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San Diego at Vegas III



Region 21 Champion C'est la vie



San Diego and C'est la vie represented Region 21 at the 2017 Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition in Las Vegas, NV (Vegas III) – Pages 8-9, 11



The quartet workshop is an all-inclusive weekend!

If you stay at the Embassy Suites and purchase an All Events Ticket, your meals are included. There's even drinks at the Embassy Suites Happy Hour!

If you will be attending the workshop with all four members of your quartet, the quartet may register together. Quartets registering together may sign up for coaching opportunities and may have the opportunity to serve in a demonstration capacity for classes.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday Evening

Vocal Health
Chord Balancing

Saturday Morning

Rehearsal Techniques
Space and Place

Saturday Afternoon

Master Part Classes
Performance Anxiety

Saturday Evening

Coaching Under Glass
Sing with the Queens

Sunday Morning

Building a Performance Package
Starting a Quartet

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Register by December 21, 2017 and receive the Early Bird rate. After December 22, 2017 you may still register for the workshop, but you will have to pay the regular rate.

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- **Early Bird Individual:** \$125 (Regular Price \$150)
- **Early Bird Youth Individual:** \$62.50

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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.



Sweet Adelines International Mission Statement:

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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The first day of convention focused on education. Members of the RMT Tracey Sandberg and Adelina Dudda (above) and Karen Laderman attended "L.E.A.P. Day" RMT training.

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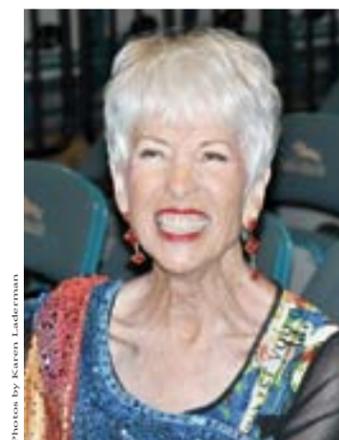
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Beyond the Golden West...



Members of Region 21 were competing and performing at Vegas III, but some were representing other regions as well. Judy Ashmore of Harborlites is a dual member with Carpe Diem Chorus (Region 11), who served as mic testers for the Harmony Classic on Tuesday evening. Abby Lacey performed in the semifinals with San Diego Chorus and then changed into blue sequins to compete with Tune-town Show Chorus (Region 4), contestant #25.



Team Coordinator, Tracey Sandberg

Happy MusicFest, everyone! We are thrilled to be hosting International President *Paula Davis* on the eastern side of our region, where we hold an educational event every three years. And hold onto your tiny Swedish hats – the RMT is in the planning stages for Fall 2018 on our far-western side – Hawaii!

Congratulations to *C'est la vie* and *San Diego* for your contest performances and to *Adrenaline* for your Friday Night appearance. I don't know about you, but I still have that post-international excitement! Are you ready to try new things learned in *Frenzy* or *Rönninge's* education classes? Are you "studying film" from the Sweet Adelines YouTube Channel? Have you watched *Rönninge's* amazing Swan Set yet?

Are you ready to "be brave," as Paula urged us in her State of the Organization address (also on YouTube)? She spoke about a variety of feedback from the membership. We all want our art form to stay relevant. We want our barbershop to be contemporary. Be brave. We want to sing new music. We also want to stay true to our art form. We want beautiful makeup and costumes that reflect us. BE BRAVE. We want our organization to have greater inclusion. We want an infusion of younger singers. BE BRAVE AND TAKE ACTION. We have been changed by this organization. We are stronger women because of Sweet Adelines International.

The time is now for chapter membership teams and individual members to think differently. Think bigger. Region 21 – let's be brave and continue to lead the way.

Education Coordinator, Bonnie McKibben

What a great summer! Thank you all for attending and for your great comments about the Summer Seminar! *Mo Field* was fabulous, and she truly enjoyed getting to know you all. I think you will agree this was unlike any other event we've had.

I am also excited about our next event, the Quartet Workshop with Queens *LoveNotes!* They are all spectacular teachers, and we have put together a curriculum that should please all – whether or not you are in a quartet, want to improve your vocal skills, or are looking for a four-some! Also very pleased to announce that *Kathy Wright* will be our new Quartet Development Program Chair. We had a meeting in Las Vegas and several quartet matching events have already taken place! Watch for more exciting quartet opportunities.

Las Vegas was thrilling and how proud we were of *San Diego Chorus* and *C'est la vie!* Your performances were inspiring.

Something special you'd like to see on the curriculum? Someone special you'd like to have considered for a Guest Faculty? Something special you'd like to do in Education for Region 21? Please let me know! Email me at rmt_education@region21.org or text me at 808-462-2897.

