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2015 Hooked on Harmony

Canadian Maple Leaf Region 26 • Sweet Adelines International

Hooked on Harmony theme for 2015.

We are just that... passionate, talented and brought together by music and harmony. Region 26 ROCKS!!

Are you ready to strut your stuff?!?!

The Region 26 Steering Committee is in final preparation stages and ready to welcome everyone from our great big region!

Beginning at 1st Nite, we're starting things off with a party and celebration of all our talents in the region. Don't miss the fun! Meet up with your friends and visit! There are prizes! There will be singing!! Anne & Yvonne have a very entertaining evening in store for you, and promise to end in a timely fashion, so you can visit some more!

Another "do not miss" will be the Young Women in Harmony Chorus directed by Pat Fry. They will perform right after the Chorus contest on May 2nd.

And what could be more exciting than watching and listening to all our competitors. Region 26 ROCKS!! and we're looking forward to a fantastic weekend!! SEE YOU THERE!



For the first time ever, there are four Canadians and one Scot on the IBOB so it truly is an international board. From left to right, Marcia, Cammi, Therese Antonini, JD Crowe (also Region 16) and Anne Cargill from Aberdeen in Region 31. The second picture is the IBOB with the staff. We are missing Peggy Gram who had to stay home because her husband, Bob was in the hospital. ~ Cammi Mackinlay



It's that time of year again!

We are starting the process for searching for some great leaders in our region who may be interested in being on the Regional Management Team.

The positions available for the 2016-2017 term are as follows:

- Communications Co-ordinator (Regional Appointment)
- Education Co-ordinator (International Appointment)
- Membership Co-ordinator (Membership Election)
- Team Co-ordinator (Regional Appointment)

This is a great opportunity to get hands-on experience serving your Region, while working with a dynamic group of individuals on the Regional Management Team. The ideal nominee should work well on her own and as a team member to define and pursue goals, and to carry out the aims of the region and Sweet Adelines International.

Her qualifications should include the following:

- A positive, objective attitude
- Good listening skills

- Critical and analytical thinking as well as imaginative and creative thinking
- Effective verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of and ability to use available resources
- Ability to adapt easily to different environments
- Ability to relate to a variety of personality types
- Training and experience in a field which could be of value to the regional management team
- Experience in Sweet Adelines International as a chapter, regional, or international officer, committee chair, or member

Job descriptions and the application can be found under documents in the Members Only section of our website www.region26.ca

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2015

Susan Pander
Chair-Nominating Committee-Region 26
pander.family@sasktel.net

For Sale, for rent, wanted advertising

Used Wenger Tourmaster Risers For Sale - Lions Gate Chorus

Four sets of Wenger Tourmaster 4'x18" - 3 step risers, with additional 4th step and back rails. They are in pretty good shape and three of them are newer than the rest. They have been in storage for a few years. For further information, you may visit the Wenger website www.wengercorp.com. We are asking \$1000.00 or Best Offer. For technical info regarding risers please contact: monica_thorsness@hotmail.com.

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Valley Echoes Chorus, in Abbotsford, BC is in the process of looking for a new director. If you, or anyone you know is interested please get in touch with us. You can read all about it at

<http://valleyechoes.ca/DirectorSearch>

SO LONG, NOT GOODBYE **RMT** Update!

Leda Wagner (Alberta Heartland Chorus) came to the Regional Management Team with her ears and eyes wide open! Leda brought her Chorus Management Team experience from 2007 - 2012 where she served as Team Coordinator, Communications and Marketing Coordinator. Upon some encouragement from Joanne Johnson and Mary Teed, she came to visit the RMT and check it out! Her leadership development and "events" work in her real job gave her the skills to be a wonderful Events Coordinator for Region 26. She's looking forward to a little more travel and checking off her bucket list. Thank you Leda for the calm and sensible leadership. You will be missed at the RMT table. Give Leda a hug and pat on the back when you see her!



Leda WAGNER (H)

How can you adequately thank someone like Judy McAlpine for her years of service and dedication to Region 26? Judy is finishing her term on the Regional Management Team this year having served as Finance Coordinator for seven years. Her knowledge and skilled budgeting have Region 26 in a sound financial position. Her dedication has not stopped there, she has been Chair of Regional Convention seven times, and Convention Coordinator twice. Judy has been a Sweet Adeline for 44 years. Currently serving her third year on the board of directors of Sing Canada Harmony, Judy is helping Canadian a Cappella singers through the organization's scholarship program. Thank you Judy, you will be missed on the Team. If and when you see Judy this convention weekend give her a hug and a thank you... we appreciate all you have done for our Region.



