

TUNE IN WITH 10



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October • November • December 2024

Happy New Year!

Incipit Vita Nova!

LET'S KICK OFF COMPETITION WEEKEND WITH A PARTY

Join
us Thursday,
March 20 at 9 pm
in the Marigold/Sunflower
Rooms at the Holiday Inn for the
Quartet Mixer (aka Party!) Come and
support all the competing quartets, bring
a good luck token for their goodie bags!
Plus the Winners Circle will hold a cash-only
50-50 raffle all weekend to support our regional
champion quartet. So bring some 

Chorus News

Please Note: Chorus News is listed in the order received to give everyone a shot at being first...and last!

LONE STAR CHORUS

Lone Star Chorus had a busy Fall-Winter season

In September, we were invited to attend Region 25's Retreat where we were privileged to be coached by Dale Syverson.

We had performances in October at the Train and Grain Festival in Saginaw, TX. We also sang at The Pumpkin Patch at St John the Apostle UMC. We were participants in the DEI presentation at Region 10's Fall Fling. Statistics were compiled specifically for LSC on potential markets for recruitment based on populations of surrounding counties. We are currently implementing some of those suggestions, including a Karaoke Guest Night.

In November, we started off with our International watch party! LSC again had a booth at the community Holly Daze Craft Fair where we previewed music for our upcoming show. Our main performance in November was our pre-Christmas show "We Need a Little Christmas." We were so pleased to host Southwest Sound (BHS chorus) and the Decibelles (local high school barbershop

quartet) at our show, and also enjoyed the smooth stylings of our very own Vocal Velvet Quartet!

December brought more community sing-outs: the annual AARP Christmas luncheon, The Genesis Men's Club breakfast, and The North Pole Express in Grapevine. We rounded out our December with our chorus Christmas party.

Our biggest news for the New Year is that we have moved our rehearsal site from Genesis UMC to The Hulen Street Church a few blocks north of our previous site.

Next in sight: Singing Valentines and, of course, contest!



Pumpkin Patch



Singing at the Train & Grain festival



Lone Star Christmas party (top) and Christmas Show



Caryn Hall receiving words of wisdom from the incredible Dale Syverson

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Lone Star AND THE Region 10 D•E•I Committee

Lone Star Chorus was privileged to work with Region 10's DEI committee this fall. We were approached to do a case study for the benefit of the region, and we were happy to oblige! Members of our management team met virtually with Sue Englebert, Carin Williamson, Alice Williams, and Bev Evans. We spent many hours over multiple Zoom calls with the team and really invested quality time diving into the demographics and makeup of Lone Star Chorus. We poured over data pertaining to our surrounding cities and counties, and the DEI team carefully led us through thoughtful research of organizations near our rehearsal location. After examining the data relevant to Lone Star Chorus, we brainstormed ideas for how to grow and attract new members, and we solidified some goals for the next 18 months. For example, we expressed that Lone Star really prefers to recruit new members through performance. This led to an idea to hold a community-wide karaoke night, where all people will be invited. We can share our love of barbershop while having fun with our friends and neighbors at the same time! We also invited a BHS chorus and a high school quartet to be a part of our Christmas show, thereby expanding our audience (and we loved being entertained by them).

We really appreciate the time and thought that the DEI committee put into this exercise, and their collaborative sessions with our team were so helpful. We were pleased to be able to share this data at the virtual Fall Fling. We hope that those in the region who were able to watch the presentation were inspired to go through this same exercise. Thank you for including us!

April Neill

ALAMO METRO CHORUS

Happy New Year Region 10!