I look forward to hearing from you.
See you in Ontario!



2017-2018 Region 21 RMT: (from left to right back row) Membership Coordinator *Adelina Dudda*; Directors' Coordinator *Jonni Wood*; Communications Coordinator *Karen Laderman*; Education Coordinator *Bonnie McKibben*; and (front row) Finance Coordinator *Mary Chilton*; Marketing Coordinator *Kat Shaver*; Events Coordinator *Victoria Kemsley*; Team Coordinator *Tracey Sandberg*.

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 shadowing 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 *Adelina Dudda*, the RMT representative on the Nominating Committee at 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

Wasn't the 2017 Sweet Adelines International Convention fabulous? While many Scottsdale Chorus members traveled to Las Vegas, many who stayed in town watched via the webcast and were happy to see it so ably hosted, in part, by *Pam Pieson*, *Kim Vaughn*, and *Jana Gutenson*. We were so proud of the way *San Diego Chorus* and *C'est la vie* quartet represented our region and cheered them on when they took the stage. We celebrated Scottsdale Chorus members who sang in the *Starlettes Chorus*, made up of former Rising Star quartet members, and congratulated Scottsdale members receiving longevity pins: member *Fran Pearson* (50 years) and emeritus member *Jean Kane* (60 years). As the Sweet Adelines "olympics" drew to a close, we let out a happy sigh. After experiencing the range of fine talent that crossed the stage, we know that our craft is growing to new heights each year.

With one door closing, another opens. Just as the new champions are crowned, a new crop of singers are preparing for the 2018 International Competition. And here we go as we ramp up to be part of that mix next year. Next month, we have coaching session number one with *Jim Arns*. And, we're excited to have new music and choreography. But, can we say LEARNING CURVE? You know the feeling. With everything new, there are thoughts of...will it ever come together? We will be most happy to be over the learning curve and into the land of..."We've got this." Please stay tuned!

–Linda Allen



Photo by Karen Laderman

San Diego Chorus

San Diego, CA

There is so much happening with The San Diego Chorus! The music never stops! Between an awesome annual show, an amazing time on stage in Vegas and the holidays right around the corner, there's just no stopping this family of singers.

The San Diego Chorus swooped into Vegas on the wings of one of their most successful shows in recent history. At "A World of Harmony" show, The San Diego Chorus – together with *Stockholm City Voices*, *L'attitude* and *Ring!* – showed that the power of music, love, honesty, and community are alive and well in the world.

Speaking of shows, be sure to put Wednesday, December 13th on your calendar! The San Diego Chorus' "Cool Yule" is sure to brighten your holiday season with fun – and cookies – for the whole family! Tickets are available now at sdchorus.org.

Finally, The San Diego Chorus is so grateful to Region 21 for their love, support, and kind words at International. While they are disappointed they could not share their entertainment package with the International community, the whole experience has made The San Diego Chorus stronger and more determined than ever.

Sarah Pritchard, the newest member on the risers, said it best the morning after the semi-finals. "I had the most amazing seven minutes of my life," Pritchard said. "This chorus fills a hole in my heart, and I am excited for what is coming next!"

The San Diego Chorus couldn't agree more.
–Laura A. Koch



Photo by Karen Laderman

Westwind Harmony Chorus

Surprise, AZ

As Fall is upon us one would think the weather would cool down – well, not yet here in the Phoenix area! But we must forge



Photo by E. R. Lilly

ahead and refresh our holiday music and learn some new tunes. We look forward to our winter residents returning and our regular members returning from extended vacations. The chorus has a very busy schedule in November and December and are looking forward to spreading holiday cheer throughout the West Valley. After a short Christmas break we forge head on into preparations for Regional Contest. See you all in April!

–Marsha Shaw



Lori & Jana –
Big Hearts Joined together at last!
You both are so very "dear" to all of us.
We are so happy for you!

Tucson Desert Harmony –
I love YOU! I Miss you!
In Harmony,
Carrie

OC Sound Chorus

Laguna Niguel, CA

Wow! What a fabulous International Competition we just witnessed. The love and connection felt by all who attended and watched from home made this year's competition particularly meaningful. Congratulations to our Region 21 participants who made us proud to be part of this exceptional group of women.



We had a blast at Summer Seminar in San Diego. *Mo Field* was nonpareil as our guest faculty. Whether we were doing physical warmups to Bugs Bunny or singing our emotions, our take away was huge and intensely personal. OC Sound was fortunate to receive a one-hour coaching session with Mo – as ours was the chorus with the highest percentage of participation at Camp Sea Breeze.

