

Official newsletter of Great Gulf Coast Region 10

# Tune In With Ten A regional newsletter



# International Information

#### Schedule for Region 10 Competitors

#### Live It Up!

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

On stage: 4:41 - Vegas time (6:41 pm - Houston time)

Follow LIU on <u>LIU Facebook</u>, <u>LIU Twitter</u> or Instagram liveitupquartet

#### The Woodlands Show Chorus

Thursday, October 20, 2016

On stage: 6:52 pm - Vegas time (8:52 pm - Houston time)

Follow HHC on TWSC Facebook, TWSC Twitter, and on

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For the full Order of Appearance and times, see links below:

Quartet Semifinals Traffic Pattern Chorus Semifinals Traffic Pattern

For those going to Vegas...from SAI: Notes before you go

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- Visit your app store and search:
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- Be sure to enable push
  notifications in your settings to
  receive the latest scores, news
  and updates at Convention.

  To receive instantaneous
- updates, view the app under your phone's settings and select "automatically update."

  The 2016 version of the Sweet, Adelines Las Vegas app is separate from the 2015 version of the Sweet Adelines Las Vegas app. (To avoid confusion, we



## Fall Regional Meeting w Sue Beck







# Nhy not... Have a Webcast party!

If you aren't going to be in Vegas for International, why not have a webcast party?? Or at least catch some of it as you can. Click on the link below to access the webcast.

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To our dear friends in Region 10,

For those of you that will be in Vegas next month, I wanted to let you know TWSC's rehearsal schedule and hope you can come by and see us sometime during the convention. I can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate all the love and support you have given us. We are excited and eager represent Region 10 and to put our best performance on stage!

For those of you that are not traveling to Vegas, we are Contestant 31 and are scheduled to be on stage: Thursday, October 20 at 6:52 PM - Vegas time (8:52 PM Central Standard Time).

We hope you can catch us on the webcast!

#### TWSC Rehearsal Schedule:

**Location: Convention Center - Section 318** 

- Monday 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
- Tuesday 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
- Wednesday 11:00 AM 1:00 PM
- Thursday (closed session)

And if by chance we are lucky enough to sing again:

- Friday 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- Saturday 9:00 AM 12:00 PM (could start/end earlier based on draw)Hope to see you there!

Denise Fly/Elizabeth McCurdy **TWSC Operations Managers** 





Click here for convention information

To all of our friends and supporters in Region 10,

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your love and support. You all have given us your time, money, prayers, thoughts...you name it, you've done it.

Live It Up! is so excited to be your quartet representative in Vegas this year. We've been hard at work since Regional preparing through rehearsals, coaching sessions, and shows. We've worked with Betty Clipman, Ryan Heller, Lynda Keever, Ruth Ann Parker, and Sue Beck...which many of you got watch!

And now...it won't be long until we'll be contestant #26 on Wednesday, October 19 @ 4:39 pm Vegas time (6:39 CST)! And we **CAN'T WAIT!** 

We hope to see many of you there!

With love, Kellie, Janet, Gayle, and Kerri



Tune In With Ten A Regional Newsletter

# Tune In With Ten A regional newsletter

From the desk of Denise...

Denise Fly Education Coordinator

Can you believe it is already October? International is right around the corner. I want to personally wish Live It Up! and The Woodlands Show Chorus the BEST of luck in Las Vegas! I know you will represent all of us well.

I hope you enjoyed our Fall Regional Meeting and were able to take back lots of ideas to your choruses and quartets! Sue really enjoyed spending the weekend with us. All of her handouts are on the regional website and if you need further information or clarification you can email her at <a href="mailto:sweetsuebeck@gmail.com">sweetsuebeck@gmail.com</a>. I know she'd enjoy hearing from you.

Our next big event will be our Winter Regional Meeting January 20-21 – Dream . Our guest faculty will be RIO quartet from region 25. Patty Freidemann: tenor, Pam Lauffer: lead, Mary Rhea: baritone and Melynnie Williams: bass. Although this weekend will be quartet focused, we will have opportunities for those of us not in quartets too! We will continue the "sing your part smart" classes we began at our FRM. I hope to offer these classes at all future events. The class schedule for WRM has not been created, but look for the information sometime after international.

I want to thank our regional faculty members who dedicate their time and knowledge to help us all on our journey to sing the best we can and "harmonize the world". These ladies are a great resource for coaching or individual information. You can find their contact information on the regional website.