We are looking forward to a fabulous 2025 but we DID do a few fun things at the end of 2024! We had the great privilege of performing in the historic Pearl District to promote the “Light the World Giving Machines”. This is basically a giant vending machine where people can donate various charitable gifts such as meals for a family in need, housing expenses or basic needs for a soldier’s family at home during a deployment. Such a worthy cause! We had a great time singing and Ryan got to hold a baby goat! We won the SAI November Mission Retention challenge and were awarded \$500! It was particularly special to win on this challenge, where we each were given a “tree” filled with adjectives that described us by our chorus sisters. What a truly meaningful activity! On to December; we had an extremely successful Holiday Show, a fun and fabulous Christmas Party and several oth-

er caroling performances. After a few weeks off for the holidays, we are focusing on preparing for our Regional evaluation and then SAI International in the fall. Several of our members attended the Winter Regional weekend with Gina Baker and really enjoyed the classes and camaraderie! We are excitedly looking forward to our first coaching of the year with the one and only Judy Pozsgay. This will be the first time we have been coached by her and we can’t wait! Last but not least, we are overjoyed to have sung in three new members! Lia Wiese, baritone, Erika Land, Lead and Cheryl Martinez, who is a former member, is singing Bass. We are so happy to welcome them to the AMC family!!!

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AMC New Members - Lia Wiese, Erika Land and Cheryl Martinez



Light the World performance



AMC Holiday Show



Ryan and a baby goat!

A CAPPELLA UNLIMITED CHORUS

Busy, Busy, Busy....

On October 24th, to the surprise of no one, our director, Katy Dane accepted a proposal of marriage from the love of her life, Fraser Baguma. We've met Fraser and know how happy he makes her so, we've wholeheartedly blessed the union.



In November, Au began a busy holiday season with our annual performance at the Hays County Veterans Parade on November 9th followed closely by a performance for the Daughters of the American Revolution on November 11. On November 16th we were invited to demonstrate the barbershop art for the Texas Federation of Musicians. We shared the stage with an eclectic mix of musicians. November 30th we once again kicked off the Wimberley Trail of Lights. This was our 9th year to perform for this annual two-week festival that celebrates the holiday season. We were also invited to add a display to the many others on the trail. Thanks go to Ian and Jocelyn Yanagisawa and Bob and Kathy Pillmore for designing and building the display that we hope to use again in the future. On November 2nd we gathered at Sandy Blevins lovely home to watch the SAI International Competition Chorus Finals and cheer on the winners.

December began with a performance for the residents of Westminster Austin, a senior living residence who, according to their activities director, "just love having the barbershop choruses sing for us!" We followed that with a free concert for the City of San Marcos in the atrium of the San Marcos Public Library. We are on their "come back often" list! Our last holiday performance was for a large and enthusiastic audience at Kissing Tree, a senior living community. It was our second time before this great group and we were a big hit...generating a standing ovation from the over 55 crowd. I think we'll be back there as well. Au member Michelle Mitchell presented Christmas gifts of beautiful handmade "songbirds" for each chorus member.

January 2-5 took us to Kerrville for our annual retreat with our coach Rob Mance, Director of Vocal Standard Chorus (SAI) and Central Standard Chorus (BHS) in Kansas City. Rob worked with us on resonance and enhancing our sound. Retreat is always a great weekend with lots of learning and laughing.

Also this fall/winter we welcome new members Stephanie Sarvis in October and Kyong Hee Chee December 29 and our youngest "member", Hannah Monet Vallee attended her first rehearsal.



Au at the Hays County Veterans Day Parade



Au performs for Daughters of the American Revolution

Onward to Competition 2025 and the search for a new director!



Wimberley Trail of Lights Opening Night and Au's Display



Continued →

A CAPPELLA UNLIMITED, cont'd



RETREAT 2025:

Top: Rob Mance and Au members, Middle (Left) Rob works with Renee Chang on head and jaw position (Right) Rob shows how to reduce unnecessary jaw movement.



Hannah Monet Vallée with 20 of her moms

Top: Au at Westminster Austin

Middle: Au's Free concert for the City of San Marcos, San Marcos Public Library

Bottom: Audience participation at Kissing Tree



Christmas songbirds from Michelle (in green top)



New Members Stephanie Sarvis (left) and Kyong Hee Chee

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HEART OF THE PINES

The last three months of the year flew by but were jam packed with activity.

Heart of the Pines was busy with performances in October at the Farmers Market Fall Fling and the Ghosts of Millard's Crossing event. In November, we brought Christmas cheer through our songs to both Meadowview Assisted Living Center and the Senior Center in Nacogdoches.

