



## Region 3 Sweet Adelines Newsletter

Winter 2010

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### Our Mission

Lake Michigan Region 3 of Sweet Adelines International is dedicated to the advancement of four-part harmony, barbershop-style, for women of all ages, through education and performance.

**Regional Management Team**

### Dear Sherry,

I hope you have all had a great summer! We are now in the throes of preparations for Seattle, holiday shows, and our push for Regionals in 2011. Remember to check the [Region 3 website](#) for Chorus, Quartet, Regional, YWIH and other announcements. If your group is having a fundraiser, show, or a special party or celebration, be sure to send it in to the webmaster along with any flyers, and let me know so I can link them into your articles.

-- Mary Ann Neuman

## REGION 3 NEWS

### "SOUND OFF" at the WINTER WORKSHOP with Molly Huffman



Don't miss this fabulous opportunity to improve your vocal skills this winter. **Molly Huffman** will be at the Clarion Inn & Suites in Michigan City, Indiana teaching Region 3 classes designed to help you raise your sound scores, sing with resonance, and use vocal freedom and physicality to improve your sound. The cost is \$20.00 for Region 3 Members and \$25.00 for non-Region 3 Members. Register by January 15th, and Region 3 Members will receive a \$5.00 discount!

**Molly Huffman**

January 29, 2011 8:00 to 4:30

Clarion Inn & Suites, Michigan City, Indiana

Arrangers Classes with Penny Hock

PVI's with regional faculty

Register now at the [Region 3 website](#)

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### Quick Links

Region 3 Website  
[www.region3sweetadelines.org](http://www.region3sweetadelines.org)

Sweet Adelines International  
[www.sweetadelinesintl.org](http://www.sweetadelinesintl.org)  
[The Pitch Pipe online](#)  
[Twitter](#)  
[Facebook](#)

### Newsletter Deadlines

Feb. 15 - Spring Issue (3/1/11)

### Future Regional Events

2011, Jan. 29, Winter  
 Workshop with Molly Huffman  
 2011, May 19-22, Regional  
 Convention  
 2011, Sept. 16-18, Music Ed  
 Weekend with Betty Clipman

### Future International Convention Dates

[2011, October 18-22, Houston TX](#)  
 2012, Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, Denver, CO  
 2013, Nov. 5-9, Honolulu, HI  
 2014, Nov. 4-8, Baltimore, MD  
 2015, Oct. 6-10, Las Vegas, NV  
 2016, Oct. 11-15, Las Vegas, NV  
 2017, Oct. 10-14, Las Vegas, NV

Back by popular demand, **Penny Hock** will present arrangers classes. Learn how to arrange a winner of a song...all included in the price of the Winter Workshop!

Also available at Winter Workshop are Private Voice Instructions with Region 3 Faculty. The cost is \$20.00 per 25 minute session.

See you there!

## SO YOU WANT TO QUARTET? *by Sherry Berkley, Communications Coordinator*

Are you looking for quartet? Are you a quartet looking for that final member to complete your foursome? Get your name out there! Find other quartet-wanna-bes by posting your search on the [Quartet Search](#) page of the Region 3 website. Send your name, contact information, and any other pertinent information to the web manager at [sherrylead@gmail.com](mailto:sherrylead@gmail.com).

## THANKS FROM IMPACT!!

Dear Sisters In Song and Other Assorted Friends,

**IMPACT!!** had such a good time on stage in Seattle that we can hardly wait to compete again in Grand Rapids. Woo-Hoo!

We're also excited to tell you that we've learned quite a bit of music since last May, so now if you ask us to sing, we can do more than just our contest stuff. In addition, although we do have some performances scheduled between now and next May, our calendar is not full, so if you're in need of a slightly silly quartet that sings pretty well, please get in touch! ([singlandry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:singlandry@sbcglobal.net) or see us on Facebook.)



