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REGIONAL COMPETITION 2023: MARCH 23-25



Region 10 Convention & Competition
March 23-25, 2023 - Houston Hilton North

Our convention/competition is just a short of six (6) weeks away!! We hope all Great Gulf Coast Region #10 members are looking forward to some singing, reconnecting and having fun not only with your chorus members but also the other 400+ Reg10 competitors. All of this is within the Hilton Houston North during the March 23-25 weekend. As a reminder, the following events are for ALL Reg10 members:

- 1) Thursday Night Mixer & Quartet Reception – 7pm Donatello Ballroom. Cheer on your favorite quartet and learn about the competitors.
- 2) Harmony Expo & Silent Auction – Starting 5pm Thursday in the Atrium. Shop 'til you drop!
- 3) Mass Sing on the Atrium Stairs – Friday at 11:30am. Listen for the harmonies...

4) Reg10 All Member Kick Off Event – Noon Friday Donatello Ballroom. Be there for your chorus, announcement of the 2023 Hall of Fame Honoree and all kinds of chapter awards/recognitions.

5) Friday 3pm Quartet Competition, Sat 1pm Chorus Competition, & 8pm Show of Champions – All in the Raphael Ballroom

6) Region #10 Afterglow/Party – 10:30pm, following the Show of Champions in the Donatello Ballroom on the 2nd floor. Come join in the fun and singing as long as the party lasts! Cash Bar available.

Reminder regarding hotel check in ... Check In time is not until 4PM! You can count on a waiting line for rooms at 4pm. Just park your car, leave your belongings and come join the activities if you arrive prior to 4pm. Check out time on Sunday is 11am.

One more reminder: Our convention will be available on a Webcast again this year, allowing your friends and family who are not in attendance to watch you perform. For just \$25 anyone can watch the Quartet Contest, Chorus Contest and the Show of Champions on the live Webcast and for two weeks following the weekend. Go to region10webcast.com to register.

Feel free to let us know if you have questions.

Cheryl Pyle, Chair of the Regional Convention (CRC) crc@region10sai.org

WINTER REGIONAL MEETING: JANUARY 20-21

Congrats to our WRM Mission Belle Winner: Heart of the Pines Chorus and our First Timer to a Regional Education Event Winner: Mary Miller!

We had a great first timer showing this WRM with 7 new to the regional education experience. Congratulations to all first timers - Helana Barmore, Maria Gandarilla Ocampo, Laura Molitor, Sammie Stowell, Mary Fulbright, Mary Miller, and Gretchen O'Malley.

ALAMO METRO CHORUS



Happy 2023 Region 10! We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season! Alamo Metro had a very successful holiday show on December 3rd . It was a fun show, in which the chorus performed both repertoire and holiday songs and also featured our chorus quartets. It was held at our new rehearsal venue “Morgan’s Wonderland”, an accessibility-focused theme park which specializes in an environment of inclusion for guests of all abilities.

The chorus performed “Frosty the Snowman” along with the park’s “Inclusion Fusion Choir” featuring their director and Entertainment Manager as Frosty, complete with a snowball fight! An audience pleaser for sure! After the show, several quartets caroled throughout the park and we concluded the evening by performing some Christmas songs for the guests in the park. The following week was our annual holiday party,



held at the home of one of our members. We enjoyed lots of delicious food and libations, and of course there was plenty of singing! There was an ugly sweater contest and ornament exchange and a good time was had by all. We took a break for the

holidays then hit the ground running, working on new contest music! AMC was delighted to welcome Kris Pederson, our first new member of the year. In addition to having an extensive collection of Sweet Adeline accomplishments, she is the proud Mother of Ryan Heller!



This past weekend, many of our members traveled to Houston to attend the Winter Regional Weekend with the fabulous Karen Breidert. We are eagerly anticipating a three day coaching with Queen Ann Downton, baritone of Frenzy Quartet. Then on to Regional contest, where we will be singing for evaluation and bowing out as last year's champions. It sure did go by quickly! We look forward to seeing you all in a few short months!

