldn't you like to customize an educational event around your specific needs? Well now you can! It can be an evening, an afternoon, or an entire weekend. It is up to you. By utilizing an International Funded Visit, you can have the travel of your in-region faculty covered. And the Region will kick in some money towards the fee. So basically, you're getting an educational event for almost free. And you don't have to leave your chorus city. And you don't have to sleep overnight in a hotel...pretty cool right? Start planning now!

This is how it will work.

1. You review the list of faculty and their areas of expertise (coming via email soon).
2. You contact the Education Coordinator to indicate your faculty choice(s), and a selection of dates.
3. The Education Coordinator makes initial contact with the desired faculty.
4. Education Coordinator hands over the faculty responsibility to the faculty chosen.
5. Faculty contacts the chorus directly and they work out the details for the session.

6. If the fee is more than provided by the region, it is the responsibility of the chorus and the faculty person to negotiate the remainder of the fee. This is a pilot program, so please do take advantage! Please email me (rmt_education@region21.org) with any questions. I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you!



2016-2017 Region 21 RMT: (from left to right back row) Communications Coordinator Karen Laderman; Team Coordinator Tracey Sandberg; Finance Coordinator Mary Chilton; Marketing Coordinator Kat Shaver; and (front row) Membership Coordinator Adelina Dudda; Directors' Coordinator Ethel Lowther; Education Coordinator Bonnie McKibben; Events Coordinator Della Davis.

APPLY FOR THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

You love being a Sweet Adeline. You love singing in Region 21. And now is your chance to share your skills and knowledge with everyone in Region 21! We're looking for dynamic, talented, and dedicated women to serve on the Regional Management Team. In other words, we're looking for you!

Members of the RMT serve for two years, with a six-year consecutive service limit. Terms are staggered, with the Communications Coordinator, Education Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, and Team Coordinator starting their two-year terms in even years and the Directors' Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Finance Coordinator, and Marketing Coordinator beginning their terms on odd years. Descriptions of these jobs are available on the regional website on the RMT application page: (<http://region21.org/about-us-rmt-application/>).

Are you interested in a position, but it's not the right odd or even year? Please apply! Region 21 has instituted a job shadow program, where those interested in serving on the Team are invited to spend a year (or more) learning about the job and all it entails. Attendance at meetings as an observer and even some funding are available to selected candidates. For more information contact RMT representative on the Nominating Committee Adelina Dudda (rmt_membership@region21.org).

We know you have a lot to share with our Region and now is the time to get involved.

Scottsdale Chorus

Scottsdale, AZ

"I Can Go the Distance!" What a thrill it was for every member of the Scottsdale Chorus to sing those words in our swan song performance as the 2016 International Champions, and what an honor to dedicate the song to every one of the competitors at "Vegas II."

Our championship year ended on a high note with many special moments both on stage and off. In addition to debuting several new songs, including "Sing!" and "Not While I'm Around," we reprised "Earth, Wind and Fire" from our 2016 gold-medal-winning finals package on Thursday and presented our master class on Saturday.



Photo by @Claire Gardiner Photography

We shared fun as a raucous cheering section for Scottsdale Chorus members in three competing quartets – *C'est la vie*, *SpinOff*, and *Uptown Suite!* – and for Region 21 chorus representative *Harborlites*, whose gorgeous semifinals and exciting finals performances won them a third place medal in the chorus competition.

We were bursting with pride during the Chandler High School *Treblemakers* performance recognizing their win of the Young Women in Harmony Video Chorus Contest 2016, led by our own Director *Lori Lyford*, watching Scottsdale member *Marsha Shaw* receive her 50 year pin, and again during Associate Director *Jana Gutenson's* eloquent speech accepting her 2016 National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Award.

As we handed the *Rönninge Chorus* their medals and wished them a great year as 2017 International Champions, we were already turning our thoughts to the 2017 Region 21 Competition in Phoenix where we look forward to seeing you all.

–Shirley Rose

San Diego Chorus

San Diego, CA

What an impressive international contest Vegas II was! Congratulations to *Harborlites*, *C'est la vie*, outgoing champions, *Scottsdale*, and all the Region 21 competitors! You've inspired the San Diego Chorus to dig in and do their best to represent you next fall at Vegas III.



Photo provided by Laura Koch

To that end, the chorus is learning new music like crazy, including a few new fun tunes that are featured in the upcoming holiday show, "Laughing All the Way!" Take a break from holiday stress with the San

Diego Chorus. Enjoy a little comic relief, a perfectly-timed-for-the-holidays silent auction, and a lot of harmony on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets and information available at www.sdchorus.org.

