

real women. real harmony. real fun. 

## Region 8 eNews

March 2013

### BIG NEWS!!

Because we are a *new region* with the number of our choruses increasing by **five choruses from Idaho**, the Regional Management team decided to create a brand new logo to match our brand new identity.

Here it is!! We hope you love it!



#### In This Issue

Regional Convention

Region 8 website

Region 8 Membership Coordinator

Report on Quartet...Coaching  
Workshop

Article Headline

Arrangers' Workshop

Region 8 chorus news

Article Headline

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

#### Quick Links

Sweet Adelines International  
Region 8 website

## Regional Convention April 4-7

### **New At Regional Contest**

Be sure not to miss these two new classes:

#### **"Life after Contest" with Kathy Carmody - Friday - 9:00 a.m.**

Believing that competition is a lot like Cod Liver Oil..... first it makes you sick.... and then makes you better, explore with Kathy Carmody how to survive and thrive beyond both the optimism and pessimism surrounding the contest experience.

#### **"New Contest Guidelines for 2014" with Paula Davis Sunday -during the RAH Meeting**

---

Contest information is available on the Rocky Mountain Region 8 website. On [this link](#) to the website you can find the schedule, ticket information and bulletins pertaining to Regional Convention.

---

Region 8 Contest will be Webcast!  
A NEW way to share the incredible talent of Rocky Mountain Region 8!  
All sessions will be webcast- for FREE!

Quartet contest April 5, 11:45 a.m. brought to life by webcaster KATHY CARMODY  
Chorus contest April 6, 12:45 PM brought to life by webcaster SHARON BABB  
Show of Champions 4/6/2013 8:15 PM-

Featuring Region 8's award winning quartets and choruses  
Emcee SHARON BABB, Webcaster KATHY CARMODY  
Webcast link can be found at [rmr8.org](http://rmr8.org)- where donations will be accepted

Watch the Region 8 website "RMR8.org" for information on purchasing Shout Outs for your favorite competitors.

---

**Check out the [After Glow Party](#)  
Hosted by Bella Voce Chorus**

**RMR8.org; What's in it for you**

The Rocky Mountain Region 8 website has been redeveloped over the last year and has a new look

and feel. The robust content is easier to find and there's more to find!

### **But, what's in it for you?**

Have you wondered what your quartet scored in 2009?  
The Regional Awards tab on the website has a score archive!  
Do you want to see the High Country Gold medal winning performance?  
The Extras tab lists the DVDs and Videos the region has in its library,  
and the contact information for you to borrow the recording.

### **You too can be proactive and CPR**

*(in the words of our inimitable leader, Renee Porzel, **Choose Personal Responsibility**)*

All the information you need is right at your finger tips. For example, you can go to the events page and choose from a drop down list of upcoming events. The information contained there includes: registration forms for events; contest information to include the Information and Forms Booklet, orders of appearance, and bulletins; informational flyers on upcoming events and more. You don't have to wait for your chorus to get you information, it is available to you right there right now!

### **You can share information**

Do you have a friend with whom you want to share the joy of Sweet Adelines but they live too far away to come to your chorus? The website is a place where you can send them to garner information about the other choruses in our region (the choruses tab), or even other regions (the extras tab).

### **Members Only Page**

The main page of the regional website is fantastic and the cherry on top is the addition of the new "Members Only" page. Regional songs will be available on the members only page soon. Already available to you is contact information for other members, the Regional Management Team, Chorus Officers List and even Regional Management Team meeting minutes. Shout-outs on the members only page is a place for you to send a little hello to fellow members; just another way to stay in touch and develop stronger relationships!

Instead of waiting for the trickle down of information, get thee to the Region 8 website so that you can be in charge of obtaining your own information. Use RMR8.org as a starting point for any information you need regarding your Sweet Adeline International world. It's easy to use, chock-full-'o information, and created just for you!

