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September 2023



Good Luck to our Louisville Competitors!!

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A CAPPELLA UNLIMITED

CONGRATULATIONS TO COSMIC QUARTET, fresh off their first venture into SAI's *Rising Star* Competition, took home first-place medals. The *Rising Star* competition was held July 13 in Richardson, Texas concurrent with the Diamond Division Quartet Contest and Queen's College. Au's own *Cheyenne Gonzalez* is the tenor in the awesome foursome. We have it on good authority that the four baritones are switching parts (it's a baritone thing). We're so proud of these ladies and their accomplishments.

(l-r) Cosmic Quartet members Catrina Tulowicecki (Baritone Baritone), Madison Padgett (Bass Baritone), Holli Houtz (Lead Baritone) Cheyenne Gonzalez (Tenor Baritone)



(Left) Au members at Queens College (back row l-r) Michelle Mitchell, Meli VanNatta, Melonie Mills, Kathy Wilson, Kate Hungerford, (front row) Katy Dane, Laura DeAngelo (Right) Queen Kim Newcomb shares her crown with Laura DeAngelo



JULY 13 - 16 QUEENS COLLEGE

Several Au members attended Queens College in Richardson, Texas. They were treated to classes led by past Queens of Harmony. Laura DeAngelo is a new Sweet Adeline, having competed in March with Au for the first time ever. She has jumped into barbershop with both feet and is quickly learning all the tricks of the trade.



Benjamin Zander was the keynote speaker at *BHS Harmony University 2023*, held at Loyola University in New Orleans July 24-28. Au's **Katy Dane** was on faculty for the 6th year, and the 3rd year as the Dean of Music Education. On Sunday night Katy had the privilege of leading 800 HU attendees in learning the song *From the First Hello to the Last Goodbye* and welcoming everyone from the 13 different countries represented by all of the different barbershoppers and music educators in attendance. Katy and the HU Provost, Dr. Jay Butterfield, had the privilege of introducing the keynote speaker, New York Times Best Selling Author & Director of the Boston Philharmonic & Boston Youth Symphony, Benjamin Zander.

AUGUST 26

Steve Scott revisited Au in August. He first coached us in 2016 and changed the direction of the chorus as evidenced in our first-place, Division A medals after 2016 and a 2nd Place finish in the 2019 Harmony Classic. Steve worked with us all day Saturday, July 26 and again on Monday July 28th, honing our skills and teaching us how to “release,” “lean”, “expand” and just sing more efficiently. Steve is the Music Education Specialist for the Barber-shop Harmony Society. He holds a PhD in vocal pedagogy and a MA in choral directing. He is a BHS judge and former director of *Central Standard Chorus* of Metro Kansas City.



SEPTEMBER 15 – 16

Au Members had their brains filled to capacity at the Region 10 “Fall Fling” where **Anne Downton** was the featured faculty. We are practicing our vowels with joy and in awe of the baritone brain! Anne’s classes were eye-opening and added to the information Steve Scott endowed us with in August.

(l-r) Au members at the Fall Fling: Marché Marquis, Kathy Pillmore, Christy Libby, Meli VanNatta, Katy Dane, Carol Roettinger

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Well summer is nearly over and it's kind of a blur! **Alamo Metro** has been very busy over the last few months preparing for the upcoming International competition in Louisville. Since our last article in April (due to this reporter missing the reminder about July's publication – oops!), we have welcomed 9 new members to the AMC family! You will recognize a lot of them, as they are already members of our great region: **Mari-sa Garza, Kellie Welsh, Candice Griffith, Melody White, Holly Fisher, Adrienne Bean, Tammy Fugate, Shari Elia** and **Cami Dober**. We have had tons of fantastic coaching this summer! We spent two rehearsals in July with the one and only **Peggy Gram** which was phenomenal! In August we had our "Advance" (formerly known as a retreat) at Morgan's Wonderland Camp with the vivacious and ever energetic **Erin Howden**! It was a fun filled and hard working weekend overflowing with new ideas and concepts as well as a Friday night



AMC's newest members

Talent Show which was quite entertaining! And last but not least, Queen **Anne Downton** worked her magic on us before sharing it with the entire region at the *Fall Fling*. We were fortunate to be invited to be a demo chorus for one of her classes and have a little extra coaching! The perfect ending to our regional weekend was getting to perform our contest package for all of you! As we wind down the last few weeks before International, we will be fine tuning our songs, perfecting our visual plan, checking our costumes and "all the things"! We want to wish the best of luck to the three quartets that are representing Region 10 – **Saving Grace, Essence** and **Vocal Audacity** and we're proud to say each one contains AMC members!