The holiday show is also a great time to feature the depth of talent in the San Diego Chorus. From soloists and small groups to assistant directorial debuts, the holidays are a great time to sparkle and shine!

After only a few months as an assistant director, *Reema Hayashida* is rapidly soaking it all in. For her, this new role is more than just arm-waving. "It's been said time and time again," Hayashida said, "the education offered through this organization is unparalleled!" Hayashida is excited about her new role working side-by-side with the directorial staff – Master Director *Kathleen Hansen* and fellow Assistant Director *Rebecca Land* – to gain a more global view of the chorus.

Promoting musical education and helping music educators shine has always been a priority for the San Diego Chorus. Come see it in action on December 14th!

–Laura A. Koch

Subscribe to the RING! Yahoo email group to get the latest regional news directly in your inbox and to share what's going on with your chorus with the rest of the region. Send an email to: RING_21-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Harborlites Chorus

Huntington Beach, CA

Harborlites Chorus was honored to represent Region 21 at International this October in Las Vegas and we proudly sport our new bronze medals. We would like to thank our amazing coaches *Erin Howden*, *Tony De Rosa*, *Darlene Rogers*, *Marcia Pinvidic*, *Lea Beverley*, and last, but certainly not least, *Jeff Baker*. Harborlites is "Baker Strong" and we all proudly wore our bracelets on stage for both packages to show our love for the Bakers, Patty and Jeff.



Photo by Karen Laderman

We cheered for our Region 21 sisters in *Scottsdale* and *Song of the Pines* as they put on performances that lit up the stage, and our very own *Mary Ashford*-led *Carpe Diem* to a Harmony Classic Division A Championship! In the quartet contest, Mary also competed with *Cachet* and *Emily "Em" O'Brien* made her lead debut with *Ciao Bella*. Also, congratulations to *Gerry Papageorge*, *Sheila Martinez*, and *Lou Schroff* on receiving their 50-year pins from Sweet Adelines International this year!

Now that we've returned from Vegas, we look forward to our Young Women in Harmony "Diva Day" Festival on February 4th at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa where over 200 high school singers will participate in a full day of barbershop education and performance!

Plans are also already underway for the Harborlites Harmony Golf Classic on March 24th at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills. Don't miss out on this fun-filled day of golf, dinner, and silent auction madness!

Happy holidays and we will see you in April!

–Courtney Crowe

OC Sound Chorus

Laguna Hills, CA

OC Sound has enjoyed a fabulous year. Our chorus continues to grow and improve under the direction of Bonnie McKibben, the genius at our helm. We're all for one and one for all as we query, "Is it Tuesday yet?"

Camp Sea Breeze was a blast for all who attended. We had two double quartets participate this year, and the **Whatchamacallits** won third place addressing the woes of failing memories. We were honored and pleased to receive Region 21's Participation and Growth Award at Camp Sea Breeze.



We presented our Patriotic package for Granada Concert Series at their September 11th memorial. We were prominently featured on their program, and our audience was moved to tears as they offered us a standing ovation.

For months, we've been augmenting our Christmas repertoire with some great new music! We are presenting "Christmastime Is Here" on our annual show. Please join us at the Capistrano Valley High School Center for the Performing Arts at 8 PM on December 10th and share our excitement. Our really big news is that **Frenzy** – number one quartet in the world – is our featured entertainment. As many of us had a chance to see their entertaining package at International, we can't wait for them to wow our audience!!

Our Christmas season is heavily booked, and we are all anticipating a happy holiday season. We wish the same for each of you!

–Denise Clifford

Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus

Tucson, AZ

It has been a busy season for TDH!

Congratulations to our new Associate Director **Margaret Rochon** and our new Assistant Directors **Carrie Hall** and **Gail Trader**. They worked hard to help Director **Karen Meade** get us in good shape for our show on November 12. This year's theme was "Let Freedom Ring", a military salute.

Thanks to our webmaster **Polly Roberts** and many others, we have a new website – **Harmony-Site**. While we're still learning to navigate it, we're so pleased that the site allows us to store and easily access tons of information.



In August some of our members went to summer music camp at Camp Sea Breeze in San Diego. Double quartet **Senioritis** enjoyed the competition!

Since early September we've been joined at rehearsals by over 20 new singers! We invited anyone who wished to sing with us in holiday performances; no audition required. And of course we hope they will love it so much that they will want to join!

Saturday, September 17 was another successful Youth in Harmony day at Rincon/University High School in Tucson. Over 150 young men and women participated in the event, with many from Tucson Desert Harmony working behind the scenes, guided by **Annie Hayes** and **Elizabeth Jackson**. Assisting quartets was chapter quartet **Cheaper Than Therapy**.

