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Region 10 Champions 2010 Competition

2010 1st Place Chorus
Houston Horizon Chorus
Vickie Dennis, Director

2010 1st Place Quartet
Oasis Quartet

**2010 1st Place Division
AA Chorus**
Lone Star Chorus
Xanna Williamson,
Director

**2010 Regional Division
A Chorus**
Sparkling City Chorus
Jerrie Johns, Director

**2010 Most Improved
Chorus**
Magic Valley Chorus
Gary Lewallen, Director/
Janie Macchiaroli, Interim
Director

**2010 Most Improved
Quartet**
High Five Quartet

2010 Novice Quartet
Flash Quartet

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Chorus Lines

Alamo Metro Chorus San Antonio, TX

Time is flying by for AMC as we prepare for our upcoming International contest performance. As our beloved director recuperates from her recent neck surgery, we have been hard at work in the capable hands of our assistant directors, Hilda Mancillas and Sonya Kamal. We're happy to say Mary Ann is back at rehearsal, but is not waving her arms too much yet! We also enjoyed a recent coaching session with one of our faves, Ruth Ann Parker, who always brings out the best in us!

But it hasn't been all work and no play! We performed at the Air Force Sergeants Conference Ban-



quet, to a very appreciative audience that included Congressman Charlie Gonzales.

Our Installation Banquet was held in May at Randolph Air Force Base NCO Club, where we installed our newly elected Management Team Members. It was a classy affair and a good time was had by all. Several of our music staff and administrative leaders attended the Regional Leadership Workshop in Houston and gained lots of valuable information. We

performed at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. It is always an honor for us to be a part of this touching tribute to the men and women in our Armed Forces. We welcomed back Rosemary Calderon on June 12 for an all-day choreography coaching session. She helped put the finishing touches on the choreography plan that she designed for our contest set.

AMC also was pleased to host the area school again this year in San Antonio on June 26. This was a very successful event last year, and we anticipate another great learning experience. AMC would like to congratulate Houston Horizon and Oasis on their wins at Regional. We wish you all a fun-filled summer season!

By Lisa Deiser, TIWT Correspondent

Austin Harmony Chorus Austin, TX

Ch-Ch-Changes...Austin Harmony (AH!) was an unbalanced chorus at the dawn of 2010. We couldn't go to contest and possibly not re-charter. We decided to throw a "Hail Mary" pass in the form of a 4 week Vocal Harmony Workshop. We got the whole chorus involved in the planning. AH! used Craigslist as well as a radio ad, flyers posted everywhere we could think of and sent emails to everyone in our address book. We were blessed with 20 inquiries, 14 attendees and 8 "graduates" of our workshop. I am ecstatic to report that as of today we have 7 new members to Austin Harmony. They are, Leads: Noralee Bird-

well, Pat Fox, Tricia Perkey; Bases: Sharilyn Stanley, Patty Bourgeois; Tenors: Kristen Pyle, Gretchen Blackburn.

We had the honor of singing at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life the week following our workshop and our graduates



joined us and we all had a wonderful time.

We installed our new management team. We sang goodbye to honorary member Miriam Said, who completed a year at UT as an international student visiting from Germany, and member Paula Breuer who is relocating to Nashville.



New Mgmt Team: Carolyn Bottomley, Kate Burgess (stunt double), Nancy Bourell, JoAnn Flanagan, Pam Kurburski, Erica Sigler

We are re-energized and looking forward to the bright future of Austin Harmony!

By Erica E. Sigler, TIWT Correspondent

Baton Rouge Chorus

Baton Rouge, LA

The Baton Rouge Chorus is riding on the “high” of having the highest percentage of new members at competition this year. One of our newest members, Mindy Martin, is a winner of the Young Singers Foundation’s Bev Sellers Memorial Scholarship. She works as a high school music teacher and brings a wealth of musical experience and knowledge to our chorus. All of the new members bring that fresh excitement that comes with singers new to the joy of singing acapella harmony.

With so many new members, we are infused with excitement about the coming year. We have installed the Management Team, which will serve us over the coming months, and set our goals for the new year.

This summer we are embarking on our third year of offering “Acapella Singing for Ladies” through LSU’s Leisure Class program. In this six-week class, students are taught the basics of barbershop-style singing, starting with posture and ending with make-up and costumes. After the class is finished and the end-of-class show is performed, the students are given information about becoming a Sweet Adeline. Since we have started offering the class, we have had several students join our chorus.

We continue to make plans for our 50th anniversary next fall. All former members of the Baton Rouge Chorus are encouraged to attend. Details will be available on our

website, <http://batonrougechorus.org>.

By Molly Manson, TIWT Correspondent

Bayou Blend Chorus

Lafayette, LA

Fit as a fiddle, and ready to sing!

Bayou Blend Chorus has had many happenings during the past few months! We bypassed competition because of illnesses but those of us who could, were at Regional Competition cheering on our Regional Quartets and Choruses!

Our congratulations to those who competed and, of course, to the Quartets and Choruses who brought home “jewelry”!

It certainly has not been a “LAZY DAY” here in Cajun country. We moved into a new home at First Baptist Church in Broussard, Louisiana, so that our risers could have permanent space but it was not without some sad regret and grateful appreciation to Grace Presbyterian Church in Lafayette.

Our Bayou Blend voices have been kept warmed up as well with several community service performances. Our World War II Veterans taking their final honors trip to Washington to view the monument dedicated to them received a huge welcome home from family, the Community Band and, who else but Bayou Blend Chorus....it was an awesome experience. A huge crowd of Red Hat Club ladies requested that we help them celebrate their birthday at a luncheon, followed by another at Comeaux High School performing

with their prominent Magic Moods! We also were honored to sing for the Smart Cajun Travel Club members, such an enthusiastic blend of Special Military Active & Retired Travelers! Our “sing card” is open to them anytime. Several performances scheduled later this Spring.