Our Christmas show was so much fun and the crowd really enjoyed our visiting instrumentalists, The *SFA Young Violinists* from our local university. Little musicians and little violins playing Christmas songs, what could be more delightful? We also had four visiting singers join us for the show.

We ended our Christmas season with a sing-a-long at The

Arbor Assisted Living, a local Rotary Club, the Remembrance Service at Cason Monk-Metcalf funeral home and Christmas at Millard's Crossing.

Our quartets have also been very busy. *Brick Street* Harmony performed in October for the RSVP luncheon in Lufkin and in Trinity. In December, the Newcomers Club invited us for Christmas songs during lunch. The quartet also attended the WRM in Katy and were coached by the marvelous Patti Britz-Stensaker. *Brick Street* is also looking forward to their first competition in March.

One AChord performed as the opening act for a community theater production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the local Lamplighters Theater.



PHOTOS

TOP (left) Ghosts of Millard's Crossing event; (right) Nacogdoches Senior Center

BOTTOM (left) Christmas show- *Here We Come A-Caroling* (right) SFA Young Violinists at Christmas show

HEART OF THE PINES, cont'd



PHOTOS

TOP (left) Remembrance service at Cason Monk-Metcalf (right) Christmas at Millard's Crossing

BOTTOM (left) Brick Street Harmony coaching with Patti Britz-Stensaker (right) One AChord opening for "Best Christmas Pageant Ever"



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KATY VOCAL EXPRESS

Katy Vocal Express stays busy in the fall!

KVE concluded 2024 with many sing-outs in the community, reaching as far as Galveston for Dickens on the Strand! Photos follow

- 1) Katy Rice Harvest Festival Parade
- 2) Trunk or Treat
- 3) Veterans Day performance
- 4) Caroling at Heartwarming Show
- 5) Singing for Katy AARP Christmas party

- 6) performance for Katy Area Retired Educators Christmas Gala
- 7) Lunch at KARE performance
- 8) Singing at Dickens on the Strand
- 9) Annual performance at Sugar Land Lights



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BATON ROUGE CHORUS

First, because we can't wait to share our excitement...

Baton Rouge Chorus will be performing this April at the Lincoln Center in New York City! We were invited to perform in the 10th Anniversary of Total Vocal presented by Distinguished Concerts In New York (DCINY). This will be an all a cappella concert with Shelley Regner and 150-200 other a cappella voices from countries around the globe under the direction of **Deke Sharon**. We will be representing Louisiana and Sweet Adelines and will be busy learning seven new songs for this show. If you find yourself able to come to NYC for April 12th, we'd love to have some "sister support" in the audience!

A small group gathered to watch the Region10 Fall Fling Zoom in October and we learned a lot from **Jen Cooke**! We are thankful that that the Region10 management is trying so hard to make the educational opportunities available to all of us, no matter where we live!

We were very saddened to lose our dear **Jan Daly** after her long battle with cancer. She was the epitome of a Sweet Adeline and a member for 54 years. She was also a Region10 Hall of Fame recipient and our chorus's matriarch. We will never forget her adage, "Sweet Adelines is not a hobby...it's a lifestyle!" The heavenly chorus has gained a beautiful soul.

Baton Rouge Chorus has been very busy this winter in addition to the Total Vocal prep work. We've taken our Adventure Trip program all over the city, performing for several church functions, a friends and family show, our main library, and a couple of senior living facilities. The audiences get a kick out of our travels and our bad jokes!

Our Christmas season was a flurry of six performances and also a show! We invited the men's **Red Stick Sound** Chorus to join us for our Holiday Harmony show complete with a silent auction and snacks. With a full house and great weather we had a wonderful time entertaining! The funds raised from this silent auction and donation request was close to \$4,000! This will help us with our expenses getting to NYC, but any additional donations and sister support would be gratefully accepted via our website www.BatonRougeChorus.org.

Sherry and Beth thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Winter Regional in Katy. They reported back that **Gina Baker** was awesome and lots was learned from her!

We're not letting any grass grow under our feet! We've already had two Adventure Trip performances in January and another booked for February. And look out New York, New York...here we come!