Our annual show "On The Air" featured songs from the past several decades with a DJ call-in show. (We got the giggles every time we rehearsed our radio jingles). We were so delighted to have **Westminster Chorus**, three-time Barbershop Harmony Society International Champions, entertain in the second half of our show. As always, we look forward to the holiday season and its many opportunities to share our love of song with friends far and near. In addition to our numerous Christmas engagements, we will spend a festive day together sending singing grams to loved ones.

We look forward to 2018 as an opportunity to excel in our hobby and spend wonderful hours together as sisters in song. Is it Tuesday yet?

–Denise Clifford

Vista Hills Chorus

Vista, CA

Wow – if that wasn't a stellar International Competition, we're not sure what is! Congratulations to **Lustre**, our new Queens, and to **North Metro Chorus**, **Malmö Limelight Chorus**, and **Brindabella Chorus**. We are so, so proud of our sisters in song.

Here on the homefront, the Vista Hills Chorus is still searching for that special someone who will become our new director, someone who can inspire us to new heights and challenge us to learn, grow, and develop as individuals and as a team. We are eager to fall in love with our "hobby" (yea, right!) all over again, and if you just might be that special someone, drop us an email at VistaHillsChorus@gmail.com. For the time being, we are in the talented and elegant hands of **Jennifer Kershman** with the occasional assist from yours truly, but we welcome interested parties with open arms!



–Kaidee Metcalfe

Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus

Tucson, AZ

We hosted another successful Youth in Harmony day at Sajuaro High School in Tucson on September 16. Many members from TDH participated in the event, which drew 167 young people. Afterwards we performed at the Elks Lodge in Tucson.

We were very busy preparing for our annual show, which was November 11 at

the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucson, with a theme of "Seasons in Song." At a recent rehearsal, we had fun learning swing dance steps with our



new choreographer. Heading into the winter, we look forward to several holiday performances, two of them in Green Valley.

–Kathy Mattox

Simply A Cappella

Mesa, AZ

What a difference three months makes! We are thrilled to announce that **Topher Keene** has accepted the position of directing our chorus. Topher is a dynamic, energetic lifelong musician who has dedicated himself to teaching music to people from one to ninety years old. Among his many endeavors, he currently directs several college and community choirs in the Valley, and is the Director of Education at the **Phoenix Boys Choir**, recruiting talent from all over the Valley. He has been impressed with our passion for singing and took on directing us in a performance for the Daughters of the Nile Annual Fundraising tea (part of the Shriners organization) just four weeks after joining us in our new rehearsal hall in downtown Mesa at the First United Methodist Church on First Avenue.

In August, several of our members participated in the Fred Koch Memorial Bash, taking honors in the Novice Quartet contest and the VLQ competition. A fantastic, fun time was had by all and for a worthy cause. We had a successful fundraiser on September 30 – a party selling Gold Canyon candles, courtesy of our own **Katie Gibbens**.

We celebrated our 25th Anniversary year with a gala celebration on October 28, complete with honors for members who have made this milestone possible, a Memory Lane display full of pictures and other memorabilia of our quarter century, adult beverages and of course, food! We have started working on our 2018 competition package – the earliest start in recent memory. We are excited to bring it to the region.

Our membership continues to grow, with two seasoned Sweet Adelines joining our ranks and several more prospects in the membership track. Simply A Cappella has started a brand new course, capitalizing on both our new young director and the vast experience of our membership.

Finally, heartiest congratulations go to **C'est la vie** quartet and **San Diego Chorus** on their fine performances at the International Competition in Las Vegas. Region 21 has an amazing, talented group of women. Yes, we join for the music, but stay for the friendships.

–Mary Ellen Hood

Red RockAppella Chorus

Sedona, AZ

We didn't have to wander far from the Red RockAppella tree to find a new permanent director. She's **Jeanie Carroll**, whose resumé shines with 40 years of musical performance experience, 20 years of teaching music, and 10 years as a Sweet Adelines assistant director – with Red RockAppella!



A successful membership drive in October brought five singers who will join us for December holiday performances: **Barb Brydenthal**, **Sue Buffum**, **Dusty Crisman**, **Joy Watson**, and **Katherine Whitaker**. Former director **Sandy Wingate** returns in December after a leave of absence to sing tenor with us. Our returning snowbirds **Carolyn Blecha** and **Paula Bodah** will be back then, too. We love Decembers!

Deb Stein is our newest Red RockAppella member! She is a lovely baritone, a delightful gal, and a great asset to the chorus! Welcome, Deb!

Nearly half of the chorus attended a session to watch the brilliant **Mo Field** coach our sister chorus, **Song of the Pines**. A couple of weeks later, the inimitable **Sarah Slade-Branham** and **Mary Slade-Branham** invigorated our own chorus with their energetic, skilled coaching and helpful PVI's.