Enjoy our fall weather. I'll look forward to seeing you in Vegas or in January!!!

Keep on singing!

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Denise



# News from Sweet Adelines International

As outlined in the update following the March 2016 meeting of the International Board of Directors, a member may now compete in up to two different quartets during the same regional contest, as long as they are in different competition divisions (for example, one quartet in the International Division and one in the Open Division). However, no more than two members per quartet may compete in the second quartet in the same regional contest.

Please email Katie Grassmyer at <a href="mailto:katie@sweetadelines.com">katie@sweetadelines.com</a> if you have any questions.

#### Social Media

If you haven't "liked" the Region 10 FB page...do it NOW!

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International Facebook
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# REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

# "Direct" by Speaking w/ Mary Beth Mb Murray

The Director's Seminar 2016 held in August at the Monteleone in the New Orleans French Quarter was an educational boost for our Region 10 Directors! What a treat to have the International event right in our own Region 10 backyard! The Crescent City Sound Chorus under the direction of Mary Beth McMurray was chosen to be the demo chorus for the event which was also exciting for Region 10.

Our directors attended classes according to their chorus contest levels with some of the topics being vocal skills, choosing music, riser placement, tuning, and conducting skills among others....The directors got to interact professionally and get to know each other socially at meal and break times.

The chorus of each front line director who attended was reimbursed \$350 of their \$600 registration fee at the Fall Regional meeting in September. Each director brought back volumes of knowledge to share with their choruses!

We are more than proud of the following directors who were able to attend:

Alamo Metro – Mary Ann Wydra

Baton Rouge – Cate McRitchie

Bayou Blend - Tina Kneisler

Chisolm Trail – Carol Scherer

Cradle Of Texas - Holly Ritter

Crescent City Sound - Mary Beth McMurray

Heart Of The Pines - T.J. Reed

Houston Horizon - Janet Burnett

Lone Star - Charlotte Hoffman and Becky Loveday

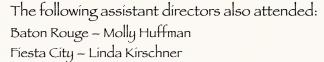
Magic Valley – Sandy Seitz

Sparkling City - Kathy Littlefield

Spírit Of Southeast Texas – Jeana Evans

Texas Harmony - Darlene Rogers

The Woodlands Show Chorus - Betty Clipman



Directors, Directors, we love our directors!!!!!!





# Communications w/Piet Chini

At the end of September, a new communication called the "Monthly Summary Blast.", <u>September - Monthly Summary Blast</u>, was sent out to the membership of Region 10. We hope you checked it out.

This new tool has been developed with the idea of combining the numerous individual emails typically sent each month to update regional members with communications from chapters/choruses, Region 10 Management Team or from Sweet Adelines International. Our goal is to compile the information and send it to you at the end of each month. (Please share this information with your chorus. If you did not receive it check your Spam folder and put <a href="mailto:communications@region10sai.org">communications@region10sai.org</a> email address on your contact list.)

The MSB is in addition to Tune In With Ten as it shares information that is to come and links you back to the website or social media. TIWT comes out quarterly and shares information about the wonderful accomplishments we have made in the months since the last edition.

Let me know if there is something you would like to see in the Monthly Summary Blast.

The varies YahooGroups currently used to communicate with regional membership will continue to be used if information is time sensitive. As always, keep checking our Website, Facebook Instagram or Twitter to see what is happening in the Great Gulf Coast Region #10 of Sweet Adelines International.





You are heard...

Marilyn Turner

Events Coordinator

Have you seen all the fabulous photos taken this September Regional Weekend by Laura DeGraw? If not, check out Great Gulf Coast Region 10's Facebook page. AND the Region 10 Young Women in Harmony page. If you don't have a Facebook account, get a friend to show them to you!

The Belle Tones (each of them only 14 years old!) won the YWIH Contest on Saturday night, their very first barbershop contest. You can see their performance on the YWIH Facebook page.

