

# Let's Sing Again!

## General/Miscellaneous Information for All Members

**REGISTRATION:** Each member of SAI Region 10 who attends the convention must purchase a \$125 all events ticket/registration. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Registration payments are transferrable but are NOT refundable. Active chapter members should follow their chapter leaders' instructions for submitting payment. Chapter At Large Members should complete/submit the on-line Individual CAL Registration Form and submit payment as directed on the website. Proceeds from competition, in addition to paying for convention/ contest expenses also help provide funding for our regional education programs and help to support our regional champions in their preparation/travel to International Competition.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please volunteer an hour or two at the convention to help it run smoothly. There are many jobs available. Please review the job descriptions and then complete the on-line volunteer form as soon as possible and definitely by the 2/29/24 deadline. Thank you.

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS/CHANGES/ROOMMATE CHANGES:**

Please see separate **2024 Convention Hotel Housing Info on our Region 10 Convention Hub** website for details and the link for our Sweet Adelines Convention rates/information.

**\*\*\*ROOM CANCELLATION\*\*\*: The Hilton Houston North has a strict 48-hour cancellation policy. Cancellation must be made at least 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival date to avoid a charge of one night's room and tax!**

**FIRST TIMERS GROUP PHOTO:** First Timers are invited to move to the front of all singers for a group photo at the Mass Sing on Friday morning/noon. What a fun way to remember your first Region #10 competition/convention!

**HARMONY EXPO:** Plan to spend time in the Hilton Atrium shopping with our numerous vendors who love to present their products/items for your enjoyment. Their booth registration fees help support our convention/educational events, so please make it worth their while to be with us!!! If you know of a vendor who would like to come, please have them notify Harmony Expo Chair Janet Burnett – 713-553-4940 or expo@region10sai.org.

**SILENT AUCTION:** We have a beloved tradition at our regional convention of having a Silent Auction. Each year creative donations from individuals, choruses, quartets, and even vendors from the Expo have made for an appealing array of items for bidding. We know we can enjoy another successful silent auction in 2024. We invite all choruses, quartets and individuals to begin planning items for the auction to support our convention/educational events!!! It's a great opportunity to clean out your shelves of gifts you have purchased but never given which might be of interest to another Sweet Adeline. Look for the Silent Auction...right behind the Reg10 Registration Desk! If you have any questions, contact Harmony Expo/Silent Auction Chair, Janet Burnett – 713-553-4940 or expo@region10sai.org.

**RISER CONFIGURATION FOR CHORUSES:** Only one riser configuration this year ... 9 six-foot riser sections with inverted center section.

**SPECIAL COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED:** Each chorus must submit the number of people with special needs to Competition Coordinator (CC) Roz Jones [cc@region10sai.org](mailto:cc@region10sai.org) as soon as possible. She also needs to know IN ADVANCE if any of your members need special assistance getting on stage. Ramps will be used by all competitors on both sides of the stage. **Note:** The Region does not provide riser chairs and cannot make arrangements for scooters or wheelchairs, so please make accommodations accordingly.

**PURSES/BELONGINGS DURING YOUR TIME ON CONTEST STAGE:** Backstage personnel will be available to “watch” LIMITED personal belongings of competitors in the backstage area during your on-stage performances during contest. Personal belongings from choruses and quartets may be gathered in bags provided at the beginning of the pattern. These belongings will be returned to your group as you leave the backstage area. Please redistribute belongings to members after you are back in the audience.

**CHORUS CONTEST AWARDS PROCEDURE:** As the competing Choruses are introduced in order of appearance, their Director and President/Team Coordinator will enter the stage and will remain there during the announcement of the results. As the results are read, the Director and President/Team Coordinator will step forward to receive their awards. When the new Chorus champions are announced the remaining Directors and Presidents/Team Coordinators will exit the stage. The new Champion Chorus members will receive a medal from an outgoing champion, and then make their way onto to the stage and the risers to perform.

**CONTESTANT SCORE SHEETS:** These will be available at a designated location 15-30 min. after the end of each contest. For choruses these can be picked up only by the Chorus Director or the Team Coordinator/President. For quartets, only a designated person or a quartet member may obtain the score sheets.

**PHOTO ORDER FORMS:** Quartet and Chorus Forms are available on our regional website. Note: A portion of the photo orders placed as a group by your chorus/quartet at the convention are rebated for the support of our regional programs. If you are planning to purchase a posed photo, PLEASE order it in advance and support your region! Again in 2024: Candid photos during contest will be available. Watch our regional website/blast for information about ordering candid on-stage photos.

**PARKING AT THE HILTON HOUSTON NORTH:** Parking is free at this facility. There is open parking in the lot in front of the hotel and there is also free parking in the garage behind the hotel. The gate to the garage will open as you approach it and you may park on levels 1, 2, 3 or 4 as long as the space is marked for Visitors/Hotel Guests. There is an entrance to the back side of the Atrium from inside the parking garage. Although there have been some past security issues in the front open parking lot, Hilton staff report that they have never had any security issues inside the parking garage.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY SINGLE EVENT TICKETS:** Single event \$30 tickets for the quartet contest, chorus contest and for the show of champions on Saturday night will be available at our Region #10 registration table prior to each event. All members of Region #10 must pay our convention registration fee, but your friends and/or family can purchase tickets for \$30 per event.

**WEBCAST AVAILABLE FOLLOWING POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE PAST FIVE CONVENTIONS:** Friends and family unable to join us in Houston may subscribe to our webcast and watch the competition live. Also, members who want to keep up with the contest while preparing for their own time on stage can register and watch from your smart devices during the convention. *For only \$30, all who register/pay for the webcast will get live viewing AND post-contest access for two weeks following the weekend.*