



PIECES OF 8 - JULY 2016

Greetings!

Welcome to the NEW (or resurrected) Pieces of 8! We used to have the printed newsletter called "Pieces of 8" and at the recent Regional Management Team meeting, it was suggested and agreed upon that we change the "eNews" to the "Pieces of 8". We're excited....and hope you are, too!

A summary of the June RMT meeting is available [HERE](#), for those that would like to see what's going on! My hope/intent is to get these updates up on the website under the Members Only section for all members to see!

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Upcoming Events

July 2016

15-17	SAI A Cappella Harmony Academy (AHA) Auckland, New Zealand
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August 2016

5-6	Rocky Mountain Round-Up <i>Faculty: Mary Rhea</i> Little America Resort, Cheyenne, WY
18-20	SAI Director's Seminar New Orleans, LA

Rocky Mountain Round-Up Registration

Register NOW for our annual Rocky Mountain Round-Up!

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 29TH!

(Hotel rooms may not be available after today, July 15th!)

Who: YOU!
What: Rocky Mountain Round-Up (RMRU)
Where: Little America Resort - Cheyenne, WY
When: August 5-6, 2016
Faculty: Mary Rhea, Master Director - OK City Chorus
Certified Sound Judge
Bari of 2010 Champion Quartet, Zing!
Member of the Int'l Faculty

Velvet Hills & High Country off to Vegas in 2017!!

As a high scoring, first place, mid-size chorus, **Velvet Hills Chorus** was offered the chance to compete in the Harmony Classic competition in Vegas of 2017. They accepted the invite and it will be wonderful to see their creativity pour off the stage in this awesome contest!

Because of this decision made by Velvet Hills, **High Country Chorus** was then offered the chance to compete in the "big girl" contest as the Region 8 representative, and they accepted!!

Congratulations to both choruses! We know that you will represent Region 8 well in 2017!

and more!!

Go to the [RMRU Event Page](#) to register & pay online! (PDF version of the registration form is also available.)

\$60 for Friday & Saturday classes
\$40 for Saturday classes only

Hotel reservations need to be made separately....all info on the RMRU page on the website.

This is a GREAT opportunity to see the headquarters hotel and venue for our 2017 convention!



Faculty: Mary Rhea

WANTED - Sales Area Coordinator

The RMT is looking for a person to accept the position of Sales Area Coordinator. This position coordinates the Harmony Bazaar at contest. This is a position that does not require attendance at any meetings and can be done from home. It does however require you to be at contest Wednesday evening through Sunday morning of contest. Wednesday night lodging may be reimbursed. You will be solely responsible for contact, marketing, collection, and interaction with our sales area vendors and chorus/quartet vendors. This person is under, and reports to, the Region 8 Finance Coordinator.

You would be required to:

- Maintain a Vendor Contact List (including detailed list of product sold to not have too much of the same thing)
- At least 2 months before contest
 - Update letter sent to vendors
 - Contact past and potential vendors
- Coordinate with the YSF for their booth with the Laura Burch bags
- Coordinator through Communications Coordinator for:
 - Chorus/Quartet vendor advisements, contacts, info sheets to be sent out
 - Contact chorus finance coordinators about possible chorus booth
- Collect contracts and money, and keep accounting of payments to be sent to the Region 8 Finance Coordinator when complete
- Arrange Sales Area with the hotel and CSC including map of vendors, supplies needed, etc.
- Prepare signs for tables, advertising, hours, and other displays needed

Slate of SAI Board of Directors nominees for 2017-2020 term!

The Sweet Adelines Nominating Committee chose the new slate for the upcoming International Board of Directors election! The slate for the election for a three year term (2017-2020) is:

Thérèse Antonini
Sharon Cartwright
JD Crowe
Paula Davis
Cammi McKinlay
Janice McKenna
Renée Porzel
Mary Rhea

More info to come on how/when to vote!

Have a story to share with the Region??

Did your quartet or chorus have a fun, entertaining, educational event? Put together a small story with pictures (if possible) and we'll get it in the "Pieces of 8". The entire region would LOVE to read about what fun you're having!

Send stories & pictures to Heather Reimnitz, Comm. Coordinator, at hreim6@gmail.com.

Have pictures of Convention??

Do you have pictures from our regional convention that you want to share??

Send them to webmaster@rnr8.org!

You could see them up on our website and/or on our Facebook page!!

Reminders!

- Be available through contest weekend for anything that may come up with vendors
- Arrange with hotel for security or locking/unlocking of rooms

If you are interested in this position, please contact Brenda Hershiser, Region 8 Finance Coordinator, at hersheybrmt@gmail.com for info.

Nebraska Pride's Harmony Education

Submitted by the Nebraska Pride Chorus

The Nebraska Pride Chorus of Sweet Adelines has just completed their second year of a cappella harmony singing education at Horizon Middle School in Kearney, Nebraska. Twelve members of the chorus took turns rehearsing two times a week for six weeks, with 31 young singers during their tenth period activity class. The class met for 40 minutes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The number was about the same for last year's group. The goal was to educate the young singers in four-part barbershop singing. We worked on breathing technique, sound, fun ways to warm up, and performance persona to name just a few.



The chorus members found the girls to be high energy, enthusiastic, and a challenge at times. They were willing to learn parts, try singing in a quartet, and even add choreography to one of their songs. The girls were often heard saying, "We thought we were singing, not dancing!!" It is thought that the chorus members learned as much as the girls.

The group performed at the spring school concert the first week of May. The girls sang two songs, "Nursery Rhyme Song" and "Locomotion", and demonstrated their warm-up techniques. The Nebraska Pride members, who helped teach the class, sang with the young singers while being directed by our co-directors, Evie Caldwell and Connie Witt. The plan is for the girls to join us for our fall show in October. This was highly received by the girls and the other chorus members.

Keep your contact info with SAI updated!

In order to make sure you receive communications from SAI and Region 8, please keep your contact info updated with SAI.

Log In to the Members Only area on the [SAI site](#) and update.

Ask Heather Reimnitz if you have questions!

Are you signed up for the Members Only part of the website??

We utilize the "Members Only" section of the Region 8 website to post contact info, RMT minutes, updates from SAI, etc.

Sign up by creating an account on the website. If you are a CURRENT member, you will be given access.

RMT Members

Team Coordinator
Jill Harward

Communication Coord.
Heather Reimnitz

Directors' Coordinator
Judy Vidal

Education Coordinator
Marilyn Cox

Events Coordinator
Sue McCormick

Finance Coordinator
Brenda Hershiser

Marketing Coordinator
Jamie Ryan

Membership Coord.
Pati Bouman

Secretary
Barb Loudon



While being a time commitment and hard work at times, we are pleased to say the program was a success, and a step in the right direction in educating the youth of today in our style of singing. At the present time, there are five of the girls signed up for the Summer Harmony Camp in July in Estes Park, CO. The chorus is looking forward to offering this opportunity again next year and thanks the music teachers at HMS for their support and assistance.



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