Another session with this dazzling duo is scheduled for January as we put the finishing touches on our February 17 show, "Winter Romance."

A joyous holiday season to all Region 21 sister Sweet Adelines and their friends and families!

–Sue Williams

Inland Empire Chorus

Riverside, CA

The Inland Empire Chorus is proud to announce that we have a new director: **Chris Robertson**. Chris comes to us with vast experience as a singer and director. She is the lead in Region 21's current 3rd place quartet, **Ms. Cellaneous**.

The Chorus recently borrowed an innovation from **Scottsdale** and we now qualify for music with listeners in front of the chorus. So far, so good.

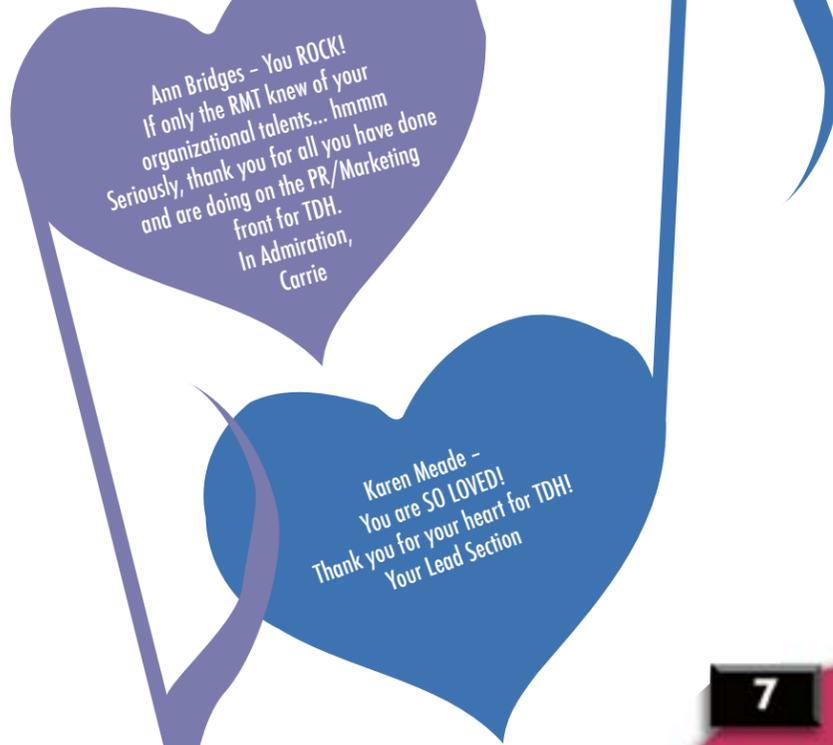
Recently, members of the Inland Empire Chorus sang for the City of Redlands "Believe Walk" for breast cancer. We stood on the street corner and sang as the walkers passed by. Participants greeted us with waves and cheers.

October 28th was our annual "Harmony Stars" Young Women in Harmony Festival. High school girls from around the Inland Empire spent the day honing their barbershop skills, and then joined us on an evening show. Sultana High School in Hesperia hosted our event this year. Chris served as our clinician and **C'est la vie** were section leaders. The evening performance included the girls, Inland Empire Chorus, and featured **C'est la vie**, **Ms. Cellaneous**, **Parfait**, and **Chime** quartets.

Having just completed our third year working in the Queen's Court at International, we will polish Christmas music and get ready to sing in our communities. The chorus is looking forward to an annual holiday dinner for the homeless sponsored by the First Baptist Church where we rehearse.

We want to congratulate our regional winners, **C'est la vie** and **San Diego**, for wonderful performances in Las Vegas. And congratulations to **Lustre** and **North Metro Chorus** on their gold medals!

–Kathy Swenson



Ann Bridges – You ROCK!
If only the RMT knew of your organizational talents... hmmm
Seriously, thank you for all you have done and are doing on the PR/Marketing front for TDH.
In Admiration,
Carrie

Karen Meade –
You are SO LOVED!
Thank you for your heart for TDH!
Your Lead Section

Center Stage

SAN DIEGO PLACES 13TH ON THE MGM STAGE AT VEGAS III



Director: Kathleen Hansen, 67 on stage
 Contestant #10, Songs: *A Cottage For Sale*, *This Could Be the Start of Something Big*
 Semifinal Score: 1384 points • 13th Place



Region 21 Rah-Rahs!



Director Recognition



Region 21 Webcasters

Celebrating 60 Years in Sweet Adelines



Jean Kane

Celebrating 50 Years in Sweet Adelines



Judy Ashmore



Muriel Freeman



Glenda Lee



Fran Pearson



Chris Peurifoy



Rehearsals & Coaching

The Starlettes featured members from Rising Star Quartets. Current and former Region 21 members were: Sara Littlefield (Adrenaline 2017), Caitlin Tervo, Melanie Barker, Krista Moller, Taylor Daniels (C'est la vie 2015), Ashley Espinoza, and Erin Cardin (Vogue 2009). Members of the Starlettes Chorus then handled the "pass the hat" to raise funds for the Young Singers Foundation (YSF).