Region 10 Fall Fling Zoom



Jan Daly joined the heavenly chorus



PHOTOS: Top Row (left-right) Holiday Harmonies, Adventure Trip-Baton Rouge. Second Row (left-right) Holiday Harmonies with Red Stick Sound Chorus • Adventure Trip. Third Row (left-right) Christmas Show • Winter Regional in Katy with Gina Baker Bottom Row: (left-right) Our last Christmas performance was for the Memory Care residents at The Barclay House. • David Geffen Hall, New York City *Here We Come!*

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CHISHOLM TRAIL CHORUS

The past four months have kept us busy in our rehearsal hall and across our communities.

October: Several of our members took advantage of Region 10's Fall Fling meeting on Zoom on October 12. We've already incorporated several marketing and membership ideas that were discussed during the workshop by guest faculty Jen Cooke. Patty Cobb Baker continued our VIP2 program Oct 17-19 with private vocal instructions and a review class on breathing, resonance and phonation during chorus rehearsal.

November: Patty Cobb Baker returned for a chorus rehearsal and more PVIs. We're really gaining ground on unifying our sound and increasing resonance with her guidance.



Patty Cobb Baker works with leads during a November rehearsal.

December: Chisholm Trail Chorus participated in a holiday market at a retirement community – read more under “fundraising” below. And because our annual chorus show was so early this year (September), we had plenty of opportunities to sing around our communities. First up was the city of Belton, TX, tree lighting event. It was moved indoors because of inclement weather to the county courthouse rotunda. They closed the event to the public, but the city's marketing team videotaped us



Indoor performance for the City of Belton, TX, tree lighting in December.

performing several holiday songs behind the city mayor and school superintendent as they “flipped the switch” on the tree lights (indoors). They then combined that video with more outdoor scenes and posted it on various social media channels. The city also used our audio as background for other holiday-themed posts during the month.

The Santa Fe Railroad Depot is in downtown Temple, TX, and that's where Santa Claus rode into town this year. Yes, he was standing on the front of the train, waving to adoring fans of all ages. Our chorus was there to greet him with several musical tunes, then everyone made their way inside the building that had been transformed into a Winter Wonderland. We were positioned at the front of the line to entertain parents and children with our holiday rep as they wound through a series of holiday-themed activity stations before landing in Santa's lap for photos.



Entertaining visitors to the Santa Fe Depot Winter Wonderland event in December.

Afterward, we headed across town where residents at Morada Temple retirement community enjoyed our music in their community living room.

A new event at the Temple Civic Theatre called “Home-town Holidays” featured a variety of local talent, along with the theatre company, (think: Andy Williams' Christmas show) over two long weekends. Chisholm Trail sang on two consecutive Thursday nights to a delightful audience. It was a great way to collaborate with another area arts group and we hope to work with them again.

We rounded out the month (and year) with a chorus party at a local restaurant, complete with an ornament exchange.

January: Chisholm Trail started off strong for the New Year, keeping competition in our sight. Janie Macchiaroli (Region 10) voice-placed us on January 16 – wow, does she have amazing “ears.” It’s always fascinating to see and hear how an effective placement can double the sound of the chorus. Donna Smith (Region 25) will bring her choreography and visual communication talents to us on January 30 to help tweak our contest set.

Upcoming: PVI’s with Patty Cobb Baker continue in early February, followed by our contest retreat on Feb 7-8 with Kerri Mauney (Region 10 Education Coordinator); Zoom regional visit with Carin Williamson and our Board of Directors; and a coaching session with Betty Clipman (Region 10) at the end of February.

Fundraising: We’ve been successful at raising funds during silent and live auctions at our annual shows. At our September Amazon River-themed show, we added several tables of adoptable starter plants that members grew at home. Sheila Donahue folded hundreds of origami paper cache pots (think: takeout Chinese food) using music scores from old folios. Wooden stakes purchased online were an added touch – they had cute sayings preprinted on them such as “water me,” “favorite child,” “emotional support plant” and “I will survive.” They were a big hit along with other silent auction items. In fact, the plant idea was so well-received we decided to do it again at a one-day “vendor market” at an area senior living community and added homemade holiday baked goodies to the table.



