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**THREE-PETE!!**

Just in case you missed it ... we want to Congratulate City of Gardens Chorus for giving Region 26 a THREE-PETE as the Gold Medalists in the Div AA International Contest! Way to go Master Director, Julie Smith and every Chorus member!



**CHEERS!**

TO ALL OF OUR FAB BALTIMORE COMPETITORS!

City of Gardens Chorus

Westcoast Harmony Chorus

Frenzy (5th Place!!) Glow (13th Place!!), &  
Easy Street (26th Place!) OUT of the WORLD!

Frenzy wants to say a big thank you for all of the support we received leading up to, and in, Baltimore. From the financial donations, to the cards wishing us luck, to the gifts awaiting us when we walked off stage, to the number of people who came up to us in Baltimore, we were overwhelmed by the support of this wonderful region! There is no feeling like walking off stage into a sea of people cheering - you know how to make a quartet feel very special and for that, we thank you so much!

Congratulations to Easy Street, Glow (top 15!), Westcoast Harmony, and City of Gardens (3-pete champions!) for amazing performances in Baltimore. We were very honoured to share the stage with you as Region 26 representatives.

We are thrilled with our 5th place medals, and can't wait to celebrate with you all at Regional convention in the spring. We are so excited to be competing in Las Vegas with Glow, Lions Gate, Rhythm of the Rockies, and the new Region 26 Quartet Champions! Region 26 rocks!

We love you all!

Frenzy: Anne, Judy, Melissa, and Nikki



## Other International Experiences... volunteering!

My name is Fran Thorson, member of Rhythm of the Rockies, Calgary, AB.

This year was the second time I volunteered at Internationals. This is such a fun opportunity, I would just like to take a couple of minutes and try and explain why I do it.

First and foremost, I am a Barbershop nerd! I love the opportunity to go and listen and learn from people in the association - it is the best way to learn. There are so many great women throughout the world who are involved, there is no shortage of ideas out there to listen to and discuss... Volunteering is a great way to network, and meet all kinds of people you wouldn't necessarily have the chance to talk to otherwise!

This year I was a greeter - I accompanied the chorus from the door of the Convention Centre, then upstairs to the rehearsal room. When their time was up, we were off to the backstage door, where I handed them off to another volunteer for their exciting walk to the stage!

Through this process, I had the chance to talk to and encourage all the competitors in the Harmony Classic A division this year - some of whom I'm Facebook friends with too! It is great working with the staff from Home Office, and getting the chance to put a "face to the name" - they remember me from year to year also ... a

good thing I hope ;)

One thing I know for sure - I will definitely be applying for this chance again and again - I encourage you to have a go also!

and from Laurie Vainio:

This was my first time volunteering at the International level of competition so it was with nervous excitement that I took to my first duties - Door Greeter for competing quartets. How glamorous these ladies looked as they entered the building and went for final preparations before being ushered backstage! And how cool to be able to greet Lustre, Spritzer, Bling!, and our own FRENZY. I enjoyed meeting ladies from other regions around the world. Next day Fran Thorson & I were privileged to meet and escort ALBA Show Chorus from their hotel to the convention centre. They were lovely, sharing stories and taking selfies with us. Their director Mikael Wikstrom even taught me to count in Swedish as we all loaded onto the bus. All in all a fun experience and one I would definitely do again.

Planning to attend International in Vegas? Ever thought of volunteering? Our organization runs on the hard work of many volunteers and no event needs more than our annual international convention.

## Easy Street says so long...

Getting together in 2011, Easy Street has had a whirlwind time together gathering 3 gold medals and 3 International appearances.

Its been a journey of ferry rides, sleep overs, weekend long rehearsals, snatched visits to sing for each others choruses, laughs, more beverages than is probably good for you, and good friendships. We have gathered many great memories, but sadly all good things must come to an end and now it is time for us to bid you 'adieu'. We want to thank our wonderful choruses Westcoast Harmony and City of Gardens for all the love and support they have lavished

on us over these past few years. Thank you to all of the coaches for the invaluable tools they've given us and to our very own Region 26 ...you all have always been there cheering us on, making us feel very special and we thank you for that. It has been one great adventure we will always remember.