Starlettes Chorus Special Performance

Harmony Bazaar



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

Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus

Albuquerque, NM

EMSC can hardly believe our good fortune in being presented the first "Nancy Bergman Harmonize the World Award." Thrilled as well as humbled – words barely describe the honor. Thanks to our membership, to the RMT, and most of all, thanks and oodles of love to Nancy Bergman herself, for being someone we all wish to emulate on so many levels!

EMSC strives to be an active part of our community, so...

We sang on the OnQ Chorus (Harmony, Inc.) Show in August. We cheered on Effervescence Quartet, a YWIH quartet from NM Youth Harmony Camp,



Photo by Jim Amend

at the Stars of the West competition! "The Big Band Era," our annual show, delighted audiences with 40's music, both barbershop and from the Albuquerque Jazz Band, on September 9. In addition to accompanying us on some songs, the band provided fun dance music. Our emcee, Bill Biffle (a past BHS president), was also the band leader! We performed our show songs at a retirement center and at the Albuquerque International Festival. We welcomed five new members to the fold! Yay!

Currently, EMSC is preparing "A Perfect Christmas," scheduled for December 2. We plan to perform at the ABQ Uptown Tree Lighting, the "Polar Express" Trolley Tour, the Music Guild Christmas Luncheon, and at a living nativity. And to add a cherry on top of what has been a musically delicious fall full of barbershop music, we're looking forward to learning from Paula Davis at the Music Fest in Albuquerque on November 18.

It's great to be a Sweet Adeline!

-Carol Wiggins and Dianne Goldrick

Route 66 Sound

Albuquerque, NM

Route 66 Sound is very proud of the wonderful performances by San Diego Chorus and C'est la vie! We were bursting with pride...but very sorry to not see SpinOff.

Three members attended Camp Sea Breeze in San Diego and are encouraging all members to attend next summer! But, first, we can't contain the excitement to have MusicFest with Paula Davis, in our own backyard! Thank you to the RMT for continuing to bring education to the east side of Region 21!

As our November 11th annual show approaches, we've been adding the final touches to our show repertoire along with extra coaching by Eddie Martinez. This show will be the debut performance of our newest chorus quartet, 4 Kicks, with Joline Lambson, lead; Dawn Fisher, tenor; Diane Taggart, bari and Benida Kernodle, bass. Our special guest will be the Eldorado High School award-winning Screamin' Eagles Jazz Band. We're excited to include these young musicians this year. Then we're into the holiday season and once again...contest prep.

Recently our organization has been impacted by many natural disasters. Particularly the members of Song of Sonoma, Region 13 whose



Photo by Sue Bowdoin

director, Sharon Carlson is our primary contest coach. With the approaching holiday season and Thanksgiving and in just a few days, we want to send our love and support to them and all of our Sweet Adelines sisters who've been affected by these events.

To Region Twenty Wonderful, we will see you in the spring in Phoenix...until then, Happy Holidays!

-Sue Bowdoin

Song of the Pines

Prescott, AZ

Song of the Pines has continued on a high as we strive to build our chorus and further our barbershop education. We have always had successful coaching sessions with our longtime coach Jana Guten-son, and this year we added a new experience when Mo Field came to work with us for five days in October. Mo is a dynamite personality with the ability to help you see barbershop from a unique perspective, which resonated with a lot of us. She worked tirelessly delivering three coaching sessions with our chorus, 23 personal PVI's to our members, and coached two quartets! She also sat in on a Section Leader meeting helping us to begin formulating our vision for Song of the Pines so that we can lay the groundwork for the future leaders of our chorus for many years to come.

Along with the work that we put in, we had many laughs and memorable moments. One of which was when Mo was saying that we need to feel like we are swooping in a plane over the Alps, steadying the fuselage and allowing the wingtips to contour and barrel roll with the playfulness of the melody when, out of nowhere, a bat came gliding over our heads, soaring back and forth as if it had been called in to give us a visual. The bat disappeared as quickly as it had appeared leaving Mo astounded and all of us laughing at the precise timing of it all! How perfect is that?

-Lauren Williamson



Photo by Jenne Zimmerman

Harborlites Chorus

Huntington Beach, CA

The past few months have been full of great musical moments for Harborlites – and there are more on the horizon!

