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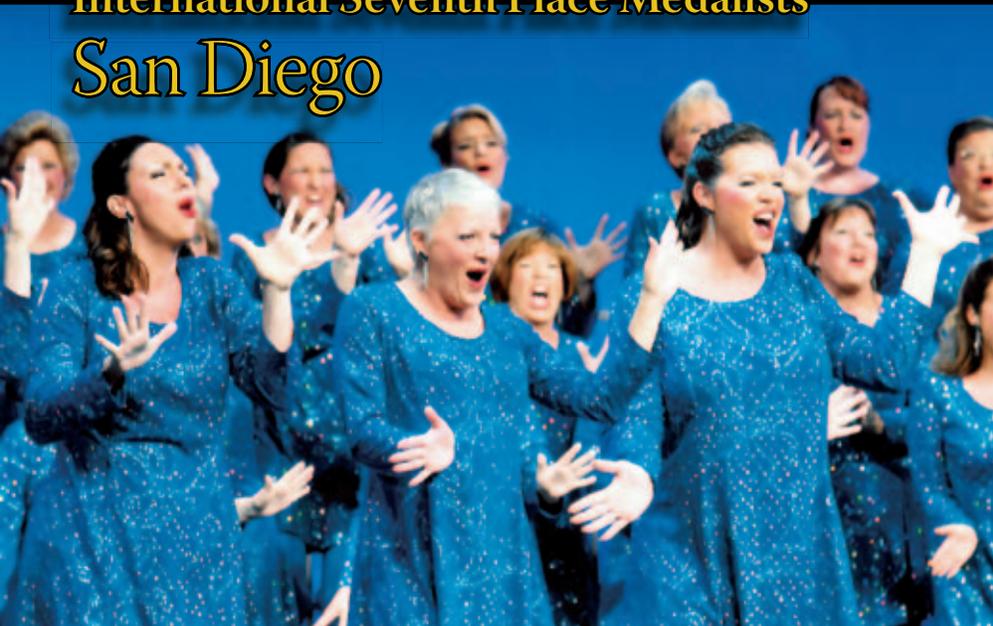
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San Diego



Delilah and Cachet  
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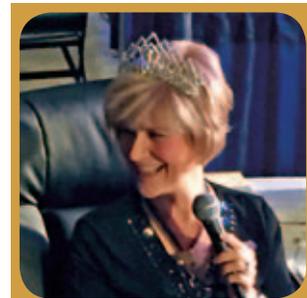
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### CENTER STAGE: 2015 International Contest

**Scottsdale** wins the chorus contest and **San Diego** takes home seventh place medals. **Delilah** and **Cachet** represent Region 21 in the quartet contest. Rising Star Champion **C'est La Vie** performs for the world to open the quartet finals.



*Patty Cobb Baker hosts the quartet contest webcast.*

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## Beyond the Golden West...



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Region 21 had a lot of members competing at the International Convention, but some were spotted in unlikely places. A few Region 21 dual members competed in Vegas I with choruses from other regions. **Alison Banks** had to pull off a "quick change" during the chorus semifinals to compete with both the **San Diego Chorus** and the **Phoenix Chorus** (Region 31). **Sheila Martinez (Harborlites)** competed with **Kansas City Chorus** from Region 5. And **Emily "Emo" O'Brien (Harborlites)** earned a new third place chorus medal with **Toast of Tampa Show Chorus** (Region 9). It's just a strange coincidence

that all their costumes happen to be purple.



Official International Contest  
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*Marcia Pinvidic*, SAI President and Expression Judge. She is joined by *C'est La Vie* and San Diego's *Kathleen Hansen* for a Friday night Quartet Experience supported by **Club 21** members.

Quartet education opportunities continue in 2016 with **Club 21** Stage Days: AZ on January 9th and CA on January 16th (see page 2) – and at spring convention, with a quartet-focused class scheduled on Friday. Spring convention also will feature a Sunday “Judges’ Feedback Forum” with the regional judging panel.

Next summer, we welcome *Karen Breidert* to help every member continue to discover her best self! #wearesweetadelines

## Team Coordinator, Tracey Sandberg

Happy MusicFest everyone! The region is proud to host our International President and Expression Judge *Marcia Pinvidic* as guest faculty this weekend. After surviving Vegas #1, we are all full of inspiration and ready to fine-tune our skills!

Speaking of Vegas #1 – what a week! Congratulations to **Scottsdale Chorus** for their spectacular performances that earned them the chorus championship! We were absolutely dancing in our seats. And what an emotional performance **San Diego** gave to sing out *Kim Vaughn* – earning seventh place and advancing *Kathleen Hansen* to Master Director. We were also proudly represented by *Delilah* and *Cachet* and congratulate them for their stellar performances!

But we have another International memory to showcase. This year's summer seminar served as host to Sweet Adeline International's Rising Star Contest. There were 14 young women quartets who had a fabulous time and have extended their gratitude to the entire region for the awesome weekend of education and hospitality! We were represented by four quartets and congratulate **The Desert Belles** (9th), **Cherry Bomb** (7th), and **The Champinellies** (6th) for their sassy performances! To *C'est La Vie*, thank you for your musical excellence and leadership throughout the weekend. You made the event even more special for the contestants, and your hard work earned you the big prize.

Region 21, home of the International Chorus Champion **Scottsdale Chorus** and the International Rising Star Quartet Champion *C'est La Vie* – listen as we shout it from the rooftops. We couldn't be more proud. CONGRATULATIONS!