In harmony always, EASY STREET  
Shayna, Danna, Laurie & Julie

Hello Region 26!

# RMT Update!

Your Regional Management Team met last weekend along with incoming Events Coordinator, Cathy Martin, incoming Finance Coordinator, Susan Dumas, and visitor, Fern Dunlop. You may not know that every January, we welcome to our meeting our incoming team members and invite one or two other individuals to encourage succession planning and ensure smooth transitions!

As usual, there was lots of great discussion, and we wanted to share some highlights with you.

1. **Members Only site** - we're having some issues with the site after Groupanizer's recent upgrade, that are out of our control. We're working with Groupanizer to get these issues sorted out, but you may find that you are unable to login, or can't access all of the information on the site. Please be patient as Groupanizer works out the issues. In the meantime contact Yvonne [region26contest@gmail.com](mailto:region26contest@gmail.com) for Bulletin and Forms.

2. We are excited to announce that this year at Regional convention, **we will have a YWIH chorus perform at the end of the chorus contest.**

This is a YWIH chorus sponsored by Westcoast Harmony Chorus and Region 26. There will be a weekend workshop held April 10/11 in the Surrey area, and another rehearsal on Thursday, April 30 (just before 1st Nite) at the Sheraton Guildford. Participants may attend both events, or only attend the rehearsal and performance at Regional convention (music, learning tracks, and videos will be provided to all registrants). **Included in registration is a free Regional all events ticket** so participants may choose to attend all or part of the convention weekend as well. **We encourage you to invite any young women (aged 25 and under) to register for this weekend. Young members of region 26 are also encouraged to register.** The registration form with more information is attached, and can also be found here <https://www.dropbox.com/s/oxixzf7oub6t5fd/YWIH%20Registration%20Form.pdf?dl=0>



3. Planning is well under way for this year's **Regional Education Symposium with Martini in Kelowna, BC. Be sure to mark your calendars for Aug 13-16.** You won't want to miss this event! We are also planning on a quartet mixer, a golf tournament and wine tour as optional activities for those who wish to participate.

4. We are pleased to announce that the Region is sponsoring **SIX scholarships for YWIH** (aged 25 and under) to attend our **Regional Education Symposium this summer with Martini!** The scholarships will cover registration costs, travel, food, and housing. The application form is attached, and can also be found here <https://www.dropbox.com/s/y7v210m9941a8hx/2015%20YWIH%20Scholarship%20Application.doc?dl=0>

5. This year's **Show of Champions** will be a bit different. We want to continue to celebrate our champions and international competitors, and also want to celebrate all the other talent we have in this region, and give more quartets and choruses a chance to perform. In addition to the winners of each division (Overall Chorus Champions, AA Chorus Champions, A Chorus Champions,

Quartet Champions, Audience Choice Quartet, Audience Choice Chorus), **we will be holding a draw at the end of the chorus contest for two more performances in the Show of Champions.** The first will be drawn from the 2nd and 3rd place quartets, and the other will be drawn from the choruses placing 2-5 in the overall chorus competition.

**We also want to say thank you to the members of the Regional Management Team for whom this was their last meeting. Judy McAlpine, Finance Coordinator, and Leda Wagner, Events Coordinator - we will miss you at the table!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Regional Management Team.

In harmony,

Anne, Joey, Judy, Kathy, Leda, Lynda, Sandy, Yvonne,  
Your 2014-2015 Regional Management Team

## TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS LOST 2014



We are very sad to announce the sudden passing on August 9th of our dear friend, Sharon Thompson, a Chinook Winds Show Chorus member of 27 years. Besides losing a great friend, we lost a member who, over the years, has contributed mightily to the growth and welfare of CWSC.