Our annual show, held September 23rd at the Carpenter Center in Long Beach, featured the current BHS Champion Quartet Main Street as our headliner! The show also included our quartets, Vocal Signature and Parfait, and a rousing finale with everyone onstage.

A large group of Harborlites traveled to Las Vegas to International Convention where we were proud to cheer on the San Diego Chorus and C'est la vie. Our own

Pam Pieson was a featured webcaster and Harborlites members Judy Ashmore and Muriel Freeman re-



Photo by Chris Robertson

ceived their 50-year pins. What an exciting week!

Looking forward, our own work toward the 2018 International Competition in St. Louis is well underway. We are looking forward to premiering some of our new music at our 13th annual Young Women in Harmony "Diva Day" Festival, on February 3, 2018 at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. Tickets are available for the evening performance and everyone is invited to attend and hear the "Divas" as well as our chapter quartets and chorus.

Also coming up is our 12th annual Harborlites Harmony Golf Classic on March 2, 2018! You won't want to miss this exciting day at our new venue: Black Gold Golf Club in Yorba Linda, CA. You can come to golf or join us for dinner, our silent auction, and entertainment!

Visit www.harborliteschorus.org for more information on these – or all – of our events.

-Kathy Wright



Cover Story



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C'est la vie



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Krista Moller, Melanie Barker, Taylor Daniels, Caitlin Tervo Songs: Exactly Like You, If You Love Me, Really Love Me Contestant #44 • Score: 1135 points • 23rd Place

2017 Rising Star Champion Quartet Adrenaline



Photo by Karen Laderman



Maggie McAlexander, Amanda Pitts, Sara Littlefield, Jadyn Johnson Special performance to open the Quartet Finals

SpinOff



Photo by Karen Laderman

Erin Cardin, Christina Jette, Lori Lyford, Jana Guten-son Sadly, SpinOff had to withdraw from competition.

Ms. Cellaneous Harborlites, Inland Empire, Scottsdale



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

WOW WOW WOW...what an International Contest we witnessed.

First of all a big Ms. Cellaneous hug to our friends and competitors C'est la vie, Ringin' Again, the San Diego Chorus, the Santa Monica Chorus, and Carpe Diem. We couldn't be prouder! And speaking of proud, quartet mom Glenda Lee received her 50-year pin on Saturday. And might we add she still has a major swing in her step. When we grow up we want to be just like her! LOVE YOU MOM!

As usual no dust is gathering on our shoes. We have been busy with performances and rehearsals and coaching and all that other stuff Sweet Adelines do when not working or doing those other chores like laundry and cleaning and cooking. And if that isn't enough to do Chris Cellaneous has taken on a new gig as the director of the Inland Empire Chorus. We assisted them with "Harmony Stars" YWIH workshop on October 28th. Gotta get 'em hooked on harmony when they're young.

Ms. Cellaneous is also branching out with their coaching skills. If you need a well-rounded, fun-filled rehearsal or retreat give us a call. We cover all the bases for singing and performing. Make your next stage presentation something the audience will remember. Who ya gonna call? Why Ms. Cellaneous of course.

—Mary, Chris, Susan, and Sarah

Parfait Harborlites, Inland Empire



Elaine Braack, Sherri Gramberg, Karen Kuisel, Jane Jacobs, Tomi McEvoy

Hi everyone out in Region 21! Parfait is going through more exciting changes. All of our quartet members are now

members of the Harborlites Chorus. Elaine, Jane and Sherri still hold dual membership with the Inland Empire Chorus. We are looking forward to the exciting journey ahead!

Parfait sang on the Inland Empire "Harmony Stars" Show on October 28th! We always look forward to seeing all the young girls and sharing our love of barbershop.

We have a quartet retreat planned for November in Idylwild AND Kim Vaughn will be joining us as our coach! Hoping the weather will comply with some cooler temps!

We have lots of Christmas performances this year. We love getting out in the public to share the spirit of the season!

—Elaine, Karen, Sherri, Jane, and Tomi

Did you form a new quartet at a regional quartet matching event? The deadline to register your quartet with SAI (without a late fee) is January 15, 2018.

Solo Voce San Diego



Jennifer French, Marina Hayden, Rebecca Land, Tracey Sandberg

The four of us in SoloVoce are looking forward to the amazing holiday season ahead. We had a great and mostly restful summer. Rebecca, our tenor, got married in August and we were excited to sing to her new hubby! Bex (as we call her) has settled in Santa Clarita and is subbing while her hubby is working on his Masters in Music. Jennifer, the bari, got to go to IES and learn a LOT of good stuff! Our participation in the Pacific Belles' show as the featured quartet was an absolute blast! There were vacations (Marina, bass) and events

(Tracey, lead) this summer – which ended in our time with the San Diego Chorus at International Contest in Vegas.

