

Summer 2026 Issue

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2026

"Summer, after all, is a time when wonderful things can happen to quiet people. For those few months, you're not required to be who everyone thinks you are, and that cut-grass smell in the air and the chance to dive into the deep end of a pool give you a courage you don't have the rest of the year. You can be grateful and easy, with no eyes on you, and no past. Summer just opens the door and lets you out."

-Deb Caletti, Honey, Baby, Sweetheart





Hello, Chorus Leaders!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19! Our online Fall Fling event will offer some breakout time for chorus leaders. I hope to see you there!

The RMT met on June 14, to plan our coming year.
It was a great meeting and we have three areas to focus on.

- #1 Membership Growth
- #2 Communication
- #3 Coaching

Watch for information on these topics.
We will have a successful year with your participation.

Go Region 10!

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Rising Star
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QUARTET CONTEST

Thursday, July 9, 2026
Tulsa, Oklahoma (USA)

Enter to Compete by June 1.

Entry forms are accepted in the order they are received, with a maximum of 35 quartets accepted.
Forms received after the contest reaches capacity will be placed on a waiting list.

CRESCENT CITY SOUND CHORUS

These last few months have been quite busy for Crescent City Sound.

We are blessed to have four candidates auditioning to lead our chorus as our next director. Each candidate brings different skills that will help us grow as a chorus and as singers. We are planning to complete the auditions by the end of June and have a new director by the end of July.

We are actively learning new music, and we are performing in a joint concert with the Baton Rouge Chorus and the Red Stick Chorus (BHS) on June 13th. This show will feature Patriotic and Broadway music, and it will be great to sing with our neighboring choruses.

Finally, we have elected our new team. As a small chorus, we decided to have a smaller management team and use subcommittees to encourage everyone to participate in tasks that utilize their skills and interests. After all, it takes all of us to build and maintain our chorus.

Our future looks bright, and we are excited to see what the next few months bring.



Our full chorus participating in our Team Installation/Annual Meeting.



CCSC had the opportunity to sing at Dillard University for their Spring Concert back in April.



New CCSC Leadership Team. Jayne McGee (Team Coordinator), Kitty Warner (Membership), Beth Sacco (Finance), Andie Porter (Communications)

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LONE STAR CHORUS

Lone Star is starting the Summer with a bang!

At some point, fireworks might be involved! We are scheduling community performances under the capable hands of our Assistant Director Caryn. We recently toured a local fundraising partner, Thrift For Good, to learn about their organization and thank them for their generosity. Several of us will be representing LSC at Summer Splash. We look forward to a THRIVE visit in the future from the RMT.

You may have heard we are looking for a director! Our Search Committee is actively pursuing all leads. If you or if someone you know is interested, you can find further information at <https://lonestarchorus.org/directorsearch>.



Lone Star Chorus' outing to fundraising partner, Thrift For Good



Touring Thrift for Good



Lone Star performing at Hurst Plaza



Celebrating Bri's **Shining Star** Award

THE WOODLANDS SHOW CHORUS

It's JUNE! Time is flying by...

The Woodlands Show Chorus is continuing to find the MAGIC of Music wrapped in our rehearsals, in the preparation of costumes/story/sets for Harmony Classic, in the raising of funds for support, and in committing to “community,” both around us and within our group.

Last weekend we were honored to sing for the Summer Splash Region meeting and to be coached by Clinician Paula Davis! Paula had some GREAT ideas about EVERYTHING...forward motion, breath energy, “linking up” your support...Check out the videos if you weren't able to come!

TWSC would like to thank the Region Leadership for the International competition check. We certainly appreciate the support. ALSO the INDIVIDUAL support was SO generous during our fundraising events at Summer Splash: 50/50 raffle, Mary Helen Rum cake raffle, Mini Silent Auction and



Summer Splash Weekend Coaching with Paula Davis



Kerri, our director, front and center at Woodson's! (Clockwise from bottom: Kerri, Karla, Cindy, Tess, Becky, Sheila, Carolyn, Pat, Marissa, Cindy, Phyllis, Anna Mae, Dian, Carol)

Showerhead Society sales! I haven't heard our final total amount raised yet, but it sure was FUN seeing you bidding for the items! Thank you for the encouragement for our efforts and for the help raising the funds to get to Columbus with everything we need to look our best! (Considering we will need a Uhaul rental trailer for the props! LOL)

Looking forward to the future? Yep! We've got the following things on our schedule!