Review of the weekend Evaluations showed:

- "Chairs too close together"...We had an wonderful problem when more attendees than expected registered! We could not add much more seating, due to the Fire Code. And, our "other" part of the ballroom was used as breakouts for classes. Bear with us!
- "Equipment malfunctioned"...A problem with equipment is the nightmare of everyone who has ever given a presentation. A bit of compassion, please! It was fixed as quickly as possible.
- "Lunch lines too long"...If we did not take on-site additions to the buffet, we
  could plan better! So—PLEASE prepay your lunch! Then the hotel kitchen
  can prepare for us, and if we need two lines, we will HAVE two lines! We
  will still let our Directors go first!
- "Not enough sleeping rooms available"...We try to reserve enough sleeping rooms in our contract, based on last year's attendance. However, if we are too ambitious, we pay the price! The Hyatt sends us a report each Monday. If we need more rooms they are added by Edo our best to get what you need.
- "Not enough Trail Mix"...The Hyatt generously gave us a Trail Mix Bar on Saturday night. Apparently some of our members thought they should fill their large bags to the brim, leaving nothing for those who came behind them. Please be a little more conservative with your consumption, so that those who arrive later can enjoy the snacks!
- "Screaming kid at midnight"...Unfortunately, there is nothing much we can
  do about this one! Now, we know how those poor people feel who are too
  near our rooms when we sing all night.

The Hyatt is doing a great job of making dinner on Fridays and Saturdays easy and cost-effective. They give us the menus a couple of days in advance, so we can post them to our Regional website.

#### From the RMT Meeting:

Our Communications Coordinator, Piet Chini, will be sending a Monthly Summary Blast to keep our members informed, as well as to direct them to our Regional website for further information on many subjects.

Out of our 21 Regional choruses and one Prospective, 15 choruses were represented by 17 front-line directors at the Directors' educational meeting in New Orleans this past summer. Our own Crescent City Sound served as the demo chorus! The historic, 130-year-old Monteleone Hotel on Royal Street in the French Quarter was the headquarters. I imagine the Carousel Bar (which has the city's only indoor revolving Merry-Go-Round) was packed every night!

# Here's what to look for in January...

**Focus:** Quartets, but includes information pertinent to all singers and anyone who might want to be in a quartet someday.

**Features:** Friday Night Mock Quartet Contest and a Saturday Night Parade of Quartets and Double-Quartets (double the chances for those who may want to have fun!).

Guest faculty:

## Mary Rhea

along with







# Tune In With Ten Membership Matters by Kaye Pledge, Membership Coordinator

What a wonderful week end with each of you at the Fall Regional event last week end. If you didn't attend you missed a wonderful time and Sue Beck was delightful.

In news from Region 10 we have a new Prospective chorus in the name of *Katy Vocal Express*. They have 17 prospective members; their director is Beth Watkins and they meet each week at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church in Katy. If you are interested in joining them be sure and contact Beth. We were excited to meet with and get to know those who attended the fall regional and I know they are committed to making this a successful chorus. Good Luck.

Southern Acappella Sound Chorus is also continuing to work towards chorus status with revitalization and had 13 of their 15 members present at the Fall Regional event. They are a hard working bunch who take every advantage of regional events to further their progress in becoming a competing chorus in the region. We all applaud their efforts

The Mission Belle statement award was presented to Southern Acappella Sound Chorus with 11 of their 15 members traveling to Houston.

September is International Global Open house month and I encourage your Chorus to have an open house and guest night. Invite the community and enjoy the benefits of a membership drive.

International competition is just around the corner and we want to wish all competitors especially "Live It Up" and "The Woodlands Show Chorus" who will be representing Region 10, the best of luck. Bring home the gold.

The Mission Belle Award is presented to the Chorus with the highest percentage of members multiplied by the round-trip mileage. The Chorus with the highest points is given the award to keep until the next Regional Weekend. The winner of the 2016 Fall Regional weekend is Southern Acappella Sound.

Alamo Metro Chorus Rebecca Michelin Jenn Janes Tina Gonzales Chisholm Trail **Autumn Thompson** Heart of the Pines Chorus Wendy Harkrider Piney Hills Harmony Janet Allen Penny Callendar Sparkling City Chorus Holly Rome Angela Flores freshman hear

# YOUNG WOMENES

# Young Women In Harmony

We have had quite the blue ribbon year in our Young Women in Harmony program of Great Gulf Coast Region 10! In January, The Ladies earned the 2016 Regional YWIH competition. This quartet went on to compete at the 2016 International Rising Star competition in Auckland, New Zealand in July. It was there that they won the Rising Star Championship and brought home an international title! The Ladies have been invited to sing on our MGM contest stage, just after 4:00pm on Saturday, October 22, 2016 in Las Vegas. Congratulations to Quincie, Caroline, Kimberly, and Ashley. As many of you know, Caroline will be taking some time off from singing this year, and Ali Hauger (lead of GQ Quartet) will be filling in for her at their Vegas performance in October. Great things to come from this combination as well!