Congratulations to our Region 21 representatives **Harborlites**, **C'est la vie**, and **SpinOff** for terrific performances in Las Vegas.

–Kathy Mattox

Vista Hills Chorus

Vista, CA

Whew, but it's been an exciting time for the Vista Hills Chorus! The past few months have really flown by, with more than half of us traveling to International Competition for Ve-

gas II while the rest of us watched raptly from the webcast. It really was an impressive competition, with spectacular performances by all. Congratulations to each of the competitors, our new Queens of Harmony **Frenzy**, and our outgoing champs, the legendary **Scottsdale Chorus**. We are so proud of every single one of our Region 21-derful sisters who took the stage in October, and we could not be more excited for our organization's future!

Here at home, we have been busily prepping for our second annual show "Destination Harmony – First Class," which was on November 12 under the direction of **Sharon Orsi** and assistant director **Jennifer Kershman**. We are



excited to be building this new tradition, and hope to see the region at our annual shows.

Safe travels to all of our singing sisters!

–Kaidee Metcalfe

Sounds of Harmony Chorus

La Verne, CA

In September we performed at our annual Ice Cream Social show and it was a great success. Lots of fun too! A big surprise during the performance was the presentation to **Char Nelson** of her 50-year membership pin from Sweet Adelines International! [The chorus knew I wasn't able to go to Las Vegas to accept the award there. What a neat surprise for me!].



Now some sad news – **Norma Standard**, who was our chorus member for nearly 37 years, passed away on Aug. 19, 2016. A memorial service was held, and it was so nice to have many former members, as well as our current members attending. She will be missed by us all.

It was fun watching the International competitions on the webcast! Congratulations to all the quartet and chorus winners. They were all fabulous!

On Nov. 11th, we performed a patriotic song at the Veterans Day program in Glendora, CA. We always enjoy being there for our Veterans!

We'll be having a "mini" show right before Christmas, as well as a couple other performances that we're looking forward to. Hoping everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

–Char Nelson

Red RockAppella Chorus

Sedona, AZ

With the steamy summer behind us, fall days are active days for Red RockAppella.

All but one of our snowbirds have returned, and the chorus is busy with songs for our December singouts and new songs for our February show.

A sizeable Rummage Sale at the Sedona Elks Lodge on Octo-



ber 29 was a lot of work – but a huge success! Another success was a September membership drive that brought in several new faces and voices. Many of these gals will sing with us in our December community events.

A new quartet, **Calliope**, is the latest addition from our chorus. The quartet, comprised of **Marta Adelsman**, **Deb Sanders**, **Dianne Evans**, and **Karen Harrison**, debuted in November at an Elks Lodge function.

Since August, new lead **Aurelia Simon**, and returning bass **Barbara (BJ) Vagnoni**, have joined the chorus. These two members are great assets to Red RockAppella, and we welcome them with open arms.

–Sue Williams

Carpe Diem - Congratulations on your Harmony Classic Division A Championship! Harborlites is especially proud of our dual members Mary, Judy, Debbie, Barbara, Bitsy, and Lee.

Thank you GWM Editor Karen for producing great magazines issue after issue! You are amazing!!! –Annie

Great job, Scottsdale! You shined as champions all year long. Your outgoing championship package was electric and your class was inspirational! We love you! –Harborlites

Thank you TDH's musical leaders; Margaret, Gail, Carrie and the most of all, our AWESOME Director, Karen Meade. We love you all!!! Annie

SpinOff Quartet would like to give a big shoutout to our ONEderful Region 21 for all your love and support on our journey to Vegas II. We heard you from the moment we entered the arena and we had THE.BEST.TIME on stage. Thank You Region 21!!!

Treblemakers, you were fabulous on the international stage in Las Vegas!!! Go girls!!! Annie

Congratulations to Gerry Papageorge, Sheila Martinez, and Lou Schroff for receiving your 50-year pins! You serve as shining examples of Sweet Adelines! Harborlites loves you!

Hats off to Pam Pieson and the amazing Harborlites Chorus. Your finals package brought us to our feet. Hugs the Ms. Cellaneous Sistahs.

Harborlites send congratulations to Jana Gutenson for being this year's recipient of SAI's NAFME Award! Your passion and heart are an inspiration to us all!

Ms. Cellaneous wants to congratulate the Carpe Diem Chorus for winning 1st place small chorus at the Harmony Classic. We couldn't be prouder!!!