- Retreat with Gina Baker coming up the last weekend in June
- Sing for April Sound Women's Association Luncheon June 24
- Perform at Cynthia Woods Pavillion prior to the Houston Symphony Star-Spangled Salute July 3

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- Welcoming new and dual members during rehearsals
- Diamond Division contest in Tulsa, July 9 to cheer for “Regale” last year’s diamond division winners! TWSC members Kerri and Denise!
- Rehearsal times with our costume pieces on, to get used to the “extra” layers
- Fundraising: Panda Express, Raise Right, Showerhead and Hundred X (waiting for our check from them!)
- Enjoying relaxed afterglows following rehearsal, every Third Monday at Woodson’s Tavern
- Evening for Friends and Family to watch our International contest package (date TBA)

We are so grateful for the friendship and fellowship with all of you...whether we are called Sweet Adeline’s or Sing United...we ARE proud members of Region 10!

Submitted by Phyllis King, TWSC correspondent



New members Lego (Deidre), Madeline (Becky) and Smurfette (Denise) rehearsing with TWSC



BATON ROUGE CHORUS

Contest seems like only yesterday, but time flies when you're having fun!

Baton Rouge Chorus has been busy and started May off with a visit from our Region 10 Team Coordinator, Bebe Caldwell. Her visit was a part of the THRIVE initiative and it was great to get her perspective on our mission and value statements. We discovered that the word “FUN” seemed to be a staple of our existence! We met with Bebe after we had a performance of our Sweet Harmonies package at the Parkview Baptist Seniors Luncheon. They are such a wonderful group to perform for and we were treated with lunch and beautiful flowering plants to take home. And it was great having Bebe sing How We Sang Today with the chorus and two other former members at the end!

Then it was on to preparations for the collaboration concert with the Red Stick Sound Chorus and the Crescent City Sound Chorus. This event was held in Baton Rouge on June 13th before our nation's 250th anniversary. But we will do it again in New Orleans sometime around Veteran's Day. We had a full audience and got so many compliments! The first half of the program was Broadway and the second half was patriotic. It was very well received and garnered a standing



Parkview with Bebe (far left)

ovation! Singing harmony with so many talented voices was truly a thrill and we can't wait until we do it all over in November!



Full House!

the new Management Team was selected and installed for the 2026-27 year: Team Leader-Emily Wascome, Assistant Team Leader-Cindy Wilson, Membership Coordinator-Linda Manes, Financial Coordinator-Carol Smith, Marketing Coordinator-Benita Reno, Website Coordinator-Molly Fontenot. We are looking forward to an exciting year of growth and harmony!

Baton Rouge Chorus has several announcements to make about our administration. First of all, Sherry Barron has signed another year's contract to be our director and we couldn't be happier! Secondly, Rene' Falgout has accepted the role as Sherry's Assistant Director and has already filled in this week when Sherry was out of town. We are so fortunate to have Rene' helping us out! And



Sherry signs her director contract



Asst. Director Rene Falgout

BATON ROUGE CHORUS



Baton Rouge at Parkview Baptist Seniors Luncheon



Broadway Freedom Barbershop



Baton Rouge and Crescent City Sound Choruses



2026-2027 Management Team



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A CAPPELLA UNLIMITED CHORUS

Keeping with the theme of "the only constant is change"...

Au moved into a new rehearsal space for the summer: the First Lutheran Church located at 130 W. Holland St. in San Marcos, TX. May brought the news of a Sweet Adelines name change, but not an identity change. It came as quite a surprise and we're all eager to see how the next few months and years will play out under our new moniker *SingUnited International*.

And it's official! Madison Shortes will direct Au for at least another year. She signed her contract and has been working behind the scenes with the music team to make sure we have a year filled with beautiful music and incredible coaching. We'll be brushing off some of our old repertoire and adding a few new songs to create performance packages and to prepare for the holiday season.

We welcomed a new guest, Georgina Leal, and set her off straight away learning the tenor parts for lots of new pieces to build our repertoire. This core set of songs is crucial so we can get out into the community and sing at a moment's notice and have fun doing it.

