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### ***Region 10 Apart [but always] Together Virtual Summer Education!***

Patty Cobb Baker, SAI's Immediate Past President and current Queen of Harmony Tenor from VIVA!, along with our own Region 10 Education Faculty, will be teaching a multitude of classes ranging from **Section Rehearsals** on our new regional songs to **How to Hold Virtual Auditions**.

*Pre-launch learning beginning June 19. Sessions begin Saturday, June 20.*

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craft. We have had presentations on a variety of topics by our Co-Directors and Assistant Directors. In addition, we have taken the opportunity to utilize online warmups and skill building exercises from many of Sweet Adelines and Barbershop Harmony Society's best. Most recently we joined forces with Notably North Texas (R25) and Texas Harmony for a wonderful time of learning and laughter by the incomparable Kim Vaughn. Approximately 55 of us logged on to learn about the Sound Category and how to raise our scores by focusing on the Big 5 – Posture, Breathing, Phonation, Resonation and Articulation.

In closing, we are sad to report that Roni Hancock (former Lone Star member) has joined the Heavenly Choir. Roni served for many years on the Management Team and was a dedicated chorus tenor. Roni passed away right after this awful pandemic began in March. Please remember her family in your prayers as they must wait to honor her life.

Until we meet again. Yours in harmony,  
Lone Star Chorus

Contributed by Lee Tayon



## Piney Hills Harmony

In addition to looking toward the future, Piney Hills Harmony is continuing its Zoom rehearsals with a variety of activities that are helping us cement our skills and barbershop technique as well as continue to bond us as sisters in song.

For example, we've watched vocal exercise videos from both Master Faculty Member Kim Vaughn and San Diego Chorus' Master Director Kathleen Hansen. Topics have included range extension, overtones, breathing, the mixed voice and loving your own voice. Vocal warm-ups have featured Darlene Rogers from "Sing, Baby, Sing."



Fun activities on rehearsal nights have ranged from Show and Tell, when members brought their favorite chorus-related photos to share, to a Pajama Party, when we played videos of favorite songs from our teenage sleepovers.

We've even had drive-by fun. In May, several chorus members decorated their cars and formed a birthday parade for Director Sheila Nugent.

Regarding the future, chorus leaders are discussing offering virtual guest nights.



Caption photo 1 upper right: Our Facebook page recently featured a weeklong Hope Series; this was one of the showcased images. Caption photo 2 upper left: Members of Forte! quartet aren't singing together yet, but they were grateful just being able to see each other. Their masks are part specific so as to not be put in the penalty box for grabbing someone else's face covering.

Caption photo 3 lower right: Among the chorus members decorating their cars and driving by Director Sheila Nugent's house for a birthday parade were Cherri Barmore, Sheila Carothers and Lynette Murphy.



Contributed by Sallie Rose Hollis

## Katy Vocal Express

Katy Vocal Express has been busy with Zoom rehearsals and learning new music. We're adding two uptunes and a ballad to our repertoire. We can't wait and sing these new songs together. Right now we are planning a Zoom open house for moms that could use some conversation and singing! To accomplish this we are getting yard signs for members and placing invitations on Next Door, Facebook and Set-up and utilizing our Chamber of Commerce online event board.

We're anxiously awaiting the time we can sing together again and seeing our Region 10 friends.

Contributed by Beth Watkins



## Heart of the Pines

**Heart of the Pines** continues to rehearse virtually each week in preparation for our Fall show, *WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!* – A 10th Anniversary Show

It is scripted to tell the story of director Teresa Reed's arrival to Nacogdoches and her search for a SA group. It moves forward through time spotlighting a vignette from each of the subsequent chorus shows. We are hopeful that we will get to present it this year.

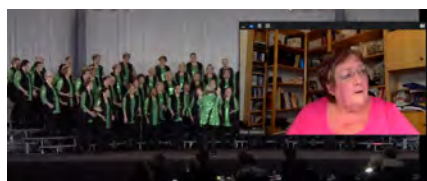
Even if circumstances prevent the show in 2020, we're still in luck as Heart of the Pines conception happened in 2010, with chartering in 2011, making a 2021 anniversary show just as valid!