Our Membership Chair, Kate Sutton, has done a great job with internal P/R and our Membership drive resulted in three new members. Many Kudos went also to Susan Kinniff who served on BB’s first Team as Team Leader, J.P., our Director, has appointed two Assistant Directors, Carla Bay and Corla Lindsey to complete his Musical Team of Section Leaders: Lynda Fontenot, Bass; Marsha Bock, Lead; Kate Sutton, Tenor and Lynette Arceneaux, Baritone. Our new Management Team was elected and they are: Marsha Bock, Treasurer; Jayne Calaway, Secretary; Lynda Fontenot, P/R & Mktg.; Corla Lindsey, Music Chair; Regina Lowrance Team Leader; Lynette Arceneaux, Membership; and J.P. Poirier, Director.

Both Teams have announced plans for the next year with coaching, new music and a Spring Show headlining the agenda.

Plans are moving right along to Hostess the Region’s Area Schools in June and this will surely be one for the “books” as we remember “Yesterday” and remain ‘Happy together’!

By Beverly Colomb, TIWT Correspondent

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Brazos Crossing Chorus Rosenberg, TX

Brazos Crossing has had a re-vamping of our chorus. Since 2009 our Director, Gail Bartz, decided to leave us. We were fortunate enough to get a New Director, June Yagiela. In December, June hip went out and she had a replacement done in January. Although, the surgery went well, she was laid up for a while (mending). Faye Ludwig, one of our veteran chorus members, along with Janie Macchiaroli did a great job directing us until June could return.

Some of our chorus members have left for medical reasons and various other reasons and we received new members: Diane Herbert, Molly Powell (baritones) and also Kim Elliott (bass). We are so pleased to have them!

We had "Guest Night" April 12th and had a good turn out with approximately 20 in attendance. "Reunion Street", a quartet from Houston Horizons, treated us with a number of their songs. June gave a sample of what actually goes on on Monday Nights at rehearsals, along with physical warm-ups, vocal warm-ups, with tags that the audience could join in if they liked and then practicing some of our repertoire songs. We finished the evening with refreshments, made by members of the chorus.

2010 is a New Beginning for Brazos Crossing. We are Optimistic!
By Peggy Simmang, TIWT Correspondent

Chisholm Trail Chorus Temple, Texas

The thrill of hearing our chorus named as 3rd place mid-size chorus plus 4th place over all at regional contest was a fabulous experience. Celebration continued into the wee hours in our chorus suite as quartet after quartet came to give us a personal performance. With new medals around our necks we ushered 10 guests through our doors on April 15 for Guest Night. Two of those ladies have become members and others are continuing through the membership process. We love growth, both in numbers and skills.



New board members (back) Earlene Pippin, Thelma Rose, Lea Williams, Jayme White, Ricky Beevers; and (front) Tana McBroom, Liz Graves.
Not pictured: Pedie Pedersen

As part of our growth plan for this year we will combine with Texas Harmony for back to back shows in October. One performance will be in Dallas and the other in Temple. We will continue our partnership with an optional trip to NY to sing with TH on stage at Carnegie Hall in May 2011. This adds an exciting set of challenges such as combined rehearsals requiring extra time and travel. We are really

looking forward to our retreat in August with our TH sisters at Summers Mill in Salado with Sylvia Alsbury coaching both choruses in preparation for the shows.
By Gail Eltgroth, TIWT Correspondent

Cradle of Texas Sugar Land, TX

We had our May installation of officers at our president's house and had a wonderful party. We came dressed as a song title and tried to guess each others song. Our chorus is still looking for a place to rehearse that can store our risers. At the moment our risers are in Angleton and we sing in Sugar Land. The church where we sing has no storage area where we could keep the risers. On occasion, we drive to Angleton where our risers live and have a rehearsal standing on them.

We have several performances lined up through the summer. One was June 13 at the Presbyterian Church in Angleton where our risers live. We performed as a thank you to the church for letting us use their church for rehearsal and riser storage. We sang at the church for several years before moving to Sugar Land. We are singing again for the congregation in July and August. We are holding an auction once a month at chorus and the proceeds go into our chapter funds. We just bring items from home that we don't want and put them up on the block. We have a great time during the auction bidding against each other. We have put into our funds over \$100 and there are only 16 of us.

One of our members was lucky to be able to take a month long vacation to Greece and Turkey. She and her husband met up with friends the Monday after competition. She had to wait until after competition to go. Another member is back with us after being out for several months. Her job has been extremely demanding and she has had to work on rehearsal night. Another member has been out for a while because she is getting married. She and her fiancée have been in a preparation mode and has asked us to sing at their reception. We are looking forward to that.

By Jimmie Hargrove, TIWT Correspondent

Crescent City Sound Chorus New Orleans, LA

Crescent City Sound Chorus is still basking in the glow of winning a 5th place medal at Regional Competition. The chorus has bought into the idea of hard work and dedication pay off with good results.

We were very fortunate that our wonderful coach, Mary Beth McMurray, was able to step in for our director at competition this year. JoAnn fell ill and needed immediate surgery. She told us to call Mary Beth. Without skipping a beat, Mary Beth flew down to New Orleans and had only one rehearsal with us before contest. We are very lucky to have Mary Beth.

Even better news than winning a medal is that our wonderful director, JoAnn Fernon, is feeling much better and has been able to resume

her duties as chorus director. We are moving along working on new music and polishing repertoire.

The chorus had its annual meeting on April 5 and elected our new Team members. The 2010-2011 Team consists of Holly DiDomenico, JoAnn Fernon, Sally Gagnon, Lynda Grass, Cheryl Gremlion, Ellen Lappa, Jayne McGee, Debbie Mora, and Kitty Warner.