Ms. Cellaneous congratulates all of the quartets representing Region 21 at Vegas 2. We'd mention your names but there are way too many of you!!! LOL

Emo, Your kindness and generosity abounds! Thank you for the wonderful music you commissioned. It was perfection. Love, Janel

Harborlites loves Cachet! You really "caught our eye" up on the International stage! The fun and friendship that you share lit up the Vegas audience!

Thank you Scottsdale for your amazing support and wonderful goodies. See you in April! Love, Uptown Suite! Donna, Danna, Pat, Shayna

C'est la vie Quartet, You made us SO, SO PROUD!! Hugs, Annie

Congratulations to the Harborlites Chorus for being awarded 3rd Place International Chorus Medals. We were proud of you, the Ms. Cellaneous Sistahs.

Pam, thank you for inspiring us to always sing from our hearts and share with the audience. Your Harborlites love you!

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Center Stage

HARBORLITES EARNs THIRD STRAIGHT BRONZE MEDAL



Director: Pam Pieson, 97 on stage
 Contestant #1, Songs: *Cuddle Up A Little Closer, Young And Foolish*, Semifinal Score: 1384 points
 Contestant #8, Songs: *Tonight, The Trolley Song*, Hey There, Don't Rain On My Parade*, Final Score: 1491 points
 Total Score: 2875 points • 3rd Place *Competition Song

2016 International Champion Chorus Scottsdale



Outgoing Champion Performance



Region 21 Rah-Rahs!



Rehearsals & Coaching



The Call



Hostess Visit to Harborlites

Sheila Martinez, Marsha Shaw, and Lou Schroff receive their 50 year pins from President Paula Davis



Photos by Adelina Dudda

Harmony Bazaar



Members of Inland Empire work the Queen's Court Booth in the Harmony Bazaar



Scottsdale Champions Booth



Treblemakers Earn Standing Ovations



National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Award Recipient Jana Gutenson



Jana Gutenson's acceptance speech after receiving the NAfME recognition for "outstanding contributions to the furtherance of music education in schools by promoting the barbershop style as an American art form."



Champion Education Class



Director Recognition

Song of the Pines

Prescott, AZ

Our trip to Las Vegas was exciting and heart wrenching at the same time. While we were in Vegas, Lorraine Butzen, mother of Suzy Lobaugh and Rosemary Baltensberger, passed away. Lorraine had celebrated her 98th birthday in October, but had



been ill for many weeks. She made sure her daughters and our chorus knew that the SHOW WAS TO GO ON! Lorraine

was the ultimate Sweet Adeline: a 60+ years member, a member of the Overtone Society, a one-time chorus director and a current Emeritus Member of SOTP. She was infamous for her "jokes" while serving as an emcee or playing "Mrs. Claus" at Acker Night.

We thank the RMT for the beautiful flowers sent to Suzy and Rosy's room. SOTP members also appreciated all the support from Region 21 chorus members (especially Scottsdale Chorus) who attended our Vegas rehearsal and cheered us on while we were on the stage in our mic-tester capacity at the Harmony Classic. Brand new member, Brenda Hunt, experienced her first time on a Sweet Adeline stage and she did a great job! We learned quite a bit about ourselves and will take this knowledge to future competitions. A special thank you to our coach, Jana Gutenson, who helped us prepare this entertainment package.

-Judi Williams

Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus

Albuquerque, NM

Hello from the beautiful high desert of Albuquerque, New Mexico!

Enchanted Mesa has been busy, busy, busy. Our annual show "Albuquerque Rose Where Are You?" was a big hit as "Rose" and the chorus led our audience on a musical cross country journey. What fun we had performing this fun and interactive show!

The chorus has also had a busy fall performance schedule including a spooky neighborhood Halloween performance. We loved singing for all the ghouls and princesses; even the Stay Puffed Marshmallow Man made an appearance. What could be more fun than to sing and interact with people on such a beautiful day?

At the same time, the chorus is working really hard to recruit new members. We even had an evening where there were 10 guests; a record for EMSC! We love the enthusiasm and joy new members bring to our chorus.

As of now, we're in full Christmas music mode to prepare our annual Christmas show, "A Curious Christmas." To top off getting to sing some



beautiful and fun music, we're getting to work with some of our favorite coaches, Edie Martinez and Tony Sparks, in preparation. We love the expertise these guys bring to us!

As the holidays come and go, our wish to all is for a joyful season and peace unto all for the year to come.

We love you, Region 21. -Dianne Goldrick

Honolulu Blend Show Chorus

Honolulu, HI

Honolulu Blend Kicks Off Susan G. Komen's Race for the Cure!