Regional contest may be over but the singing doesn't stop and neither do all of the amazing summer events. Members Roz Jones, Jocelyn Yanagisawa, Kyong Hee Chee, Kathy Pillmore and Meli Van Natta attended *Summer Splash* and the first event for the Leadership Academy.

Meli Van Natta had this to say: "I truly enjoy attending these seasonal events with the group. [...] They are fun and educational, but the experience is made even better by the company. Even the drive to and from Houston is enjoyable when we're traveling together [...]. I am already looking forward to our next seminar".

Kathy Pillmore added, "Region 10 always puts on a good education weekend with top-flight coaches. Paula Davis, former president of the international association and a certified expression judge, did an excellent job of conveying the expectations in the expression category. She demonstrated technique with practical examples and videos that captured the awesome performances of high-scoring choruses."

Roz Jones "[...] really liked how Paula was able to translate the contest Expression Category into ways to improve our performances and share genuine emotion with the audience."

On the most impactful point she gained at Summer Splash, Kyong Hee Chee said, "Expression in singing is achievable through artistry that builds on authenticity."



Meli Van Natta, Jocelyn Yanagisawa, Roz Jones, Kathy Pillmore, Kyong Hee Chee represented Au at Summer Splash

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Meli got her sass on at Summer Splash, taking advantage of the balloon backdrop.

Look out for Meli and Madison (who received full-ride scholarships), Roz Jones and Kyong Hee Chee at the Barbershop Harmony Society's Harmony University this summer.

We're taking a break in July but plan on having sectionals for those who can attend and a big management planning meeting to get our heads together for the coming year's goals and community involvement. See you out there and keep singing!



In case you've been living in a cave, the World Cup Soccer Competition began the weekend of Summer Splash. The hotel made sure the bar was ready for the "football" fans. Pictured are (l-r) Kathy Pillmore, Roz Jones, Meli Van Natta and Mary Beth McMurray

HOUSTON HORIZON CHORUS

Houston Horizon is looking to the future!

In the last two months we have welcomed new members and celebrated our long-term ones and have excitedly been preparing for our Summer Show!

In May, we held our annual Installation and Awards Banquet. There are so many people that do so much for Houston Horizon, and we are grateful for every single chorus and community member. We want to wish a big congratulations to our 2026 award winners:

- 🏆 *Sweet Adeline of the Year:* Chelsea Young
- 🎵 *Sara Davis Award:* K DePree
- 👏 *Jean Brennan Award:* Karen Norwood
- 👑 *Director's Award:* Kristi Rodrigue
- 📅 *Perfect Attendance:* Denise Dorriety and Christina Katherine Brunk

We also welcomed in a new Management Team with fresh and returning faces coming on board.

In June, a delegation of our members attended the Region 10 Summer Splash event and had the best time. It's always great to catch up with regional friends and we are invigorated and looking forward to the year ahead!

We are looking ahead to our family-friendly Ice Cream Social Summer Show: *Sundae Serenades!* This show was such a hit last year that we are bringing it back again in 2026! And this year the event falls exactly on National Ice Cream Day! Want to come along? Get your tickets through Eventbrite and use the code "earlybird" before July 5 to save 20%!

Award Winners



HOUSTON HORIZON CHORUS



HHC Delegation at Summer Splash



CHISHOLM TRAIL CHORUS

This year (2026/2027), our chorus theme is "Deeply rooted. Boldly growing."

This pays homage to our heritage, as Chisholm Trail Chorus received its charter 45 years ago in February 1982. And it recognizes that we are focused on increasing membership numbers while we embrace change.

The first change came in May, when our Management Team was installed. Chisholm Trail has been run administratively by a Board of Directors since its inception, but the time felt right to test out the Team Management structure. A potluck dinner was followed by the formal installation, handled by Sheila Donahue. Each team coordinator explained her role and lobbied for volunteers. Members signed up to share the load on vital committees that keep the chorus humming. Everyone had a chance to write down how they were introduced to Chisholm Trail Chorus and what keeps them coming back each week. We were gifted with ceramic magnets handmade by Micheala Poindexter that showcase our

theme and remind us of our chorus values.