## Education Coordinator, Risa Page

What an exciting, educational adventure was experienced by over 250 attendees from all across Sweet Adelines International as we hosted the Camp Blue Agave Summer Seminar and the Rising Star Competition. Our guest faculty, The Stage Coaches, were joined by *Lori Lyford*, *Pam Pieson*, and *Kim Vaughn* to provide classes in expression, showmanship, and the “Open Division,” as well as director mentoring and an arrangers development workshop. And how inspiring it was to witness *C'est La Vie* become 2015 Rising Star Champions.

In Las Vegas, it was an honor to be part of the magical journey of the **San Diego Chorus**, cheer with the crowd as **Scottsdale** won gold, and enjoy *Cachet* and *Delilah* as they represented us so beautifully!

With Vegas 2016 in sight, there's more top-level education planned for our region's members. This issue is distributed at MusicFest (November 20-22, 2015) a weekend of engaging classes by guest faculty

## Membership Coordinator, Adelina Dudda

In October, I attended my seventh international convention as an audience member. Pressure-free, I enjoyed the education, the competition and meeting barbershop enthusiasts from around the globe. It was special to see that, amongst the MGM crowds, Region 21 bonds held strong. We greeted each other with everything from friendly nods to stop-in-our-tracks hugs. I was also thrilled that nearly 40% of my non-competing chorus attended! We spent invaluable time together over drinks, sharing a meal, gambling at the slot machines with magical vibrating chairs, and simply enjoying each other's company.

So, what does any of this have to do with Membership? Everything! Choruses generally meet each week to sing, cover administrative topics for upcoming events and socialize a bit before heading home. Boom! Done! Right? WRONG! When was the last time you had a non-chorus-related conversation with that bass in the third row? What does that new baritone do all day before coming to rehearsal? Is the director's cat feeling better? How is that tenor's new small business coming along? What does the weekend have in store for the lead in the polka-dots? If you want to turn the topic back to singing...what keeps her coming to rehearsal each week? More importantly, what's bugging her about chorus life that you may be able to influence toward improvement? Take the time to build lasting relationships with the other singers in your chorus. Make “with my chorus” a place that your members truly want to be – whether you're singing together or just hanging out. Share. Grow. Love.

## WHY DID THE RMT DO THAT?

For those of you who are looking ahead to Summer 2016, you may know that International is hosting an education opportunity for our directors in New Orleans. There's just one wrinkle. It's being held the same weekend as the Region 21 Summer Seminar. Camp Sea Breeze will be held at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego on August 18-21, 2016.

Why did the RMT do that?

Regional Education Coordinators and the RMT are required by International to create, maintain, and share 5-year plans for their region's education events, including dates, locations, and facilities. We also develop contracts usually 2-4 years in advance in order to secure preferred faculty, venues, and room rates. The contract with the Town & Country Resort has been in place since Spring 2014. To obtain an August weekend, the best rate, and to prevent price increases, a three-year contract was signed for 2016-18.

International announced their plans for the Director Seminar this Spring 2015.

While every attempt was made to move our contracted dates with the Town & Country, we were unable to do so due to other events at the resort. Cancelling our contract and moving to another venue on a different date was also researched, but was far too costly to act upon.

So the Regional Management Team decided to proceed with Camp Sea Breeze on the originally scheduled dates. We're looking at it as a “while the cat's away, the mice will play” kind of weekend.

And what a weekend it will be! Our guest faculty is *Karen Breidert*, SAI Master faculty, Master Director, two-time Queen of Harmony (Jubilation-1985, the BUZZ-2005), former International President, and this year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

We're also very excited to announce that Camp Sea Breeze will feature the “Stars of the West” young women's quartet competition (an alternative for young quartets who cannot afford to travel to New Zealand for Rising Star in 2016).

Mark your calendars for August 18-21, 2016 and stay tuned to [region21.org](http://region21.org) for details.

Scottsdale Chorus

Scottsdale, AZ

What a remarkable ride we've been on over the last few months starting in August when our very own quartet, *C'est La Vie*, became the 2015 Rising Star Champions. All of their adopted "aunts, mothers, grandmothers, and sisters" in the chorus were beaming to see these young women of ours so poised and singing so well. There was not a dry eye in Scottsdale Chorus that night!

And then we were off to a fabulous week in Vegas, culminating in our 5th Gold Medal win! We have so many thank yous but would like to especially recognize our amazing coaches: *Dale Syverson, Jim Arns, Betty Clipman, Cindy Hansen*, and our in-house coach who works wonders with us every week, *Jana Gutenson*. We were also fortunate to not only sing many of his arrangements for this contest, but to have the "Earth Wind and Fire Medley" arranged especially for our chorus by *Aaron Dale*! Aaron also coached us and helped us fine tune all the wonderful nuances of this medley. Thank you all!

And then there's Lori. What a gift to have her as our director. She gives us her energy, her love of music, her expertise, and, most importantly, her heart week after week. We are truly blessed.

We would also like to send our congratulations to the **San Diego Chorus** and recognize *Kim Vaughn* for her extraordinary talents and wish her all the best as she embarks on her new journey!

-Leila Haggard

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San Diego Chorus

San Diego, CA

What a contest! What an exciting time to be part of Region 21! The love, support, and sisterhood found here is unmatched. It was never more evident than at the regional "Rah-Rah". Thank you for that amazing opportunity to share our music and excitement with each other! We are so excited for **Scottsdale's** big win and HUGE

score! Congratulations to them and all the singers who rocked the stage!