Jayne McGee will serve as Team Leader, Ellen Lappa as Treasurer, and Kitty Warner as Communications Coordinator.

We are busily arranging for our retreat in August, which will be in Houma. Mary Beth will be at our retreat with us where she will wow us with her energy and positive teaching methods. We will be working on songs for our annual show.

Due to JoAnn's health problem, we were unable to participate in the Regional Guest Night on April 12. Even so, we have gotten two new members and one prospective since contest.

By Kitty Warner, TIWT Correspondent

Fiesta City Chorus San Antonio, TX

Hello from Fiesta City, San Antonio. After a wonderful weekend at the Regional meeting and singing the best Happy Together, we came back to our chorus with the new song and lots of ideas. This was a spring full of anniversaries. We celebrated Sally Wiskemann's (our director) 50th year as a Sweet Ade-

line with a surprise party. She wore a crown and was the queen for the evening. We even picked a time when her sister was visiting! Then we had another party for the 25th birthday of Fiesta City. We invited all the retired members and performed for them and then they joined us on the risers for the final two songs. A great time and lots of food was had by all.

We have also been busy performing all over the city. We sang for a luncheon for one of the Red Hat Society's chapter. Of course, we had to do the Changes parody and they loved it. We also had a great time with the Senior Center at St Matthew's Church. We sang everything from the "old days" and they were singing along with all the songs.

We performed at the Texas Folk Life Festival again this year mak-



ing it our 26th year of representing America's contribution to music, Barbershop! We started working hard on membership recruitment and starting the script for our 8th stage production. This one will be all about Tin Pan Alley. And there are more scheduled performances!

By Betsy Billinger, TIWT Correspondent

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Houston Horizon Chorus

Houston, TX

The Tides are Changing in Houston! The Houston Tidelanders (Barbershop Harmony Society's Houston chapter) recently named their new director, HHC's very own Vickie Dennis. With a history spanning more than 60 years, The Tideland Chorus (known affectionately as The Tides) has won many championships at both the Division and District (similar to our Regional) level, and is no stranger to the International stage. Undoubtedly, her charisma and musical talent won these guys over, and we couldn't be more proud!

Vickie isn't the only HHC (or Oasis Quartet) member bridging the gap between SAI and BHS. Janet Burnett has been directing The Statesmen Chorus (Spring Chapter of BHS) for 3½ years, during which time she has led them to recognition on the competition stage. No doubt these ladies will have even more to share with one another now!

And since we are recognizing these overachievers, um, I mean directors, a special shout out to HHC member June Yagiela is also in order! As director of Brazos Crossing Chorus for nearly one year, June knows just how challenging (and rewarding) it is to juggle the demands of two choruses. We are so fortunate to have such talented and giving women in our organization. They say that you always find the time to do the things that are important to you,

and these ladies leave no doubt as to what is important in their lives!

Looking for a good time? Join HHC on July 17, 2010 for A Star Spangled Jamboree. With tickets starting at just \$10, you are guaranteed an affordable afternoon/evening filled with food, friendship, a silent auction and lots of great barbershop harmony.

By Jodi Ceaser, TIWT Correspondent

Lone Star Chorus

Fort Worth, TX

It's been an eventful quarter for Lone Star. We were flying high for regional this March, but we came back down to earth quickly and hit the ground running as soon as it was over. We seem to always be looking forward in this group!

On the administrative side, we switched from a Board of Directors to Team Management leadership. Since most of the choruses in the region have already done this, you are probably aware of all the behind-the-scenes work that must take place in order for this change to happen. So this April, it was with a great sense of accomplishment and our extreme honor to install Lone Star's First Ever Management Team. We ushered in the new administrative staff over food and wine at our favorite little Italian ristorante in Colleyville, TX.

We honored the incoming Team, and the outgoing Board, and most of all, we honored one of our most treasured members – our outgoing Chapter President, Susan Hammerschmidt. Susan has been our rock, and under her regime, we

crammed two year's worth of administrative work into one year. When her name was announced as the outgoing president, she received a completely spontaneous standing ovation. She was moved to tears, as were we. (We love you, Susan!)

With the new administrative staff, came the new musical staff appointments and Quartet Promotion has begun. It is a long-standing belief that the more quartets you have in a chorus, the stronger the chorus. So it thrills us to no end to announce that our newest quartet, BLAST! passed their chorus audition with flying colors! We wish them luck and know that they will be great representatives for the chorus.

Along with our administrative and musical changes, our All Knowing and Wise Director, Xanna Williamson, decided to bring in an outside choreographer for our Seattle Package. So, last month Becky Bartlett (<http://www.beckybartlett.com/>) came to teach us some new choreography. It was a particular honor, since Becky is a professional choreographer and also the co-choreographer of the Rich-Tones,



Becky & Xanna

who also happen to meet on Tuesday, as we do. So she took the night off from HER rehearsal to come to OUR rehearsal.

Talk about a high-velocity, high-energy, always-smiling bouncing starburst? This girl has theater running through her veins! Her choreography is very intuitive, her teaching style is fabulous, she's funny and to top it all off...she likes us! Judging from the rapt attention and speedy learning curve of the chorus, you might even say we like her, too!

We've also been busy with various local performances, but we'd like to highlight one, in particular. Memorial Weekend, the Texas Millionaires, our brother chorus, sponsored "Sing For Life" at a local shopping mall. "Sing for Life" is an annual day-long event sponsored by the TM and Carter Blood Care. The event is held at Hulen Mall in Fort Worth and it's a public blood drive. Every year, donors are treated to live music, courtesy of the TM, Lone Star, and other local talents, while giving the gift of life with their blood donations. There are many gifts you can share with others, but none greater than the gift of life.