## **Meet Pati Bouman New Region 8 Membership Coordinator**



In 1976 Pati Bouman started Sweet Adelines in Southern California with the Inland Empire Chorus as something to do with her Mom. Having grown up with a Barbershop Dad and a Sweet Adeline Mom, it seemed like a logical hobby choice even though she had always been too shy to sing in any choruses in school. In 1994 she moved to Layton, Utah and discovered the Mountain Jubilee Chorus and transferred her membership at that time. Over the years she has held a variety of jobs including Membership, Performance, Makeup, and Show Chairs to name just a few. The last 4 years she has been busy as MJC's Team Leader and Webmaster.

Pati has been married to her husband Dennis for 35 years and has two sons, and one grandson. Outside of Sweet Adelines she is a commercial insurance broker and loves to garden and renovate her home.

Pati sings lead and although quarteting is still on her "to do" list, she did sing briefly in a mother daughter double quartet in Region 21. If you ask her why she has remained a Sweet Adeline all these years she'll say "where else can you go once a week and gain so much? Sweet Adelines gives me a place to share love and laughter, sorrow and shivers, tears of joy, hopes, marriages, children,

education and provides personal development. All this and the chance to sing and dance while making lifelong friends. Early on she was taught by these friends that we are "ladies", not "guys" as I make announcements; lipstick always makes a bad day seem a bit better; singing heals most slumps at the end of a long day; and although every member may not be your best friend, everyone has a special gift to share to make the chorus whole."

Pati tells us as Membership Coordinator she looks forward to meeting as many members as possible but makes no promises she'll remember names. "I'm just terrible at that and I've tried so many tricks to get better. I'll just apologize upfront for forgetting names and encourage everyone to prompt me."

Although she joined to sing, she has stayed because there's a personal fulfillment to be gained by doing the "other stuff" at chorus. "Leadership is needed in many areas of our organization and it's taking on those new challenges that keeps us going."

Pati's personal Membership Coordinator goal for this year? "I'm excited to be part of the "New Rocky Mountain Region 8". The additional choruses from Idaho and the focus on educational opportunities, new member growth in all of our choruses and the quest to develop choruses in areas currently untapped is ambitious and energizing. Region 8's Management Team I've joined is great and open to fresh ideas and input from members. I hope the ladies in the Region embrace the opportunities we are working on for them. I also hope they provide us with honest constructive feedback so we can plan meaningful events for members in the future. In fact this year's contest slogan says it all, "The Best is Yet to Be."

## Report on Quartet Coaching Workshop

We completed another successful Region 8 Quartet workshop with Mary Rhea!! Quartets received valuable coaching and Mary gave a terrific class on Saturday morning entitled The Pyramid - Components of Unit Sound.

Additionally two classes were offered on Friday night while Mary was coaching quartets: Marketing Your Quartet with Jamie Ryan and Choosing Music with Mel Horgan.

On Saturday evening a few of us just got together and sang tags, enjoyed singing by quartets that were there and generally had a wonderful time enjoying each others' company. Laughed a lot, too, as well as reminisced about "the old days"!! Mary Rhea sang and laughed with us the entire time until we finally all went off to bed!

Heartfelt thanks to Judy Murphy, who handled all the facility duties, and to Julie Trujillo, who was great about contacting the quartets and making sure they had all the necessary information.

Considerations for future quartet workshops:

- January is not the best time to hold one; the weather is too unpredictable.
- Possibly add more activities (i.e. PVIs, DCP testing, show on Sat night.) to attract more observers
- Have some different opportunities available for attendees (i.e. round robin coaching using some in-region coaches, perhaps a more central location in the region, better time of year - think I already mentioned that!!)
- Plan from the beginning to charge less for "observers". (Charge was eventually reduced from \$25 to \$10 to encourage more people to attend.)