International is always an emotional week, and this year more so than most! We had the unique opportunity to publicly say farewell to and honor *Kim Vaughn* for her 30 years of love, passion, knowledge, and dedication to The San Diego Chorus. We also introduced you to our new director, which got some of you wondering, "Who is *Kathleen Hansen*?" Well, here's a top five list of her qualifications: 1) Joined Sweet Adelines and The San Diego Chorus in 2000 and quickly became assistant director; 10 years as associate director; one year as co-director; 2) Remember the Cornet Man? That was Kathleen! She also did handsprings across the stage and won the gold in Portland; 3) Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting; 4) Appointed to SAI Young Singers Foundation Scholarship Committee and served as regional faculty; 5) Directs **Tremble Clefs**, a therapeutic chorus for people with Parkinson's disease.

"Singing the kind of music that touches lives is what I'm all about," Hansen said. We couldn't agree more! With Kathleen at the helm, our future holds education, harmony, storytelling, and sisterhood!

-Laura A. Koch

Photo by Karen Laderman



Harborlites Chorus

Huntington Beach, CA

The last few months have been chock-full of great musical moments for Harborlites. Our annual show, held September 19th, was a great success. **Crossroads** (2009 BHS Champion Quartet) was featured as the headliner and the show included Region 21 Novice Quartet Award winners **The Champinellies**, Region 11 Champion Quartet **Cachet**, and Region 21 Champion Quartet **Delilah**.

Region 21 was well represented at the competition in Vegas this year! Harborlites would like to congratulate **Scottsdale Chorus** on their well-deserved championship and **San Diego Chorus** on their 7th place medals. We would also like to shout out to our dual members who competed in the chorus contest this year: *Emily O'Brien (Toast of Tampa)*, *Tracey Sandberg, Risa Page, Lorna Katz (San Diego Chorus)*, and *Sheila Martinez (Kansas City Chorus)*. Harborlites was also well represented in the quartet competition with members in **Cachet (Mary Ashford)** and **Delilah (Merideth Frehner, Neyla Pekarek)**.

After the excitement of competition, several of our members stayed for Lead School to soak up the bounty of information offered by *Kim Vaughn* before she leaves for Australia and New Zealand.



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The work toward the 2016 International Competition (Vegas 2) is well underway. We're learning new music and choreography and preparing for our 11th annual Young Women in Harmony "Diva Day" Festival, taking place February 6, 2016. Also coming up is our 10th annual Harborlites Harmony Golf Classic on March 4, 2016.

Visit [www.harborliteschorus.org](http://www.harborliteschorus.org) for more information.

-Kim Bettendorf

## Mission Viejo Chorus

Laguna Niguel,  
CA

There is a profound feeling of excitement in the Mission Viejo Chorus right now. Under the inspiring direction of our fabulous *Bonnie McKibben*, we are bursting with enthusiasm! Watch for our **Big Announcement** in the next issue of this magazine!



Photo by Sharon Oral

Our November 7th show "Hollywood On Demand" was a roaring success. NBC4's ever-riotous weatherman, *Fritz Coleman*, had our audience howling with side-splitting laughter as he put the spotlight on the foibles of Baby Boomers. We heard from three quartets from our chorus and an ensemble presenting a lively version of "Mission Impossible." We'd like to thank our adroit script writer, *Carol Ingram* (with a lot of help from her gifted family), and our entertaining actors for making a believable vignette showing a grandma, mother, and daughter spending a night at home with the movies. Talk about comedic timing!

It is with gratitude that we share the holiday spirit in song throughout December. This is always our favorite time of year as we bring Christmas cheer to our community.

We're very pleased to be part of exceptional Region 21. We were so proud of *Delilah's* and *Cachet's* international performances. Congrats to *C'est La Vie* for winning Rising Star. Hooray for *San Diego* finishing 7th at International, and a **Big Woot** for *Scottsdale* winning it all!

-Denise Clifford

## Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus

Tucson,  
AZ

Phoenix in August was "hotter" than usual this summer because Region 21 had the honor of hosting this year's Rising Star Contest at Camp Blue Agave. The long weekend was great fun again for the many TDH chorus members who attended and sang in the large chorus. And our own double quartet, *Pasture Prime*, captured the coveted Golden Banana award when they sang "Moo-sic, Moo-sic, Moo-sic!"



Photo by Caroline West-Mon, Leasing

September saw another very successful Youth in Harmony Festival, with over 150 participants from six local high schools and excellent coaching.

*Annie* and *Ron Hayes* and *Elizabeth Jackson* did an outstanding job of making it all happen.

Also in September we held a Bizarre Bazaar with games galore, refreshments, and a silent auction. A highlight of the silent auction was breakfast and a trip to Sedona in a private plane!

And we do have rehearsals! We've been busy working on music for our holiday show December 5 and planning for holiday singouts.

Congratulations to *Scottsdale* and *San Diego* choruses and to *Delilah* quartet for their terrific performances representing Region 21 in Las Vegas!

-Kathy Mattox

## Red RockAppella Chorus

Sedona,  
AZ

Red RockAppella's September 28 membership drive brought in 11 ladies (remarkable for our small town!) to sing with us and learn more about Sweet Adelines. Seven of the them returned to learn several Christmas songs and will appear with us as guest singers on our December 6 "Holiday Belles" annual show.

Also in September, we welcomed *Dianne Evans*, a beautiful baritone, as the newest member of Red RockAppella. Dianne's enthusiasm, classy appearance, and voice are wonderful additions to our already wonderful baritone section.

November 1 this year was a notable milestone for director *Sandy Wingate*, who celebrated her 25th anniversary as a Sweet Adeline. RedRockAppella congratulates Sandy and we are so glad to have this amazing gal as our chorus director.

Red RockAppella applauds the **Scottsdale Chorus**

on their golden performance at International!



Photo by Sharon Oral

We also are very proud of the **San Diego Chorus** for finishing seventh! What a Region! We're honored to be a part of it!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone in this great organization!