Currently, we've got our sights set on Seattle, of course. We've got plenty more coaching coming in the next few months with Becky Bartlett, Becky Larson (former Co-Choreographer for Scottsdale Chorus and long time Lone Star coach), Kim Hulbert, and Ruth Anne Parker.

We are so honored to be represent-

ing Region Ten in the Harmony Classic, Division AA, and we're also proud of our other representatives as well: Spirit of Southeast (Division A) and, of course, Alamo Metro, International Contestant number 14! We'd love to see lots of our Region 10 buddies in Seattle, but if you can't make it, be sure to watch the webcast!

By Allison Hollier, TIWT Correspondent

Magic Valley Chorus McAllen, TX

Magic Valley Chorus, way down South in the Rio Grand Valley, has had a really upbeat season. A new director and five new members added flavor and spice to our mix. Our two very successful Cabaret Shows were new experiences for us, and although performed with the same repertoire, each show was unique. First we did an evening show in November in McAllen for our loyal Winter Texans, and then in February we risked the unknown with an afternoon show in San Benito where we were rewarded with a warm, receptive new audience. In early March we held a joint show with Men of Accord, Senior Ambassadors, and Rio Grand Valley Band with a capacity crowd at the McAllen Civic Center. The energy and excitement were palpable!

In preparation for Competition we had a great retreat where Charlotte Hoffman coached and Janie Macchiaroli directed us to a new skill level, which led us to a wonderful Competition outcome. We made Regional History as the Most Improved Chorus two years in a row. When we were then recognized as

Third Place Small Chorus we were ecstatic-our first ever medal! Thanks go to directors, assistant directors, coaches and the dedication of every chorus member. What an affirmation of team work! Our monthly Swap Meets were simple and effective fund raisers-donate something, take something and leave a little cash in the basket-good returns for a small effort. We've just begun the Great Lakes Scrip Program with the goal of helping to take our whole chorus to International in Houston. What an opportunity to share this wonderful experience here in our own Region.

By Shirley Valentine, TIWT Correspondent

Panther City Chorus Fort Worth, TX

On March 20, Panther City Chorus performed in its second regional competition in Houston. The comments of the judges have given Panther City suggestions to improve its performance for next year, and the chorus has decided to work toward increasing its scores in all areas.

Panther City's April 18 performance at Conservatory Senior Living in Keller yielded an unexpected benefit for both the chorus and the Conservatory. The Conservatory offered Panther City Chorus a unique educational opportunity. Each month, a pair of chorus members will return to the Conservatory and lead the group's sing-alongs.

April 29 found the chorus at Oscar's Mexican Restaurant for

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the installation of the new Panther City Management Team: Amy Ching, Donna Dutton, Kelli Chou, Pam Lowrance and Sherri Smith.



Panther City Chorus sings national anthem at Lone Star Mustangs game.

The Lone Star Mustangs are a women's full-contact football team that is based in Bedford. On May 1, Panther City Chorus had the honor of singing the national anthem at Pennington Field before the Mustangs' game against The Houston Power, which the Mustangs won.

Visitors are always welcome to visit chorus rehearsals, which are held on Thursdays at 7 pm at Handley Baptist Church, 6801 Church Street, Fort Worth. For more information, call (817) 236-7554, or panthercitychorus@gmail.com.

By Ruth Gerik, TIWT Correspondent

Sparkling City Chorus Corpus Christi, TX

The chorus was honored to be awarded first place small chorus medals this year. We worked hard and were thrilled with the reward. Since contest weekend we have continued to strive for musical excellence while having fun too. In

keeping with the regional theme, we have been learning Beatles and Beach Boy's music for our Fab Fun Fest on September 28. This is a free public performance. It is also a major fund raiser for us each year as we raffle donated items from community business and sell products from Durham Pecans.

On May 4, 2010, the chorus honored at a reception and said goodbye to three long time members who are retiring from the chorus and transferring to Chapter-at-Large. They are Kathy Littlefield, Lura Null and Barbara Walshak. All three have been in Sweet Adelines over 30 years, have played key roles in the development of the chorus, and will be greatly missed.

The chorus sponsored a successful guest night on June 8 with a theme of "Get the Scoop" on the Sparkling City Chorus. Twenty former members and guests attended. We learned the first song of our new Beach Boys Medley with our guests, performed our contest package and three chapter quartets showed off their talents. After that everyone got back on the risers for more singing until it was time for (what else?) ice cream! A great time was had by all and we're hopeful several of the guests will give Sweet Adelines a try over the summer and beyond.

On another note, Jerrie Johns, our director of the last 4 years, has decided to retire from directing the chorus and our search for a replacement is now underway. Any interested applicants may contact Marianne Jackson at [librarian-](mailto:librarian-ne2@yahoo.com)

ne2@yahoo.com for more information and a resume form. In the meantime, Jerrie will continue to direct through the next regional contest unless a new director is sooner hired. We are looking forward to learning new music over the summer as well as polishing up our competition package for next Spring.

By Mary Hower, TIWT Correspondent

Spirit of SE Texas Beaumont, TX

The Spirit of Southeast Texas chorus wants to thank everyone for their support at contest. Don't forget to put your hearts out for the International week and send us your thoughts and love. It was a great contest for us to work out some kinks in our songs. We are very proud of Cross Country. It is so wonderful to have those incredible singers be part of our world. Congrats to all Region 10 contestants. It will be fun to see so many of us in Seattle.

This summer we are working the package and plan to have some great ladies coach us. We had a guest night last month in which a few great singers came. Before contest we did our annual show with the Harmony Exporters. It is an easy but extremely fun show that we have done for around 6 years. Our next one will be in February 2011.