Submitted by Lisa Deiser

Picture Captions- Top Left: AMC Members at Winter Regional Meeting; Top Right: Caroling at Morgan’s Wonderland; Middle Left: AMC with Frosty and Inclusion Fusion Choir; Bottom Right: New member Kris Pederson; Bottom Left: AMC holiday show

CHISHOLM TRAIL CHORUS

Greetings from Central Texas! Since our last communication we have had a show, holiday sing outs and a Region Winter meeting! Chisholm Trail is already on a roll for the new year!



November 19 was our 40th anniversary show called "It Takes Courage and a Great Pair of Shoes!" Our audience loved the references to The Wizard of Oz story line with fun characters of "Pluck" for Courage (Corrie Ganger), "Sharpie" for intelligence (Carol Mouché), and "Ticker" for heart (Amanda Thompson). The whole chorus appeared in Zoom squares and the conflict included interference from the Covid Witch! The powerpoint of past photos, the silent auction, the LIVE cake auction (The carrot cake had a real bidding war!), and a raffle

for a unique historic quilt (made by Kaye Pledge) were all a HUGE success. Guess who won the Quilt? Our own director, Carol Scherer! Carol has been our director for TWENTY-FIVE years and so this was perfect for her to be the recipient. An exceptional part of the event was the pleasure of having so many past members of Chisholm Trail Chorus in the audience. We



gathered for a group photo at the end...and even took a moment to sing Happy Birthday to our Region 10 leader Cheryl Pyle (who also was a past CTC member!) It was really a VERY special early evening performance! (The show started at 4:00! You might want to try that too! It worked out GREAT!)

December came with sing-outs at Cornerstone Gardens, Morada Health Center-Temple, and Immanuel Lutheran Church. It's always great to spread the joy of singing but especially when it centers around the holidays!

We continue to do Raise Right (formerly Scrip), invite guests, and rehearse 7 to 10 at our weekly rehearsal. We are preparing for a pre-contest retreat Feb 3-4 at a small retreat center called Summer's Mill near Salado. The dynamic duo of Kerri Mauney and Kellie Welsh are coming to help us tighten up our contest set as we focus on our theme of "Unity." We even have unity quotes on our FaceBook page! Go follow us on Facebook!

Our newest members continue to learn "how to" be a Sweet Adeline as we prepare our music ...and we continue to recruit new members! In fact, our most recent member, Kaymie, is

a family legacy daughter of lead/section leader/music team member Janet Dyer. No surprise that when your



mom is a section leader/listener, this new member passed her audition on the first try! We are happy that more lovely ladies are on track for auditions soon.

Speaking of on track, there were several Chisholm Trail members attending the January Winter Regional Meeting in person and others



were on Zoom. Lots of them came home with notes and

quotes from the fantastic clinician/coach Karen Breidert. THANK you REGION 10 and Kerri Mauney for hosting such a wonderful weekend to see, hear and learn more about the craft!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at contest...and until then, keep a song in your heart!

Submitted by Phyllis King

Photo Captions- Top Left: Group photo of all current and past members attending the November show, 11/19/22 What a delight to see all these ladies on the risers!; Middle Left: Christmas sing out; Bottom Right: Newest member Kaymie (right) and her mom Janet (left) with balloons by Sheila; Bottom Left: Chisholm Trail Members at Region 10 Winter meeting

CRESCENT CITY SOUND CHORUS



It was a busy summer and fall for us. In July, our very own Fleur de Lis Quartet competed in the Stage Door Idol contest at the WWII museum. They did a great job representing our chorus! In September, our chorus was very happy to be a part of and support the wonderful organization of Cancer Crusaders at their fundraising luncheon. This was especially meaningful because our chorus includes several cancer survivors. This organization has

supported cancer research in our area since 1976. Chorus members also participated in the annual Recovery Invitational to benefit Bridge House, sponsored by English Turn Golf and Country Club.

This Fall, CCSC presented our Fall show, "If The Spirits Move You". The three-act performance included performances by several quartets, the Hummingbirds (male vocal group), and the talented Monique Abry, in addition to our chorus. We were able to promote the show this year during an appearance on WWL's Great Day Louisiana. The performance was held in the world-class Lafon Performing Arts Center in Luling. This humorous show with a Halloween theme was just what chorus members and audiences needed after the many challenges of the past few years.