Contributed by Melanie Cole



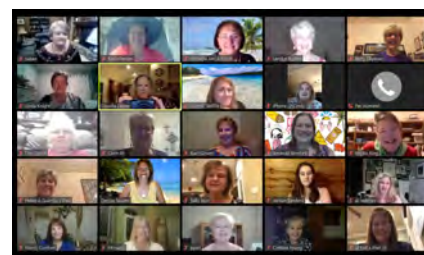
## The Woodlands Show Chorus



The Woodlands Show Chorus is zooming ahead! BIG thanks to several of our members who are IT gurus, our Monday night rehearsals are still fun, exciting, and meaningful through Zoom. Each week our rehearsal continues to take us through physical warmups led by various members of the chorus and vocal warmups led by Keturah Moller. We have sectional discussions, choreography review and different coaching while in breakout rooms with the help of extra IT leaders like Karla Fenton, Pam Parish, Susie Chirafis, Kerri Mauney and Jenn Scogin. Then we all merge back together for singing and closing information. There are so many WONDERFUL moving parts to this zooming! Our leader Betty Clipman is up to speed with sharing her screen, moving from one sectional to another and unmuting herself as needed. Our attendance is steady, and it is such a pleasant treat to see the faces of our friends, especially when we sing along to the recordings for repertoire review. We even took an evening "off" from rehearsal for the

Memorial Day Monday. We met together socially, spending the time visiting and laughing, sharing stories, showing little things from our homes, and of course our pets! We really are a fun loving, joyful group of women!

It was quite out of the ordinary this year when we had our installation of officers and chorus recognitions via Zoom. The Installation host-of-events was our current and continuing chorus manager, Elizabeth McCurdy. She, along with amazing slide presentations by Claudia Lassiter and master zoom control artist Denise Tazumi, created an enchanting evening of laughter, tears, memories, and honor. The slide shows were spectacular and heartwarming. The installation was conducted by Carin Williamson, and we were "off to the races" again with hopes for a successful year to come.



One of the most enriching things about our zooming style rehearsals is the chance to see and hear from additional coaches. On May 4<sup>th</sup> we were critiqued and encouraged by Dale Syverson, one of our long-time coach/friends. She gave us pointers on how to continue to up our game and sing with the forward motion of "e"motion. On June 1<sup>st</sup> we had a visit from Patti Cobb Baker, past President of SAI, and our friend from VIVA! She did our vocal warmups and then lead an inspirational discussion of encouragement. We broke into groups and did some brainstorming on how we can stay connected, stay motivated and continue to work on our skills and education.

We were proud to say that we ARE doing things to keep going. We have a "Hiatus Homefun" internet page, created by our associate director, Kerri Mauney, that contains learning materials, videos and games to keep us focused in an entertaining way. VERY clever! AND we are continuing to raise funds to be able to attend international, WHENEVER that might be. Carin Williamson and her Silent Auction Team has put together an ON-LINE auction. Great items and cool gift ideas! And you can BE HOME and win!

Please go to [www.accelevents.com/e/kahnesmith](http://www.accelevents.com/e/kahnesmith) to take a look! The silent auction bids will close at the end of June. We would sure appreciate the support.

Really, we DO appreciate the support during this strange time. Region 10 has found ways to move forward and we are doing the same, thanks to our fantastic leadership and dedicated membership. It means more now than ever before to know we have a song to share because "We are Sweet Adelines."

Take care, stay safe, and continue to sing...at home.

*Caption photo 1 top left: Dale Syverson reviews the performance video with us and shares her ideas for improvement.*

*Caption photo 2 mid right: Zoom smiles during coaching*

Contributed by Phyllis King

## Baton Rouge

Well, hello. It seems forever since we've hugged the necks of our friends but we're hanging in. We've been fortunate that no one in the Baton Rouge Chorus has contracted COVID-19.

Just before the "fun" began we moved to a new rehearsal space at Broadmoor United Methodist Church. Only the members who moved our stuff have seen our new digs. We were afraid our stuff may have gone up in smoke when we learned an arsonist had attacked the Church. Fortunately, it is a large complex and the damage was minimal.

ZOOMING is our weekly norm. Currently, we're using it to stay in touch and to take a music theory class from our wonderful Director Daniel Zeagler. What we aren't doing is

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Our Team is counting on the membership to tell us what they need. And we are still looking at possible elements to add to our weekly gathering that will make them more fun and engaging.