Small plants brought in large donations during our silent auction in September.

Residents and staff members loved the convenience and price (only \$1 each).

Another great money-maker for us that involves food was coordinated by member Sharon Schroeder. Yummy pies in several flavors were baked by *Pie In The Sky Pie*



Holiday market fundraising booth included baked goods... and more plants!

Co. (Conroe, TX) and members took separate orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The frozen pies were picked up at the bakery and delivered by our members. Combined, the two pie events generated more than \$1,000 in profit, which will be used to help offset contest expenses.

Speaking of contest, we look forward to seeing everyone in a new location – Austin, Texas – in March!



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THE WOODLANDS SHOW CHORUS

The Woodlands Show Chorus is so grateful for the abundant blessings we have experienced since the last issue of Tune In With Ten.

The only way I can sum up our last four months is by using the same word over and over: **GRATITUDE**.

Kansas City International was an outstanding competition! TWSC placed 13th...AND we got a MEDAL! We were awarded the Harmony Achievement Award for the highest score for 50 or fewer members. We had 47 on stage and ALL of the choruses that ranked higher (and many that scored lower as well) were MUCH larger groups by the numbers. It was a huge surprise and we were on our feet as Betty Clipman and Carol Herman went to the stage to get our medals! We want to express **GRATITUDE** for the coaching, **GRATITUDE** for the weekly instruction, **GRATITUDE** for the dedication of the members...Wow! Even though we were not in the top ten, this medal meant so much to all of us...AND there was a bonus of having improved 40 points from our scores in Phoenix. We were truly thrilled.

Another thing we are **grateful** for would be the past 12 amazing years with our fearless director, leader, founder, mentor, icon and friend Betty Clipman! Betty has decided to retire from directing and the weekly commitment of a “job” but she is still actively coaching choruses and

quartets, and adjudicating. We were so glad had a chance to celebrate her and honor her incredible legacy with a retirement party in November. Her accomplishments were highlighted in a two-hour program that included guest speakers, video greetings and quartet performances. TWSC also performed throughout the evening like it was a game show called “What Do You Know?” with the guest star being, of course, Betty Clipman. It was a loving and fun tribute to her, filled with laughter and a few loving tears of pure **GRATITUDE**. Betty, we love you!

On the heels of Betty’s retirement (as of December 1) we are filled with **GRATITUDE** for our newly named director, Kerri Mauney. TWSC made a seamless transfer of leadership with Kerri as she continues our chorus commitment to strive for the best. We are **grateful** that Kerri already knows the chorus membership, **grateful** she comes with a plethora of leadership credentials in the barbershop world (region leadership, judge, educator, clinician and coach) and from leadership in the public school arena (past public school assistant principal and past choral director.) Every rehearsal I “feel” the **GRATITUDE** in the room. We are so fortunate to have had Kerri, from the very beginning, on Team TWSC.



Up close and personal: Harmony Achievement medal from Kansas City International Competition



Betty Clipman (center) raises a toast with Renee Porzel (left) and Betty’s daughter Lisa (right) at the retirement celebration

In fact, Kerri hit the ground running as she led us, in a holiday sing out the day after Betty’s retirement party... and then three other sing-outs during December. We enjoyed working our contest skills and applying those ideas to the holiday music. We sang for four events: the White Oak Ranch Christmas Tree Lighting, the Friends and Neighbors Women’s Club at the Northgate Country Club (a charity event to benefit the Montgomery County Women’s Center), the Memorial Hermann Hospital Awards Luncheon in Shenandoah and the Exxon Mobile Retiree Luncheon at the Bentwater Country Club on Lake Conroe. A special bit of **GRATITUDE** goes to all Sweet Adeline’s members that serve others with song!

As we look ahead, we continue to be **grateful** for a great rehearsal space to be able to meet each Monday, **grateful** for the love and support as our members go through some tough times, **grateful** for challenging new music to learn new skills, **grateful** for excellent Region 10 education opportunities (Like Gina Baker! Just wow!) and **grateful** for a chance to perform at contest in Austin this year!