In April, an 8th grade quartet called "The Ringtones" went viral on YouTube for singing a medley of GQ's most popular tunes. Their talent-show performance video quickly picked up steam in the barbershop discussion boards online. Social media helped them to discover Sweet Adelines and our Young Women in Harmony Program. In recent weeks, these four youngsters have started 9th grade at Lake Travis High School, changed their name to "The Belle Tones," and registered with Sweet Adelines International as Chapter-at-Large members! Sophia, Emma, Molly and Abigail entered Region 10's 2017 YWIH competition in September and took home the gold! These extremely talented 14 year olds have plans to compete in our all-level Regional Quartet Contest in March 2017 and also at the 2017 Rising Star competition in Maryland next August. We are in for an exciting ride with these girls.

IN OTHER NEWS: Barbershop Harmony Society has scheduled their annual youth chorus festival -- Midwinter -- within our regional borders in January 2017. Region 10 initiated a Young Women in Harmony chorus program earlier this year, and we have plans to take our youth chorus to Midwinter! In preparation, the talented Katy Dane directed a fun one-day chorus workshop for young singers during our Dreams Come True educational workshop on September 17, 2016. The group will continue to have monthly rehearsals and harness the power of social media and technology to make a few long-distance opportunities come together into one plan. If you know a young singer who would be interested in being part of this opportunity, please reach out to me as soon as possible! Stay tuned for updates about this exciting Midwinter endeavor!

If you have been delighted by the growth in our program these past few years, I encourage you to help spread the message. Introduce a young singer to your craft, fill her heart with harmony, and you may recall that magical time when you first rang a barbershop chord! Remember that Young Women in Harmony isn't about recruitment... it's about inspiration! There is a moment where a light bulb first flipped on for each and every one of us. For many, it is love at first over-tone, and there is no turning back once we've found it. I know this to be particularly true for me, and I enjoy nothing more than sharing those moments with talented new young singers.

Social Media has played an integral role in our ability to reach new audiences and engage younger singers. If you haven't already, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay updated and to view pictures and video from our events.

With love,

Laura Tiffany DeGraw 512-517-5937 (call or text) barbershoplaura@gmail.com www.facebook.com/region10ywih @region10ywih (twitter/instagram)



The Ladics from Rising Star



The YWIH Chorus



The Belle Tones. 2016 YWIH Champs

### Tune In With Ten Regional Management Team



Pictured left to right:
Gail Eltgroth, Elizabeth
McCurdy, Marilyn
Turner, Mary Beth
McMurray, Piet Chini,
Cheryl Pyle, Denise Fly,
Kaye Pledge

Piet Chini - Communications Coordinator

Mary Beth McMurray - Directors Coordinator

Denise Fly - Education Coordinator

Marilyn Turner - Events Coordinator

Cheryl Pyle - Finance Coordinator

Elizabeth McCurdy - Marketing Coordinator

Kaye Pledge - Membership Coordinator

Gail Eltgroth - Team Coordinator

Double click on the name for email link

### From the History Department Karen Bernard, Historian

I know that it's early but I want to give everyone the information about Scrapbook Pages & the Twenty-fourth Annual Wall of Fame. Packets containing pertinent information for each chorus historian and chorus president/team leader will be given out at the January Regional Meeting. Any packets not picked up will be mailed to chorus presidents/team leaders for distribution.

I encourage all choruses to honor one special member on the "Year 2017" Wall of Fame and to submit an entry in the Regional Scrapbook Contest for 2015-2016.

Be sure to visit the Historian's table(s) at most regional meetings and at contest. Some Region 10 scrapbooks are on display as well as the Region's Chorus and Quartet Albums and the Heavenly Chorus Album. You'll find chorus & quartet photos for sale at very reasonable prices. Many photos are now FREE for the taking!