*Contributed by Tina Watts*

## Austin Harmony

Despite the COVID-19 shutdown, Austin Harmony has continued to rehearse virtually. Our illustrious Director, Maestro Greg Hilliard, Jr., invites us weekly to a Zoom meeting with a planned agenda for the rehearsal. We start with a warm-up exercise via YouTube, rehearse each part using the learning tracks, have break-out sessions for sectionals, and finally put the song together. Though we all wish we could hear one another singing, the cacophony that would result if everyone were “unmuted” would not be pretty! We do sing “How We Sang Today” with unmuted mikes anyway—just to be together!

At the beginning of the COVID-19 shutdown, members and friends of Austin Harmony began making and distributing cloth masks to various venues in the Greater Austin/San Antonio area. To date, we have distributed more than 700 masks over a three-month period. Another 100 masks are ready to go if there is a second surge in cases and/or the need for more masks. Bari Debra Fronimos (an ultrasound technician) reports that dozens were distributed in her hospital, which serves as a hub for ventilated COVID-19 patients in the San Antonio area. Masks were also distributed there to outpatients coming in for cancer treatments.

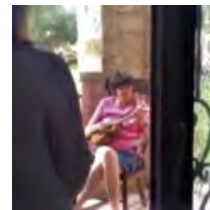
Austin Harmony has a tradition of gifting “Secret Sisters” in the weeks leading up to competition. Because the regional competition was canceled, we were unable to complete our “sister” mission in the usual fashion. Members flexed their creative muscles to reveal themselves to their secret sisters. Nancy Hadsell (Lead) delivered her gifts to Terri Jones (Bari) in person and serenaded her entire family in the porch rocking chair—6 feet away. Kathy Nugent-Arnold (Lead) did a “drop & dash” for her Secret Sister, Carolyn Bottomley (Bari)—along with a set of clues. COVID-19 will not interfere with the love we have for one another—or our longing for the opportunity to sing together in person in the near future.

We wish all our Region 10 “sisters in song” good health and harmony.

*Caption photo 1 top right: Nancy Hadsell serenades Secret Sister, Terri Jones, on Her Porch*

*Caption photo 2 bottom right: One of Carolyn Bottomley’s Washable Masks*

*Contributed by Nancy Hadsell*



## YWIH - Take Note Chorus

Take Note YWIH Chorus, like everyone else, has missed rehearsals, concerts and we had to cancel our trip to Savannah, GA. We had several singing opportunities lined up there, including singing in Christ Church Episcopal and the National Anthem for the Savannah Bananas minor league team. Plans now are to go June 2021.

The Girl Scout cookie sale was in full swing when the quarantine hit and our sales suddenly stopped and the girls were left with over 12 cases of cookies that we had to pay for @ \$60/case. What to do? We put out an SOS to friends, family and our friendly Houston area choruses for help. We asked people to sponsor a box of cookies that we would then deliver to local first responders and hospital staff. Within a few days all cookies were sponsored! Cookies were delivered to 2 fire stations and 12 hospitals to very surprised and happy recipients. Our thanks to Houston Horizon, Katy Vocal Express, Woodlands, and Deci Belles for helping with this project.

We are hoping we to start our new year in August when we will host auditions for new members and rehearse our newest song A Million Dreams. We love that song. Our favorite activity, besides traveling, is singing at Dickens on the Strand in Galveston in December.

If you know if 6th-12th grade girls that would like to sing with us, please let me know.

Our rehearsals are the 2nd Sunday of the month 3-5pm, presently at the Girl Scout Program Place for Girls in Houston. (Address upon request). Girls do not have to be current Girl Scouts, but are expected to register with GSUSA for insurance purposes and use of the program place. We love new members!

For more information, please email [Texsings@comcast.net](mailto:Texsings@comcast.net)

*Contributed by Beth Watkins*



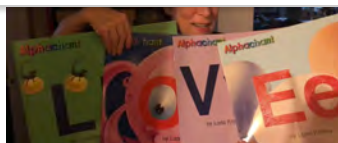
## Texas Harmony

Just like everyone else, Texas Harmony has been in the virtual world: rehearsals, meetings, Regional visit, auditions and our installation for our new Management Team. Marlys Nelson did a great job giving each position a color and expanding on their value. Our Director, Karla Callaway, has worked hard making virtual rehearsals fun, interesting and educational. We even joined two local choruses for an informative class with Kim Vaughan. Karla has also made a point to check in on us as sections to keep our spirits lifted during our separation. We are surviving!