We will be there cheering for you all! And lastly, we are honored and excited to be representing you and this region at the International competition. We will do you proud!



Submitted by Lisa Deiser
TIWT Correspondent

AUSTIN HARMONY

Austin Harmony Chorus returned from summer break and kicked things off with a performance at a local senior living center. They had a bit of an AC problem that really made us sweat in this Texas heat, but we made it through! On September 11th, we hosted an **Open Rehearsal Night**, "Sing it Sisters!" which brought several guests to rehearsals. It's always a joy to hear a fuller chorus really ring those chords. Our "Birthday Singing Grams" fundraiser just launched, where folks can request the chorus to video record a custom "Happy Birthday" greeting for their loved one. We also launched a **TeePublic** store so that even if you just need a new coffee mug, you can help support our chorus! Coming up in October and November, we are inviting singers to become a "Christmas Belle", rehearse with us, and join us for our Christmas performance, "**Harmony & Holidays**", on December 2nd. It will feature a mix of barbershop favorites and holiday songs, with the Belles joining in, to ring in the holiday season. We hope to see some of you there!



Many thanks to Brookdale Gaines Ranch, a local senior living center, for having us out to sing! We really enjoyed it!

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Several guests stopped by on our Open Rehearsal Night and we couldn't have been more happy to see them. Hopefully they'll stick around to keep helping us ring those chords!

BATON ROUGE

We had a great turnout for our *Dive Into Sweet Harmonies* summer series with OLLI, LSU's continuing education program. Six ladies attended and sang with us. We'll offer a fall course starting Sept. 28th that we're calling *Fall Into Colorful Harmonies*. So far, this has been an excellent way to introduce our hobby to others!

Baton Rouge Chorus also represented at the recent Fall Fling for Region 10 with nine members making the road trip to Houston!

Ann Downton shared so much fabulous information and the classes offered were very helpful.



Sherry Barron - Director - One Year Anniversary



Dive Into Sweet Harmonies Classes for OLLI

Celebration was in order in August for the

one-year anniversary of **Sherry Barron** as our director. We have big plans for the future so get ready!



Fall Fling Attendees
 - Karen Egedy, Tara Johnson, Cindy Stevens, Debra Naquin, Patty Collins, Benita Reno, Emily Wascome, Patricia Casiello, Sherry Barron



OLLI Tailgate photo in the Advocate newspaper



OLLI Tailgate event

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CHISHOLM TRAIL

Chisholm Trail Chorus is working FAST and FURIOUS in Central Texas to build relationships, add new members, practice for our show and work on our skills, all while planning ahead using our theme for the year -"GROWTH" -as a guiding principle. Here are a few things we have been doing to GROW since the last *Tune In With Ten*.

July 13: Several of us attended *Queen's College* in July where Region 10 was well represented. It was an amazing time with incredible sessions. The Queens that led the sessions were SO delightful!

July 27: We fell in love with visual communication coach **Donna Smith** (from OK City). She had us up and

moving, enhancing our story tellin' by braggin' and fussin' and jokin' and laughin'... but staying right on target for growth and improvement. She's coming back soon to check in again.

September 3: Labor Day weekend we sang at a private event and had a wonderful time socializing, recruiting and eating. Thank you, member **Amanda Thompson**, for the invitation to sing for your family's community dinner.

September 9: *Northern Lights and Southern Sound* (**Lindsay and Connie**) came for a 3-hour coaching session focusing on sound and interp. The time passed too quickly. It felt good to get the extra attention as Lindsay listened closely to bass/baritone and Connie focused on lead/tenor. Progress was made again while we worked on growth and improvement.

September 15-16: Eight CTC members attended the *Region 10 Fall Fling* meeting. Wow...just wow...**Anne Downton**. I'm anxious to be able to review her sessions on the Region 10 website. Chisholm Trail was especially proud, at this meeting, of our president **Sheila Donahue**. Not only did Sheila teach TWO sessions (one

about basic barbershop musicianship and the other about the Arranger Certification Program) but she ALSO was awarded her certificate of completion for the *Director's Certification Program*. Sheila assists our chorus by directing vocal production every week, is a member of the music team and the board. WAY to GO, Sheila! Congratulations!