Marilyn Cox

## Leadership School

## Leadership School

June 7-8, 2013

Clarion Inn - \$79 per room

"IT'S THE BUSINESS OF SINGING WORKSHOP"

with Master International Faculty

SHARON BABB

Singing, information, guidance and great tips on fulfilling the

Four Most Important Functions of a Barbershop Chorus:

Membership

Marketing

Money Management

Musical Mastery

This workshop is for Chapter Leaders - those members with or without titles (in other words, ANYONE who wants to know more about the Business of Singing!

See [rnr8.org/events](http://rnr8.org/events) for details and registration form.

## Region 8 Arrangers' Workshop

June 7 - 9, 2013



Region 8  
Arrangers' Workshop  
June 7 - 9, 2013  
Faculty: Marge Bailey  
Grand Junction, Colorado  
All levels of interest are welcomed!

See the Region 8 website

[For more information](#)

or

Contact: Mel Horgan

[glmzhorgan@msn.com](mailto:glmzhorgan@msn.com)

## Region 8 Chorus News

Hi there,

**Montana Sapphire** Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Billings, Mt. recently performed their

annual show. This year titled "Love Is In the Air", With the stage decorated in lovely Valentines we lovingly sang 3 sets of "love" songs with various quartets performing in between, them being, "Out of Nowhere", "Generation Gap", then two different male quartets from our local men's chorus, a pop-country group called "Kinda Sorta Sisters" and a Gospel Quartet.

Our entire show was dedicated to a lovely little lady named Jane Burt who has been a very active member of our chorus for "50" years. We decided to honor her on our show since we will not be able to attend regional competition this year. A busy wife and mother of 5, Jane has served unselfishly in many capacities in our chorus for all 50 years. She sang in a quartet, "The Magic City Mrs." served on our Regional Board of Directors and every capacity in our chapter. We presented her with a plaque and corsage and enjoyed some of her family also attending. Jane continues to sing that beautiful tenor voice and we love her so.

We then hosted a really fun after-glow at a local restaurant and sang the night away with 3 men's quartets joining in. Jane even got to come to that. At the present another quartet is in the making which we are really excited about. That would make 3 in our small chorus of 20 which cannot help but make our chorus stronger. We recently revised our standing rules and continue to work on growing our little chorus.

Next performances will be at a Christian Women's Luncheon and the Men have invited us to sing on their show in May.  
Still singing in Harmony every Monday night,  
Montana Sapphire Chorus

## A Rocky Mountain Round-Up

### 'THERE'S GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS!'

#### REGION 8'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROUND UP 2013

**WHICH?** It's our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual RMRU and this year's will follow a Treasure Hunt theme with GOLD to be found everywhere if you can solve the clues!

**WHEN?** August 9-11, 2013

**WHERE?** 8,010 feet above sea level at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies located outside Estes Park, CO (website: YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park Center). A magnificent venue for singing, learning and laughing together with Sweet Adeline friends!

**WHO?** International Faculty GAIL JENCIK - Master Director of the Coastline Show Chorus - whose specialties include exciting and versatile visual and musical presentations as

well as her chorus' success with gaining and retaining young singers

**WHAT?** GOLD is everywhere this year! We'll have.....

- PVIs
- Forums for chapter leaders and support chairs
- DCP education and testing opportunities
- Classes on visual performance that exhibits more than just choreography
- Information on gaining and keeping younger members
- Singing in a chorus and being coached by our International Faculty
- Learning and singing Tags
- First Timer Awards
- Show featuring Hawaii-bound competitors and other medalists
- Saturday night pizza party following the Show
- Specialized classes on Sunday morning
- .....and SO MUCH MORE fun and excitement!!

**WHY?** Because...Estes Park in August is healthy and invigorating for the body and spirit!

Because Sweet Adelines just can't get enough of learning, sharing and singing!

Because we'll have a perfect chance to welcome our Idaho choruses and make more lifelong friends!

Because we just LOVE to prove there's still enough air to sing at 8,010 feet!!

**Sunday August 11 - Visual Training with Gail Jencik**

**and Faculty Training with Paula Davis**

---



Judy Murphy  
Region 8 Sweet Adelines