If you ask “TWSC? How are you doing?” I will answer, “We are wearing an **attitude of GRATITUDE** for 2025!” Looking forward to seeing you soon in Austin!



Kerri Mauney takes a group selfie at the White Oak Ranch sing out



Recently some of our TWSC members attended the Region 10 Winter meeting



Team Leader Carol Herman (left) watches as Kerri Mauney (right) signs her contract!



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TEXAS HARMONY CHORUS

Happy 2025!!

The last quarter of 2024 was full of activities!

Texas Harmony's October Beatles Show was a great success. We had a large crowd. Everyone enjoyed singing, dancing with the band, and the food. It was an amazing evening.

In November, we had coaching with Joe and Dawn Kroner. It was such a great day of working on our competition songs. We ended November by having a private viewing of "Wicked". It was a great night to hang out and enjoy being together.

December was super busy spreading Christmas cheer. We had performances every weekend and a few during the

week. We performed at Harbor Chase Senior Living in Keller, two performances at Frisco Lakes 55+ community, Heritage Senior Center, and the Grapevine Train Depot. Texas Harmony ended the holidays with a performance at the Irving Arts Center. This performance was a combined endeavor with the Irving Symphonic Band. We performed our Christmas set and then sat in the audience to listen to the Symphonic Band. It was a special afternoon of vocal and instrumental music.

We are looking forward to our annual retreat in February and, of course, Regional competition in March. Sending our love and hugs to our Region 10 family.



Groovin' With the Beatles 60th Anniversary show



Wicked Watch Party-Yes, we sang with the movie!!



Grapevine Train Depot



Frisco Lakes



Irving Arts Center



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HOUSTON HORIZON CHORUS

Happy New Year from Houston Horizon Chorus!

Our dual members, Becky Hill, Karla Fenton, Marilyn Rumsey and Patricia Gibbons (The Woodlands Show Chorus) and Chelsea Young (Spirit of the Gulf) had a blast in Kansas City, MO, at the 2024 Sweet Adelines International Convention in October and came back to Texas with new medals - we're so proud of them!



Our dual members at SAI International Contest!

We held our Holiday Concert and Market on Saturday, November 23, and it was a remarkable success. With two performances, roaming quartet acts and a makers-market, attendees enjoyed a delightful afternoon filled with music and shopping for holiday gifts. We were thrilled to showcase Mama Made Me Duet, Mixfits, and the SAI 3rd Place Medalists – Essence at our concerts! Our newest chapter quartet, The Texas Transplants, also made their debut with a hilarious new Christmas Carol: The 12 Days of Texas Christmas.



Highlights from our Holiday Concert and Market

In October, we held our inaugural Guest Night. This fun evening provided visitors with a warm introduction to barbershop and Houston Horizon, along with an opportunity for socializing afterward. Our guests had the opportunity to experience four-part harmony and join us in singing a few songs. Following the success of our October Guest Night, we organized a “New Year, New Hobby” Guest Night in January and were fortunate to welcome numerous visitors at both events. We were delighted to see so many enthusiastic faces eager to learn about the joys of barbershop singing.



The turnout at our October and January Guest Nights!

A small group performed at St. Andrew Lutheran Church just before Christmas to give back to the community that provides us with our weekly rehearsal space. We are grateful for the support of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come. 2024 was wrapped up in a bow with our HHC Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 17. The chorus celebrated the year and enjoyed a delicious holiday meal together before we took a small break over Christmas.

Since our last *Tune in with 10* update, we've welcomed four new members: Jan Milligan, Karen Norwood, Phyllis King and Ruth Hempstall! We are thrilled to have these talented individuals join us, bringing their passion for music and enthusiasm for barbershop singing. It's great to see how quickly they have embraced our community and contributed to the vibrant spirit of Houston Horizon Chorus!



Ruth, Phyllis, Karen and Jan with Mary (Membership Coordinator) and their big sisters."