September 26: *Senior day at the Expo!* Chisholm Trail will have a booth at this well-attended event in Belton, Texas, with information on Sweet Adelines International and featuring Chisholm Trail Chorus as a wonderful active group to join. Thanks to **Kaye Pledge** and her team for heading up this membership opportunity!



Region 10 Fall Fling: 1 to r, floor - Megan Townsend, Nancy Welker; 1 to r standing - Carol Scherer, Phyllis King, Sheila Donahue, Janet Dyer, Sharon Schroeder; peeking back right, Pat Murray



"I wanna see and hear that energy" says coach Donna Smith



Congratulations Sheila Donahue! We are so proud of you! With R10 DCP Coordinator Carol Scherer, also director of Chisholm Trail Chorus

October preview: We have invited singers in our community to join us at the beginning of each rehearsal through the month of October/November to prepare to sing with us on our show in November! We're calling them "Spotlight Singers" and they will stay for an hour to learn two songs, at no charge. We are hoping they will enjoy it so much they will stay through contest season! Also in October, **Kerri Mauney** (Oct 12) and **Donna Smith** (Oct 19) will be coming to coach. Then several of us will be packing to attend SAI International convention in Louisville!

ATTENTION! SHOWTIME! YOU ARE INVITED! We are hard at work on this year's show, "Mystery on Music Street." This entertaining evening of song will be Saturday, November 18, 2023, 4:00 pm, at the Temple Cultural Activities Center. Doors open at 3 for the silent auction. We are so fortunate to be featuring the 2022 Diamond Division Quartet Winners, "Madison Avenue." (Fun fact: bass Caroline Rocco's first Sweet Adeline chorus was Chisholm Trail.) We've got a really creative story line and I'm sure you will enjoy our "Spotlight Singers" and quartet guests. To purchase tickets: cacarts.org Reserved seats \$20 (or \$25 at the door)

So... Here's to GROWTH in knowledge, entertainment skills and membership! Yay for Chisholm Trail!

Submitted for Chisholm Trail by Phyllis King, TIWT Correspondent

CRESCENT CITY SOUND

We are proud to give a shout out to two of our quartets – *Fleur De Lis* and *Mosaic* – who participated in the *National World War II Museum Stage Door Idol* Competition this summer!! Both groups performed



well - and Fleur De Lis advanced to the final (and performed to a packed house)!

Our chorus has continued to meet throughout the summer and our Directing team ensures that we keep working on our vocal skills. We have been experimenting with different rehearsal techniques, such as singing to each other, singing in circles, and seeking out those whose voices blend well with ours. It's been fun!

We are excited to have **Sandi Wright** coaching

us on October 21st, and are looking forward to our Christmas Show on December 2nd! It is rumored that we might just get a visit from a special someone at the show . . . We participated in the *New Orleans Public Radio Culture Collision* on September 20th. It was a great way to connect with folks who may enjoy singing with us! It was fun to see so many people of all ages and walks of life enjoying performing and watching others perform. Speaking of fun, we are very excited to host our first *Sing Fest* on Sunday, October 22nd! Our goal is to provide small groups and choruses in the New Orleans area with a performance opportunity, as well as to foster connections and enable participants and visitors to experience the rich diversity of vocal music in our city. The event is open to all ages and singing groups in the area.

Many of our members were thrilled to be able to attend **Harmony University**, which was held at Loyola University here in New Orleans in July. Members took more than 40 unique classes and participated in amazing barbershop performances. The members who attended shared what they learned with the chorus (and will continue to do so into the future). What a great opportunity for us!

Here's one of our recent videos honoring our four quartets! <https://fb.watch/ndD7nc0CaT/>

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HOUSTON HORIZON

Wow! Hard to believe summer has come and gone, although Mother Nature doesn't seem to have gotten the memo on that yet, with the temperature still getting up to 100. But **HHC** has managed to keep its cool this summer, as we started preparing for our Christmas concert and market, which will be November 18th this year. So we already have visions of sugar plums dancing in our heads. We meet on Tuesday nights 7-9:30, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, by the way.



Laura and Sophia Molitor

We had a fun day in August, of creating handcrafted gifts for the aforementioned Christmas market with LOTS of cool gift ideas. Turns out our singers have more than just the gift of singing; we have members who quilt, crochet, sew, paint, tie a mean bow, and have mad glue gun skills. In the middle of all this, we managed to have a 4-week membership program, *An A Capella Experience*. We had a good turnout, with 5 participants. One has already passed her audition!

