



## Information for All Members

*(No reason for your members to not be fully informed. Forward this information to them.)*

**REGISTRATION:** Each member of SAI Region 10 who attends the convention must purchase an all-events ticket. NO EXCEPTIONS! Proceeds from competition, in addition to paying for convention/contest expenses, may also help provide funding for our regional programs and help to support our regional champions.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please volunteer an hour or two at the convention to help it run smoothly. There are many jobs available. Please complete and turn in a volunteer form to your chapter volunteer coordinator as soon as possible. Thank you.

**FIRST TIMERS GROUP PHOTO:** First Timers are invited to move to the front of all singers for a group photo immediately following the Mass Sing on Friday morning. What a fun way to remember your first Region #10 competition/convention! All candid photos will be available on the Region #10 web site a few weeks following competition weekend.

**HARMONY EXPO:** Plan to spend time in the Hilton Atrium shopping with our numerous vendors who love to present their products/items for your enjoyment. Their booth registration fees help support our convention/educational events, so please make it worth their while to be with us!!! If you know of a vendor who would like to come, please have them notify Harmony Expo Chair/Finance Coordinator, Janet Burnett – 713-553-4940 or [finance@region10sai.org](mailto:finance@region10sai.org).

**CHORUS CONTEST AWARDS PROCEDURE:** As the competing Choruses are introduced in order of appearance, their Director and President will enter the stage and will remain there during the announcement of the results. As the results are read, the Director and President will step forward to receive their awards. When the new Chorus champions are announced the remaining Directors and Presidents will exit the stage. The new Champion Chorus members will receive a medal from an outgoing champion, and then make their way onto to the stage and the risers to perform.

**RISER CONFIGURATION FOR CHORUSES:** Only one riser configuration this year ... nine 6' riser sections with inverted center section.

**PHOTO ORDER FORMS:** Quartet and Chorus Forms are available on our regional website. Note: Photo orders placed as a group by your chorus/quartet at the convention help to raise funds for the support of our regional programs. If you are planning to purchase a posed photo, PLEASE order it in advance and support your region! Again in 2023: Candid photos during contest will be available. Watch our regional website/blast for information about ordering candid on-stage photos.

**HOTEL CHANGES/ROOMMATE CHANGES:** Please do not contact the hotel directly to make changes to your room reservations. All changes should be made through our Reg10 Hotel Coordinator Darline LeJeune. YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS MATTER WILL HELP US ALL!!! THANKS.

**\*\*\*ROOM CANCELLATION\*\*\*:** The hotel has a strict 48-hour cancellation policy. Cancellation within 48 hours of scheduled arrival will result in a charge of one night's room and tax! Contact our Reg10 Hotel Coordinator Darline LeJeune if you need assistance.

**HOTEL HOSPITALITY SUITE CHORUS REQUESTS:** Only choruses that get their entire membership housing forms in first will have first consideration for Hospitality Suite requests. Please review the hotel information for details, especially for changes to the King Junior Suites. The Hilton has remodeled these rooms and they no longer sleep 4 members.

**HOTEL CONFIRMATIONS:** While we do our absolute best to honor all requests, remember, a "confirmation" is only a guarantee that you have a hotel room blocked for your stay.

**HOTEL REALITIES BASED UPON COVID PROTOCOLS:**

- 1) Upon Request Housekeeping - HILTON complimentary housekeeping is now available by request. We know that comfort levels may vary when it comes to people entering your space. Now you can simply contact the front desk to request a room cleaning or just a few extra towels.
- 2) Room Service – Room Service is BACK at the Hilton Houston North from 6am to 11pm. That could change between now and March, so don't quote us on the specifics.

**SPECIAL COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED:** Each chorus must submit the number of people with special needs to the CC Roz Jones as soon as possible. She also needs to know IN ADVANCE if any of your members need special assistance getting on stage. Ramps will be used by all competitors on both sides of the stage. Note: The Region does not provide riser chairs and cannot make arrangements for scooters or wheelchairs, so please make accommodations accordingly.

**PURSES/BELONGINGS:** Backstage personnel will be available to "watch" LIMITED personal belongings of competitors in the backstage area during your performances. Personal belongings will be gathered in specified bags from choruses and quartets at the beginning of the pattern. These belongings will be returned to your group as you leave the backstage area. Please redistribute belongings to members after you are back in the audience.

**CONTESTANT SCORE SHEETS:** These will be available at a designated location 15-30 min. after the end of each contest. For choruses these can be picked up only by the Chorus Director or the Team Coordinator/President. For quartets, only a designated person or a quartet member may obtain the score sheets.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY SINGLE EVENT TICKETS:** Single event \$25 tickets for the quartet contest, chorus contest and for the show of champions on Saturday night will be available at our Region #10 registration table prior to each event. All members of Region #10 must pay our convention registration fee, but your friends and/or family can purchase tickets for \$25 per event.

**WEBCAST RETURNS FOLLOWING POSITIVE FEEDBACK IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS:** Friends and family unable to join us in Houston may subscribe to our webcast and watch the competition live. For only \$25, registrants get live viewing AND post-contest access for two weeks following the weekend.