



Fourcaster Lite

November 2011

Mark your Calendar!
Region 4 Educational
And Competition
Events

NOVEMBER
4-5 **Chorus Coaching**
Faculty: Jean Barford

JANUARY 2012
20-22 **Winter Warmup**
Faculty: Tori Postma

APRIL
19-20 **Region 4 Competition**

CHORUS SHOWS

Nov. 5th— -Friendship VII
Nov. 11th—Scioto Valley
Nov. 13th—Columbus
Chorus
Dec. 4th—Capital City
Dec. 4th—Gem City
Feb. 18, 2012—White River
Sound

REGION FOUR ROCKED THE STAGE IN HOUSTON!

Congratulations to all our wonderful competitors—YOU ALL did us proud!

HATS OFF TO OUR INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FINALS WINNERS!

SCIOTO VALLEY—4TH PLACE

PRIDE OF KENTUCKY—6TH PLACE

And CHEERS TO OUR QUARTET COMPETITORS

**LUCKY DAY ——— IN SYNC
FOURTUNE COOKIES**

FourCaster Articles can be submitted ANY time during the month for publication in the following month's issue.

Article deadlines are the last day of each month!

*So don't delay...send your article in TODAY to
FourCaster Editor: Sue Pelley, suepel@aol.com!*

The more chorus and quartet news I have to publish...the BETTER!

Region #4 Rocked Houston!

Toula Oberlies, EVC #4

Congratulations to our Region #4 competitors in Houston!

In Sync, Lucky Day, Scioto Valley, Pride of Kentucky, and Fourtune Cookies... you performed your hearts out and did us all PROUD! Thank you for the effort you put into your performances, and for the love you so wonderfully displayed up on the stage for our beloved art-form.

Adding to that... Molly Huffman Trial Scored all contest sessions in Houston... the RMT went down 2 days early so as to attend meetings and forums with the IBOD, Fran Furtner hosted several of the Webcasts, as did Char Gurney; Stacey St. John emceed the Rising Star Contest, our region's Queens of Harmony performed on the Coronet Club Show... and Ann and Maggie McAlexander (mom and daughter from Capital City), competed with eventual chorus champs, Melodeers!

AND... soon to become part of Region #4, Metro Nashville Chorus under the direction of Kim Wonders, won the Division AA Chorus Contest.

Well deserved kudos and "pats on the back" to everyone... all the way around. Is it any wonder we're proud?



Metro Nashville Chorus

Scioto Valley Chorus



Pride of Kentucky Chorus



Lucky Day



In Sync



FourTune Cookies

MORE HOUSTON FUN!



HARMONIC PROGRESSION IN REGION 4

From Sharon Terrell, RMT Team Coordinator
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Everyone knows about the improvements that International has made for competitions, regional boundaries, and the proposed changes for regional governance. Here is a synopsis of how these changes will affect Region 4.

° Beginning with Regional Competition in April, 2012, the time limit for the **chorus competition will be three to seven minutes**, an increase from a maximum of six minutes.

° Beginning with Regional Competition in April, **2014**, each chorus will choose to compete for International awards or to compete in an Open Class. Each chorus may make this choice each year for the Regional Competition.

To compete for **International awards** (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th places; AA Chorus 1st – 3rd places; AAA Chorus 1st-3rd places; Most Improved Chorus), a chorus will sing two barbershop songs within the 3-7 minute time limit and will receive a number score from the judges.

To compete in the **Open Division**, a chorus will present an entertainment package featuring at least one barbershop song within a 10 minute time limit. All Open Division competitors will NOT qualify for any International awards and will receive a letter score from the judges. There will be an Audience Choice Award for Open Division competitors.

° Beginning with the **2013-2014** fiscal year, Region 4 will be bigger. No choruses are leaving Region 4, and seven choruses are coming to Region 4, all from Region 23.

These choruses range in size: two in Size A, four in Size AA, and one is a large chorus. The choruses are:

Harmony Hills – Birmingham, Alabama - AA

K-Town Sound Show – Knoxville, Tennessee - A

Metro Nashville – Brentwood, Tennessee – AA (winner of Harmony Classic AA Competition in Houston, October, 2011)

Scenic City – Hixson, Tennessee – AA

Smokie Mountain Melodies – Blairsville, Georgia – AA

Smoky Mountain Harmony – Knoxville, Tennessee – A

Tune Town Show – Madison, Tennessee – Large (Regional Champion 2010)

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HARMONIC PROGRESSION— CONTINUED

Region 4 will include all or sections of 9 states: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and West Virginia. At this time, there are no choruses in the sections of Maryland, and Pennsylvania that will be in Region 4.

