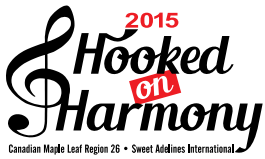


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RHYTHM OF THE ROCKIES

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TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS LOST 2015



HAZEL MACMURCHY

On August 21, 2015, Hazel MacMurchy, a treasured member known to many of you in Region 26 and in the Sweet Adeline world, departed from us. Hazel shared her love of singing and teaching the barbershop art form for over thirty years. Hazel became a member of Sweet Adelines and the Regina Chorus in 1980. She was actively involved in the leadership of the chorus including co-assistant then assistant director for several years. She taught vocal lessons to new members and conducted PVI sessions. Following the retirement of long time director Ken Holzer, Hazel became director of the renamed City of the Plains Chorus until the chorus folded in 2005. Hazel's other loves were her family, her husband and best friend, Brian, her four children, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. Following retirement from work in computer system support she focused on gardening, lending her artistic skills to a local greenhouse. Her musical talents along with singing included piano, clarinet and hawaiian guitar. Throw in a little drawing and painting (oils were her favourite) and the picture is complete. Hazel was a friendly, passionate and generous person. Even in the midst of her failing health she could still offer an uplifting word to those who came to visit or connect with her through social media.

Prairie Gold chorus experienced some of the wonderful spirit that is Hazel when we traveled to her care home and spent a Sunday afternoon in May singing for her and her fellow residents. She thrilled us all by directing "How We Sang Today" from her wheelchair. What a treasured memory. We thank Hazel for everything she has given us, her friendship, her love and her wish for us to "keep on singing!"

SHARON WALKER



In September, the barbershop and Sweet Adelines community lost a devoted and loving member, Sharon Walker.

Sharon joined Regina Chorus in Regina, Saskatchewan on September 1, 1979 and was a founding member of Prairie Gold Chorus when it chartered in 1983. She was a dedicated member, contributing in so many ways both musically and administratively. She was an awesome tenor, member of the front row, member of the Board and held the positions of Secretary and costume chair for so many years, it was difficult to find someone to replace her in those rolls. She continued to offer advice when needed and was a great mentor for all chorus members. Sharon maintained her associate membership after she took ill following the chorus' performance at international competition in Nashville in 2009. She continued to support the chorus as much as her health would allow, at shows, social events, and fundraisers.

Not only was Sharon a devoted chorus member, she was also a special, devoted and loving family member - wife, mother to two sons and a daughter, and Nani to seven beautiful grandchildren. Until her retirement in 2013, Sharon worked for the University of Regina English as a Second Language program holding the position of Registration and Records assistant. For many years, she personally admitted and registered every single ESL student entering the program.

Sharon has been described as a beautiful person both inside and out and anyone who knew her can attest to this. We will miss her smiling face, her friendly personality and her warm friendship.

We want to honour and remember these fantastic women of Region 26.

Inspiring stories and gratitude beyond measure.

Their participation and leadership are what we are made of.

Rest in Peace friends, we think of you often.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

All members, please update your **Members Only** profiles, particularly Team members. We want to be able to contact the appropriate people in each chorus with instructions and news.
Thank You

CHORUS POSTINGS



The Vernon Kalamalka Chorus - a.k.a. The Mighty Dozen - is embarking on a Director Search. Joey Minshall took us under her wing this past year, and it's been a phenomenal journey for all of us! Singing in Surrey this spring was incredible in several ways: we hadn't been to competition in three years, so it was exciting to see old friends; fun to watch our first-timers take it all in; and absolutely thrilling to see our results...much better than we dreamed!

We have a renewed excitement about singing barbershop and being involved in the Sweet Adeline world, and would love to find someone to continue that journey with us! :-) If you know of anyone in (or moving to) the Vernon, BC area who might be searching for such an opportunity, please let us know, or have them contact Margaret: mamasangbass@hotmail.com

In harmony, The Vernon Kalamalka Chorus (The Little Chorus That ~~Could~~ Did)

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Light refreshments provided
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City of Gardens Workshop

Our first City of Gardens Workshop was an amazing experience! The Regional Management Team granted \$400 to encourage inter-chapter activities. Director, Julie Smith came up with the idea to invite Arbutus Sounds Chorus from Gibsons, Heart of the Island Chorus from Nanaimo and Phoenix, the prospective chorus from Campbell River to join City of gardens Chorus from Victoria .