-Karen Harrison

## Sounds of Harmony Chorus

Glendora,  
CA

Sounds of Harmony Chorus is excited about getting new members throughout this summer. We're busy rehearsing our Christmas songs and we also will incorporate other songs into our program to have a nice variety to offer our audiences. We're looking forward to those performances.

Our director *Yasu Ichikawa* had never attended a Sweet Adeline competition, and so he went right to the top: Sweet Adelines International competition in Las Vegas. He attended the finals of both quartet and chorus contests. Very exciting! He noted the difference between the women's and men's contests, especially the entertainment package and more "themes" between the uptunes and ballads chosen by a quartet or chorus. He really learned a lot when he was able to also attend several chorus rehearsals. Now he'll transfer to us all the extra good things he learned there. Yeah!



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We'd like to congratulate our Region 21 **San Diego Chorus** for their 7th place performance and to **Scottsdale Chorus** for their outstanding performances to achieve the #1 placement at International.

"Here's To The Winners!" It's great to be able to watch all the competing quartets and choruses on YouTube too!

In Harmony,

-Char Nelson

## Vista Hills Chorus

Vista,  
CA

Hello from Vista Hills Chorus! We have

been busily preparing for the upcoming holiday season since we last saw our Region 21 sisters at Camp Blue Agave and the outstanding Rising Star Contest! In September, we welcomed a few new guests during Open House month – some have decided to stay with us and become members!

Several of our members were able to attend the International competition in Las Vegas. It was very exciting to see Region 21 well-represented on the International stage, especially in the final round! Congratulations to all of the competitors from all around the globe – and just around the corner – who were able to put on such a spectacle in one of the most entertaining cities in the world!

Some of our members are looking forward to attending MusicFest in November to take advantage of the wonderful educational opportunities. Following that fabulous event, we begin a season of song for the holidays, including our show “Winter Dreams” on December 12 in Encinitas. We are delighted to welcome special guests **Ms. Cellaneous** and **Mr. Paul Orsi** to join us for the evening. We hope many of you will be able to join us as well!

–*Rochelle Ribelin*



Photo by Patricia Leckert

voices sound like 120 – and may have had something to do with the standing ovation we received!

A few short weeks later the chorus hosted our 8th annual “Harmony Stars” day for young women. One hundred five high school girls from all over the county joined us at Fontana High School for a day of learning, fun, and barbershop harmony. Our own **Tomie McEvoy** served as clinician, working with the girls and meeting with their teachers to promote further classroom education after the event. **Parfait** quartet served as section leaders and performed in the finale show, which also featured chapter quartets **Harmony, Etc., Young at Heart, and KJMP**. A highlight of the day was a surprise performance by **Shirley Tempos**, a YWIH quartet from Hesperia High School.

IEC was fortunate to serve as the Assistance Chorus for the Queens’ Court in Harmony Boutique at the International Convention in Las Vegas. We were kept very busy selling CDs for our fabulous International Champion Quartets and tickets to the annual Coronet Club Show. Assisting with this year’s crown unveiling was a highlight of this exciting week.



Photo by Marge Yeager

As this is written, we are preparing for a round of holiday performances – five on the books so far and counting. What a year 2015 has been! We’re looking forward to a restful January – we hope!

–*Marge Yeager*

**Inland Empire Chorus** Riverside, CA

The Inland Empire Chorus certainly had a whirlwind autumn! Our Fall Show drew a good crowd in September to the Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside, where the marvelous acoustics made our 40

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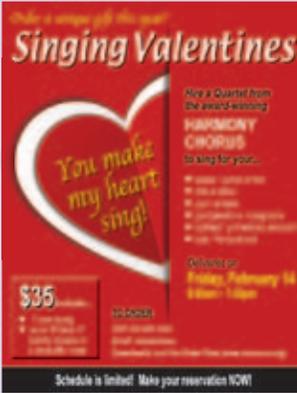


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## 2016 INTERNATIONAL CHORUS CHAMPION SCOTTSDALE EARNS THEIR FIFTH GOLD

Director: Lori Lyford, 110 on stage  
Contestant #8: Semifinal Songs: *He Was There (At the Mardi Gras), The Mardi Gras*  
Contestant #7: Finals Songs: *I Love Being Here With You; If Ever I Would Leave You\*; Earth, Wind & Fire*  
Semifinal Score: 1518, Finals Score: 1526, Total Score: 3044 points

*Scottsdale becomes the first to win under the new Entertainment*



Photos by Karen Laderman



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**Region 21 Rah-Rah!**



### Seventh Place Medalists: San Diego Chorus



Contestant #30 (Semifinals) and Contestant #3 (Finals)  
Directors: Kathleen Hansen and Kim Vaughn  
83 on stage  
Semifinal Songs: *Let Yourself Go/Doin' the New Low Down, Auld Lang Syne*

Final Contest Song: *Love Is A Many Splendored Thing*  
Semifinal Score: 1374 points  
Final Score: 1323 points  
Total Score: 2697 points



**The Call**



**Coronet Club**

# Stage

## CHAMPION AND MEDAL

*as March  
Wind, and Fire Medley*

\*Competition Song

ent Package scoring



### Rehearsals & Coaching



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On Thursday after the chorus semifinals, a cappella Gold with a bit of Touché, assists with the "Support Sweet Adelines" presentation and this year's theme "I Am Sweet Adelines"