At the beginning of May we installed our new team members Natalie Lockhart and Julie Virnig. We are happy to have Carolyn, Pam, Carol, Cindy and Linda return for another term. Enjoy sum-

mer everyone.

By Natalie Lockhart, TIWT Correspondent

Starlite Sound Chorus Humble, TX

The Starlite Sound Chorus in Humble, TX had a busy spring. Many of us volunteered at the Region 10 competition in March. We're excited that we won two coaching sessions in the silent auction at contest.

We had two productive fundraisers - we sang songs over the telephone for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. When you sing a song 62



times, you feel like you know it well! It was a "profitable" fun-filled day both times as you can see in the picture.

In April we sang at the Good Oil Days Festival in Humble – in spite of the rain. The following Saturday, our booth at the Sawmill Festival in New Caney was a great way to introduce ourselves to the public. In May, we were invited to sing for the Breast Cancer Support Group at Northeast Memorial Hermann. It was one of our best performances ever.

Starlite Sound had a wonderful opportunity on May 1 when we were coached by Vicki Wyont, Janie Macchiaroli, Xanna Williamson and Vickie Dennis as part of an educational session for the Sweet Adelines Regional Coaching Faculty. Our time was well spent!

We're looking forward to a great summer and fall with guest nights and performances AND our two

coaching sessions!

By Dedra Doyle, TIWT Correspondent

Texas Harmony Chorus Irving, TX

What a great way to start off the year! Texas Harmony is proud to be Region 10's 2nd Place Mid-size Chorus. Not bad for the first year in this category. As we look back at 2009, so many new experiences and challenges....it's no wonder our theme this year is "Barbershop Ain't Square!"

Darlene Rogers and her "DarT" members were privileged to present "How to make your Vision come True" at the Region 10 Leadership Workshop. Texas Harmony had a joint meeting of the Management Team and Music Team and was asked – what are your 'dreams' for Texas Harmony? The next thing we know we have a 5 year plan! We are in year 2007, and right on course! If you dream and believe in your

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Stay Connected With Region 10

All active and CAL members are encouraged to sign up for the Region 10 Yahoo e-group and/or our Facebook page. The e-group is our most timely method for disseminating information that is important to you — registration and flyers for area schools and contest, updated links on our regional website, this TIWT newsletter and valuable information for your chorus leaders, directors and quartets.

It's easy and free to join. Just send an email Region10comm@aol.com and we'll do the rest.

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dreams and embrace them, they will come true. We dreamed of going on tour, and that's what we did in 2009 from New York City to Houston to Nashville. We



dreamed of putting on a talent show for the students of Irving Schools ("Irving's Got Talent"), and we did in 2008. We dreamed of having a better rehearsal hall, and that's what we did in 2007, allowing us to have a great Christmas show. We dreamed of becoming a part of the women's community and that's what we did in 2008 and 2009 Women's Expo, opening the expo with song! And the list goes on.

Through our dreams, we have found growth as chorus, as individuals, and growth in new members. As we look to this new year, we find ourselves sharing the stage with Chisholm Trail in October for a joint show, as well as singing at Carnegie Hall in May 2011 together and with anyone who wants to go! So we encourage you to dream and embrace your dreams and believe in your dreams – BE A POSSIBILITARIAN!

By Donna Reeves, TIWT Correspondent

Voice of Vermilion Chorus Lafayette, LA

Voice of Vermilion Chorus was proud to honor Pamela Fontenot as its 2010 Sweet Adeline of the Year

and to have already recognized Margaret Kresse on Region 10's 2010 Wall of Fame. The chorus' 2009-2010 Attendance Award went to Rosie Roy. New team members elected include Nelda LeJeune - Team Coordinator; Pat Cotini - Financial Manager; Pamela Fontenot - Secretary; Margaret Kresse - Director; Debbie Warnke - Membership Coordinator; Susan Higginbotham - Communications Coordinator; and Catherine Sarwar - Visual Coordinator. Congratulations to all!

May activities: The Team installation and annual business meeting was held in early May. Two



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unique fundraising events featuring Pampered Chef and Mary Kay Cosmetics brought in extra funds for the chorus. We were proud to sing on Memorial Day at the Fountain Memorial Celebration and were on the local TV news that evening.

June events: Two members [Catherine Sarwar & Karen Bernard] attended the Region 23 Summer SINGsation in Birmingham, Alabama where Lori Lyford was the guest faculty for the weekend. VOV members also attended the

Lafayette Area School on June 26.

July performance: The chorus will perform in Lake Charles on July 6th for the Lake Charles Memorial Hospital.

August coaching: We are delighted to have Darlene Rogers from Texas Harmony coach us on the 13th.

September Show: Get ready for an evening of great entertainment and good desserts at our show on September 24 and 25. We'll have more information about **BROADWAY AT BABE'S BISTRO** as time gets closer. Save the date now!

We wish our Seattle competitors [Alamo Metro, Oasis, Lone Star, and Spirit of Southeast Texas] all the best. We know they'll represent Region 10 proudly. VOV member Bev Colomb will be in the audience cheering very loudly for everyone!

By Karen Bernard, TIWT Correspondent

Chorus Shows 2010-2011

A reminder that all chapter show dates must be approved by Regional Team Coordinator Cinda Crews before they can be posted to the calendar. Email cindacrews22@yahoo.com to obtain a request form.

Quartet Notes

Joyful Sound Quartet

Lee Tayon, tenor; Becky Loveday, lead; Trudie Case, baritone; Marilyn Hanna, bass

Joyful Sound has had a wonderful year thus far. We are pleased with our 8th place finish at the GGCR10 contest this Spring, and look forward to preparing for Seattle with all of our Lone Star sisters.



