



## Just ten short weeks until our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Convention and Competition!

As amazing as it is to believe, there are only 10 weeks until our **60th Annual Great Gulf Coast Region #10 Convention and Competition!!!** Our deadlines are fast approaching and I apologize for the lateness of the forms and information...last year this time I was recovering from CoVid and this year it is the flu. Neither was fun. Things are coming together as we make plans to return to our “normal” in-person competition. We’ll get details out to you as soon as we have them.

We recommend that each chorus appoint a Competition Coordinator who is responsible for making sure your chorus handles all required details and makes sure all forms and money are submitted by the deadlines given in our convention/competition forms. Included is a handy Competition Coordinator checklist of all tasks to be handled in the coming weeks. Any changes/updates will be posted on the Region #10 website and also distributed through the Region #10 email lists. Deadlines for each of the forms are clearly indicated. Please make the deadlines a priority on your calendars. To assist the many organizers and coordinators, all forms and money need to be in on time. The competition information and forms are available for download at the Region 10 webpage: [www.region10sai.org](http://www.region10sai.org).

Convention weekend officially starts with our Thursday night *Singing into Spring* Mixer/Reception held on the 2nd Floor in the Donatello Ballroom. Everyone is invited to join competing quartets and Winners Circle members for this special event. You’ll have the opportunity to meet our competing quartets and wish them well. It’s generally a well-attended event, so don’t be late!!!!

### **SOME REMINDERS:**

- Again this year, we will only have ONE riser configuration. We will be using nine 6’ riser sections, with an inverted center section. See diagram of this year’s riser set up on the Reg10 web site.
- Pictures for Chorus Competitors will be taken on stage immediately following your contest set again this year. We will continue to work with the official photographer to make sure you have time to check “windows”. You will hear a signal as the 4 photos are taken so you’ll know when the picture-taking is done.
- Our Mass Sing on Friday will be held on the Atrium steps, a permanent change since the Hilton renovation moved the Vino bar to the center of the atrium. Listen for the music and join your chorus and regional friends for this bonding event. Immediately following the Mass Sing, we invite all First Timers (members who have never attended a Region #10 competition/convention before) to move to the front of the crowd for a group photo. The First Timers photo(s) will be available on the Region #10 website along with all the other candid photos done by our professional photographer during the convention weekend.
- Back by Popular Demand!!! ***Singing Into Spring!* REGION #10 ALL MEMBER KICK-OFF EVENT!!!** Immediately following our Mass Sing and First Timers Photo, we invite everyone to join us in the second-floor Donatello Ballroom for a region-wide all member kick-off event. **As begun in 2022: OUR REGION #10 HALL OF FAME 2023 RECIPIENT WILL BE REVEALED AND RECOGNIZED AT FRIDAY’S EVENT.** This will allow all of us to congratulate the recipient all weekend instead of just finding out on Saturday night! We will also present other non-competition awards including the Nancy Carter Community Service Awards, Membership Growth Awards, recognition of the Sweet Adeline Extraordinaire from each chapter, door prizes from many of our vendors and who knows what else?!?!?! This membership meeting is a great way to have some social time with your regional singing sisters and still leave plenty of time for you to be in the Raphael Ballroom for contestant #1 in the Quartet Competition. If you have any brilliant ideas about what you’d like to see at the *Singing Into Spring!* Regional All Member Kick-Off Event, please contact our RMT Membership Coordinator, Sha Hudgens, as soon as possible.

The Competition Steering Committee is here to serve and help in any way possible to make your contest experience enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you!

Yours in Harmony,

*Cheryl* Cheryl Pyle, Chair of the Region Convention

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