Now...HOLIDAYS! We're working on new holiday music to share in various gigs, the PCH Holiday show and of course on our SDSA Holiday Show on December 13! We also have our eyes on Regional 2018 with real excitement and drive! Rehearsals, wine, laughter, and coaching – being SoloVoce is the BEST! We enjoy singing and living life together!

See you all in Phoenix!

—Rebecca, Tracey, Jennifer, and Marina

Muse Harborlites, OC Sound, Tucson Desert Harmony



Bonnie McKibben, Cristy McGrath, Corky Harvey, Dayle Ann Kerrigan

Announcing our new quartet! We'd like to introduce ourselves to you! We are Muse. Cristy McGrath Tenor (Tucson Desert Harmony), Dayle Ann Kerrigan Lead (Tucson Desert Harmony) Corky Harvey Baritone (Harborlites) and Bonnie McKibben Bass (OC Sound). We are super excited and looking forward to the upcoming Region 21 events, the Quartet Workshop in January and Spring Competition and Convention. We've had a grand total of one rehearsal so far for the four-some, and all drove quite a distance to do so. We are meeting in...drum roll...Blythe! Having a blast getting to know each other, trying on clothes, and learning new music. We look forward to sharing our excitement and sound with you soon!

—Cristy, Dayle Ann, Corky, and Bonnie

The Uncalled Four Celebrity City, Scottsdale, Westwind Harmony



Wendy Holmquist, Jacquie Fernandez, Marsha Shaw, Cathie Sturm

Hello Region 21! The Uncalled Four had such a great time mic testing last year at regional convention for the quartet contest that we decided to enter the Region 21 contest this coming year. Since two of us live in Las Vegas and two of us in the

Phoenix area, we are busy traveling back and forth and learning new music.

We recently sang on the Celebrity City annual show and afterglow and had a great time sharing the stage with Region 11 Champs, Ringin' Again and the always fun Celebrity City Chorus and chapter quartets.

Fun facts about The Uncalled Four are that Marsha and Cathie are mother and daughter and the quartet name was Marsha's mother-in-law's (Cathie's grandmother's) quartet back in the 1950's.

Look for us in April, come up and say "hello" and let's sing a tag together!

In Harmony,

—Cathie, Marsha, Jacquie and Wendy

Double Quartet and Stars of the West Contests



Photo Room Photography by Kathy Whelan

Camp Sea Breeze
August 26, 2017
Town and Country Resort
San Diego, CA

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.

2017 Stars of the West Champion: The Sweethearts



1st Place: Corpor8

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Effervescence

2nd Place and Golden Banana Winner: Porcelain Sound



3rd Place: Crazy 8!



Streight Eight



Crystalettes



OC Divas

Young Women In Harmony (YWIH)

It was such a thrill to see so many Region 21 faces in the Rising Star Champions **Starlettes Chorus** on the International stage in Las Vegas in this October. They certainly made us proud with their terrific performance! And it was wonderful to see this year's Rising Star Champions **Adrenaline** with Region 21's **Sara Littlefield** singing bass open the quartet finals. CONGRATULATIONS to our Rising Stars!



September 16, 2017 at Sahuaro High School Auditorium in Tucson Arizona. Under the directions of energetic duo, **Doug Carnes**, BHS (St. Paul MN) and **Anna-Lisa Glad**, SAI (Salt Lake City), the day began at 8 AM with the physical and the vocal warm ups. Then the students went to the separate rehearsal sites: the boys worked on "Hello Mary Lou," "Follow Me," and "Fun in Just One Lifetime;" the girls worked on "Sound Celebration," "Lo-Co Motion," and "Fun in Just One Lifetime." Then the combined chorus worked together on the 8-part arrangement of "Fun in Just One Lifetime" in the afternoon. In between the singing, the students enjoyed the short snacks in the morning and the afternoon, not to mention the pizza lunch! At the conclusion of the workshop,

The **Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus** and the **Tucson Barbershop eXperience** of Barbershop Harmony Society co-sponsored the 12th Annual Southern Arizona Youth In Harmony Festival. A terrific turnout of 164 boys and girls from local high schools worked very hard all day on Saturday,



the students performed for their parents and friends in the evening concert, wearing the festival t-shirts. Afterwards, many of the students, and their parents, were asking about the next year's Festival!

Region 21's commitment to youth education has continued through the Fall. The **Inland Empire Chorus** held their 10th annual "Harmony Stars" Festival on October 28th at Sultana High School in Hesperia, CA. New **Inland Empire** director **Chris Robertson** served as clinician with assistance from **C'est la vie**.



Joining the girls, **Inland Empire**, and **C'est la vie** for the evening show were 3rd



place quartet **Ms. Cellaneous** and 5th place quartet **Parfait**, with **Jane Jacobs** singing bass.