Congratulations to our new Management Team: Micheala Poindexter, Team Coordinator; Carol Scherer, Music Coordinator; Kelly Nieves, Marketing/Communication/Technology Coordinator; Amanda Thompson, Membership Coordinator; and Kaye Pledge, Finance Coordinator.

Carol Scherer has signed her contract as Front Line Director for another year, with Assistant Directors Vicki Davis, Sheila Donahue and Megan Rose filling our Directing Team.

Music Team leaders this year are Vicki Davis, Sheila Donahue, Megan Rose, Nancy Welker, Micheala Poindexter, Sharon Schroeder, Carol Mouché, Corrie Ganger and Kelly Nieves.



2026-2027 Management Team installation by Sheila Donahue (L-R): Kelly Nieves, Kaye Pledge, Amanda Thompson, Micheala Poindexter. Not pictured: Carol Scherer.

Each (chorus) year, our director presents an award to someone who she feels has done a lot of work behind the scenes to improve their own skills and/or those of the chorus. For 2025/2026, Carol Scherer recognized our ENTIRE CHORUS with the honor. She told us our contest scores and awards were proof of our individual efforts.

We had a fantastic turnout for Region 10's Summer Splash in Houston June 12-13 with chorus friend Paula Davis as guest faculty. These quarterly education sessions keep us in touch with singers across the region and often reinforce all the great education we receive at every rehearsal. Chorus member Sheila Donahue's creative talents were again on display with her cheerful, colorful balloon backdrop. (You've seen them at many regional



All members of Chisholm Trail Chorus received the Director's Award for 2025-26

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CHISHOLM TRAIL CHORUS



Summer Splash attendees. Front row: Sharon Schroeder, Carol Mouché, Megan Rose; second row: Nancy Welker, Vicki Davis, Janet Dyer, Kay Atwood, Kaye Pledge; back row: Linda Goodenough, Sheila Donahue

The following Saturday, Kelly Nieves and Kay Atwood hosted a chorus booth at the Temple Women's Wellness Expo, themed "The ART of WellBEing." Kelly is a physician and Kay is a retired speech pathologist, so they were well-equipped to discuss the health benefits of singing and chatted with several attendees who are interested in visiting our chorus. A wonderful way to kick off our year of intentional growth!



Kelly Nieves and Kay Atwood hosted a booth at the Temple Women's Wellness Expo



Kay Atwood is representing Chisholm Trail in the inaugural Region 10 Leadership Academy.

events and contests over the years.)

And member Kay Atwood was nominated to participate in the Region's first Leadership Academy, which launched during Summer Splash.



Several of our chorus members (D#-Nancy Welker, E#-Linda Goodenough, B#-Kaye Pledge) were volunteer participants during Summer Splash classes.



Chorus booth at Temple Women's Wellness Expo included handouts on the health benefits of singing.

REGION 10 PLANNING CALENDAR



2026	
July 9 - 11	Rising Star/Diamond Division Competition - A Cappella Academy, Tulsa OK
Sept 19	Fall Fling - <i>Leveling Up</i> w/ Kerry Mauney - Virtual
Oct 10	Fall <i>Tune In With Ten</i> Deadline
Oct 26 - 31	SingUnited International Competition & Convention - Columbus, OH
2027	
Jan 15 - 17	Winter Workshop/Youth Event - Mary Rhea/Holly Janda (Clinician)
Feb 1	Winter <i>Tune In With Ten</i> Deadline
Mar 18 -20	<i>Region 10 Competition and Convention (Details Coming Soon!)</i>
April 5	Spring <i>Tune In With Ten</i> Deadline
June (TBD)	Summer Splash, Patty Cobb Baker (Faculty)
July 22 - 24	SAI/SUI Voice & Vision Summit, Louisville, KY
Oct 25-30	SingUnited International Competition & Convention, Seattle, WA

Team Coordinator, Bebe Caldwell - Regional Appointment - Term begins even years

Communications Coordinator, Kathy Pillmore - Regional Appointment - Term begins even years

Directors Coordinator, Mary Beth McMurray - Elected - Term begins odd years

Education Coordinator, Ethel Lowther - 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, Megan Rose - Regional Appointment - Term begins odd years

Membership Coordinator, Carin Williamson - Elected - Term begins even years

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This independent, nonprofit music education association is one of the world's largest singing organizations!