Last Fall we made a decision that our quartets' primary focus would be on gospel music, so we became members of the Southern Gospel Music Association and introduced a whole new audience to 4-part gospel, barbershop style! Our audiences have been enthusiastic, and we have been blessed with the opportunity to sing at many local churches, as well as the Farr Best Opry and the Wylie Opry.

We were recently blessed by a

generous gift that will fund the recording of a gospel CD, so we will begin that process this summer and hope to have it completed by the end of the year. We can't wait to see what God has in store for us in the future. If your church likes to bring in special musical guests, please contact us (info@makeajoyfulsound.com) – we would love to share our love for God and music with your congregation.

High Five Quartet

Natasha Callaway, tenor; Karla Callaway, lead; Laura Jenks, baritone; Marlys Nelson, bass

High Five is thrilled to be region 10's Fourth Place regional medalists! We would like to for you to get to know us. Natasha, our newest member, sings tenor. She is a high school student at Princeton High School, loves choir (of course) and has participated in several UIL competitions, plays and choir performances. She is a very good student making mostly A's and a few B's. Laura sings baritone. She is a domestic engineer, and has two boys, Evan (13) and Zach (9). She also volunteers at their schools and is an owner/event planner for the annual AnimeFest convention in Dallas, TX held over Labor Day weekend. Karla, lead, is a Regional Sales Manager for an



automation company handling the Ohio Valley and Michigan. In her spare time she likes to garden and enjoys interior painting/decorating. Marlys sings bass. She has been a day care provider for 25 + years, has been a nanny and worked in daycare centers over the years. She likes to interior decorate and scrapbook in her spare time.

Of course, we all sing with Texas Harmony Chorus and support the facets of chorus life. Recently we participated in McKinney's Got Talent presented by McKinney Performing Arts. We were invited to sing in the Finals round on April 10 with 15 other talented acts. Although we didn't place in the top 3 (cash prizes were given) we have a great time sharing Barbershop with the audience and meeting performers of all ages.

We wish everyone a great summer of growth and hard work! Best wishes to Alamo Metro, Spirit of SE Texas, Lone Star and Oasis as you compete in Seattle. We are rooting for you all.

Essence Quartet

Caitlyn Griffith, tenor; Candice Griffith, lead; Kerry Parker, baritone; Kathy Wilson, bass

Essence had a wonderful time at our first Regional competition in March. It was truly a great experience. We especially enjoyed the Saturday night performances throughout the hotel. Thank you to everyone for your support and kind words -- we were so warmly received by everyone we met

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throughout the weekend. We look forward to many more years of this great experience.

One of the best parts of our experience as a new quartet has been to work with so many generous and talented barbershoppers who helped us get ready for competition: our director, Mary Ann Wydra; assistant director, Hilda Mancillas; fellow chorus member and experienced quartet member, BeBe Caldwell, and coaches



Sylvia Alsbury and Brent Dunavant. What a wonderful group of singers and friends!

In early May, Essence performed at the annual Alamo Metro Chorus team installation dinner to a full room of Alamo Metro singers and supporters. The rest of May was filled with end of year craziness. Caitlyn and Candice are both school teachers, Kerry has two boys in elementary school, and Kathy teaches parenting classes. We are happy to see the arrival of June and more time to practice.

Cross Country Quartet

Carolyn Hudler; tenor; Sheri Strawther, lead; Pam Parish, baritone; Kerri Mauney, bass

Cross Country has had a very quiet summer so far quartet-wise. However, things have really been popping in our personal lives. The biggest and best news is that Sheri's husband, Cliff, got a new kidney. They are still staying in Houston close to his doctors as many things can go wrong that require hospitalization on a moment's notice. At present, he is doing very well. Kerri has finished up this school year but still has assignments over the summer. She is coming back to her "old" chorus this month for a coaching session. Yea! Pam has FINALLY had her mother's estate sale and is ready to put her house on the market. Whew! What a lot of work cleaning out, sorting, selling, etc. a lifetime of things. We gather and get rid of and life goes on. Carolyn is busy with her 91-year-old mother who has moved in with her. Some house remodeling had to be done to accommodate her, but all is going well. We hope to get back to singing real soon.

Voilà Quartet

Hilda Mancillas, tenor; Nancy Bourell, lead; Bebe Caldwell, baritone; Heather F. Harmon, bass

Voilà Quartet is new in town... Hello Friends! We're so excited to be singing together and look forward to sharing great times with you. voilaquartet@gmail.com

BLaST! Quartet

Maria Sirois, tenor; Melissa Linnenburger, lead; Susan Taggart, baritone; Teresa Block, bass

BLaST! has been very busy since we saw each other last. We buckled down even more after contest, added a few songs to our rep, and auditioned for Lone Star to become approved for public performances. We are very happy to say we passed and are now official! Less than a week later we were singing at Hulen Mall at a benefit for Carter Blood Center called Singing for Life sponsored by Texas Millionaires. We have a BLaST! performing and are looking forward to doing more in the future. Our current big news is the arrival of Maria's first grandbaby, Kaylen Brooke! Needless to say "Mimi Diva," as we will now have to call Maria, is already spoiling little Kaylen Brooke rotten. Since two of us are teachers, we are having a double blast on our summer vacation and hope everyone has a wonderful summer full of fun and renewal.

Fantasy Quartet

Kristen Pyle, tenor; Laura Pyle, lead; Cheryl Pyle, baritone; Joann Flanagan, bass

There is a newly registered quartet in Austin ... with Laura Pyle-lead, Kristen Pyle-tenor, Cheryl Pyle-baritone and Joann Flanagan singing bass! Kristen is new this spring to the Pyle family, to Sweet Adelines and to the Austin Harmony Chorus. This quartet is Cheryl's fantasy for sure, and we're having a good time

rehearsing together. We had our first public performance singing the National Anthem at a new WhatABurger opening in Austin. (Thanks to Pam Kurburski for filling in on lead!) We finished off the morning by stopping by Cheryl's office to sing a couple of songs for the UT Dean of Students Office staff. A good time was had by all! We hope to see everyone at the January Quartet Workshop.