The opportunity to serve our community through song is an incredible privilege and it is one we do not take lightly, particularly when the cause hits close to home. It is estimated that one in eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. HBSC has 24 active members and three are breast cancer survivors. Being asked to sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the state anthem "Hawaii Pono'i" at the start of the annual Susan G. Komen's Race for the Cure has been our honor for the past five years.

We sing to honor the survivors and we walk for every individual who has been affected by this disease. It is our hope that one day we will be able to say, "That was our last race."

-Judy Sadoyama



Westwind Harmony Chorus

Surprise, AZ

2016 has been a very good year for Westwind Harmony. Everyone is enthusiastic about Region 21 contest in the spring. We are taking a journey, heading to the Open Division this year. This is a new experience for many of us and we are really excited about it!

Associate Director Marsha Shaw is celebrating 50 years as a Sweet Adeline sister. She received her 50 year pin at the Sweet Adeline International Convention in Las Vegas. What a thrill to see her on stage!

We are in the process of fine-tuning the music for our Christmas/Holiday Show on Sunday, December 4. The DesertAires Barbershop Chorus will join us and we are looking



forward to having them sing with us again. We will be entertaining our friends and neighbors at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West, AZ. We have a marvelous program in store with traditional Christmas music and some great Holiday songs

-Lena Godebu

Route 66 Sound

Albuquerque, NM

Thru the summer and fall, Route 66 Sound has worked toward our October 15th annual show, "Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans," using Sylvia Alsbury's arrangement as our theme song. The stars of our show were Abby Finnegan (10), granddaughter of Pat Finnegan and Adelyn Moore (15), Judy Moore's granddaughter. Both with drama experience, they played the great-granddaughters of our main fictional character "GGMa." The girls discover letters in GGMa's attic written in the 1930's and 40's describing New Orleans during that time. New members Dawn Fisher and Karen Baldoni are air traffic controllers. They formed a band called Open Skies after discovering their love for singing and playing bluegrass and country music. They performed with the chorus and in their own set, including member Barb Herrington, playing fiddle and in mandolin. Don't you just love in-house talent! In addition, Lavern Wenninger created a beautiful Route

66-themed quilt for our raffle. The winner's email is 'fabricfairy' - she must be a quilter! It was another fun, entertaining show!

Route 66 Sound holiday traditions will include a free concert on December 13th and a performance at the Festival of Trees supporting a local children's hospital. Saturday, December 17th, we'll be singing Holiday Carols over the phone, anywhere in the US. If you're interested, check our website www.route66sound.org to place your order.

Next up, coaching and new music for 2017's contest. And finally, our wish for all of Region 21, to have a safe and Happy Holiday!

-Sue Bowdoin



Cover Story

Cachet



Sally McLeish, Shawna Allen, Tove Hoch, Mary Ashford
Songs: I've Got A Feeling I'm Falling, Time After Time
Contestant #23 • Score: 1010 points • 43rd Place

C'est la vie



Caitlin Tervo, Melanie Barker, Krista Moller, Taylor Daniels
Songs: Exactly Like You, If You Love Me, Really Love Me
Contestant #47 • Score: 1114 points • 28th Place

SpinOff



Erin Cardin, Lori Lyford, Jana Gutenson, Christina Jette
Songs: They Can't Take That Away From Me, Stars Fell On Alabama
Contestant #21 • Score: 1071 points • 32nd Place

Ciao Bella



Jenifer Billings, Emily O'Brien, Jamee Billings, Katherine Bush
Songs: My Foolish Heart, Cry Baby
Contestant #30 • Score: 1025 points • 41st Place

Uptown Suite!



Donna St. Germain, Danna Woody, Patricia Fry, Shayna Steeve
Songs: Oh! Look At Me Now, How Deep Is The Ocean
Contestant #39 • Score: 1119 points • 27th Place

Cachet Agoura Hills Harmony, Carpe Diem, Harborlites, Santa Monica



Tove Hoch, Shawna Allen, Mary Ashford, Sally McLeish

We were so proud to represent Region 21 in Vegas. We could feel the love as we took the stage. And then when we came off the stage, we were whisked away to the magnificent receiving tunnel of love. And to top it off, a bouquet of flowers.

It was a busy week for both our lead *Shawna Allen* and our bass *Mary Ashford*. Mary directed **Carpe Diem Chorus** to their 1st place finish in the Division A Harmony Classic. Featured in that performance was our lead, Shawna, with her stellar "Defying Gravity" solo. Mary then went on to sing with **Harborlites Chorus** who brought home a fabulous 3rd place finish.