Seriously, we appreciate all the love and support we've received these

past months from all of our friends and angels both in our chorus and in our region. A special thanks goes to Midwest Crossroad Chorus for sharing their arena space with us, and a "Boooo!" to the mall-cop in Seattle who told us there was no "noise" allowed in the food court. (Huh? And No, he wasn't kidding.) We love you all (except the mall-cop)!

In harmony,

Diane, Sherry, Bev & Krickett  
**IMPACT!!**

## ***TECHNOLOGY CORNER - Ideas to Help Sweet Adelines Thrive in the 21st Century***

Effective communication can be challenging! Choruses all have different ways to communicate with their members - email, call trees, and newsletters are a few things we've all used to pass on information. With all the advancements made and being made in technology, we have many more choices available to us - some free, some not-so-free.

This new section of Voices will provide basic information about new and different ways to communicate more effectively with your chorus members.

The information provided in this article is just that - information! It is not necessarily an endorsement of any of these services, but merely provided to get you thinking of new and possibly better ways to disseminate information to your members! Today, we will talk about two free services and one that involves a monthly fee.

**Twitter** is a website, owned and operated by Twitter Inc., which offers a social networking and microblogging service, enabling its users to send and read other users' messages called *tweets*. Tweets are text-based posts of up to 140 characters displayed on the user's profile page. Tweets are publicly visible by default; however, senders can restrict message delivery to their friends list. Users may subscribe to other users' tweets-this is known as *following* and subscribers are known as *followers*.

All users can send and receive tweets via the Twitter website, compatible external applications (such as for smartphones), or by Short Message Service (SMS) available in certain countries. While the service is free, accessing it through SMS may incur phone service provider fees. For more information, go to [twitter.com](http://twitter.com).

**Facebook** is a social network service and website launched in February 2004 that is operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. Users may create a personal profile, add other users as friends and exchange messages, including automatic notifications when they update their profile. Additionally, users may join common interest user groups, organized by workplace, school, or college, or other characteristics. You may make your Facebook group a private one, which could then be used for internal communications for choruses. For more information on this free service, go to [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

**Groupanizer** is a web-based system designed to specifically help you get the most out of your chorus. It's simple enough to be used by non-techies, and it's on the internet so it lets everybody work together. Some of the features include: an online member list and contact info (privately accessed by members only); posting of music and learning tracks and a tracking system to let leaders know who is where in the process of learning the songs, a task manager for keeping projects moving forward; online riser board; an event calendar integrated with attendance records and prediction, so you know who is coming to each event; a recruiting tracker; mailing

lists and notifications to keep members informed and on track; forums, polls, birthdays, and pictures; and it can be customized and extended to suit the needs of the group. There is a fee for this service. For more information go to <http://groupanizer.com>.

There are more services out there - watch for the next Voices for more information!

## REGION 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011		
January 29	Winter Workshop Michigan City, IN	<a href="#">Molly Huffman</a>
May 19-22	Regional Convention & Competition Grand Rapids, MI	
September 16-18	Region 3 Music Education Weekend TBA	Betty Clipman
October 18-22	International Convention & Competition Houston, TX	<a href="#">Sweet Adelines website</a>
2012		
May 3-6	Regional Convention & Competition Grand Rapids, MI	
October 30 - Nov. 3	International Convention & Competition Denver, CO	<a href="#">Sweet Adelines website</a>
2013		
April 11-14	Regional Convention & Competition Grand Rapids, MI	
November 5-9	International Convention & Competition Honolulu, HI	<a href="#">Sweet Adelines website</a>
2014		
April 24-27	Regional Convention & Competition Grand Rapids, MI	
	International Convention & Competition Baltimore, MD	<a href="#">Sweet Adelines website</a>

## HAS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGED?

It is very important both to the Region and to International HQ that you keep your personal information up to date with both groups. The vast majority of our regional and international communications are sent via email, including Voices Round the Lake and the PitchPipe Lite, and it is your responsibility to keep your information current so that you can continue to receive communications in a timely manner.