Sharon was a key personality in the Bass Section, having held the position of Bass Section Leader for many years. Her strong, beautiful bass voice and dry sense of humour were always evident.

She served as President (when we had a President instead of a Team Leader). She was Show Chairman, Convention Chairman and did many jobs that are too numerous to mention. She loved to sing and always said that after a show or coming home from competition, we spent far too much time talking and not nearly enough time singing. Sharon had not been well for several years and it was a tough choice for her to step down from the chorus because she loved it so much. However, she continued to lead a very full life, travelling extensively with Jack, travelling with our chorus to International in Hawaii last year to cheer on her daughter, Lauri, in Rhythm of the Rockies. She also came to Regional Convention with us and was a great cheerleader and supporter. For all who knew her, she loved the song "All That Jazz" as you can see in Sharon's picture.

We wish to thank Sharon for her contributions to the chorus, her humour and friendship. Our deepest sympathies go to Jack -- Sharon always said he was her best friend -- and to her family -- especially to Lauri, who sang with CWSC for many years.

We will miss you, Sharon.

Last issue we missed this important tribute. Apologies to CWSC, family and friends.



**BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE** - Southern Accord Show November 22nd. was the heartfelt story of Peter Paul Penguin who tells of his harrowing experience on his trip by iceberg from the South Pole to Southern Alberta, He meets and falls in love with the beautiful Maggie Pie but alas, Peter Paul can't live on road kill and Maggie Pie doesn't like the cold and can't teach Peter Paul to fly so they must bid a fond fare well and part. News has recently been received that Peter Paul has successfully returned to the south pole but he is still hurting from having to leave his love behind. Southern Accord had a wonderful time at our show.

## INSURANCE NEEDS FOR ANY SAI EVENT

Sweet Adelines International covers your insurance needs as part of your international dues. To obtain insurance certificates through Sweet Adelines for an event, contact:

Insurance Co. is now: Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Contact: Joan Catlin

Phone: 918-764-1644

Fax: 918-289-2242

Email: Joan\_Catlin@ajg.com

They will send a certificate of insurance to whomever you designate. You can ask for a copy for your records as well.

## AHC Celebrates

She came into our lives for only a year but the impact she had on us as a chorus will last as long as the memories do. Genie, a Korean girl of 21, took a chance and crossed the ocean to come to a foreign country where she knew no one. Not long after arriving in Canada, Genie walked into our rehearsal hall. She had heard about us from an online post that one of our members had placed on [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com). Genie's love of music drew her to our rehearsal, and kept her coming back every week for more. During her year with AHC, Genie joined us in a number of performances, her first one being on Canada Day at the Edmonton Valley Zoo. More significantly, Genie was a part of our 10th anniversary show "En Route – A



Musical Ride" in November. What a joy it was to share in these celebrations with a girl who had chosen us to be a part of her one year adventure in Canada. As is typical of Sweet Adelines, when Genie joined our chorus she gained a new family, and chorus members were more than happy to welcome Genie into their homes to help celebrate Canadian holidays throughout her year with us. On January 13th of this year Alberta Heartland said good-bye to Genie at her last rehearsal with us. In Sweet Adelines it never truly is good-bye though, just until we meet again.

Thank you Genie for being an everlasting part of our chorus history.

Nicola Coulstring, Alberta Heartland Chorus

## Chorus Anniversaries this year

Westcoast Harmony Chorus  
May 2015 50 Years

Vernon Kalamalka Chorus  
August 2015 35 Years

River Hills Chorus  
October 2015 15 Years

**Give them a Cheer!**

Save the Date!  
Sunday, July 12, 2015, 12–4 p.m.

Westcoast Harmony Chorus celebrates 50 years of barbershop with . . .

**Fifty, Fun and Fabulous!**

A picnic at Maple Ridge Park  
23200 Fern Crescent (132nd Ave.)  
Maple Ridge, B.C.

