



eNEWS - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings!

Happy New Year Region 8!! Hope the year is already treating you well! There is LOTS of information and a few changes coming from all sorts of directions. Please be pro-active and read any and all information that comes across....and enjoy the fun info, too! See you all SOON at Regional Convention in MARCH!

Heather Reimnitz
Communications Coordinator

Upcoming Events

February 2016

1	REGIONAL CONVENTION FORMS DEADLINE !!!!
27	Spring Fling <i>hosted by Colorado Spirit</i> DL Parsons Theater, Northglenn, CO

March 2016

11	The Blend Chorus "Friends & Family" Show Ft. Collins, CO
17-20	REGION 8 CONVENTION Colorado Springs, CO

April 2016

29-30	Directors' Workshop <i>faculty: Peggy Gram</i> Salt Lake City, UT
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Advertise at Regional Convention

Now is your chance to advertise your chorus, quartet, business, good luck wishes....or even proposal in front of the largest gathering of our region!

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New RMT Folks!

There were four positions open on the Regional Management Team for the 2016-2018 term...and now it's time to announce the new members!

Team Coordinator

Jill Harward
Mountain Jubilee

Communication Coord.

Heather Reimnitz
Skyline

Education Coordinator

Marilyn Cox
Velvet Hills

Membership Coord.

Pati Bouman
Mountain Jubilee

Slides will rotate live throughout both contest sessions at the Pikes Peak Center! Only \$25 per slide - WHAT A BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!

No program ads will be available this year, so slides are your only advertising option.

Details for the slides are:

- Animation is encouraged, but no sound is allowed.
- Slides must be submitted in Power Point (4:3 aspect ratio) no later than MARCH 10, 2016.
- A "safety area" of 7% to 10% of the page height and width should be left for a clear zone with no text, and JPEG images should be high resolution.
- If help is needed with slide design, contact Jamie Ryan at unsinkablejme@msn.com
- Submit slides to Jamie Ryan at unsinkablejme@msn.com
- Submit payments to Region 8 to: Brenda Hershiser, PO Box 1238, Craig, CO 81626
- Contact Brenda Hershiser at hersheybrmt@gmail.com for credit card payment options.

The Blend helps Girl Scouts earn their "Young Women In Harmony" patch!

Submitted by Carma Zimmerman, The Blend

On a chilly November morning, the Blend Chorus met at Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Collins, CO. Their mission was not to feed the homeless or set up the Christmas bazaar, but to share the joy of barbershop harmony with a new generation. At 10:00am precisely, the Brownies (and one Daisy) of Troop 72208 came into the Forum room to earn their Young Women in Harmony barbershop harmony patch.



While a little shy at first, the girls warmed quickly as the chorus demonstrated their art with "Shenandoah" and "We Go Together". Then director Laura Lewis talked with them about their favorite vocal artist, Taylor Swift, and the different genres of music they enjoyed. When it was pointed out that Ms. Swift sings with a band and we don't, one knowledgeable scout spoke up: "Isn't that called a cappella?" We were all suitably impressed.

Please welcome these new and returning members to the team for the 2016-2018 year!

New YWIH Chair

Please welcome LINDSAY PFANNENSTIEL as the new Young Women In Harmony support chair for Region 8!

She is a member of High Country and is excited to be on board!

Annual Spring Fling

The annual Spring Fling event, hosted by Colorado Spirit Chorus, will be on February 20th.

If your chorus or quartet would like to perform on this show, the cost is \$8 per performer before February 2nd. If you sign up after this date, the cost is \$10 per performer.

See the registration form and other info on the regional website calendar [here!](#)

Reminders!

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.



Singing together!

Then it was their turn to sing. They all knew the old favorite "You Are My Sunshine", so Laura used that to demonstrate melody, then used a Girl Scout favorite, "Make New Friends" as a round to demonstrate harmony. We then taught them the 4-part "Samba Song" and a little geography to boot: Where's Brazil? What's Rio de Janero? Why do people there dance all night? And, of course, the most important lesson: you sing better when you smile!



"Samba" in a circle.

After a healthy snack during which we got to know each other better, we watched a YouTube video of Windsor Quartet singing their 2015 International Quartet championship Disney package. The girls enjoyed hearing the barbershop twist on some of their Disney favorites, and learned the difference between uptunes and ballads. Then in keeping with the Disney theme, Laura taught all of us the tag to the Mickey Mouse Club song - in 4-part barbershop harmony.

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

Suzi Johnsen

Communication Coor.

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



Practicing the Mickey Mouse tag.

One of the requirements of the patch is to perform three songs for an audience, so when the parents came to pick up their daughters, we gave them a show -- complete with sparkly scarves, choreography, and an impromptu "Cha-Cha-Cha"!

As we made our way out to the sunny parking lot, a little voice was heard on the breeze: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine . . . "



Ending with a "CHA-CHA-CHA"

Directors' Workshop Registration Open

April 29-30, 2016

Comfort Suites, Salt Lake City, UT

Peggy Gram, Faculty

Open to all front line directors, associate/assistant directors, & members of the DCP!

\$120 registration by MARCH 30 includes two nights' lodging (2 to a room), breakfast Saturday and Sunday, lunch Saturday, and all classes! Registration after March 30 is \$135.

Classes include:

- Communication Skills for Leaders
- What to Say When You Talk to Yourself

- Rehearsal Planning
- What You See Is What You Get
- Developing Your Listening Skills
- and so much more!!!

See the [event page](#) on the Region 8 website for the registration form and more information!

**Rocky Mountain Region 8
Sweet Adelines International**

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