° The Region 4 Competition will be at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in **Covington in 2012, 2013 and 2014**. Starting with the 2015 Region 4 Competition, locations more centrally located in the new, bigger region will be considered. Lexington, Kentucky locations more centrally located in the new, bigger region will be considered.

Our seven new choruses will be eligible to compete in Region 4 for the first time at the 2014 Regional Competition.

° All Regional Management Teams are giving consideration to a proposal from International to consolidate some duties of the coordinators and eliminate 2 of the coordinator positions, Director Coordinator and Team Coordinator. The votes will be cast in January, 2012.

Region 4 will be a strong region with at least six choruses that have competed at the International level. Our Regional Competitions will be fabulous – an eventful weekend that no one will want to miss.

The Region 4 Regional Management Team met with the four members of the Region 23 Regional Management Team who will be coming to Region 4. We all are looking forward to creating a great region.



Members of both Region 4 and Region 23's RMT met briefly in Houston to discuss our exciting future.

CHORUS CHATTER—WHITE RIVER SOUND



White River Sound Chorus turned into cheerleaders extraordinaire during their Houston Send off for In Sync! Complete with pom poms and cheers galore, this wacky group definitely had a blast creating this special evening!

Watch for details about our February 18, 2012 Show—featuring wonderful barbershop stylings and the comedy of Lunch Break Quartet!

And kudos to our own Jan Wilkins, who was honored to be called on stage in Houston to receive her 50 year membership pin, and Lifetime SAI engraved membership card!

Kathy Holloway elected as Region 4's Membership Coordinator

The Regional Management Team is pleased to announce that the **membership** of Region 4 has re-elected Kathie Holloway to be the Membership Coordinator for a two year term starting May 1, 2012.

Ten choruses cast votes, unanimously for Kathie, who has graciously served Region 4 for many years.



Congratulations Kathie!

CHORUS CHATTER—GEM CITY CHORUS

Gem City's Journey – October

WOW! What a show it was! Our "Haunting Harmony" Halloween show was a rousing success! We learned 10 new songs in 10 months, including the *monster* "Thriller," which was specially arranged for us by Alex Phan, assistant music director at Fairmont High School in Kettering. About 45 members of his Women's Chorus learned the song (with choreography) and joined us on stage. It was quite an impressive opening number. Our first half makeup and costumes complimented the scene...and were so intense we actually planned a little surprise for our usual second half "makeover." In the second half we would normally come out "Sweet Adeline" style – wearing our show dresses and hairstyle, etc... So, there was an audible gasp when the curtain opened for the second half...and we were indeed in our purple, sparkly show dresses...BUT still with our Halloween makeup, hairstyles and footwear intact. We had such fun! And from all accounts, the audience did too! Thanks to EVERYONE who supported us in any way, from buying tickets, to moving risers, purchasing advertising, donating props, the list goes on...we couldn't have done it without you!



A special thanks goes out to our guest performers: MAXX Factor (the 2010 Queens of Harmony), Eleventh Hour, a contemporary a cappella group from Fairmont High School in Kettering, and Up-town Sound, a quartet featuring our own Jo Anne Gunderlock on baritone. Other than some missed curtain calls after the first half – their performances were flawless!

After striking the set and getting to the afterglow in record time, it was on to our next endeavor...a public guest night just a few short weeks later. On October 25, we welcomed 16 guests to our rehearsal hall for a night of singing, fun and (of course) FOOD! We learned tags together and invited the ladies up onto the risers to sing with us, so they could hear what four-part harmony sounds like from the "inside." We played a game of Sweet Adeline Bingo and a round of "Are You Smarter than a Sweet Adeline?" complete with door prizes. We are inviting all these ladies (and any other women who like to sing) to rehearse and sing with us in our upcoming Christmas concert on December 4 at the West Carrollton High School Performing Arts Auditorium! Two shows in two months...can't say we aren't ambitious! Hope to see you there! For tickets to the Holiday concert call 937-433-1014 or visit our website at: www.gemcitychorus.org.