And speaking of increasing membership, we had another new addition to our chorus. A future



Craft Day

Sweet Adeline, **Sophia Elizabeth**, daughter of **Laura Molitor**, arrived the end of July. Laura is already back on the risers, while Sophia prefers to practice her vocal warmups about 2am.

Coming up:

Although most of us won't be attending International competition this year, we are planning a watch party. **Debbie Culp** invited the chorus to watch the finals in her theater room. It will be a blast! And of course, our *Holiday Concert and Market* is right around the corner. We will have a market for buying handcrafted gifts, just in time for Christmas, as well as two concerts - at 2 and 4pm. Check our website for further details.

Submitted by Suzanne Pointer
TIWT Correspondent



A Capella Experience visitors

KATY VOCAL EXPRESS

After a busy spring helping at Region 10 Contest in March and participating in *Barbershop Singing Day* in April, **KVE** took a slight rest while several members took well-deserved vacations. Several members of **KVE** attended Queens College in July and loved every minute of it.

KVE loves to learn and attended the Region 10 workshop in June which was beneficial for all who made it to the event. **KVE** really enjoys seeing other singers and appreciates the hard work behind the planning of our educational classes.

July found **KVE** hosting a booth at Houston Community College and singing to the crowd.

In August **KVE** welcomed a new member **Elaine!** Elaine is a new lead singer for **KVE** and has already participated in a sing-out and the fall Region 10 workshop.

In September **KVE** was invited to sing at *The Gathering*, a monthly event hosted by area churches for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers/families. We all know music is a part of our souls and it was wonderful to see so many of the patients smiling and singing along on some of our songs! That is what it is all about!



June Region 10 Workshop



KVE booth at HCC



New Member installation



Queens College



Singing at The Gathering

Submitted by Adrienne Webster
TIWT Correspondent



Fall Region 10 Workshop

LONE STAR

Hello, singing sisters and friends. Lone Star Chorus is an award-winning chorus and our management team has been busy. **Carin** and **Bebe** from the regional management team visited and helped members with setting up goals for the year. Per the members, our primary goal is to hire a new director and then on to increasing our membership. Yes, **Lone Star** is looking for a director! Anyone interested please contact us at lscdirectorsearch@gmail.com, for more information.



Lone Star Mgt Team, Bonnie Schuler, Julie Klemm, April Neill, Rose Bitter and Sandra Beason with Region RMT members Bebe and Carin (standing in the center back)

LSC quartet, *Heart & Soul*, Lisa, Bev, Janice and Marlene, performed wonderfully at the *SAI Diamond Division Quartet Contest*. We are so proud of them.

Our *Happy Together* series has had a wonderful start with eight visiting guests who are excited about singing with Lone Star. After the series, the members and guests will perform for Family & Friends on October 2nd. Come support them!

Fall Fling was held in Houston for Region 10. LSC had a number of members attend. They had fun, met up with friends and came back with so much information. It was a very good weekend.

We also had a retirement party for our director, **Charlotte Hoffman**, who has retired from the chorus. Charlotte has shared so much knowledge with LSC and is such a positive and happy person. We will definitely miss her contagious energy every week. Charlotte has agreed to be a guest director during our *Happy Together* series. Love her bunches. She will be missed. Good luck to all our regional quartets and choruses competing at International. Region 10 will be well



Charlotte Hoffman receiving the 2023 Lone Star Shining Star Award



Julie Klemm, April Neill, Bonnie Schuler, Sha Hudgens, Sandra Beason, Beverly Gooden, at Region 10 Fall Fling, living it up!



Rehearsal Night of Happy Together with Beverly Gooden directing

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Lone Star Chorus

PINEY HILLS HARMONY

Piney Hills Harmony was excited at the opportunity to sing for the veterans in a local nursing home again. This has not happened since Covid became our new normal. They always enjoy our singing and visiting with them, so it was quite disappointing when this event was canceled for that day. We do expect this to be just a postponement and hope the sing-out is rescheduled for a later date. Making lemonade out of lemons, we did find a new restaurant to try since we were all dressed up with nowhere to go.