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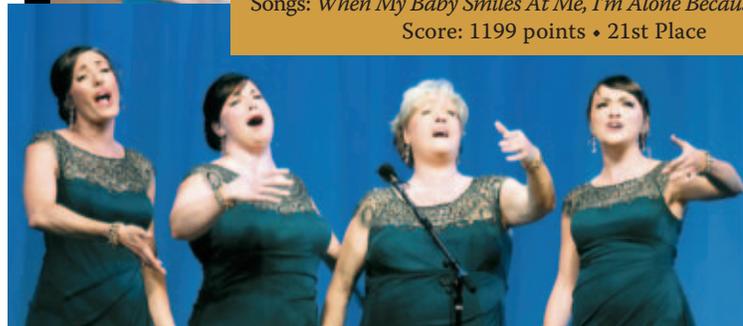
## Quartet Contest

### Delilah



Contestant #29

Neyla Pekarek, Erin Basile, Ruthie Tabone, Merideth Frehner  
Songs: *When My Baby Smiles At Me, I'm Alone Because I Love You*  
Score: 1199 points • 21st Place



### Cachet



Contestant #43

Tove Hoch, Shawna Allen, Mary Ashford, Sally McLeish  
Songs: *I've Got A Feelin' I'm Fallin', Time After Time*  
Score: 1091 points • 36th Place



## Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus

Albuquerque, NM

It was all about the Gershwins for Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus this fall. *Denise King* and *Bev Berardinelli* began work on the concept for a composer-based show after reading *Kim Vaughn's* article in *The Pitch Pipe* listing the many songs by *Irving Berlin*.



Photo by Jim Amend

While in the music selection stage of planning, they fell in love with the music of *Gershwin*. Further research emphasized the collaborative working relationship between brothers

*George* and *Ira*. This became the primary focal point of our September 19th "The Gershwins" show, which brought their music alive for singers and audience alike. "It's s'wonderful, s'marvelous!" was heard from the audience. George and Ira were portrayed by *Tony Sparks* and *Tim MacAlpine*, who acted out small vignettes between songs. Dressing in clothes from the 1930's added to the overall theme.

Another major project this summer was creating a portable, retractable banner to display at our events and performances to help promote our chorus. We will display it at our upcoming performances in October – World Singing Day in Old Town and Quintessence Neighborhood Association Fall Festival – and at engagements in November and December at ABQ Uptown Tree Lighting, Cottonwood Mall, ABQ Ride Holiday Event, a Music Guild luncheon, The Islands holiday party in Rio Rancho, and two performances at the BioPark River of Lights. Our holiday show "Caroling, Caroling" is December 5th so Gershwin and holiday music is filling the air.

–*Patty Brewer, Bev Berardinelli, and Denise King*

## Pacific Belles

Escondido, CA

Pacific Belles Chorus is making plans to sing our way through the holidays! Starting with a sing out in mid-November, we will head into a double show weekend in December! Our traditional holiday show will take on a new flavor this year. We are fixin' to make this year's holiday show a "rootin', tootin', toe-tappin' hoedown -The Old West-Condido Holiday Show!" Mixed in with traditional Christmas and seasonal songs will be a script taking us back to what an Escondido holiday in the 1890s might have been like. Our show will feature the chorus plus several quartets, Christmas Duet, and other surprises. Of course our guests will be treated to our traditional "Homemade Bake Sale" and raffle prizes.

We have been publicizing a fall "Open Sing" and are hoping that some of our visitors will sing with us in our holiday shows and join us in 2016.

Recently our chorus did some community outreach and sang for the birthday celebration of *Cindy*, a resident of San Diego's Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility. All of the residents were familiar with the 1950's songs we sang and tapped their toes or sang along. This is a "sing out" that we loved and hope to do again soon!



Photo by Joan Baird

Pacific Belles Chorus wishes all of the Region 21 choruses a holiday season filled with family, friendship, and harmony! Best wishes to each of you for a great 2016!

–*Joan Baird*

## Song of the Pines

Prescott, AZ

Congratulations to all the Region 21 International competitors – it was quite a show! Three of our members, *Peggy Ricker*, *Donna Tropp*, and *Jeanne Zimmerman*, took a road trip to Las Vegas. There they cheered on *Rosemary Baltensberger* and *Lauren Williamson*, who are dual members with SOTP and **Scottsdale**. I think they did a little shopping, too, as the vendors were very happy to see them!

We welcome back *Helen Barko* from a very long medical leave – a lot of prayers answered. And there has been lots of preparation going on for our November show "Harmony & Hot Fudge." We're also rehearsing to sing on shows for the **High Mountain Chordsmen** and



Photo by Seaven Linderman

**Red RockAppella**. In September, we welcomed *Sandra Zenner*, singing Lead, into our membership. By the time you read this, we will have welcomed *Anita Miller* and *Cynthia Baker*, both singing Bass, into our membership.

A shout out to *Sallie Stewart* and *Linda Marshall* for administering our recycle projects week-after-week and *Lindsay Sherrard* for those very innovative physical warm-ups and "funky" music! We are really looking forward to our January coaching session with *Patty Cobb Baker* – a session SOTP won a while ago for having a high percentage of participation at Region 21 events. We look forward to giving her a warm Prescott welcome!

Happy 97th birthday to Emeritus Member *Lorraine Butzen!*

–*Judi Kay Williams*

## Westwind Harmony Chorus

Surprise, AZ

Well, this year is proving to be a great year for WHC and its members! Not only receiving the Most Improved Chorus award at Regional, our own *Marsha Shaw* (dual member of **Scottsdale Chorus**) won International competition gold in Las Vegas with our new Sweet Adelines International Champs! Congratulations on the well-deserved win!

WHC has been working hard in preparing for Regional in May of 2016. We are improving greatly on our sound and hope to continue this upward motion! We are honored to have had great coaches along this journey: *Brent Graham*, *Jacquie Fernandez*, *Jana Gutenson* to name a few. We can't fail to mention our fabulous Director *Bill Shaw*, Assistant Director *Claudia Zombek*, and Associate Director *Marsha Shaw!* Thank you all so much for your great efforts in helping us reach our goals! We want to continue to improve, and with these great coaches, we are on our way!