*Caption photo upper right: Photo “LOVE”: The LOVE game pictures was an activity we did one night at rehearsal. We had to find objects around our house that spelled the word LOVE.*

*Caption photo right: Installation Zoom picture*

*Contributed by Laura Raitt*



## Houston Horizon

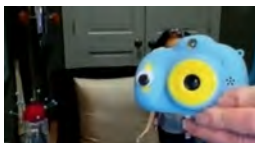
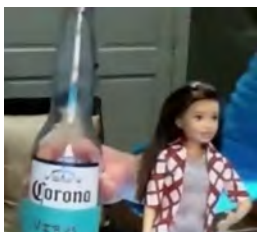
Since last we shared, HHC has had our annual awards “banquet”, even though there was no actual banquet. We celebrated our annual thank yous and award winners at the start of our weekly Zoom rehearsal on June 3rd. We usually present plaques to the award winners but how to do that via Zoom? So, a plan was devised to have someone deliver the plaques during the presentation to the winners. This proved to be a very interesting plan to accomplish. One delivery was easy, as that winner shares the home with a chorus member, so the plaque was delivered while the winner was at work, and then, during the presentation, it was walked down the hall and presented. The second awardee lives in a high security apartment building and took some arranging, including getting a contact for her boyfriend so he could drop it off, all in secret. The third awardee received her award, via special delivery from the husband of our director, since they live in the same neighborhood as the recipient! It was great fun watching it all unfold via Zoom! Perfect attendance certificates were shown via Zoom and will be presented when we are back together in person as we had 6 of them!

Congratulations to each person who received an award and/or a thank you for all that they do for Houston Horizon!

We have delayed our Annual Retreat from August this year to February of next year, and are really looking forward to that because as you know, we all need things to look forward to during this time!

Zooming our rehearsals is challenging but we have been learning new music, watching educational videos, having coaches zoom in to teach us things and review our contest videos. We love seeing our members and enjoy the social time before and after rehearsal.

Until next time.....



*Editor's note: I had so much fun participating in their Melo(dy)drama exercise with our Heroine Adeline, Villain Corona(virus), and Hero Zoom at their recent Houston Horizon virtual rehearsal night. Over 65 ladies from multiple choruses Zoomed in and had a very enjoyable evening of laughing and learning our new SAI music together!*

Contributed by Sara Davis

## Member Recognition!

A Big “Shout out” to those that brought in new members to our organization in the past year! Our Plus-1’s! Thank you for sharing your joy of barbershop and working to encourage others to join our organization!



- Crescent City Sound, Sue Galliano
- Texas Harmony Chorus, Laura Raitt
- Texas Harmony Chorus, Lea Rutherford
- Texas Harmony Chorus, Karla Callaway
- Texas Harmony Chorus, Donna Saunders
- Texas Harmony Chorus, Kay Carr
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Alice Haagen
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Adrienne Bean
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Sharon Dyer
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Kellie Welch
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Cindy Smith
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Carolyn Hudler
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Cynthia Moriarty
- The Woodlands Show Chorus, Tory Rhoden

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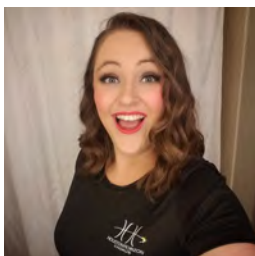
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## A Cappella Unlimited

A highlight of our month has been to add 3 new members to A Cappella Unlimited. We have new basses, Molly Linz and Erica Hockley and new lead, Christina Goza. Welcome, ladies! We are glad to have you.

Before everything came to a standstill, we were fortunate to have an evening of coaching with Ryan Heller, who sharpened us up musically while keeping us laughing. Thank you to Ryan!

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> we had our send-off show at the First Lutheran Church in San Marcos and enjoyed seeing many friends and family there to support us. Eight of us sang the *Star-Spangled Banner* to open the Lincoln/Reagan fundraising dinner in Hays County and were privileged to meet and have our picture taken with Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott.



As most choruses, we've been rehearsing on Zoom: learning music theory and learning new music in sections with tracks. Can't wait until we can sing together and see our Region 10 friends again!