Just prior to Vegas, we had the privilege of singing on two big barbershop shows. The first was a double header with the **Pacific Sound Chorus** in Santa Barbara. Featured guests on both shows were **Carpe Diem Chorus**, **C'est la vie**, and **Ringmasters**. One week later, we sang on the **Harborlites** show along with **Carpe Diem Chorus**, **SwingLine** and **Vocal Spectrum**.

Thank you to Region 21 choruses, quartets, RMT, and Club 21 for your generous love gifts, cards, and well wishes. We love you!

Love and great Appreciation!
—Sally, Shawna, Tove, and Mary

Ms. Cellaneous Harborlites, Scottsdale



Susan Phinney, Sarah Slade-Branham, Chris Robertson, Mary Slade-Branham

Let's all breathe a big sigh of relief. Vegas II is history. Three-Fourths of Ms. Cellaneous participated in either the chorus competition with **Harborlites** or with **Scottsdale** as the outgoing chorus champions. There were way too many hours spent rehearsing, singing, costuming, make-upping,

and walking miles back and forth between the conference center in the north forty and the Garden Arena in the south forty. The good thing about those hours committed to Sweet Adelines; it kept us out of those smoky casinos.

So now let's focus on the rest of the year. December 7th, Ms. Cellaneous will be performing in Tucson on the **Canada del Oro Men's Barbershop Show**. *Nancy Bergman* (She is Sweet Adelines!) directs this group. If you are in the area stop by and support Nancy's chorus. In January we plan to attend Arizona Stage Days put on by **Club 21**. February 10-12, we will be coaching *Linda Kelly's Lady Luck Show Chorus* (Region 11) in Vegas. We hope to support them and sing around at Region 11's competition March 23-25. We are also going to be on the **Song of the Pines** show on February 24.

As last year's Harmony Sweepstakes Los Angeles champions we will be hosting this year's contest on April Fool's Day. And then of course we will meet up with our Region 21 buddies the weekend of April 20th. So "Happy Trails to you," until we run into each other at some barbershop thingy in your area.

—Mary, Chris, Susan, and Sarah

Parfait Harborlites, Inland Empire



Elaine Braack, Karen Kuisel, Tomi McEvoy, Sherri Gramberg

Parfait quartet has had an amazing and bittersweet summer. In addition to several performances around Riverside county, we were privileged to share the stage with **C'est la vie** at the Inland Empire Chorus' annual "Harmony Stars" day. It is so inspiring to work with so many talented young women singers and know that our future is in good hands!

In October we were honored to perform for Elaine's husband, *Jerry Braack*, at his 70th birthday party. It was an amazing celebration of life, love, and music and turned out to be our last opportunity to sing for our biggest Par-fan. RIP, Jerry.

We are looking forward to celebrating the holiday season, singing for many worthy causes and spreading our joy of barbershop. On January 21, we will be participating in the

Club 21 California Stage Day. We hope to see many of our quartet sisters at this event.

In the meantime, we give thanks for all our blessings, our family and friends, and our many happy memories of loved ones gone too soon. Happy Holidays,

—Elaine, Karen, Sherri, and Tomi

Solo Voce Harborlites, San Diego



Jennifer French, Rebecca Land, Tracey Sandberg, Marina Hayden

Hello Region 21, SoloVoce here, reporting to you from our regular Tuesday night rehearsal. We are learning Christmas music and choosing contest charts for next year.

Rebecca (tenor) finished up two concerts with professional choir **Sacra Profana**, covering the *Purple Rain* album. Her high school show choirs are gearing up for their holiday season.

Tracey (lead) spent the first day of International at RMT leadership training and also had a fun time watching the contest and texting the quartet through the entire event. It was almost like being there for the rest of us.

Jennifer (baritone), after recovering from her husband's double knee surgery, visited our former lead *Alysse Turner* who is now living in South Carolina. She helped her move into her new home – all while battling Hurricane Matthew.

Marina (bass) dropped her oldest son off at college at Northern Arizona University and her daughter at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Only one son to go before empty nesting!

We are excited about "gigging" throughout the holiday season and raising money for regional!

—Rebecca, Tracey, Jennifer, and Marina

Ooh La La Harborlites, Santa Monica



Barbara Adams, Judy Herr, Linda Schrab, Jonni Wood

Ooh La La enjoyed a wonderful summer off relaxing and vacationing with family. We had the honor of singing to our dear friends, *Laura*

Pallas and *Tim Singer* as they were married in September. Talk about a beautiful bride!