Mark your calendars and plan on coming out to beautiful Surprise, AZ for our upcoming "Holiday Show" on

Sunday, December 13, 2015 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church! We will be performing some wonderful classic songs along with a few new songs with the **Desert Aires Men's Barbershop Chorus**! We hope it will be a fun-filled show for all!



Photo by Jeff Luther

Also, be sure to check our website for more information on this and other upcoming news and events:

[www.westwindharmonychorus.org](http://www.westwindharmonychorus.org).

Please help us welcome our newest members, *Karen Grant* and *Jo Anne Conner*! They are excited and anxious to experience this great ride with WHC!

—*Mona Raska*

## Route 66 Sound

Albuquerque, NM

Route 66 Sound sends our sincere congratulations to the 2016 International Chorus Champion **Scottsdale** and the 7th Place **San Diego Chorus**. And best wishes to *Kim Vaughn* on her retirement. All that following the excitement when some of our members attended the 2015 Rising Star Contest at Camp Blue Agave to witness **C'est La Vie** take

that win! We are so fortunate to be part of this incredible region!

"Backstage Pass," our fifth annual show, was held October 24th. Along with guests **Southwest Edition**, we featured **The Duke City Jazz Band**, directed by *Bill Biffle*, a BHS past President and member of **The New MexiChords** in Albuquerque. It was fun preparing for this performance, bringing back past repertoire that included kazooes and boomwhackers! Following the show, we begin a series of coaching dates with *Jana Gutenson*. We're certain she'll share some of that winning spirit as we work toward next year's regional contest.

This year we will present a free "Sounds of the Holidays" concert



Photo by Mike Kernovick

December 15th at our rehearsal requesting donations for a local food bank. We'll perform for the Festival of Trees that supports a local children's hospital and our annual night at the Albuquerque Bio Park River of Lights. On Saturday, December 19th, we'll be doing Holiday Carol-Grams. If you would like us to sing over the phone to someone special, check out our website: [www.route66sound.org](http://www.route66sound.org) for information. Wishing safe, happy holidays to all of Region 21...we'll see you in the spring!

—*Sue Bowdoin*

Dear Delilah, Congratulations on your performance at International. You represented Region 21 so well. In harmony, Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus

Congratulations to Scottsdale Chorus on becoming the 2016 International Champion Chorus! We're so proud of you! Love, Harborlites

Dear San Diego Chorus, Congratulations on your performance at International! You always do us proud. In Harmony, Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus

Congratulation Dayle Ann and John! So sorry we had to miss the wedding. Everybody tells me that it was a so beautiful ceremony, followed by a fun-time reception. —Annie and Ron

Delilah, It was fab sharing the stage with you in Vegas. Thank You also for your very thoughtful gift. Love, Cachet

Mary and Sarah, Nothing finer than seeing our dear friends winning the Gold! Love, Mary and Lee

Harborlites, We loved hearing all the cheering for us as we hit the stage. "H" is for Harborlites and Heart! Thank You! Love and Appreciation, Cachet

Pam, We are so touched by your outpouring of love and support for Cachet! Love and Appreciation, Sally, Shawna, Tove, Mary

Dear Scottsdale Chorus, CONGRATULATIONS on your performance at International! You always do us proud. Another sizzling performance! In harmony, Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus

San Diego Chorus, what a heartwarming tribute to Kim! Not a dry eye in the house. Here's to many successful years with Kathleen! Love, Harborlites

C'est La Vie, A huge Congrats for the Rising Star Championship! Thank you so much for all you do to promote Barbershop Harmony! —Annie

Thank you TDH! You all came through for our youth Festival. You rock! Annie

We've got a feeling we're fallin'...for you! Harborlites sends our love and congratulations to Cachet. You sang your hearts out in Vegas!

Caroline, You are OWESOME! —Annie

Scottsdale Chorus, Congratulations on taking home the Gold! Absolutely gobsmacked! So fab to be a part of this stellar region! Love and Appreciation, Cachet

Ms. Cellaneous, What a thrill to see your smiling faces in Vegas. You rock our world! Love and Appreciation, Cachet

Hey there Delilah! You had the entire audience smiling at you during your set. Congratulations! All our love, Harborlites

Region 21, Thank You for all your fantastic support for Cachet. Love and Appreciation, Sally, Shawna, Tove, Mary

Club 21, Class Act all the way! Thank You! Love and Appreciation, Cachet

Elizabeth, LuAnn, Kay — Thank you so much for all the work you did helping me for the Festival! —Annie

RMT, Your flowers were magnificent! Thank You! Love and Appreciation, Cachet

Teresa Taylor, thank you for keeping us straight as our Chorus Team Coordinator! —Annie

## Delilah

CAL, CAL-Region 12, Harborlites,



Erin Basile, Merideth Frehner, Ruthie Tabone, Neyla Pekarek

Photos by Keven Luederman

"What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!" Well, maybe for some, but not for Delilah! We had a fantastic experience and loved every minute of our time together and being with all of our awesome Region 21 family. We will definitely cherish the memories of our wonderful week! And we were thrilled and honored to represent Region 21 and share the stage with **Cachet**, **San Diego Chorus**, and the 2016 International Champion Chorus **Scottsdale**! We cannot even begin to express how much we love you all - your love, support, and encouragement has been overwhelming.

We also want to thank our coaches for their time, talents, and expertise: **Jeff Baker**, **Sharon Babb**, **Pam Pieson**, **Erin Howden**, and **Patty Cobb Baker**. They are amazing! Although Delilah won't meet up again until January - in Minnesota (ooh, chilly) - we are looking forward to the future and are making plans for regional! We'll see you in Arizona!