Tickets on sale in January  
[www.westcoastsings.com](http://www.westcoastsings.com)

We sing every Wednesday  
7:15 to 10:15 p.m.  
6:45 p.m. registration for new guests  
Parkland Fellowship  
9574 160th Street, Surrey  
Corner of 96th Ave. and 160th St.  
[info@westcoastsings.com](mailto:info@westcoastsings.com)



# Spam...not

## Region 26 Guidelines

Region 26 recognizes that each chorus has its own culture and operating Guidelines and recommends that those Guidelines include sections on the use of social media and privacy and spam laws. The Region is not qualified to give you legal advice but would make you aware of the following:

### **Social Media:**

Official Sweet Adeline International Contest recordings may only be used for Educational purposes and if a chorus wishes to upload or use these recordings for any other purpose, the chorus must seek the explicit permission of SAI Music Services Department.

Each chorus in Region will exercise discretion around placing any images or recordings onto websites, YouTube, Facebook, twitter etc. of chorus members and/or events, and will uphold the Sweet Adeline image of smart and gracious women.

RMT recommends that each chorus select a team of two or more members who are responsible for ascertaining the appropriateness of, and posting of, images and recordings in social media.

RMT recommends that all choruses request their members sign a disclaimer allowing the use of

members' images, if a member does not consent to their image being used for particular purposes this is their right. Please note that there is no control of image or recording when performing in a public place.

### **Privacy:**

Canada has legislation regarding the collection, use and disclosure of an individual's personal information. Though our choruses have little commercial activity, it is recommended that a very minimum of personal information be collected and held by any chorus and that the use and any disclosure of that personal information is understood by the owner and permission for the use and disclosure is obtained.

### **Spam Legislation:**

As stated previously, our choruses do not have a lot of commercial activity but if you maintain e-mail lists of show customers, cd purchasers or any other commercial activity, you now need to get, and keep a record of, explicit permission to maintain these individuals on your mailing lists. This is a general statement covering the legislation, there are a number of legal firm sites that have more detailed information.



## Hello and best wishes of the New Year to the Leaders of Region 26 **Encouragement of Inter-Chorus Activity**

Now that most of the holiday activities are done and plans are being made for 2015, we would like to let you know about an opportunity. In alignment with our Region's core values we would like to encourage inter-chorus activities on many levels. This might include shared music classes, vocal production or choreo coaching, shared shows or some other creative interaction! To that effect, some level of funding may be available to support your choice of activity. Just send us the details and proposed costs and we will put it on the list for consideration. Funding requests may go to your Membership Coordinator, Sandy Batten, calnewf@shaw.ca. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Your Regional Management Team

To avoid conflict of dates all choruses are reminded that upcoming events should be coordinated with **Lynda Elliott, and report to TL of each local chorus.**  
**Region 26 Team Coordinator; Email: lyndajelliott@gmail.com**

## R26 CALENDAR



### 2015

Apr 30 – May 3 Hooked on Harmony Regional Convention – Surrey, BC  
 Jun 14 RMT meeting on Skype  
 Jul 12 Westcoast Harmony Chorus 50th Anniversary Picnic  
 Aug 13-16 Regional Education Symposium - MARTINI! — Kelowna  
 Oct 5-10 International Convention in Las Vegas NV  
 Oct 25 RMT meeting on Skype

### 2016

April 14 - 17 Regional Convention – Saskatoon, SK  
 Oct 17-22 International Convention in Las Vegas NV  
 Nov TBA area schools

### 2017

Apr 27-30 Regional Convention —Surrey, BC  
 Oct 9-14 International Convention in Las Vegas NV

### LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR EVENTS!

We'll post them here & online.  
**Next** Maple Leaf EXPRESS is April 15 and stuff is due the week before. [region26contest@gmail.com](mailto:region26contest@gmail.com)

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