My contact information is as follows: Mailing address — 841 Hwy 182; Sunset LA 70584. Phones: (h) 337-662-3247 and (fax) 337-662-2274. My email address is: kbsings@centurytel.net

# Sweet Adeline Extraordinaire

Tiffany Miller— A Cappella Unlimited

Diane Johnson — Alamo Metro

DJ Fronimos — Austin Harmony

Wendy Waguespack — Baton Rouge

Ellen Wills — Bayou Blend

Phyllis Modisett - Chisholm Trail

Bonnie Fisher — Cradle of Texas

Beth Sacco — Crescent City Sound

Kathie Michaud — Fiesta City

Melanie Cole — Heart of the Pines

katie Nedley — Houston Horizon

Rosalie Bitter — Lone Star

Joan Felton — Magic Valley

Sheila Nugent — Piney Hills Harmony

Candice Bassett — Southern Acappella Sound

Brenda Anderson — The Woodlands Show Chorus

Ariana Appleby - Sparkling City

Carol Weeks — Spirit of Southeast Texas

Amy Loehler — Texas Harmony

# A Cappella Unlimited Tava Herring

What's the best way to beat the heat? Sing at an ice cream social! We had a great time at the "Big Scoop" in Wimberley, TX on July  $2^{nd}$ . This community event brought our residents and tourist alike to listen to great music and enjoy some tasty ice cream.

August marked out Regional management and education faculty visit from Jane and Kaye. It was a great visit and a great opportunity to interact with our Regional management team.

The regional fun continued at the Fall Regional Meeting. A few of our sisters in song participated in the demo chorus and our own Katy Dane served as Workshop Director for our Young Women in Harmony.

Au also hosted several fundraisers to include Premier Jewelry, Au Night at Plucker's and Au Night at Raising Caine's in San Marcos, TX. We had great FUN raising FUNDS to support Au! We are grateful to our family, friends and community for their support.

"Big Scoop" Ice Cream Social, Wimberley, TX



Regional Management and Education Faculty Visit





Katy Dane with Young Women in Harmony



Fundraiser and Raising Cane's, San Marcos, TX

### Alamo Metro Lisa Deiser

Greetings from AMC! We have been super busy this summer and have no plans to slow down now! We hosted two successful guest nights in August which resulted in several new members and a few still coming in. It's so exciting to have "new blood"! We performed on the "United We Sing" show with the Heart of Texas men's chorus. This is a yearly 911 tribute show and we were honored to have been included in this special event.

We were thrilled to have Darlene Rogers and Denise Fly for our regional visit and learned so much as always. We coached with the fabulous Sue Beck and have booked Ryan Heller for two sessions!

We have embarked on a fund raising adventure with the Alamodome in downtown San Antonio, working concessions for college football games, soccer games, graduations and concerts. This is a new venture that is already proving to be very lucrative for us!

In the midst of all this, we have been learning new music for our upcoming annual show "Music Con" to be held on 11/5/16. Our guest performers will be Singcerity mixed quartet and Premier Final Cut, a local high school show choir as well as our own chorus quartets Essence, Soundwise and Fourmost. We hope to see some of you there!

Lastly we will bid a fond farewell to two of our members, Sasha and Vanessa Nunnally. Their family will be stationed in Italy and we will miss them greatly!!



Regional visit with Darlene Rogers and Denise Fly



Working with Sue Beck



Regional visit with Cheryl Pyle and Marlene Snare



# Baton Rouge Pam Baldwin

The Baton Rouge Chorus spent the summer expanding on our "weather" themed contest package for our big show August 27, "Weather or Not?!!" -- costume, music, staging, choreography and all the other things that go into putting on a show. As it turned out, the answer was "YES," weather, and lots of it! Unprecedented rain and flooding resulted from a stagnant un-named weather phenomenon that dropped over 30 inches of rain over southeast Louisiana in 2 days, damaging over 140,000 homes, many of which were not insured for floods because they were not in flood zones. 20 parishes (aka counties) were named disaster areas by the federal government. 2 of our current members and several former members had water in their homes. Those who didn't flood, had family, friends and co-workers whose homes were flooded.

Needless to say, the show was postponed and we spent our time dealing with and helping others deal with the disaster. Fast forward a couple of weeks and some of our lives are finally settling into some sense of normalcy. We are investigating dates and venues for our revised show in the spring. We are reviving some patriotic songs for Veterans Day performances in November and enjoying our time together with our music and our friends.

Director Cate McRitchie and Assistant Director Molly Manson attended the Director's Seminar in New Orleans and came back all pumped up with new ideas and renewed enthusiasm. Sadly, Cate's mother passed away right after that, and she was away for a few days with her family.

We enjoyed a Regional Visit from Cheryl Pyle and Marlene Snare on September 6. They were very supportive and encouraging.

# Bayou Blend Karen Bernard



Coaching with Kim Wonders



Open House

Coordinator extraordinaire! The highlight of August was our coaching session with Kim Wonders. She is amazing at what she does and we love her! We also had a successful Global Open House in August and invited ladies to sing with us for the Christmas season. Tina attended the Director's Seminar in New Orleans and came back to chorus filled with knowledge and excitement about her experience.