We barely had time to catch our breath before it was time to begin Christmas performances. This year we sang at nine different venues, including a private party, Deutches Haus, and Lakeside mall. These performances are among our favorites, as we can see the enjoyment on people's faces. We feel privileged to have been able to perform many times in the past few months.

Submitted by Robin Stead

Picture Caption: Bridge House Benefit

MOSAIC QUARTET

Mosaic quartet was happy and excited to resume performances in 2022. We kicked the year off with a performance at the Valentine Potluck Dinner at Golden Meadow Methodist Church. Then in March, we sang at the Cajun Comic Relief in Lafayette, a fundraiser for the GoCajunNavy. We had a wonderful retreat in July on the gulf coast, and in September performed at a 90th birthday party. And we were privileged to perform in October at Love Lutheran Church. Looking forward to seeing everyone at contest!



KATY VOCAL EXPRESS CHORUS



KVE took a slight rest during the summer months but started with a bang in October when we hosted a float in the Katy Rice Harvest Festival Parade. We even made the Houston Chronicle!

KVE participated in World Singing Day on Oct. 15 at La Centera and hosted a 'trunk' at our rehearsal site for Trunk or Treat Oct. 30.

In November, KVE sang at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, our rehearsal site, at their annual arts and crafts



fair, and afterwards we visited Juanita, a former Kansas Sweet Adeline who is receiving hospice care. She perked up when she heard us and even sang along on several songs which brought her family to tears. That made our day and shows how music is so important to our souls!



Take Note members sang with KVE in a collaborative event complete with caroling costumes in Galveston at Dickens on the Strand in December. KVE also sang at Chick-Fil-A in costume for a holiday event hosted there and we sang at Gigi's Playhouse for their holiday Open House.



In January KVE participated in the 125th Anniversary of the MKT railroad celebration, a very unique performance with 'train' songs!



Submitted by Adrienne Webster

Picture Captions- Top Left:

KVE visiting former Kansas Sweet Adeline, Juanita in her home; Top Right: KVE participated in the 125th Anniversary celebration of the MKT railroad in Katy; Middle Left: KVE performed at Gigi's Playhouse Holiday Open House; Bottom Left: Trunk or Treat; Bottom Right: KVE members with Father Christmas at Dickens on the Strand

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

“You don’t know what you don’t know” by Bev Evans and Sue Englebort

As we have ventured into the realm of Diversity Equity and Inclusion in our region, many of us working on the front lines have heard many questions and statements referring to the “push”. One of the statements we have all heard is “but we don’t have any diversity or inclusion issues in our chorus”. Considering that everyone has their own viewpoint through their eyes, i.e.,

various life experiences such as race, ability, age, etc., it is quite impossible to know that for sure. It is safe to assume there is not one chorus who has not had a DEI issue. When it comes to a hobby (yes this is a hobby!) people want to feel accepted and safe just as they are and if they are a minority they will choose to just walk away and find somewhere else they can belong. So, how do you know? Do you have a survey that asks members leaving the chorus to give you frank feedback about the chorus' culture and how it can be improved? Do you interview prospective members or guests that do not come back and specifically ask questions to ensure you understand their impressions about your chorus culture and any improvement? If you answered "YES" to the above questions, great! Share your practices with the Region so other choruses can benefit from your savvy. If you said, "I don't know" or "nope", then you have a chorus culture that reflects the "you just don't know what you don't know" adage. I don't know about you, but I think this organization and barbershop craft is pretty amazing and it would



be awesome to see it grow and flourish even beyond our "golden years". We all know that membership is everyone's responsibility, not just the membership chair's job. That said, you might ask, "so what?" The answer is on your risers – or more accurately, NOT on your risers. Members, both new and old, want to be heard and seen. As we explore new ways to get members into our ranks or encourage our existing members to participate more, we must form a purposeful routine of listening. To entice new members, diversity and inclusion is a critical improvement that many choruses need to develop. Look here for more on asking the questions and getting information that can tangibly improve your chorus' ability to attract and sustain your members:

https://sweetadelines.com/sites/default/files/Education/Diversity-Equity-Inclusion/5_Toolkit_Chapter_Choices_to_Address_Diversity_2021Aug04.pdf

Believe it or not the toolkit was created with EVERY member in mind, of course, every leader from director and your entire team should be aware of the benefits but it is a tool for all of us.