We planned the workshop for Friday September 11 from 7-10 PM and Saturday from 8:30-4PM to be followed by a combined show on Sunday at 2 PM. To our great delight, it was a sellout! It was Julie's first time planning and teaching the entire workshop and what a success!



We had 83 singers and 3 directors. The other choruses learned so much and we, the City of Gardens members, learned to appreciate the valuable resource we have in front of us each rehearsal. Two choruses shared in the transportation of visiting members to the pre-arranged resort facilities and we all willingly partook in a delicious BBQ cooked by some of our special men, It was of course followed by harmonizing, laughing and quite a lot of good fun. But, Sunday morning we were all bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready for the performance. Each chorus sang alone and many quartets entertained our audience but the finale of ALL of us singing 3 songs directed by our 3 directors was the audience's favorite part . To have 83 fellow Sweet Adelines singing around you is an experience that is SOOOOO special.



Regards, Fran Errington
President City of Gardens Chorus

If you would like to host an inter-chapter event, please apply to Sandy Batten, Membership Coordinator, for assistance from the Marlene Eppy Fund. We want to use these funds in keeping with our Core Values. <sandy.batten@shaw.ca>





Monies collected from return of recycling at RES was \$8. I am rounding it up to \$20 for the Marlene Eppy Fund :) YM



Just a quick note from me about the RES weekend... I want to again thank all the people who helped put the weekend together. First and foremost... Martini! Your classes were jammed packed full of great information AND HUGE FUN!! You were so appreciated by all who came.

On the RMT we had Cathy Martin (Events), Susan Dumas (Finance) and myself (Marketing and Chair). From Desert Sounds Chorus, Tracey Pointer lead a team to handle registration. Sue Chapin from White Sails A Cappella and her squad provided super snacks for the Opening Reception and even more for the Afterglow. Margaret Brunsdon was our expert faculty Liaison. Thank you all!

We had 127 members attend. With costs slightly over anticipated, the Region was able to supplement the

remainder and support this high level educational event (Core Value - Education) and keep costs down for all members.

Not everything was perfect.... the major complaint was the catering, and I agree completely. We've reported our displeasure to them and unfortunately that's about all we can do right now.

Thanks everyone for taking time to do the survey on the members only website. We appreciate the valuable feedback.

So? From here we look forward to next year's area schools with Kim Vaughn in all three provinces. We are always learning and hope to make it the best ever!

YVONNE MEYER RES 2015 CHAIR

ARE YOU A NEW CHAPTER LEADER?

by Lynda Elliott

Taking on a position on your Chapter Board or Management Team may be new and daunting to you and lots of administrative questions may arise. If there is no one to train or guide you, here is a plan of action.

First, check your Chapter By-Laws and Standing Rules. This is the framework for the management of your chorus.

Second, Sweet Adeline International, <http://www.sweetadelineintl.org>, is a fantastic place to start. Here is how to access your Chapter Guide:

1. Log in
2. Go to the Member Resources Tab
3. Document Center, then scroll to
4. Bylaws, Policy Book, Chapter Guide, and International Board Nominee Application, then

Chapter Guide
Table of Contents
Section I - Chapter Organization
Section II - Nomination and Election Procedures
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- Section IV - Tips to Chapter Leaders
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- Section IX - Quartet Registration and Auditions
- Section X - Region
- Section XI - International
- Section XII - Chapters in Transition
- Section XIII - Resources

Third, your Regional Management Team (RMT) is there to answer your questions and our President/ Team Leader Forums are held as an opportunity to share problems and solutions with your peers from other Chapters.

If there are still outstanding questions or issues, there are experts available to you on request, just call your RMT!

Thank you for your time and leadership, a successful administrative framework results in the strong foundation upon which we build our musical product.

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

Oct 5-10 International Convention in Las Vegas NV
Oct 25 RMT meeting on Skype
Nov 21 Westcoast Harmony Chorus 50th Anniversary Show
Dec 8 Magic City Chorus Christmas Show

2016

Jan RMT Meeting - Abbotsford, BC
Feb 20 Alberta Gold Show
April 14 - 17 Regional Convention – TCU Place, 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 December 1st and stuff is due the week before.

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

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