Extraordinaire display. Bayou Blend's SAE was awarded to Ellen Wills, baritone and Membership

Bonjour from Bayou Blend Chorus and Cajun Country! What a fabulous Fall Regional weekend we had with Sue Beck! The Saturday night show and ALL classes were thoroughly enjoyed by all who

Tina. Carol "April Showers", Doris "Cajun Navy" and Jessica "soloist" made Bayou Blend proud! Our own Marsha Bock, Region 10's Chapter Coordinator, did a beautiful job on her Sweet Adeline

Bayou Blend had a great fundraiser in September at BLAZE Pizza, a new restaurant in the Ambassador Town Center. We entertained at the restaurant, had good food, met lots of new people and had publicity for the event. BBC already has several performances lined up in the coming months. We're selling raffle tickets and will have the drawing before Christmas. First prize (\$500 value) is a Yeti Tundra 75-quart cooler. Second prize (\$400 value) is a hand painted window and third prize is \$100 cash. Let us know if you'd like some tickets...they're \$1.00 each.

Tina will be in Las Vegas at International cheering loudly for our Region 10 winners. We'll see you at the January Regional Meeting, if not before.



Ellen Wills, SAE

# Tune In With Ten

### Chisholm Trail

# Wendy Tepper

Each month, the Lead section of Chisholm Trail Chorus has a Saturday sectional rehearsal, pot luck, and something fun afterward. In June we went to Painting with a Twist and had a blast painting a canvas, ourselves and each other. We encouraged other members of the Chorus to join us. It was so much fun that we did it again two weeks later when PWT had a fund raiser for cancer research.

In July Darlene Rogers came and coached the chorus and we worked on breathing techniques and improving our vocal skills.

The first Saturday in August, Tax Free Weekend, we sang at Temple Mall then went to Carol Mouche' home for lunch and a swim party.

A group of members went to Dallas for the Richtone Show and were inspired to continue to improve our vocal skills as well as our choreography. It was a delight to be able to enjoy such wonderful singing from such a talented chorus.

Our Director, Carol Scherer went to New Orleans for the Directors Seminar and returned with many new ideas that we have begun to implement. Darlene Rogers came and voice placed us for the upcoming show in September.

We have a new member Autumn Thompson. She is a Lead and we are so excited that she has joined us. We also have several guests going thru the audition process at this time. We will be having a guest night/open house in October.

Phyllis Modisett was selected as Chisholm Trail Chorus Extraordinaire and was recognized at the fall regional event.

Our annual show is November 19, 2016 at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple and is titled *A Slice of Harmony*. It looks to be an exciting night as the theme is a county fair with a pie contest included. We will even be giving away pies at intermission. Sounds like a sweet deal.

Chisholm Trail at the mall



## Azalea City Harmony Eva Burnett

Azalea City Harmony just recently had our annual "Cookies and Carols" where we invite prospective

new members to come and sing with us during the Christmas season. We had 8 come in the last

several weeks to see what 4 part harmony is all about! Most have really enjoyed their time with us and we had

one audition so far and other hopefuls in the near future. We have 4 Christmas sing outs scheduled so far but typically

have 8 - 10 during the season. Nothing like spreading the Christmas cheer in harmony!

We have a special sing out this Saturday, September 24th for one of our long time member's 58th wedding anniversary. She asked

us to sing some of our love songs to help them celebrate this special occasion. We are thrilled to do so and will have

the honoree singing with us! Congratulations Nancy and Herb!!!



### Sparkling City Mary Hower

The Chorus has the pleasure of welcoming Holly Rome and Angela Flores, to our membership. Holly is singing lead and is a wonderful vocalist and plays the viola. Angela is singing bass and comes to us with much experience from several vocal groups, musical theater and dance. We are very fortunate to have such talented new additions to the chorus.

Congratulations to Ariana Appleby for being voted our "Sweet Adeline Extraordinaire". It is well deserved recognition for all she does for the chorus, particularly welcoming new guests and guiding them toward membership. Ariana is a new member to the board this year and will jump in and help whenever and wherever needed. She has a cheerful disposition and is loved by all.

In August, Just Jammin' had the opportunity, again, to sing the national anthem at the Hooks game, this time with Barb Behr, substituting for Nancy Hutton on the lead part. This is great publicity for the chorus and a lot of fun!