As the heat soared throughout the country, with the Southern states among those hardest hit, we tried to keep



rehearsals cool and fun by adding a Christmas song each week to remind us of the cooler weather to come as well as to brush off the cobwebs that can occur.

Celebrating members' birthdays with our doo-wop version of "Happy Birthday" is a PHHC tradition, along with cookies or cake. In August we observed Kim Gronewold's and Karen Downs' special days.

In addition to Christmas song refreshers, we have added some new songs and warmups as well as small-group work on repertoire songs to keep members engaged and learning during the months when it may be harder to focus due to family vacations and/or other situations.

Socializing outside of rehearsal time has made friends out of riser mates. We try to find time when we can get together that is open to all members. Somehow we take pictures when there is food involved....

Meanwhile, interest in membership continues after our summer guest nights.



All dressed-up for a patriotic performance that was canceled at the last minute due to Covid cases at the scheduled venue. We salvaged the day by visiting a new restaurant. From left: Tina Allen, Jan Lenard, Sallie Rose Hollis, Karen Downs, Mary Helen Tschabold, India McCoy, Candice Bassett, Kim Gronewold, Kesha Jean Batiste and Lynette Murphy.



Going out to eat after rehearsal is another PHHC tradition. Around the table at Log Cabin Grill are from left: Kesha Jean Batiste, Sallie Rose Hollis, Judy Sisson, Mary Helen Tschabold, Lynette Murphy, Candice Bassett and Kim Gronewold.

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The Heat is ON!

Literally!! As you all know, this has been the hottest summer on record! hot, Hot, HOT!

The summer heat got hotter when our **Marge Crocker**, Tenor was presented the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD by the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi. We are so proud of her. CONGRATULATIONS MARGE!!!!

The heat wave continued with our “hot” sing-outs! We were honored to sing on the 4th of July, at the Mayor’s request, for the military recognition ceremony at Sherill Park. EVERY branch of the military was in attendance with family and friends. That was such a tribute.

We were still Sizzling HOT at our next performance five days later at the Senior Banquet at the United Methodist Church on Ocean Drive. Good food, good fellowship recognition and gratitude for our retired military in attendance. They enjoyed music from the 40s – 70s. Great Sunday!

We were “cool as cucumbers” AS THE CHOIR at First Presbyterian Church. It was recorded on YouTube for those who were unable to attend.



Marge Crocker, Tenor, receiving LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



New members Dee Skinner, Bass and Michelle Cooper, Lead

With heat you always have to have some spice! Our two newest members include Dee Skinner, Bass (returning member) and Michelle Cooper, Lead. Welcome Ladies!

To beat the heat, we have been singing and perfecting our “Summer Vibes and our Comp Package” while having a little fun during rehearsals, like, how to sing with a marshmallow or a cookie in your mouth! Or how about our yard sale stickers above our eyebrows! We may look

eccentric but it was so much fun and of course we looked RAVISHING DARLIN’!

We are definitely looking forward to leaving our mark at the competition. It’s going to be HOT, HOT, HOT but always with a touch of SPARKLE!!!!



Check out the extra set of green eyes on the foreheads

SUGAR LAND SOUND

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Sugar Land! After a quiet Summer we have now been practicing Christmas songs since September, which always puts one in the mood ...despite blazing Texas heat! We welcomed a number of singing 'Elves' at rehearsal this month. Six so far, and one is even a third-generation potential Sweet Adeline trying barbershop for the first time, to experience the hobby her mom and grandmother so loved.

These visitors try us out at rehearsals until Christmas and perform with us....and hopefully love singing with our chorus so much that they become permanent members.

We have adopted the energetic Pentatonix rendition of 'Sing' as our physical warm up and cool down anthem. Stacey Hall in the photo is shown creating a lively routine with a fun pace to get us up and moving and get our rehearsal off to a great start. Jose Becroft is another very talented mover and shaker who also shares warm ups with Stacey.

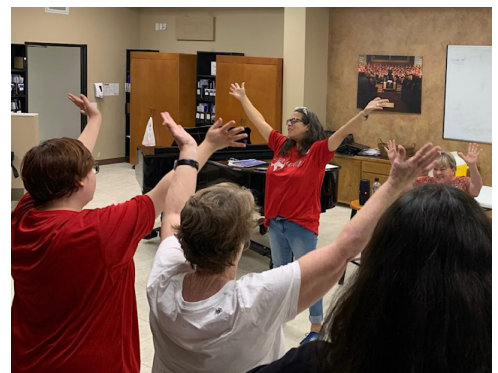
Member growth and advertising are currently our top priorities, combined with of course singing education. Some members enjoyed attending the recent excellent Region Education meeting. Holly our director, always brings back some great information to share from these meetings.