In other exciting news, Jonni, Barbara, and Linda took 3rd place with **Harborlites Chorus** at the International Convention – what a contest! Judy and the **Santa Monica Chorus** will compete in Vegas III next year.

Next, we're gearing up for another Christmas-time filled with per-

formances – they always get us into the Christmas spirit! We wish all of you a joyous holiday season filled with love, laughter and song!

Love from Ooh La La,
—Barbara, Linda, Jonni, and Judy

Double Quartet Contest and Inaugural Stars of the West Contest



1st Place and Golden Banana Winner: IEC BAB Girls

Camp Sea Breeze
August 20, 2016
Town and Country Resort
San Diego, CA



2nd Place: Singled Out



3rd Place: The Whatchamacallits

We hope to see everyone again next year for the "Stars of the West" Quartet Contest for Young Women at Camp Sea Breeze in San Diego.



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2016 Stars of the West Champion: Shirley Tempos

Young Women In Harmony (YWIH)

It was such a thrill to see our own 2015 Rising Star Quartet Champion *C'est la vie* competing with the "big girls" on the International stage in Las Vegas in this October. They certainly made us proud with their terrific performance! CONGRATULATIONS *C'est la vie*!

Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus participated in the annual New Mexico Youth Harmony Camp from June 15-18, 2016 held at New Mexico Institute of Mining Technology in Socorro, NM as part of the Albuquerque Barbershop Community Collaborative. The clinicians were the 2015 Rising Star champion quartet and 2016 Region 21 champion quartet *C'est la vie*!



Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus and co-sponsor **Barbershop Harmony eXperience** held the 11th Annual Southern AZ YIH Festival on September 17th at Rincon/University High School with over 150 students. The clinicians were *Dan Ryan* from Phoenix and *Anna-Lisa Glad* from **Mountain Jubilee Chorus** of Salt Lake City, assisted by Tucson Desert Harmony chapter quartet **Cheaper Than Therapy**. The students really enjoyed the day-long workshop. Among the attending, girls from Flowing Wells High School have been inspired to form a quartet since then!

Region 21's commitment to youth education has continued through the summer and fall. The **Inland Empire Chorus** had another successful "Harmony Stars" Festival on October 8th at First Baptist Church, in

Riverside CA (see separate article).



Harborlites Chorus is in the planning stages for their 12th Diva Day on Saturday February 4, 2017. According to co-chair *Karen Ridout*, *Jennifer Cooke* will be our clinician and we are getting response from many schools who have been with us since its inception. We also continue to attract new schools to our program. We look forward to another successful event.

—*Annie Hayes, Young Women In Harmony Coordinator*



Arrangers Development Program (ADP)

THE ADP IS EVOLVING! Regions 21 and 11 are merging their arranger development programs. This combined group will be known as the Southwestern Arranger Development Program (Regions 11 and 21). The "new" merged organization will be holding a combined region Arranger Retreat in Ventura County, California on June 9-10, 2017. All are most welcome to attend. We usually have attendees bring along some of their work for some one-on-one time with a certified arranger. We also present classes and opportunities for networking.

In the meantime, you may contact *Joanie Adler*, CMA (tenorhoagie@msn.com) with regard to the correspondence arranging program. It is a very helpful program that will keep you focused and on track. Further, there will be an arranger track at IES in August of 2017. *Deke Sharon* and *Jim Arns* will be working with arrangers, including many of our own certified (CMA) and master (MMA) arrangers.

Our own *Suzy Lobaugh*, CMA (slmusic@cablone.net) has been appointed moderator of the International Music Arranger Program (IMAP) Committee. *Joanie Adler* has also been appointed to serve on that Committee. Congratulations, Suzy and Joanie!

I am embarking on a new stage in my life – beginning a 6-month split between Arizona and Maine where I grew up. I'll have less Sweet Adeline time to spend, as I have four beautiful grandchildren with whom to develop relationships. I have enjoyed serving as your ADP Coordinator the past 5 years!

—*Anna Maria Parker, Arrangers Development Program Coordinator*

Inland Empire's Harmony Stars YWIH Festival

"We love you ladies!"
"You ladies are so good!"
"See you next year."

Our ninth annual "Harmony Stars Day" was weeks ago, but we still bask in the glow of the appreciation we heard from the talented and eager girls who attended this year! Over 75 young women from several high schools in the Inland Empire participated in the day-long educational event and the performance that showcased their accomplishments.

Tomie McEvoy, our Director and a Sweet Adelines International Quartet Champion, served as clinician and directed the evening's show. Members of regional champion quartet *C'est la vie* provided coaching and encouragement throughout the day, sharing their stories and love of a *cappella* singing.