WORLD CHOIR GAMES—NOW PRESENTING... THE REGION 4 CHORUS!

From Region 4's World Choir Games Coordinator, Pam Ross

One of my favorite parts of any Sweet Adeline gathering is when we all stand together, join hands and raise our collective voices to the heavens. I have to admit that I am so moved by this one small gesture of solidarity, I oftentimes find myself not singing, but just listening.

For years it has crossed my mind what a wondrous thing it would be to take a little bit of each Region 4 Chorus and make a big, giant, mega-chorus. Who says dreams don't come true? Late last year the city of Cincinnati was awarded the honor of hosting the bi-annual World Choir Games to be held July, 2012. This special event will see 23,000 competitors from all over the world compete in a multitude of vocal music categories, and for the first time in the history of the games two things are going to happen: One, it will be held in the United States and two, Barbershop has been added to the competition categories.

Our dear friend, Fran Furtner, brought the idea of participating in the games to an RMT meeting. After much discussion with directors, it became evident that lots of individuals wanted to participate, but not a lot of choruses could fund such a venture. And so was born the idea of the Region 4 Chorus.

I can't tell you how excited I am to be part of what promises to be the biggest opportunity to present our organization and art form to the WORLD! In the beginning, we said we had to have 70 committed participants to enter and because of limited riser space, could not take more than 150.

When we first sent out the information, registrations came in a little slow, but as the deadline drew near, the envelopes started pouring into my mailbox. When the smoke cleared from my computer, we are absolutely at capacity. An even more impressive note is that....wait for it.....an unbelievable 16 of the 19 Region 4 Choruses will be represented. This is just astounding!

The remarkable Jean Barford has agreed to be our musical leader and the first rehearsal will be held at the Indianapolis Marriot immediately following Capital City's coaching session on Sunday morning. Feel free to stay and see what's going to happen.

I can't imagine a better project to join the voices of Region 4 than the World Choir Games. If you would like to see the event as a spectator, google "World Choir Games" and you will find an amazing amount of information. The barbershop category will compete sometime in the 2nd half of the games. The exact schedule will not be available until after registration officially closes in December. Thank you so much to those ladies who are members of the Region 4 Chorus and best of luck to them as they compete in the Open Competition.

CHORUS CHATTER-PRIDE OF KENTUCKY

What a BLAST Pride of Kentucky had in Houston! We were so proud to represent Region 4 and we are very proud of our 6th place medals! Of course, we are enormously proud and excited for Scioto Valley and their 4th Place finish - incredible! At our Saturday night celebration, our choruses sang "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" together, celebrating our joy in sharing the stage and our bond representing Region 4 together. We thank all the members of Region 4 for your incredible support and well wishes. Of course, we are also incredibly proud of our region's quartets - FourTune Cookies in the Rising Star Contest, T.G.I.F, and our own In Sync and Lucky Day!!! Congratulations to all for your wonderful performances and Lucky Day... 12th!!!! Outstanding!!

Thanks also to everyone in the region who helped us with our Signature Quilt project for Debbie and Betty Lou. After almost two years in the making, we were so excited to finally present them during our chorus breakfast in Houston. There wasn't a dry eye in the room as Debbie and Betty thanked the chorus and voiced their shock, surprise and delight at receiving such a gift. Thanks to Lisa Whittaker, Linda Peterson and quilt makers extraordinaire Lisa Newman and Sara Dunham for their amazing ideas and work on this project.

We are so saddened this week by the passing of Jim Miller. Jim's name is synonymous with Barbershop and his daughter, Kathy Miller Hawkins, and granddaughter, Kris Hawkins Wheaton, are members of Pride of Kentucky. We mourn his passing along with them and are honored that the chorus has been asked to sing for his Celebration of Life Service later this month.

Looking ahead, Pride of Kentucky is ready to enjoy a long holiday break with several holiday party gatherings mixed in, and then on to another Trivia Night fundraiser, followed closely by our participation in the worldwide Open House effort in January. We look forward to making that a fun event to introduce new guests to the wonderful world of Sweet Adelines.



GLOBAL OPEN HOUSE UPDATE!!!

Hey—Kathie Holloway (Region 4 Membership Coordinator) and Sue Pelley (Region 4 Marketing Coordinator) would like to know what your chorus is planning for Sweet Adelines International Global Open House event in January 2012!