We look forward to preparing songs for Contest soon and would love to have many new faces on stage in March.

Submitted by Jane Vaucher
TIWT Correspondent



Some chorus members and new 'Elves'



Stacey Hall leading our warm up

TEXAS HARMONY

Wow! **Texas Harmony** has been **BUSY!** We started the summer off with an 80's theme Summer Series with a good number of ladies participating and gaining some new members! On the last night of the Summer Series, we performed for friends and family. It was a great evening of singing! In August, we celebrated our director, **Karla Callaway**, on her 5-year anniversary of being our **FABULOUS** Director. Karla works very hard and has been a tremendous asset to Texas Harmony. She and our Team Lead, **Lynn Poston** came up with the idea to have a Job Fair which was held at our



September 11th rehearsal. Since we have several new members, this event was to make all members aware of the different areas where members could help. It was a lot of fun! Upcoming plans include a Christmas concert on December 9th entitled "**Evening of Merriment.**" Happy Fall to our Region 10 family!

Submitted by Laura Raitt
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THE WOODLANDS SHOW CHORUS

Remember the little fish named Dory, Nemo's friend? And how she would sing "Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming?" Well, **The Woodlands Show Chorus** is taking that idea to heart as we continue to work with resonance, focus and accuracy to keep swimming towards a higher level. Each week we have been working on our vocal skills with Keturah, checking those key changes with Kerri, sending in recordings to our listeners, striving to face our "inner voice" with Dr. Becky, and taking time during rehearsal for PVI work with Betty. Our rehearsals are jam-packed with good stuff.

This summer was also jam-packed with great learning opportunities. Several of our members went to *Queen's College* in Richardson back in July and brought back new skills to share. In fact, all of the Region 10 members were in full force! As I look through my photos I see TWSC members galore... **Jordan, Jeanna, Chelsea, Cindy, Phyllis** (well, that's me and I do have selfies with ALL of these people!), **Sheila, Keturah, Elizabeth, Denise, Laurie, Patti, Carin, Anna Mae, Alice, Kerri, Carol** and COUNTLESS other celebrities like **Debbie Cleveland, Karen Breidert, Judy Pozgsay, Mary Rhea**, past president **Joan**, current president **Therese** AND the amazing **LOVE NOTES** quartet. It really was a magical long weekend of incredible music making!

IMPORTANT!!! It's SHOW TIME with **Lady A Cappella** quartet!!!

Every rehearsal is special BUT we are really working towards our big project coming up on NOVEMBER 11th.... OUR SHOW! This year's show "A Salute to the Holidays" will feature a parade of patriotic songs, holiday music as well as some of our standard repertoire. BUT we have a surprise!!! YOU won't want to miss these amazing special GUESTS! We are proud to announce "Lady A Cappella" Quartet will be our featured entertainment! Lady A is currently the third-place medalist 2022 International SAI champions. (and who knows what International 2023 contest might bring...)

You won't want to miss our show! It's going to be fantastic!

5:00 – 7:00 pm, November 11, 2023

First Presbyterian Church Family Life Center, 2727 N Loop 336 W,
Conroe, Texas 77304

Email: Tickets@TheWoodlandsShowChorus.org or call/text me
214.563.4879 Adult tickets: \$25

As a special opportunity, starting in October we are having an opportunity for additional guests to sing with us on the show! (two patriotic songs and two holiday songs) Four rehearsals, and sing with us! Know anyone in the North Houston, Woodlands, Conroe, Huntsville area that might want to do this too? Send them our way at sing@thewoodlandsshowchorus.org or call 888246-2313. See the attached photo of the ad!