Out of Control Quartet
Cindy King, tenor; Yvette Morgan, lead; Margaret Young, baritone; Darline LeJeune, bass

WOW! It was quite a different experience being a "non-

competing" quartet this year. Funny, it didn't seem as though we any had any more "free" time electing not to compete. We've stayed busy performing at functions such as Singing Valentines, "Friend Day" for my church and a banquet honoring a Colonel at Ft Polk. There we were presented with a "Coin Of Excellence" (that's 2 in our collection) and even kicked off the Lake Charles "Swashbucklers" indoor football game with the National Anthem. Margaret-Bari is now a FREE woman, enjoying the "single" life. Cindy-tenor has been whipping Spirit of SE Texas Chorus into shape and making frequent trips to visit her son at Ft.

Hood. He'll be doing a tour overseas very soon as an EMT. Vette-Lead is spending a lot of her daytime dabbling in "motherhood", as she cares for her new TWIN girls..She's a Godmother to many! She's also been on a little road tour with "The Mastersmen" (Keith's group). Darline LeJeune -bass, working 2 "real" jobs, doing Duvita & Scentsy from home and still has time for Spirit of SE Texas Chorus and Out Of Control! Hope to see you "back-stage" in 2011 but if not, *Keep Ringin' Those Chords!*



Great Gulf Coast Region 10 Regional Management Team 2010-2011

Front, l-r: Charlotte Hoffman, Directors Coordinator; Marilyn Douglas, Finance Coordinator; Cheryl Pyle, Events Coordinator; Carol Mouche', Communications Coordinator; and Cinda Crews, Team Coordinator.

Back, l-r: Carin Williamson, Membership Coordinator; Jane Schlinke, Marketing Coordinator; and Vickie Dennis, Education Coordinator

Regional Competition 2010

All photos courtesy ER Lilley Photography





2012 Competition Date Change:

Please make note of the revised 2012 Competition Date Change for Great Gulf Coast Region #10: **March 29-April 1, 2012**. The 5-Yr SAI Calendar had both Region #25 and Region #10 on the first weekend of competition in 2012, March 15-18. Because we have a number of dual members with Region #25 choruses and because many of our members like to attend that contest when they can, we asked about the possibility of changing the Region #10 2012 competition date to the weekend of March 29-April 1. That request has been approved.

Region 10 Contest 2011:

Contest is an almost year-round activity for the members of this dynamic Steering Committee. We actually start planning 2011 at the end of the 2010 contest and work on some of the suggestions sent thanks to our member evaluations! This year, I plan on "going back to the basics" with some information about contest – taking it from a step-by-step approach, and remembering that we have new members joining us all of the time. Be on the lookout and if you have any suggestions for topics, I encourage you to give me an email at eunapoole@msn.com. If you have a question, perhaps others do too! Yours In Harmony, Euna Poole, Region 10 CRC 2011

Historian Update:

Congratulations to winners of the 2009-2010 Scrapbook Contest: 1st - Alamo Metro; 2nd - Sparkling City; and 3rd - Chisholm Trail. Thanks to the 16 choruses that participated this year. Seventeen choruses also submitted entries on the 17th Annual Wall of Fame. They are named elsewhere in this issue. It was heartwarming to see so many members looking through all of the "free" photos at competition and taking so many of them home! Be sure to thumb through the chorus and quartet photos for sale in the Historian's Display at each regional function. Prices range from no cost at all to \$3.00. **PHOTO SEARCH IN PROGRESS:** I'm still looking for pictures of Mission Belles from 1962 & 1964 and of Big "D" Chorus from 1963 as well as numerous Small Chorus Winners between 1972 and 1978. It would be super to have all of these before our 50th contest next year. All photos would be copied and returned safely. Region 10 Chorus & Quartet historical albums and scrapbooks are on display at most regional schools and at competition. Take some time to look at them and learn more about the 49-year history of our region. You'll be glad you did! My contact information is as follows: Mailing address — 841 HWY 182; Sunset LA 70584. Phones: (h) 337-662-3247 and (fax) 337-662-2274. My email address is: kbsings@centurytel.net. Karen Bernard, Region 10 Historian

17th Annual Wall Of Fame

Jane Schlinke — Alamo Metro
 Pamela Kurburski — Austin Harmony
 Gloria Jones — Baton Rouge
 Lynette Arceneaux — Bayou Blend
 Kitty Zilliox — Brazos Crossing
 Shirley Winstead — Cradle Of Texas
 Pat Cochran — Crescent City Sound
 Sally Ritchie — Fiesta City
 Carol Herman — Houston Horizon
 Becky Loveday — Lone Star
 Edna Flinn — Magic Valley
 Sherri Smith — Panther City
 Rosemary Grulke — Sparkling City
 Darline Lejeune — Spirit Of Southeast Texas
 Dedra Doyle — Starlite Sound
 Marci Haack — Texas Harmony
 Margaret Kresse — Voice Of Vermilion

Marketing Award Recipients for 2009-2010

Alamo Metro June Deiser	Lone Star Stacy Coalson
Baton Rouge Jan Daly	Panther City Kelli Chou
Chisholm Trail Carol Mouche	Sparkling City Lela Galo
Crescent City Lynda Grass	Texas Harmony Sheila Foster
Houston Horizon Adrienne Allie	Voice of Vermillion Karen Bernard

WANTED!