Judy MCALPINE (LG)

WELCOME!!!!

Cathy has been a member of Chinook Winds Show Chorus since 1972 and has watched the Sweet Adelines' organization grow! She has been involved in her chorus and region in the management field, serving on the Management Team/Board of Directors for many years and previously on the Regional Board of Directors when Region #26 first became an entity in 1982. She has served as President, Secretary, Special Events Coordinator and is currently Marketing Coordinator in her chorus. As well, she has served the Region as Presidents' Forum Moderate, Communications and positions on the Regional Steering Committee. Cathy is excited to serve on the RMT as Events Coordinator for the term 2015-2017 and is looking forward to working with you in the planning of Regional events. Welcome back to the team, Cathy.



Cathy MARTIN (CWSC)

Susan started her Sweet Adeline life in 1995, singing with the wonderful women of Magic City Chorus for ten years. In 2005 she moved back to the West Coast, got remarried, and joined Lions Gate Chorus as a baritone in 2007. She has been the Finance Coordinator for LGC for the last seven years and explains "which has been such a rewarding experience for me in many ways. I work as a Controller for an audio video integration company. I have a great husband who totally supports my barbershop hobby, three daughters, two sons-in-law, two grandsons and two grand-dogs, spread out between Saskatoon, Calgary and Vancouver." Welcome to the team, Susan!



Susan DUMAS (LG)



Inter Chorus Activity funding... at work!

by Lynda Elliott

Well thanks to the fund 53 people attended our Regional Song learning session March 21, 2015. There were members from all four choruses in Calgary and a number from Southern Accord in Lethbridge. Some Red Deer gals were coming but we ended up with dense fog and multiple accidents on the northern highway and they were not able to attend.

I was able to speak to the group and connect to our core values, collaboration, and the Fund. Mary Hager lead the session, Maja from Chinook Winds did the vocal warm up, a Rhythm member did physical warm up, and section leaders from Rhythm did the section rehearsals. Shamelessly, we had a bake sale table and water for sale, too to help fund our international journey. And then Susan McLean directed How We Sang.

Some comments below, but what I got out of the day was, obviously, learning of the two new regional songs and a sense of unity in a shared goal. Other learnings and benefits were experiencing song learning at a higher level, and in a larger chorus situation for many attendees. One attendee was an assistant director who is charged with teaching one of the songs to her Chorus, she gained greater insight into what timing and learning issues needed to be addressed.

All in all, we were very happy with the turnout and the results. Just an FYI, Hooked on a Feeling was very hard to work as the leads had not "recognized" note differences from the pop version of the song. Hope that the learning session will send them back to the learning tracks!

Thanks for the opportunity to try this out, I hope we can do it again one day soon.

Lynda Elliott

Hi Lynda - Will you please pass along our sincere thanks to the Regional Board for helping to make this wonderful day possible! Kudos on a job well done! ... Pam Schauerte Ostick, Alberta Gold Chorus

Well, what a great way to spend an afternoon - a few of us from Alberta Gold joined in with Rhythm of the Rockies, Chinook Winds, Vocal Motion and Southern Accord and practiced two new regional songs for three hours. From what I could hear, we sounded pretty darn good and it was so much fun singing with a big chorus! So nice to see some of my friends from the other choruses who I won't get a chance to see at competition this year as Alberta Gold isn't competing so it is always nice to have a visit and some laughs with these ladies. Very nice of Mary, Rhythm of the Rockies' Director to spend the time with us and for them to open up their chorus hall for us to use. A big thank you to Region 26 for supporting this and making it all possible.... Dallas Loschuk, Alberta Gold Chorus

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Region for your financial contribution which paid for our facility.

The energy in the room was great and we got a lot of positive feedback so I think something like this will do well again somewhere down the road.

I really appreciate the region's focus on teaching/learning!Mary Hager
Rhythm of the Rockies Chorus



Region 13 Arrangers WorkShop Harmony College Northwest 2015

University of Puget Sound, Tacoma WA

The Arrangers WorkShop, for the second year, is presented as a joint venture with Harmony College Northwest.