Other things we have going on include: What a FANTASTIC Region weekend we had with ANN DOWNTON. Lots of our members were there. (photo) We are especially proud of **Sheila Donahue**, who received her director's certification at the Region 10 meeting. Sheila also presented two sessions during *Fall Fling*. We have been adding some new members and it's really fun to have them on the risers. MeetUp has been very good for us! The last weekend in September, **Peggy Gram** is coming for a Friday evening, Saturday coaching time. Then at the end of October, several of our members are heading to Louisville to hear some fantastic barbershop! Betty is judging and Kerri is trial scoring. TWSC is rooting for our Region 10 friends who will take the international stage: Ryan with Alamo Metro, Saving



Sheila Donahue receiving her director's certification

Grace, Essence, Vocal Audacity. We're also anxious to see past coaches of The Woodlands Show Chorus with their chorus members...Dale, Lori, Renee, Erin, Ryan (listed again as one of "our" coaches too) and then, let's face it, it's always a thrill to see what Ronninge will do!!

There is so much to learn and so much JOY to be shared through the beauty and energy of Barbershop! So just like Dory, I say "just keep swimming, swimming, swimming...." Hope to see you soon at the coming events!

Come to our Show! Sing as a guest! Hear Lady A Cappella!

Submitted by Phyllis King, TIWT correspondent



The Woodlands members at *Fall Fling*.



JoAnn Fernon

JoAnn Fernon passed away Sunday, Sept 17, 2023 just shy of her 88th birthday. She was a long time barbershopper, well respected in Region 10. She enjoyed singing, directing, coaching, writing parodies, and teaching tags.

JoAnn was active in Harmony Harbor, Greater Orleans, Jazz City, Baton Rouge, Bayouside, New Orleans Blend and Crescent City Sound which she directed 2004-2012. She held the chorus together after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005 and many members lost so much. She brought the chorus back and created a parody depicting the loss of costumes while dressed in any costume the members had left. They performed that way on Regional contest stage. The "Bee Package" was her most successful. It was performed first in the 2008 Regional Contest and repeated for the 2011 Convention in Houston as Mic Testers for Harmony Classic.

After retiring from the chorus, JoAnn continued to enjoy her six daughters, Reggie, Lauri, Lisa Bonnie, Brennan and Kelly, and their extended families.

The Crescent City Sound Chorus is creating the **JoAnn Fernon Pay It Forward Fund** to honor her memory.

She will be missed!



Barbara Rollison

Barbara passed away September 8. She was diagnosed in July with a type of cancer called AML. The cancer had progressed too far for her to qualify for any type of treatment. She continued to lose weight she could not afford to. Ann and Dan Jarchow were with her along with her niece Tracy most of the last month. She entered a hospice care at the facility where she lived, just a few days before her death. Barb was alert until just a few days before her death. I had the honor of sitting with her the afternoon before she died. She passed at 2:30 a.m. on September 8th. What a beautiful lady and voice. She will be missed!

News from the Region

Our Region 10 Chorus Directors are an active, dedicated group of servant leaders who meet together as often as possible to share ideas, celebrate successes and vent about circumstances that may trouble them. They are a support group, a think tank, and problem solvers who work week after week to make our chorus experiences the best they can be. Frontline Directors are in a unique position of responsibility for just about every aspect of our public performances. So, the time spent together is well worth the effort on behalf of the choruses they love dearly.

When you think about what your director is to your chorus you find that they have to be many things like: teacher, motivator, people manager/HR, therapist, problem solver, planner, vocal skills guru, coach, conductor, music team trainer, and tech expert! They keep a smile on their faces in front of the chorus, and you look at them for hours at a time! Yes, it's a uniquely responsible position in our organization. One that is not taken lightly. You can make their day by sending them a message letting them know your appreciation, a hug after rehearsal, a random thank you card - anything to encourage them in their quest, to show you care and support them.

The Directors met via Zoom on August 12 to share ideas and discuss problem solving and musical questions with each other. They met again for 2 hours

recently at the Region 10 Fall Fling with guest faculty, Ann Downton. The time spent together learning and exploring different ways to work with choruses was priceless!

At the **Fall Fling**, we welcomed the new directors who are working hard to learn as much as they can to move their choruses forward! We celebrate: **Kay Awtry** (Heart of the Pines), **Sherry Barron** (Baton Rouge), and interim director **Beverly Gooden** (Lone Star). They are each working with Director Mentors to speed up the learning process to lead their choruses. Thanks to those who are mentoring the new directors! Also, good luck **Ryan Heller** as you lead AMC into the International Contest area! AMC did an amazing job performing at the Fall Fling!

Thanks also to Carol Sherer for heading up the Director Certification Program! She guided our newest Certified Director, Sheila Donahue! Congrats Sheila and thanks for your dedication!