The show featured songs by the "Harmony Stars," the **Inland Empire Chorus**, and two regional quartets – fourth place *Parfait* and regional champion *C'est la vie*. Several of the students were heard saying they wanted to start quartets as a result of their day!

Perhaps most astonishing of all, we survived a last minute venue change – well, we did have four days' notice! Everyone pulled together as a team, did what had to be done, and the day was a resounding success. We already have "stars" in our eyes for next year!

—*Marge Yeager*

Regional and International Events **New Listings/Changes in Red

2017	**January 14	Club 21 Quartet Stage Day – <i>Chandler, AZ</i>
	**January 21	Club 21 Quartet Stage Day – <i>Riverside, CA</i>
	February 4	Harborlites "Diva Day" YWIH Festival – <i>Costa Mesa, CA</i>
	**February 25	San Diego "All Star A Cappella" YWIH Festival – <i>San Diego, CA</i>
	March 11-19	RMT Meeting – <i>CA</i>
	March 24	Harborlites Harmony Golf Classic – <i>Chino Hills, CA</i>
	April 20-23	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	**June 9-10	Southwestern Arranger Development Program Retreat – <i>Ventura, CA</i>
	**August 2	Regional Leader Training at IES – <i>College Park, MD</i>
	August 2-6	International Education Symposium (IES) – <i>College Park, MD</i>
	August 5	Rising Star Contest – <i>College Park, MD</i>
August 25-27	Camp Sea Breeze (featuring Mo Field) – <i>San Diego, CA</i>	
August 26	Stars of the West YWIH Quartet Contest – <i>San Diego, CA</i>	
**October 9	Regional Leader Training at Vegas III – <i>New Orleans, LA</i>	
October 9-14	International Convention & Competition – <i>Las Vegas, NV</i>	
November 11	MusicFest – <i>NM</i>	
2018	January 19-21	Quartet Workshop – <i>TBD</i>
	April 19-22	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	August 10-12	Summer Seminar (w/Dale Syverson, Peggy Gram) – <i>San Diego, CA</i>
	August 11	Stars of the West YWIH Quartet Contest – <i>San Diego, CA</i>
	**August 9-12	Judge Training – <i>Tulsa, OK</i>
**October 15	Director Forum/RMT Education at Vegas III – <i>St. Louis, MO</i>	
October 15-20	International Convention & Competition – <i>St. Louis, MO</i>	
2019	April 4-7	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	September 16-21	International Convention & Competition – <i>New Orleans, LA</i>
2020	April 2-5	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	October 12-17	International Convention & Competition – <i>Louisville, KY</i>
2021	April 15-18	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>TBD</i>
	October 11-16	International Convention & Competition – <i>St. Louis, MO</i>

For the most up-to-date calendar listings, check the Region 21 website (www.region21.org) under the "About Us" menu. To have your event or chapter show listed in the Region 21 calendar, fill out the online Chapter Date Submission and Clearance Form at the bottom of the website Calendar page. You will receive confirmation of your date from Team Coordinator Tracey Sandberg.

Chapter Shows 2016

Dec. 3	Enchanted Mesa – Holiday Show
Dec. 3**	Inland Empire – Holiday Show
Dec. 4	Red RockAppella – Holiday Show
Dec. 10	OC Sound – Annual Show
Dec. 14	San Diego – Holiday Show
Feb. 11**	Red RockAppella – Annual Show
Feb. 24**	Song of the Pines – "Wine, Women, and Song"

Want to see more photos from regional events? Go to the Galleries pages on the regional website (region21.org) or the regiontwentyone Flickr pages (the link to the Flickr page is on any Gallery page).

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We're bringing the education to you – what you want, when you want it.



President/Team Coordinators and Front Line Directors – contact Education Coordinator **Bonnie McKibben** (rmt_education@region21.org) for more information.

Join Us!

Friday, March 24, 2017



Eleventh Annual
**Harborlites
Harmony
Golf Classic**

Los Serranos Golf
and Country Club
Chino Hills, CA



Proceeds benefit competitors going to International Competition.

Saturday, February 4, 2017



Diva Day

7:00 PM
Robert B. Moore Theater,
Orange Coast College
2701 Fairview Road
Costa Mesa, CA 92626



Catch the excitement as over 200 high school girls join the Harborlites Chorus on-stage in a barbershop show you won't want to miss! It's the finale of our annual Diva Day event, sharing music education with young singers from across Southern California. Show tickets are only \$10 at the door!

For more information call Karen at (714) 847-0787 or visit www.harborliteschorus.org.

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Master Director,
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