-Neyla, Ruthie, Erin, and Merideth

## Cachet

Agoura Hills Harmony, Carpe Diem, Harborlites, Santa Monica



Tove Hoch, Shawna Allen, Mary Ashford, Sally McLeish

Photos by Keven Luederman

Viva Las Vegas truly captures the essence of our International experience in Vegas. Everyone we met from Region 21 treated us like royalty and we are truly honored to have represented this fantastic region. Thank you for all of the incredibly generous love gifts from quartets, choruses, RMT, and **Club 21**. An extra shout out of love to **Harborlites** for your incredible support. When we arrived in Vegas, we were greeted with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the RMT. Then as we stood backstage, we could hear and feel the love. And when we got off stage, we were greeted by so many friends. And if that wasn't enough, we were showered with

hugs and cheers as we snaked our way through your human tunnel of love. It was a magical time that we shall never forget. It was most magical to share the stage with **Delilah**, **San Diego Chorus**, and **Scottsdale Chorus**. Congrats to **Scottsdale** on taking home the gold. We consider ourselves lucky to be a part of a region that continues to raise the bar of musical excellence in our organization.

Love and Appreciation!

-Sally, Shawna, Tove, and Mary

## C'est La Vie

Scottsdale



Melanie Barker, Taylor Daniels, Krista Moller, Caitlin Tervo

Photo by Lorraine Moller

We can't even begin to express how incredible the past couple months have been for us! As I am sure many of you know...WE WON RISING STAR! This has been such a huge goal for us and we are excited we were able to achieve it in the company of our Region 21-derful! But Rising Star was not the end of our journey! In October, at International, we were given the opportunity to not only compete (AND WIN) with the **Scottsdale Chorus**, but also to perform our Rising Star package to the International audience. This was a very special moment for us and we will now be wearing two gold medals the rest of the year! If anyone missed the performance (we dedicated a special song to this region), we will get it posted to YouTube as soon as possible!

What is next for C'est La Vie? Currently our goal as Rising Star Champions is to help raise barbershop awareness in youth and support the current youth in the organization. We will do this by going to New Zealand next year to support the next group of Rising Star competitors. We have also already facilitated two youth festivals, one in Tucson and one in San Diego. If you know of any other events that need facilitators please let us know! Also if you are willing to help us fund our trip to New Zealand and other youth programs, we would really appreciate your support. ([www.tinyurl.com/supportcestlavie](http://www.tinyurl.com/supportcestlavie))

With much love,

-Caitlin, Melanie, Krista, and Taylor

## Ms. Cellaneous

Harborlites, Scottsdale



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

Photo by Keven Luederman

What an exciting year this has been so far. We would like to congratulate **C'est La Vie**, our 2015 Rising Star Champs. When Ms. Cellaneous grows up we want to be just like them: young, cute, talented, and thin. OK, we'll settle for thinner than we are right now. And how about that **Scottsdale Chorus**? They planted their feet in the Las Vegas "earth" and sang like the "wind" and literally set the stage on "fire!" First place both rounds equals First Place Overall. It's new math 1+1=1. And we will never forget that moment where our friend and coach **Kim Vaughn** directed "Auld Lang Syne". That moment brought the house down at International and there wasn't a dry eye in the Ms. Cellaneous seats. **Kim**, **Kathleen**, and **San Diego Chorus** congratulations on your 7th Place medals. Region 21 made beautiful music and history at Vegas One.

So what's been going on and what's next? For Ms. Cellaneous: **Kim's** Retirement Party, Golden Sands Show, MusicFest, Christmas Show at Jane Wolf's Church, and the Vista Hills Christmas Show. That takes us to the first of the year, where we plan to ring in the new with old friends in Peoria, Arizona, the **Dergans**. Then it's off to Puerto Penasco for a week of much needed sun, sand, and singing. Oh and don't forget the **Club 21** Stage Days in January. So much fun, so little time! Catch us if you can! See you in May at the Regional Convention! Hugs, the Cellaneous Sistahs.

-Mary, Chris, Susan, and Sarah

## Ooh La La

Harborlites, Santa Monica



Jommi Wood, Judy Herr, Linda Schrab, Barbara Adams

Photo by E.R. Alfaro

Congratulations to **Scottsdale Chorus** on their inspiring BIG WIN and to **Delilah** for a stellar performance in Vegas! We are so proud of all of you! It was really fun to see so many friends there.

Meanwhile, back to reality...Ooh La La has

been busy coaching with Queen *Kim Vaughn*, and Linda even stayed in Vegas for Lead School.

Late Summer and early Fall are super busy in the La La lounge. All of us have had birthdays, vacations, and Judy moved to a new home! We did all of this between mastering music and choreo for our *Santa Monica* and *Harborlites* shows and Linda did a guest appearance on

the *Mission Viejo Chorus* show!

No matter how busy we get, we never lose appreciation for our roots and our Region 21 sisters. There's no place like home.

*-Barbara, Linda, Jonni, and Judy*

## RISING STAR 2015

### Region 21 Was Well-Represented at the 2015 Rising Star Quartet Contest



Camp Blue Agave  
August 8, 2015  
Renaissance Hotel  
Phoenix, AZ



2015 Rising Star Champion *C'est La Vie*



*Cherry Bomb*



*The Desert Belles*



*The Champinellies*

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.

## Young Women In Harmony (YWIH)

A huge congratulations to our wonderful **C'est La Vie** – 2015 Rising Star Quartet Champion! WOW, they really made Region 21 proud! They not only perform beautifully, they are busily promoting our barbershop art form to communities and inspiring young singers all around! Thank you **C'est La Vie**!