My personal thanks to all of the directors who give selflessly of their time and talents to us week after week. It's truly a pleasure for me to serve the Region 10 Directors as Director Coordinator.

Mary Beth McMurray
Region 10
Directors Coordinator



Directors: (front) Bev Gooden, Holly Ritter, Mary Beth McMurray, Katy Dane
(back) Ryan Heller, Kay Awtry, Carol Sherer, Beth Watkins, Ann Downton, Janet Burnett, Sherry Barron, Greg Hilliard

The Region faces financial challenges. How you can help.

In an effort to be totally transparent, we'd like to inform you of some challenges ahead of us for our upcoming contest in March. Last year's contest costs resulted in a loss of over \$10,000 due to unexpected raised fees with the staging and lighting. That continues to be the case. We were able to dip into the region's savings account to make up last year's loss. However, we cannot afford to dip into our savings again. The number of members in the region has declined over the past 5 years, but the cost of contest keeps rising. Unfortunately, the time has come for an increase in our contest registrations. Still, we are one of the least expensive regions in SAI and we are working to stay that way. We are looking to see what we may be able to eliminate. We will do everything possible, to keep costs reasonable, while aiming to provide a great contest experience for every performer.

Some of you may not know that there is a food and beverage minimum that we must meet during our contest weekend. This coming year's amount is \$9,000. In a effort to make sure we exceed that amount we are working with the hotel to come up with ways to pro-

vide meals that will apply towards that total. We are hoping they can do some of the following: a buffet of some sort, breakfast buffet, box lunches, grab and go, pizza, "drink tickets", snack packs. In the past, when members would eat at the hotel buffet, it did not apply towards our total. Our efforts are to work something out with the hotel, to get it to also apply to our total. With everyone's participation in buying food and drinks at the hotel, we can easily meet this amount. Once we have details, we'll pass them along. Watch for a survey coming soon, to help us select options, once we know them.

We know there are many generous members in Region 10. For anyone who feels so inclined, there is a donation button on the Regional website and you can make a contribution earmarked specifically for contest expenses. You can also reach out to me personally to discuss other options.

Rest assured the RMT is working extremely hard to make contest the best it can be. It might not look like it has in the past, but sometimes change is good.

Janet Moe
Region 10 Finance Coordinator

Region Management Team

Hey there, Region 10!

It was great to see so many in attendance, at the **Fall Fling!** The education provided to us is exceptional! Wouldn't you agree?

Our regional representation in Louisville is exciting! Best wishes go to Alamo Metro Chorus, Saving Grace quartet, Essence quartet and Vocal Audacity quartet! The judging pit will be home to our very own Betty Clipman, on Sound, and Kerri Mauney will be trial scoring on Expression! Yay, Region 10!!

The RMT positions opening up for the 2024-2026 term are:

- Communications (RMT appointment)
- Membership (elected by the region)
- Team Coordinator (RMT appointment)

If you have an interest in a certain area, please let me know. We encourage shadowing, to facilitate a smooth transition. Please follow the link provided, to submit an application. <https://www.region10sai.org/leadership/>

I wish you happy and healthy holidays! See you in January!

Bebe Caldwell, Team Coordinator
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Marketing & Membership Data

Whew! We covered a lot of ground this past summer and fall at our membership and marketing break-out sessions. We used some excellent data to really “dig in” to each of the chorus neighborhoods and see just what we could discover. Highlighting this discussion about how to integrate and build a marketing/membership plan was a worksheet that helped frame your chorus areas. There were also so many ideas presented about what could be done to break down

barriers for prospective members and revitalize our current members. For the worksheet and your chorus data, please go to the R10 education site - Here is the link to that page: [Marketing and Membership Data](#) If you have questions or would like to have a member of the DEI Committee assist you in creating a plan using your data, please contact us at deicommittee@region-10sai.org.

Sue Englebert
Marketing & Membership Data Committee



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](#), Mary Beth McMurray - Elected - Term begins odd years

[Education Coordinator](#), Kerri Mauney - International Appointment - Term begins even years

[Events Coordinator](#), Euna Poole - Regional Appointment - Term begins odd years

[Finance Coordinator](#), Janet Moe - Regional Appointment - Term begins odd years

[Marketing Coordinator](#), Laura DeGraw - Regional Appointment - Term begins odd years

[Membership Coordinator](#), Carin Williamson - Elected Position - Term begins even years

[TIWT Editor](#) Kathy Pillmore

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