Your R10 DEI Committee is here to help – email us at deicommitee@region10sai.org

SPARKLING CITY CHORUS

Our sparkle and bling radiates from the love and support we receive from our chorus members. We have had a very busy end-of-year



along with some bumps in the road. We have been able to remain resilient through a few unfortunate, life changing occurrences here and there. We've had members out with the flu and pneumonia, a broken bone or two, surgeries, life changing diagnosis, and the death of a member's spouse. One of our Bass singers, Marianne Jackson, also



retired from our chorus and we wish her the best. We also welcomed and celebrated with Francis Arnett, Bass singer and her "Big Sister" Ariana Appleby.

Through the care and unity from our members, we managed to sing through it all. We began our season with a local troop of girl scouts. There were 8-10 who earned a badge from us for learning about 4 part acapella harmony.

They came eager and prepared. Their moms accompanied them and a good time was had by all. We encouraged them to look into and hopefully join YWIH.



We were then honored again to perform for our Flags for Heroes celebration sponsored by the Rotary Club and the City of Corpus Christi. Our patriotism shone brightly! Requests also came to us from Elan Assisted Living facility, the CC Art Museum Christmas Tree Forest and also a request to perform for the Retired Teachers luncheon at the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Each endeavor was met with

the spirit of the holidays and fun sing-a-longs.



Next up, we met with our coach, Ronda Perez for a weekend retreat at Camp Aranzazu. We went over a few issues in placement, music, word pronunciation, etc. It's always a great time spent with our singing sisters!

Our last whoop-de-do was our annual Christmas Party. We enjoy every opportunity we can sing and laugh together!



“The circles of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we are weak and sing with us when we are strong.” Sark

Submitted by Blanca Flores

Picture Captions- Top Left: Coaching session with Rhonda Perez; Top Right: Camp Aranzazu Retreat; Middle Left: Camp Aranzazu Retreat in our favorite musical tops; Bottom Left: Members attended the Winter Regional Workshop in Houston; Bottom Right: Celebrating Francis Arnett and “Big Sister” Ariane Appleby

SUGAR LAND SOUND CHORUS



In August we kicked off our membership drive with our successful ‘Elf Program’ when we invite potential members to come and try us out for the Christmas Season and perform with us at Christmas. So glad that Stacey found us and loved this experience, and will stay with us as a member! She is enjoying the pre contest buzz and practice as we finally get back to competition this year.

What a joy also to get back to community

Christmas performances! We sang at the Sugar Land Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, our favorite River Bend Country Club, the CASA tour of homes, and a quartet sang for The Sugar Land Exchange Club.



We had a fun Christmas gathering kindly hosted by Darcy, where we traditionally also celebrate Holly’s December Birthday.

Excitement is now building for contest learning our new songs and crafting costumes, and Saturday workshops!

Submitted by Jane Vaucher

Picture captions- Right: Singing at the Sugar Land tree lighting ceremony; Left: Singing at a beautiful home on the Fort Bend CASA Tour of Homes

TEXAS HARMONY CHORUS

Texas Harmony had a very prosperous year full of many blessings – here is a peek into how the year wrapped up!





We grew by 11 new members this year and are SO proud of how talented and dedicated our new ladies are! Our new members are: Amanda Willis (Bass), Patti Hunter (Lead), Penni Contreras (Lead), Sammie Stowell (Lead), Connie Fulks (Lead), Merryn Krause (Lead), Marie Gandarilla Ocampo (Lead), Dee Agosto Phillips (Lead), Victoria Cason (Bari), Beth Worman (Bari), and Laura Pool (Tenor).

Welcome, ladies!

Our chorus participated in three fun performances over the holiday season as well

as a holiday

fundraiser – Singing Christmas Cards, and a Christmas Party! We performed our Christmas package at Frisco Lakes Community in Frisco, TX as well as two weekend performances at Enchant in Fair Park, Dallas, TX.