On Friday, Sept 17 and Saturday, Sept 18, many Great Gulf Coast Region 10 Directors will be “rounded up” during the Fall Regional Weekend for annoying infractions ranging from “extreme arm-waving” to “talks too much.”

You can pay \$10 to have them sit in the “lock-up” and/or pay the “bail” to spring them out.

Either way, it's all in good fun to help raise money for our Region. So round up your posse, count your dough, and ride on over to Houston to see what trouble you can stir up.

Contact: charlotte.hoffman@powereng.com

Thank You From Cheryl Pyle



Region #10 is #1 in my heart!

It is an honor to serve you. I was humbled to be recognized at this year's Show of Champions and it was a very special treat to have my daughter there as part of that recognition. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support, encouragement, inspiration, assistance and friendship over the past 30 years!

Who would have thought when my husband Gary suggested that I

might like to visit a Sweet Adelines chorus rehearsal in the fall 1978 what a life-changing experience it would be. I walked into the Austin Chapter rehearsal not knowing anything about singing barbershop and not having sung anything except church choir since junior high school choral classes. Gary had sung barbershop in Quincy Illinois before we moved to Austin, and thought it might be something I could enjoy while he was studying at the University of Texas.

It was an interesting time at the Austin Chapter as they were without a permanent director and several of the experienced members were stepping in each week to lead the rehearsals. I didn't know when I told them I would sing baritone (since Gary was a baritone and that's the only part I knew much about) that it would take me weeks and weeks to be able to carry my part ... or that no one would tell me I should try another part that might be easier for me!

Baritone has grown in me and I can learn most songs, but not without significant effort on my part. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to all the section leaders who have worked with me over the past 30+ years.

Much of the joy I have found in Sweet Adelines has been nurtured by those members who recognized in me someone with organizational and leadership skills ready for training and experiences I never knew existed. From my first Summer Music Camp in 1979 where I LOVED the class/session for new Chapter Presidents on the SAI organization led by Marilyn Cox and the session with Sylvia Alsbury showing us how easy it is to put on a performance face/attitude, to personal conversations with regional leaders such as G Headen, Corabel Buelow and Jackie Hall, I have been encouraged and inspired to find my place in this wonderful organization.

As with many members with leadership aptitudes, I moved from chapter membership chairman, secretary, vice president and president to regional events coordinator to service on the regional level as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Regent and Regent, and I have had opportunities to learn so much about this region and the Sweet Adelines International organization. Like many of

you, I have friends and SAI sisters throughout the USA and the world whom I would never had met outside of this organization.

I decided early on in my Sweet Adelines experience that I would soak in as many educational opportunities as time and money would allow, and those have been precious times for me. I have had the good fortune to switch from one chorus to another six times due to life circumstances and challenges, and each move has been an exceptional experience for me. I have had the opportunity to sing on regional contest stage, international contest stage and in untold venues around Central Texas and even in Denmark, Russia, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji! Thanks to the patience and understanding of my employers, my family and my choruses over the years, I have been able to juggle motherhood, a full-time career and Sweet Adelines International all this time.

I encourage our newer/younger/fresher members to take advantage of every possible opportunity placed before you to share, learn and grow through Sweet Adelines International. Only you will limit your possibilities. We need you to volunteer on the chapter and regional level when you are ready.

Welcome to our newest Region 10 members

Please note that this information is supplied by each chorus to the regional Communications Coordinator.

Alamo Metro Chorus

Wyrene Ramirez

Denise Fly

Nedra Thornton

Janis Rosebush

Heather Harmon

*Gail Eltgroth

*Judy Earnest

Chisholm Trail Chorus

*Carolyn Bottomley

Cathy Davis

Janet Dyer

Beth Shurtz

Shelly White

Fiesta City Chorus

Renae Cane

Marti Patton

Magic Valley Chorus

*Joanne Austin

Eunice Dalgleish

Beth Davis

Marlene Koentop

*Marilynn Lewallen

*-Dual Member

Great Gulf Coast 5-Year Education Plan As of July 2010

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Jan	Winter Regional Meeting Jan 15-16 Houston, TX Harriette Walters	Quartet Workshop Jan 14-15 Houston, TX Tomi McEvoy	Quartet Workshop Jan 20-21 Houston, TX Faculty Pending	Quartet Workshop Jan 18-19 Houston, TX Faculty Pending	Quartet Workshop Jan 17-18 Houston, TX Faculty Pending
Feb					
Mar	Regional Competition March 25-28 Houston, TX	Regional Competition March 17-20 Houston, TX	Regional Competition March 29-April 1 Houston, TX	Regional Competition March 21-24 Houston, TX	Regional Competition April 3-6 Houston, TX
Apr					
May	Chapter Leaders' Seminar May 21-22 Houston, TX Linda Nishimura, Life Coach	Chapter Leaders' Seminar May 20-21 Houston, TX Kathy Carmody	Chapter Leaders' Seminar May 18-20 Houston, TX Regional Faculty	Chapter Leaders' Seminar May 17-18 Houston, TX Peggy Gram	Chapter Leaders' Seminar May 16-17 Houston, TX Regional Faculty
Jun	Area Schools June 26 3 areas – west, north, east Regional faculty	Area Schools June 25 TBD Regional faculty	Area Schools June 23 TBD Regional faculty	Area Schools June 22 TBD Regional faculty	Area Schools June 21 TBD Regional faculty
Jul					
Aug					
Sept	Fall Regional Meeting Sept 17-18 Houston, TX Tori Postma		Fall Regional Meeting Sept 14-15 Houston, TX Renee Porzel	Fall Regional Meeting Sept 20-21 Houston, TX Gail Jencik	Fall Regional Meeting Sept 19-20 Houston, TX Faculty Pending
Oct		International Competition Oct 18-22 Houston, TX			
Nov					
Dec					