The WorkShop is planned to appeal to all SAI and BHS members who want to learn more about how our music is arranged - what makes the magic of BARBERSHOP happen! So whether you're interested in arranging BARBERSHOP music for yourself, or want to better understand how to sing, direct and/or choreograph BARBERSHOP arrangements, this is where you'll want to be!

WorkShop Dates: June 18 and 19, 2015
Thursday Registration Noon, Classes 1:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am - noon

As promised, Nancy Bergman, Master Music Arranger, and Susan Kegley, Certified Music Arranger, are returning to guide you through finalizing the arrangement of the project song begun last year, "A Smile Will Go A Long, Long Way". They have an exciting agenda planned to finalize the arrangement for women's voices, and then to adapt it for men's voices.

Registration details, instructions, and a flyer will be posted at:
www.harmonycollege.org



How would you like an opportunity to send your good competition vibes into the future and at the same time get recognition for sponsoring chorus medals for next year's competition.

Many of our members have won medals that are put away after competition and never looked at again. Other members have duplications of medals they have won throughout their years as a member of Sweet Adelines. Our Canadian dollar has been on a downward slope for a while thus making the purchase of medals from Sweet Adelines more costly.

In the interest of keeping costs down at Regional convention each year, The Management Team came up with the idea to recycle medals. All you have to do is ask your members if they would like to donate their medals for a particular category, collect the medals, indicate the medal category, and the chorus they are from. If your chorus wishes to be recognized for this donation you could be sponsors in 2016 and get to present them to the winners. There will be an identified spot in the Boutique where you can drop them off. If you won't be attending this year, send them along with someone you know will be attending. We will put fresh ribbons on them and they will hang around the necks of future winners. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS!

Westcoast Harmony Chorus and Young Women in Harmony

The 10th Annual YWIH event was a resounding success! We will see a slightly smaller version of this group entertaining at Regional as well! Only a few are not able to attend. Pat and Patti, you magic makers!!..... thanks. Many Westcoast Women helped to ensure that all ran smoothly and another excellent educational weekend was delivered. You make us all proud. This effort is so worthwhile! We are fortunate to have the Surrey Rotary Club as one of our sponsors for this weekend. We have received a grant from them for all the 10 years. The last several years they have generously donated \$1000 per event.

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ROTR GOES TO LAS VEGAS!!

We are so excited to have won a wildcard spot in this years International Competition in Las Vegas. We will proudly represent Region 26 as competitor #18 on the stage!!

Sadly, we are not going to be competing in Regional Contest this year, but some of us are coming out to cheer on our singing sisters from Region 26!

We will also be setting up a booth at the Harmony Bazaar, where we will be offering Younique 3D Lashes for sale! This is a great product that we came across in Baltimore last fall, and has recently been featured on the tv show, The Doctors, where it received a ringing endorsement and 2 thumbs up from the panel!

We will be offering the kits for sale - in limited amounts, but we will be more than happy to put in orders for you and your chorus if you wish to help support us on our trip to Vegas!

If you can gather enough people from your chorus to buy lashes - \$200 order minimum - the shipping will be free and we can ship it to your designated chorus rep.

Feel free to have a browse at your leisure on the webpage found at this address:
<http://tinyurl.com/l4avb4t>

We will also have a few other items for your shopping enjoyment - please stop by and say Hello !!

See you at Hooked on Harmony !!
Fran Thorson for
Rhythm of the Rockies

FACULTY
Martini

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Stay Tuned for Registration Info

GOOD NEWS WORTH REPEATING!!

Hello and best wishes 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
- May 23 Hearts of Harmony Show
- Jun 14 RMT meeting on Skype
- JUN 18-19 Region 13 Harmony College Arranger's Work Shop - Tacoma, WA
- Jul 12 Westcoast Harmony Chorus 50th Anniversary Picnic
- Aug 12 Golf or Wine Tour Kelowna
- Aug 13-16 Regional Education Symposium - MARTINI! — Kelowna
- Oct 5-10 International Convention in Las Vegas NV
- Oct 25 RMT meeting on Skype
- Nov 15 Westcoast Harmony Chorus 50th Anniversary Show

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 June 15 and stuff is due the week before. region26contest@gmail.com

REGION 26 Calendar is also online in the members only section!

Login to <http://www.region26.ca>

ANY DONATION IS WELCOME!



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