Harborlites Chorus is preparing for their 13th Diva Day on Saturday February 3, 2018. **Neyla Pekarak** of the Lumineers (and **Harborlites**) will return as clinician and schools are beginning to commit to attend.

—Annie Hayes, Young Women In Harmony Coordinator

Quartet Development Program (QDP)

Are you ready to sing in a quartet? Are you a new Sweet Adeline who wants to give it a try for the first time? A seasoned quartet singer looking for the right combination of voices? Someone who loves to entertain?

One of the most exciting — and rewarding — aspects of being a Sweet Adeline is the opportunity to combine your voice with three others to create that unique barbershop sound. We love those chords locking, the ring when everything is right — and the fun of sharing our music with others.

I hope by the time you read this, you will have taken advantage of the quartet matching sessions that are being held around Region 21 during the month of November. And I hope that many of you are taking those first steps with your quartet: picking out music to learn and working on making beautiful music together.

The next step: learn how to sing your part smart. And there is no better way than attending the Region 21 Quartet Workshop, which will be held January 19-21 in Ontario, CA. **Love Notes** will be the special guest faculty and classes will include topics every quartet needs including rehearsal techniques, vocal health, and dealing with performance anxiety. Plus, there will be "master part classes," to give you the skills needed to move to that next level.

Registration is open at www.region21.org — register now and get the "early bird discount" for you and your entire quartet!

Sing on!
—Kathy Wright, Quartet Development Program Coordinator



Director Certification Program (DCP)

Thinking about being a director?
Are you an assistant director or section leader?
Would you like to expand your knowledge of the barbershop craft?
Join the Director Certification Program (DCP)!
For information, go to the SAI website and look under "Education" or email rmt_directorscoordinator@region21.org.

Las Vegas Celebrity City Chorus

Celebrity City Chorus Seeks New Director

Celebrity City Chorus of Las Vegas, Nevada, is looking for an energetic, creative, musical director. We are a vibrant group of experienced singers who sing 4-part a cappella harmony as members of Sweet Adelines International. We invite you to join us in Las Vegas to be a part of the musical growth in our valley. Please contact us at CCCDirectorSearch2017@gmail.com or call Dyanna at 702-658-9292 for an application. We will accept applications until December 30, 2017.

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

2018	January 19-21	Quartet Workshop (featuring LoveNotes) – <i>Ontario, CA</i>
	**February 3	Harborlites "Diva Day" YWIH Festival – <i>Costa Mesa, CA</i>
	**March 2	Harborlites Harmony Golf Classic – <i>Yorba Linda, CA</i>
	**March 16-18	RMT Budget Meeting – <i>CA</i>
	April 19-22	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	July 26-29	Summer Seminar (w/Dale Syverson, Peggy Gram) – <i>San Diego, CA</i>
	July 28	Stars of the West YWIH Quartet Contest – <i>San Diego, CA</i>
	August 3-5	Queen's College – <i>Chicago, IL</i>
	August 9-12	SAI Judge Training – <i>Tulsa, OK</i>
	**August 11	Rising Star Contest – <i>Tulsa, OK</i>
October 15	SAI Regional Leader Forum/Directors' Forum – <i>St. Louis, MO</i>	
October 15-20	International Convention & Competition – <i>St. Louis, MO</i>	
**November 2-4	MusicFest (tentative) (w/Patty Cobb Baker) – <i>Honolulu, HI</i>	
2019	April 4-7	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
	August 8-10	SAI Directors' Seminar – <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
	September 16	SAI Regional Leader Forum – <i>New Orleans, LA</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	75th 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>
	March 24-27, 2022	Regional Convention & Competition – <i>TBD</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 2017-2018

Dec. 13** San Diego – Holiday Show
Feb. 17** Red RockAppella – Annual Show

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).

Camp Sea Breeze

with **Dale Syverson** and **Peggy Gram**

Registration now open!

San Diego, CA
July 27-29, 2018

Visit www.region21.org for more information

Join Us!

Friday, March 2, 2018



Twelfth Annual Harborlites Harmony Golf Classic

NEW LOCATION!

Black Gold Golf Course
Yorba Linda, CA



Join us for a day of golf at the beautiful Black Gold Golf Course or come enjoy dinner, entertainment, and our renowned silent auction! Proceeds benefit competitors going to International Competition in St. Louis, MO.

Saturday, February 3, 2018



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 Sheree at (310) 200-8530 or visit www.harborliteschorus.org.

GUEST CLINICIAN:



Neyla Pekarek

Neyla is a Sweet Adeline and cellist/vocalist of Grammy-nominated folk-rock band The Lumineers



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