**Please note:** you must update the Region AND International groups - we do not get these updates forwarded on to us at this time.

### To update information with International:

1. Launch the Sweet Adelines International website
2. Click the link to Members Only
3. Log in using last name, first initial, e.g. doej and member number, e.g. 12345

4. Click the link to Member Profile
5. Log in again
6. Any of the contact information can be changed: address, phone numbers, e-mail address, etc.
7. Click Post Changes
8. A verification screen appears. Double check the changes for accuracy. Click Post Changes a second time

#### To update information with Region 3:

Send all pertinent information to the [Communications Coordinator](#).

## CHORUS UPDATES

### BATTLE CREEK

The Battle Creek Chorus of Sweet Adelines and their director, Julie Zehnder, will hold their annual Christmas performance at the North Avenue Church of God on December 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., their gift of harmony in song to the Battle Creek Community. The chorus will perform songs of love, joy and peace at this magical time of year.

The performance will include songs such as "One Voice", "The Christmas Song", and "Mary, Did You Know?", along with other seasonal favorites. Chorus quartets performing will be "Grin 'n Tonic" and "Harmony Sisters". Light refreshments will be served following the performance and a super special surprise guest will be there for the kids (and kids at heart!). The chorus will also perform at four different adult care facilities during the holiday season to entertain the senior citizens of the community. We look forward to entertaining our community this season and showing our appreciation to our senior citizens and members of our community for their support in this past year.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful, musical New Year!

### CHORAL-AIRES

We had a fantastic time celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with friends old and new! We performed two shows for sold-out crowds on October 9, at the [Prairie Center for the Arts](#) in Schaumburg. Thanks to all of you who came to celebrate with us! We were honored to have our second director, Arlene Klein (1965-1968) present with us for one of the shows. We missed Karen Breidert, who had a previous commitment (despite getting her current chorus, Spirit of the Gulf, in Region 9 ready for International competition) as well as our wonderful "White Tornado", Mary LaMaster, who also couldn't be there. We had a wonderful video tribute to commemorate her many years with us. We were fortunate to have many former members attend the show, and some even sang on stage, like the Queens from 1995, Chicago Fire, and the 2008 Queens of Harmony, the Four Bettys. A great time was had by all at the afterglow, with many fabulous quartets entertaining us there as well!

Speaking of celebrating: we are so proud of the team of women from our chorus that participated in this year's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure event in September! Our team leader, Lindsey Herza, was a great motivator to the chorus and, in all, we raised more than \$5,000 to help fight breast cancer.

Was it just us, or was there a fantastic representation of Region 3 in Seattle at the international

competition?! Congratulations to all of you who went and represented our region so well. You did a great job! We are especially proud of our own director, Joan, who directed her second chorus, River City Sound, at the competition. She is now officially the second director in Sweet Adelines International history to direct two choruses at back-to-back competitions. We think she's pretty special!

With all of the excitement of Joan in Seattle, and us preparing for Houston, we're taking the month of December off to rest and gear up for an intense spring and summer. We hope you all have a great holiday season, and we will "see" you in January.

Then, of course, we invite you to save the date for our annual fashion show. Join us on March 5, 2011, at [Drury Lane](#) for an incredible afternoon of food, fashion, entertainment, and fun! More information will be posted on our new website at [www.choral-aires.com](http://www.choral-aires.com). Our thanks to Linda Butler and the web team for leading the charge to make our website so beautiful!

## GRAND RAPIDS

WOW---The Grand Rapids Chorus is still flying high after our trip to Seattle. What an amazing experience for everyone. We could not have been prouder to represent Region 3. It was the first time on an International Stage for almost 1/3 of our chorus! We came away with so many wonderful stories that we've shared over the last few weeks. And a big thumbs up to Seattle -- such an amazing city. The International Competition planners sure know how to make sure every member has a great time.