Also in August, Kathy Littlefield attended the Director's seminar in New Orleans, and came back with a whole bunch of useful and helpful information to share with the chorus as we begin preparing for competition in the Spring.



## Spirit of Southeast Texas Kaylea Andrews

Happy Fall Y'all! The last couple of months we've been learning some new songs for sing outs and we were recently featured in the August issue of VIP of Southeast Texas magazine! We are working on two new songs for the holiday season.

It's hard to believe that December is just around the corner! We've been invited again this year to sing in Jefferson, Texas for their Candlelight homes tour. We'll be donning our victorian garb and caroling in the streets and performing on Saturday. Congrats to Carol Weeks on her SA Extraordinaire Award!!

We enjoyed the fabulous Sue Beck at the Fall Regional Meeting and learned some great things! We are looking forward to International and watching the other quartets and choruses perform and we'll be cheering for our Region 10 representation in Vegas through the live stream on the web!! We know you'll bring your best and leave it on the stage. Sing sweet!!!



# Heart of the Pines

Lorna Laster

Heart of the Pines is SO excited. Our fund raisers made new risers a reality. AND, a Sweet Adeline from Denver has moved to Nacogdoches and is now a NEW MEMBER for us. Wendy Harkrider, tenor, transferred from High Country Chorus. We welcome her lovely voice, SA experience, and great personality with open arms.

We fell in love with Mary Beth McMurray in September as she shared her musical knowledge. And what timing, as our show is OCTOBER 8, "Case of the Missing Chord", with 2 men's guest quartets...Just Rite and Driftwood from the Nederland area. Then we have our Regional visit scheduled with Carol Scherer and Piet Chini in November. These visits always prove to be beneficial. If your chorus is not taking advantage of the free visit, you are missing out.





Tune In With Ten
A Regional Newsletter

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## Crescent City Sound

### Beth Sacco

What an honor it was for Crescent City Sound to represent Region 10 as the demonstration chorus for the SAI Directors Seminar in August in our wonderful city! We were involved in 4 classes taught by international faculty members Sandy Marron, Dale Syverson and Tori Postma. The classes covered riser placement, synchronization, creating an open division package and song interpretation. We were thrilled to provide this service to our international organization and to be coached by such an amazing trio of talented directors!



Crescent City Sound at the Director's Seminar

Our wonderful quartet Fleur de Lis auditioned and was chosen to compete in the 7 Annual Stage Door Idol Competition at the National WWII Museum. They did a fabulous job representing CCSC and demonstrating our art form for the community with their rendition of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"!



CCSC is working hard as we prepare for our upcoming holiday show "Elf University: The Musical" which will be presented on Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. We are working diligently to perfect our featured songs and look forward to our retreat the weekend of November 4-6 where we'll put it all together! Of course, work continues on polishing our repertoire and rehearsing our contest package. Contest 2017 will be here before we know it!



# Claudette Lupo

It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to Claudette Lupo.

She joined Sweet Adelines in 2000 and it wasn't long before she became a fixture on our front row. Claudette was the epitome of southern grace and charm and was a wonderful hostess, especially in our hospitality suite after every competition.

CCSC was honored to be a part of her Celebration of Life. It was her request that we sing "Optimistic Voices" and we performed a woodshed version of "Goodnight, Sweetheart" (the song she led us in after just about every Monday rehearsal).

She is sadly missed.



Claudette Lupo



# Fail. Bash

Among chorus members participating in 2015's Fall Bash for Louisiana MedCamps were (from left) chorus president Judy Sisson (or is that a sumo wrestler?!?), vice president Carol Ogle and director Sheila Nugent. They're anticipating the event again this year.





### Piney Hills Harmony Sallie Rose Hollis

Piney Hills Harmony hosted a membership drive and delivered a gospel-inspirational singout and is now looking forward to its fall show, sponsoring a trick-or-treat cabin to aid MedCamps, and a sing-out at a retirement community.

The "A Cappella Mania" membership drive/vocal lessons campaign was held this summer, and we've now sung in two new members. Other prospects are on the horizon.

Additionally this summer, the chorus sang at member Mary Beth Brantley's church, the Farmerville Church of Christ. It was fulfilling to present our gospel-inspirational set that we had worked on the past few months.