There were two youth Festivals in Region 21 this fall. On October 17 in Fontana, CA, **Inland Empire Chorus** had another successful “Har-



Photo by Roger Svensson

mony Stars” YWIH Festival with Clinician **Tom McEvoy** assisted by her quartet **Parfait**. Over 100 girls really loved their songs and performed “oh, so well,” according to **Janice Vargas**, one of the organizers for **Inland Empire**.

**Tucson Desert Harmony** and **Tucson Sunshine** of BHS co-sponsored the “10th Annual So AZ YIH Festival” with over 150 students on September 19, 2015. The clinician for the women was **Jennifer Cooke** from Tennessee with **C'est La Vie** serving as the assisting quartet. For the men the clinician was Danny Ryan, assisted by the BHS Far Western District 2nd place medalist quartet **Suit Up!** from the Phoenix area.

We heard from some of the teachers in the Tucson area that a few quartets were being formed in their schools following the Festival. No doubt they are inspired by the news of the Region 21 youth quartet contest to be held during summer seminar. Yes, our RMT has voted to conduct a YWIH quartet contest – “Stars of the West” (what a cool name!) – during Camp Sea Breeze Summer Seminar at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego CA on August 18-20, 2016. The barbershop fever is spreading!

—Annie Hayes, Young Women In Harmony Coordinator

## 2015 Rising Star Champion C'est La Vie Performs at Vegas I



Photo by Lorraine Moller

Opening the Quartet Finals



Singing Karaoke at the Anniversary Party

Photo by Karen Laderman

## Arrangers Development Program (ADP)

I had the privilege of attending a meeting of master and certified arrangers in Las Vegas during Sweet Adelines International's convention and competition. The meeting was led by **Marge Bailey**, MMA, who heads up the International Music Arranger Program (IMAP) for our organization. We hope to have a day-long workshop at future international competitions.

We discussed the ongoing copyright clearance issues that have arisen in recent years as barbershop music, both for men and women, has become more popular. We also discussed possible marketing strategies for getting our arrangements into circulation. We discussed the possibility of having a *Pitch Pipe* arrangement contest in the near future and we were encouraged to think about preparing for publication packages for the new Open Division.

We received an interesting report comparing female and male arrangers in Sweet Adelines for choruses and quartets in the 2014 and 2015 international contests. In those two years, there were 94 arrangements by 18 female arrangers sung, and 128 arrangements by 37 male arrangers sung.

From the female arrangers, **Nancy Bergman** had the most arrangements sung, with a total of 36 arrangements. **Joni Bescos** came in second having 15 arrangements sung. For the men, **Jim Arns** had 18 and **Clay Hine** had 10. Interested in arranging? Email [bbsarranger@mac.com](mailto:bbsarranger@mac.com).

—Anna Maria Parker, Arrangers Development Program Coordinator



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ADP Workshop on Friday at Camp Blue Agave

## Double Quartet Contest

### 1st Place and Golden Banana



Pasture Prime



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Regional and International Events

\*\*New Listings/Changes in Red

2016	**January 9	Club 21 Quartet Stage Day – <i>Chandler, AZ</i>
	**January 16	Club 21 Quartet Stage Day – <i>Lakewood, CA</i>
	January 20-24	Sun & Sing – <i>Grand Bahama Island</i>
	February 6	Harborlites – “Diva Day” YWIH Festival – <i>Costa Mesa, CA</i>
	March 4	Harborlites Harmony Golf Classic – <i>Chino Hills, CA</i>
	March 11-13	RMT Meeting – <i>CA</i>
	May 12-15	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	July 13	Rising Star Contest – <i>Auckland, New Zealand</i>
	July 15-17	A Cappella Harmony Academy (AHA) – <i>Auckland, New Zealand</i>
	August 18-21	Camp Sea Breeze (featuring Karen Breidert)– <i>San Diego, CA</i>
♦♦August 20	Stars of the West YWIH Quartet Contest – <i>San Diego, CA</i>	
August 18-21	Directors’ Seminar – <i>New Orleans, LA</i>	
October 17-22	International Convention & Competition – <i>Las Vegas, NV</i>	
2017	April 20-23	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	August 18-21	Summer Seminar – <i>San Diego, CA</i>
	October 9-14	International Convention & Competition – <i>Las Vegas, NV</i>
2018	April 19-22	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	August 9-12	Summer Seminar – <i>San Diego, CA</i>
	October 15-20	International Convention & Competition – <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
2019	April 4-7	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	August 9-12	Summer Seminar – <i>San Diego, CA</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>
	**April 15-18, 2021	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>

Chapter Shows 2015

Dec. 5	Pacific Belles– Christmas Show
Dec. 5	Enchanted Mesa – Holiday Show
Dec. 5	Tucson Desert Harmony – Annual Show
Dec. 6	Red RockAppella – Holiday Show
Dec. 9**	San Diego – Holiday Show
Dec. 12**	Vista Hills – Holiday Show

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

For the most up-to-date calendar listings, check the Region 21 website ([www.region21.org](http://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.



There are over 2000 photos from Camp Blue Agave available for viewing (and purchase) at the regiontwentyone Flickr site. Check them out!

# Adventures of a Sweet Adeline



Kim Vaughn



High Society



Savvy



a cappella Gold



San Diego Chorus 1985



San Diego Chorus 2015

Thank you for your education, inspiration, dedication and service. Most of all thank you for your love! Your love of Barbershop, your love of music and your love of singing has touched our hearts and souls. Because of this love, we thank you. We love you and will miss you as you go on to your next adventures!  
You have left us in good hands!



You will always have a home in Region 21!