Now it's on to the holidays and dusting off the Christmas music--and adding a few new tunes, too. We have several guests joining us; some new and many returning from past years. We'll share the stage with the Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus at our annual show. Such a treat for our audience to hear both the women's & men's choruses. And, of course, our combined songs. We love bringing this joyful show to our community. Our way of saying "let the holidays begin"!

Next year's calendar is already starting to fill up with coaching and preparing for Regional Competition. Lots to do, but first let's take some time to enjoy. We wish everyone in Region 3 a fun-filled, safe holiday season. Let's make 2011 the best year yet!!!

## MELODEERS

Memories of Seattle still linger as the Mass Sing Video circulates everywhere. Renee Porzel's husband, Bob, filmed and edited the video. Many Melodeers returned home with happy memories of being on the Seattle stage. We're so proud of our Regional 3 champs, Impact!, Debi Batchelor, bass of NRG, and DeAnne Haugen, baritone of 5<sup>th</sup> Place Medalist quartet, Martini. Five Melodeers also competed in the Harmony Classic Contest with Midwest Crossroads and Prairie Echoes, directed by Donna Bates. Sherry Berkley competed with Grand Rapids Chorus. Shelly Hughes was a Convention Assistant. Cori Albrecht introduced the emcees. Renee was a judge for Harmony Classic as well as the chorus semi-finals and finals competition. In between all this President-elect Renee was running to meetings, also! Both Jim and Renee were proud of the many choruses and quartets that they had coached.

The Melodeers have had a ball celebrating their 50-year history throughout the past months. Videos, old costumes, and photos appeared at rehearsals to give us more information about our history. We rehearsed the best of 50 years of music to present at "50 Fabulous Years" on November 20. Our special year was also Jim's big 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our very own Annie Reid was recognized for her 50 years as a Sweet Adeline at Regional 2010 and was recognized again on our show. So we had a triple celebration!

We had to build up our stamina to perform the whole show with all-chorus music that would wow

our sold out audience. There was a special time before the show for former members to "meet and greet," plus a catered reception after the show. This was a day everyone will remember for years to come.

International Competition is our next focus and members are anxious to start the journey to Houston. Coaches are scheduled, new music is arranged by Jim, and everyone is wondering what will we do for an entertainment package this time!?

We look forward to Regional 2011 to be able to perform our Houston set for you and join Choral Aires as they also prepare for Houston.

## WESTERN LIGHTS

Western Lights Chorus is delighted to announce the location of our new rehearsal "Home":

St. John's Lutheran School  
220 S. Lincoln St.  
Lombard, IL 60148

We're there every Thursday (except Thanksgiving!) 7-10PM and would love to have you visit us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Music Room.

As this issue of Voices goes to press, we're down to the wire with final preparations for our Annual Show and ready to cruise as we present "Let's Get Away From It All".

Our Chorus Christmas Party and several Holiday performances are on the calendar, including our favorite "Holiday Magic" at The Brookfield Zoo!

We eagerly anticipate 2011 with new music and new members and hope to see you at the Region #3 Winter Workshop on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Western Lights wishes you all a Blessed Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year!

## SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

### 2011 INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS' SEMINAR & ARRANGER WORKSHOP

July 20-23, 2011  
California University of Pennsylvania  
California, Pennsylvania

Front-line directors (including novices), assistant directors (DCP participants only), retired master directors, regional directors coordinators, regional education coordinators, and members of the International Judging Program and Music Arrangers Program are invited to attend the [2011 Directors' Seminar, Judge Training and Arranger's Workshop](#) this July.



## INTERNATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

The following candidates were elected to 3-year terms on the International Board of Directors beginning May 1, 2011: Betty Clipman, Cammi MakKinlay, Marcia Pinvidic and Renee Porzel.

In addition, two members were appointed to serve one-year terms beginning May 1, 2011: Paula Davis and Fran Furtner

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