Three autumn events are scheduled:

- Our show, "A Cappella Fever," is set for 7 p.m. Nov. 5 at Ruston's Dixie Center for the Arts. Featured guests are the Shreveport-based River Cities Jubilee men's barbershop chorus. Spotlighted quartets are PHHC's Rhapsody and Bayou Blend, whose members are from Noteorious men's chorus of Monroe.
- We will sponsor a cabin for trick or treating for special-needs children Oct. 22 at MedCamps of Louisiana during the Fall Bash at Camp Alabama in Choudrant.
- A sing-out is planned for Oct. 20 at member Janie Hunter's apartment complex, Lake Passman Retirement Community, which is conducting a Fall Festival.

#### The Woodlands Show Chorus

TWSC is on the final countdown toward VEGAS! Each individual member has worked hard, we've polished our performances and hope to leave it all out there on the stage! It was a blast to serve as a Demo Chorus (with Sue Beck) for the Fall Regional meeting as well as have an opportunity to performance our "package" for our Region 10 friends. Special thanks need to be given to our stellar coaching staff: Jim Arns, Ryan Heller, Carole Persinger, Renee Porzel, Dale Syverson and Becky Ballaugh as well as our very own Betty Clipman. We also would like to acknowledge our in-house coaching team Janie Macchiaroli, Sheri Strawther and Kerri Mauney for their additional help in our journey to the stage.

Thanks for your unending support, Region 10. We will take each one of you on the stage with us!

### Texas Harmony

#### Adrian Hanes

Hello, all! Autumn is an exciting time for sports fans. Friday night lights is under way, baseball fans are counting down to the World Series and pro football fans are just gearing up! In Texas Harmony world, this is the time we are in full preparation mode for our Holiday show, to be held in Grapevine, Texas on December 3rd. Throughout the summer, we have been singing in the community more frequently than usual. We have found that it's gratifying for us and is a good avenue to expose the public to Sweet Adelines. We look forward to seeing our Region 10 sisters in the spring and wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

Tune In With Ten
A Regional Newsletter

# Tune In With Ten



# The "Storm Chorus" Fall Regional Meeting













### Fourmost Quartet Elizabeth, Robin, Bebe, Lisa

Hello Region 10! We've had a great summer of coaching, learning new music and performing. Our coaching sessions are intense but oh so fun! We had the privilege of working with Eddie Martinez as well as our beloved Mary Ann Wydra.

Attending our annual chorus pool party in July afforded us the opportunity to debut a new song! It's a catchy tune! We are also learning music for 2017's regional contest and our chorus show in November. Busy as we are (in and out of chorus); we love working 'the craft' at our weekly rehearsals. We managed to squeeze in an all-day in August and it was great...

Recently, we had the pleasure to perform 2 of our songs at a chorus performance at a military retirement community, Blue Skies.

Our upcoming schedule includes more coaching sessions with Eddie and Mary Ann. We are performing on our chorus show on November 5th, MUSIC CON! It will be a 'SUPER' show! Get your online tickets by going here: <a href="http://alamometrochorus.org/events/annual-show.html">http://alamometrochorus.org/events/annual-show.html</a>.

As always, we invite you to look us up and "like" us on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FourmostQuartet/">https://www.facebook.com/FourmostQuartet/</a>

Best wishes for the upcoming holidays and cooler weather!



### Sound Wise Quartet Melissa, Jane, Bonnie, Ronda

SoundWise has been super excited about region contest and have been finding some great tunes to try on! We are working really hard and are looking forward to contest.

We have also been anticipating the arrival of our tenors, Melissa, second son! He was born on September 21st at 5:28am, weighing in at 7lbs 6 1/2 ozs at 19



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Calendar of Events 2016:

11/5: Alamo Metro Chrous - Annual Show - San Antonio, TX 11/19: Chisholm Trail Chorus - Annual Show - Temple, TX 11/19: - Austin Harmony Chorus show - Austin, TX

2017:

1/20-21 : Winter Regional Meeting w Mary Rhea and Rio quartet

3/30-4/2: Regional Competition - Houston, TX

6/30 - 7/1: Summer Regional - Location TBD - Kim Wonders

8/2-4: IES - College Park, MD

9/16-17: Fall Regional Meeting - Visual Focus - Location TBD -

Jana Gutenson

10/9-14 : International Competition - Las Vegas, NV

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> It's easy and free to join. Just send an email to mailto:sa-region1o-suscribe@yahoogroups.com and we'll do the rest.

If you're on Facebook, find us under "Great Gulf Coast Region 10, Sweet Adelines International."

Note: We have converted from our former FB group — look for the comma in our name. Join the discussion!



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