*Caption photo 1 top left. Molly Linz*

*Caption photo 2 center left. Erica Hockley*

*Caption photo 3 lower left. Christina Goza*

*Contributed by Kathy Wilson*

## Magic Valley

Magic Valley Chorus is alive and well in South Texas. As our temperature outside is getting hot and Covid-19 is getting hotter, we are staying inside, working on new music, and getting those closets cleaned out that we have ignored for so long.

MVC has a new face on our Management Team. Judy Rumsey has taken over the reins of leadership as our new Team Coordinator. Eunice Dalgleish is taking over as Membership Chair; Janet Doyle is taking the Education/Communications Chair; Pat Whitney remains as Finance Chair and Sandy Bautch has moved to Events Chair. And we are learning a lot from our new Director, Gloria Crum.

As are most other choruses, our rehearsals are on Zoom. This format is actually working well for us because it allows us to stay in touch with our LOAs who are sheltering in place in Canada and some Northern U.S. states. So far we have had a NASA theme (supporting our astronauts), a Going to the Beach theme (because that is where we long to go), and a pajama party (just getting a jump on going to bed). We have started working on Christmas music in the hope that we can have a Christmas performance season, and we are working on new music for our Show in February or March in the hope that we can have that also.

Magic Valley hopes that everyone in Region 10 is staying well so we can see each other as soon as we possibly can. Keep singing and smiling.

*Contributed by Janet Doyle*

## Sugar Land Sound

We can thankfully report all chorus members are in good health and spirit. We have weekly Zoom meetings organized by Holly, our Director. We benefit from the time for education and some individual online singing while we cannot mass sing.

Also learning some new songs in anticipation of the time when we CAN be together and sing. Installation 2020 - this is how we do it..... Zoom of course! Photos reflect how we do take our chorus members' health and safety very seriously.



Participants requested accessories - mask, gloves, hand sanitizer, tape measure .....and of course toilet paper!

Holly our Director, conducted the Installation ceremony of our new Board and showed her poetic talents with an appropriate message for each person installed. We had such fun and you can enjoy her rhymed verses too!

**President:** There once was a gal who was asked, to lead all our administrative tasks. She agreed to the duty, she's such a beauty....even behind a face mask!

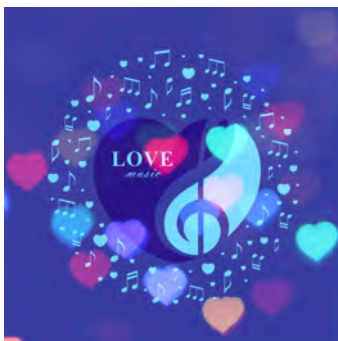
**Vice President:** Upon the news hereof, this gal offered her labor of love. She will help with the tasks of the gal with the mask, only this one will be wearing gloves!

**Secretary:** Who shall we call from the riser, to keep records and be a team advisor? She is no surprise and her documents will make us wise. Take notes and use hand sanitizer!

**Board Members:** BREAKER! BREAKER! Be a good neighbor....learn what you can to be a creator. In times of panic, don't be a hater, share your toilet paper!

Contributed by Jane Vaucher

## Finding our voice in harmony with current events



*"We celebrate our differences as essential to the rich harmony that unites us." SAI International*

Your Region 10 leadership is listening. Along with the support of Sweet Adelines International, we stand in solidarity against racism and stand for diversity and inclusion. In our efforts to help facilitate and support respectful conversations about these difficult topics, Region 10 leadership is being thoughtful and thorough as we delve into the research and education. During this important process, if you wish to bring concerns or suggestions to our attention, we encourage you to reach out to us at [membership@region10sai.org](mailto:membership@region10sai.org).

### Additional SAI Resources:

Excerpt from letter, from BOD Meeting June 10-13: *In accordance with our guiding principles on the Culture of Belonging and Diversity & Inclusion (D & I), Sweet Adelines International rejects any song with racist lyrics, messages or history, and we consider them unacceptable for performance in any setting.*

SAI Facebook: Posts on June 10 and June 3

Our History Video: (starts at 17:44) - <https://youtu.be/f7dziTQkTVQ?t=1064>

Article: Building a Diversity Garden, *The Pitch Pipe*, January 2019 - <https://sweetadelines.com/education...>

Article: Telling Our Story, *The Pitch Pipe*, July 2018 - <https://reader.mediawiremobile.com/SweetAd.../203435/viewer...>

Article: Toward a More Inclusive Sweet Adelines: Harmonizing the World in the 21st Century, *The Pitch Pipe*, July 2018 - <https://reader.mediawiremobile.com/SweetAd.../203435/viewer...>

Article: Inclusive Music Selection, *The Pitch Pipe*, October 2016 - [https://sweetadelines.com/.../Inclusive-Music-Selection\\_ThePi...](https://sweetadelines.com/.../Inclusive-Music-Selection_ThePi...)