Houston Horizon Chorus had a great turnout at the Region 10 Educational Winter Workshop on January 10 and 11. Despite the cold, we braved the weather! The event was a fantastic opportunity for members to learn more about barbershop and to connect with fellow singers from across the region.



HHC represents at the Winter Workshop!

We've greatly enjoyed our coaching sessions with Patrick McAlexander (Director, Space City Sound) over the last few months and are looking forward to more sessions with Patrick as we prepare for Regional and International Contest. We kicked off our journey to International on January 21. Although a rare snowstorm prevented an in-person rehearsal, we all bundled up and connected via Zoom! Are you interested in becoming a dual member and joining us in Ohio? Feel free to contact us on Facebook (facebook.com/HoustonHorizon) or through email (info@houstonhorizon.org) for more details.



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Quartet News

JUST US QUARTET

Just Us Quartet, a chapter quartet of Chisholm Trail Chorus, was out and about singing 'til the end of 2024.

We ended the year in song, spreading our love of music from Temple to San Antonio and places in-between. We spent a day in San Antonio singing for Adante Assisted Living, Adante Independent Living, and their sister facility Landon Ridge Alamo Ranch Independent Living. What a blast we had. The residents had a great time and can't wait for us to come back. Weren't we surprised to find glowing reviews on their Facebook pages. We wouldn't have even known that they existed, had Region 10 not seen them first. Thanks Region 10 for sharing.

Due to weather and illnesses, we had to cancel Salado Stroll and a couple of other wonderful singing opportunities. We are all well now and have been able to have coaching time with Patti Cobb-Baker and Patti Britz-Stensaker. What talented ladies. We are so grateful to have worked with them.

2025 is looking to be a great year for Just Us. We are excited to be adding some new venues to our list of places to sing. Hopefully we will see you out and about!

In Harmony,

Just Us

Nancy Welker – Tenor • Janet Dyer – Lead
Vicki Davis – Baritone • Corrie Ganger - Bass



Stoney Brook of Belton Senior Living



Singing at Adante Independent Living



Performing on Chisholm Trail Chorus' chapter show in September, "An Amazon Adventure in 4-part Harmony."

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Heavenly Chorus



Janet Daly, lovingly known as "Jan", passed away on October 27, 2024, at the age of 85. Jan was born April 26, 1939 in Wadsworth, Ohio. She met her husband Bill in high school after moving to Lodi, Ohio. The greatest passion in her personal life was singing with the Baton Rouge Chorus of Sweet Adelines which she joined in 1970. She wore many hats over the years, including script writing for shows, serving as section leader and writing publicity pieces. She also sang with the Houston Horizon Chorus, La Louisiane and the Ambassador Tour Chorus. She served in various positions of the regional management team from 1990 to 2004. Jan became the second co-inductee into the Greater Gulf Coast Region 10 Sweet Adelines International Hall of Fame in 2010. More recently, she was recognized for her fifty years of membership. As a cancer survivor for many years, she served on the Board of the Karnival Krewe de Louisiane, an organization raising funds for that cause. In her free time, she enjoyed travel, visiting over forty countries, theatre and gourmet cooking.

Director Search!

A Cappella Unlimited will be conducting a director search and will be accepting applications March 1 through 24 at Audirectorsearch@gmail.com. Please check our website

 acappellaunlimited.org

for more information and application forms.

CONNECT WITH YOUR RMT



Hello Region 10!

It was great to see so many members at the Winter Workshop in Katy, Texas, with Gina Baker as our faculty! The Regional Management Team (RMT) is preparing for the end of some terms and we encourage you to consider serving on the RMT. In some cases, we approach individuals who we think would serve the region well. If we haven't contacted you yet, please let us know! Please visit this site: <https://forms.gle/HrtssGVTuoUCzEFKA> and let us know what your interests are.

We look forward to continuing to build Region 10 to great heights!

Bebe Caldwell



Your 2024-2025 Regional Management Team

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

Great Gulf Coast Region 10 is a member of Sweet Adelines International, encompassing chapters in portions of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Sweet Adelines International is a highly respected worldwide organization of singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, performance and competition. This independent, nonprofit music education association is one of the world's largest singing organizations!