Texas Harmony wishes everyone a very Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone from the region in March!

Submitted by Lynn Poston

THE WOODLANDS SHOW CHORUS

It's 2023...Really? Time flies when you're staying busy and having FUN singing!

When we got back from International, The Woodlands Show Chorus headed right to work on the next project... a Holiday Performance for the public. Since this is year TEN for the group, we have made a commitment to do TEN philanthropic things for the community. We have (or will have) performed for TEN events during the fiscal year TEN!

1. International Friends Association Performance
2. Conroe Stars and Stripes Celebration in downtown Conroe
3. The opening act for the prestigious Houston Symphony's July 3rd Star-Spangled Salute at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion
4. Greater Conroe Arts Alliance Fall Festival on November 5 in downtown Conroe
5. Providing Breast Friends (M.D. Anderson Breast Cancer Support Group) with encouragement cards for patients
6. Providing toiletries for Women's Shelters



7. Donating cash gift cards for sister chorus, Spirit of the Gulf Chorus, Ft. Meyers, FL members suffering after Hurricane Ian
8. FREE December 12 friends and family performance
9. upcoming Conroe ISD Performance for music students
10. upcoming Greater Conroe Arts Alliance Spring Art Festival, March 18, 2023, in Historic Downtown Conroe.

We see this as an opportunity to “give back” for the love and encouragement from our supporters! THANK YOU!!

With that in mind, our show on December 12 was an open concert for the public where a visiting “Elf on the Shelf” came to give a report on TWSC’s HEART...for the “spirit of giving”. According to the Elf, we passed with flying colors as we sang both repertoire songs and holiday favorites. Quartets Momentum and Just Jammin’ sang and we had several door prizes for fun! Cookies and cider topped off the evening! The concert was well received and our guests were happy!



The Woodlands Show Chorus continue to rehearse on Monday nights from 7 to 10 at the First Presbyterian Church on the loop in Conroe. We continue to have a “Sweet Adeline of the Month” and on the first Monday night of the month, we celebrate each person with a birthday in that month.



Each week we do our vocal warmups with new insight. Recently we got in small groups and read story books to each other for expression for our visual plan as storytellers. Every week we strive to improve, getting to know ourselves better as musicians. Our director, Betty Clipman, directs and coaches, along with suggestions from coach Janie Machiarolli .

January 16th and 23rd, we held open auditions for recruiting new members and had some visitors sing with us. Three came on the first night and returned

the following week...and two more joined them as prospective members.

Several members of the chorus came to the Winter Region Meeting to learn wonderful things from Karen Breidert, who was a quartet member of Jubilation and The Buzz, and currently directs for Spirit of the Gulf. What a treat to hear what she shared from her “bag of tools” and then to watch her work with Saving Grace. THANKS to Region 10 for having her come for a visit! (I got tickled at how many times she mentioned Betty’s name!)

This is such a busy time of year with everyone working on contest prep and paperwork, checking to be sure we have everything ready! We are anxious to come together for contest and to enjoy making music with the whole Region!

See you SOON!

Submitted by Phyllis King

Picture Captions- Top Left: Group book reading...expression and storytelling; Top Right: TWSC Chorus Members welcome in 2023; Bottom Left: TWSC Members at Winter Region Meeting

Connect with your RMT!

- [Team Coordinator](#), Bebe Caldwell – Regional Appointment – Term begins even years
- [Communications Coordinator](#), Karla Fenton – Regional Appointment – Term begins even years
- [Directors Coordinator](#), Holly Ritter – Elected – Term begins odd years
- [Education Coordinator](#), Kerri Mauney – International Appointment – Term begins even years
- [Events Coordinator](#), Kellie Welsh – Regional Appointment – Term begins odd years
- [Finance Coordinator](#), Janet Burnett – Regional Appointment – Term begins odd years
- [Marketing Coordinator](#), Laura DeGraw – Regional Appointment – Term begins odd years
- [Membership Coordinator](#), Sha Hudgens – Elected – Term begins even years

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Mission Statement: Great Gulf Coast Region 10 provides opportunities to women for education, performance, leadership and personal growth to advance 4-part a cappella singing.