If you haven't checked out the SAI website—and all the wonderful marketing tools available to you to help you grow your chorus—what are you waiting for?! There are wonderful advertising and flyer templates just waiting for your personalization!! We stand ready to help each chorus in Region 4, as you begin your Global Open House plans. We'd love to share your plans with our entire region, so just drop Sue or Kathie an e-mail with your plans!

Thanks to Voice of America for sharing this with us:

As far as the Open House, we ARE going to use the whole month of January as such... working on the recruiting and advertising the whole month. We've found that the one-day guest nights aren't working as well as inviting guests any time they want to come, as well as the challenge of weather at that time. We will have some "extras" going on to look attractive, throughout the whole month.

Rising Star Contest—4pm Saturday, January 21, 2012
To be held during Winter WarmUP!

Did you know that Song of the Bluegrass Chorus has changed their name to: Unbridled Harmony!

REGIONAL MIC-TESTING “CHORUS”

New this year at our Regional Contest, the Mic-Testing Chorus will be comprised of the competing quartets and any other Region 4 Sweet Adelines who are there on Thursday night, April 19, 2012. There will only be one Judging Panel technical review for the quartet and chorus competitions.

The *chorus* will sing “How We Sang Today” under the direction of Jonelle Hamilton, Region 4 Director Coordinator.

To join in the fun, just dig out this music, practice, and arrive Thursday evening to be in the Mic-Testing Chorus.

Capital City Chorus



Sunday, December 4, 2011
2:30 p.m.

Ransburg Auditorium
on the campus of University of Indianapolis
1400 E. Hanna Ave.
Indianapolis, IN



With special guests: Manual High School Choir

The ManualAires

Tickets: \$20 General Admission
\$18 Seniors (65+)
\$15 Students
Children 6 and under are FREE

Group pricing is available. For more information
visit www.capitalcitychorus.net or call 317-241-SONG





SAVE THE DATE!

WINTER WARMUP

JANUARY 20-22, 2012

INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST HOTEL

7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis 46219

TORI POSTMA, GUEST FACULTY

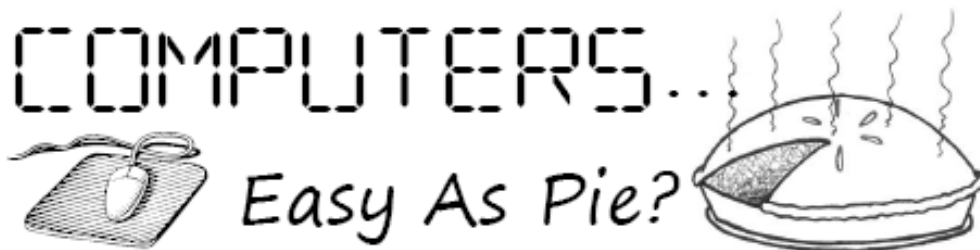


Tori Postma, Chorus Director of Mountain Jubilee Chorus, Salt Lake City. She is a dynamic, multi-faceted and energetic woman; a Certified Showmanship Judge; a quartet baritone, and former IBOD member. Our judging panel in April emphasized the need for our regional choruses and competing quartets to get a better handle on characterization, to further enhance the salesmanship of our musical product. Tori's specialties match our region's educational needs. A quote from Tori says it all: "I want everyone I coach or teach to have increased self-esteem because they have some new tools in their musical performance repertoire".

PLUS.....

- * Catch A Rising Star Contest
- * Show of Champions
- * Open coaching with Capital City Chorus
- * Education! Fun! Camaraderie!
- * First rehearsal for Region 4 World Choir Games Chorus, directed by Jean Barford
- * Breakouts for chapter leaders
- * Friday evening RMT Regional Leader's Reception
- * And so much MORE!!

FRIENDSHIP VII SWEET ADELINES



Director***Rita Tucker** Guests***The Wayfarers**
MC***Homer Maple**



Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
November 5, 2011

Show times: 2pm and 7pm

Tickets: \$10 in advance,
\$11 at the door

Children under 10 are free

**Quilt raffle winner
announced at the 7pm show**



Ticket outlets:
Cambridge -Penny Court
New Concord -Shari's

For information on show tickets, raffle tickets, or
to join or hire the chorus call

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