## Chisholm Trail

It seems this past month has just flown by with Chisholm Trail Chorus. We have fully embraced our rehearsals on Zoom and are continuing to learn new music during this time. We are really loving the two new International/Regional songs and the message they share. Each week we are having physical warm-ups with Denise Brennan, vocal warm-ups with Sheila Donahue, song repertoire sing-a-long and Brain breaks with video that challenge our mental/memory. We are able to go to break-out rooms and have discussions with our voice part groups or we have had random groups to discuss action verbs for our interp.

We are very proud of our membership as we continue to improve our Zoom skills as well as our chorus skills. At first it was a challenge just to get everyone to mute themselves but now we are working on having better lighting, keeping a pleasant look on our face and centering our cameras. It seems like a little detail but it is so much better to see everyone engaged. Isn't it funny how we are desperate to SEE each other?

On June 11 we had a designated time for recognition of the Music Team, the new Board officers and for two special awards given by our Director, Carol Scherer. It was my privilege to be the emcee for the evening and I have to share how much fun it was for me! I had a PowerPoint ready to announce the names, which could have been very boring. Instead, I asked that each person be ready to say something when their name was called because the Zoom program jumps the "speaker view" to the one who is SPEAKING. Each person would talk a little and Zoom put them on the screen. I'm bragging on everyone because each person said such sweet, funny, clever little somethings and Zoom did its job putting them on the screen for us to see their face. We enjoyed "officially" congratulating individuals in our chorus, our music team and the elected officers as well as Spirit Award winner Sharon Schroeder and a Special Recognition for Carol Mouché.



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special friend to CTC and earlier this month our president Kaye Pledge and vice-president Sheila Donahue (along with their masked chauffeur, me!) visited Darlene at her home. Outside...Socially Distanced, of course! Sheila had found an antique piece of sheet music ("You're The Flower of My Heart Sweet Adeline,") had the cover framed and presented this to Darlene from the chorus. We were so happy to see her and we continue to pray for her health and well-being.

Wishing you health and happiness until we meet again!

*Caption photo 1 top right:* Darlene Rogers is "The Flower of Our Hearts."  
*Caption photo 2 mid right:* Several members visited her earlier this month.  
*Caption photo 3 bottom right:* Lead section leader Sharon Schroeder was presented with our director's "Spirit Award" for her hard work this past year.

Contributed by Phyllis King



## 2020 Sweet Adelines International Convention & Competition in Louisville, Kentucky, the Regional Video Contest and the 2020 Rising Star Quartet Contest have been officially cancelled.

*SAI International*

You will find answers to most of your questions in the FAQ area at [www.SweetAdelines.com/SAInformed](http://www.SweetAdelines.com/SAInformed) or at [www.SweetAdelines.com/Louisville](http://www.SweetAdelines.com/Louisville).

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- [Communications Coordinator](#), Euna Poole – *Regional Appointment* – Term begins even years
- [Directors Coordinator](#), Mary Beth McMurray – *Elected* – Term begins odd years
- [Education Coordinator](#), Kerri Mauney – *International Appointment* – Term begins even years
- [Events Coordinator](#), Kellie Welsh – *Regional Appointment* – Term begins odd years
- [Finance Coordinator](#), Janet Burnett – *Regional Appointment* – Term begins odd years
- [Marketing Coordinator](#), Laura DeGraw – *Regional Appointment* – Term begins odd years
- [Membership Coordinator](#), Sue Englebert – *Elected* – Term begins even years



There are also many additional ways to serve Region 10; on the staff teams of our RMT leaders, as a volunteer at regional events, or on regional planning committees.

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**Mission Statement:** Great Gulf Coast Region 10 provides opportunities to women for education, performance, leadership and personal growth to advance 4-part a cappella singing.

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