



# Tags & Swipes

## Region 1 Champions



REPRESENTING REGION ONE IN  
DENVER CO • 2012

with Master Director  
Karen Sweeters

## Harmony on the Sound



## Without Warning

Karen Sweeters  
Anne Benowitz  
Cheryl Wilcox  
Cathy Saunders

**1<sup>st</sup> Place AA**

**Royal River Chorus**

WITH DIRECTOR WENDI MCPIKE

**1<sup>st</sup> Place A**

**Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus**

WITH DIRECTOR JESSIE OSLAN

# Congratulations

to our Region #1 winners!

# News from your Regional Management Team

- Angie Levine, Team Coordinator



Hello Region 1!!!!

Our warmest wishes for a memorable International Contest experience in Houston go out to Coastline Show Chorus and Without Warning Quartet. May your week in Houston overflow with renewed and newly made friendships in harmony!!!! Savior absolutely every moment of your contest experience. Region 1 members are very proud to have you represent us!

FYI / How To "Clear" A Show Date: Did you know that when planning a chorus-or quartet-show event, one of the first things on your (regional) to do list would be to contact your Region 1 Team Coordinator with a proposed event date? She is anxious to hear from you so that she can let you know if someone in your immediate area has already "cleared" the date for an event. Her response to you is based primarily on distance between choruses to ensure a successful event for you!

Once she has responded letting you know that the date is clear for you (Again-There might be other shows scheduled on your proposed date, but not in your immediate area!), the next thing on your (regional) to do list is to contact your Regional Communications Coordinator (Note: Contact information for all members of your Regional Management Team can be found on your Region 1 Website, [sai-region1.org](http://sai-region1.org)) with as much detail as possible for posting your event on your Region 1 Website (date, time, location address, ticket information, contact information). A calendar of events is also put in the Tags & Swipes, so a note to the Editor please!

One final step: An ASCAP License Fee form as required by International must be completed. You can obtain a form from the Sweet Adeline International Website, [sweetadelineintl.org](http://sweetadelineintl.org), or ask your Regional Team Coordinator to

mail a form to you. The form contains a complete explanation of the necessary fees, and directions for completion.

Most important (after all of the planning and rehearsing!) is to share the love of your hobby (your music!!!!) with your audience. And now, On With Your Show!!!!

In Harmony, Angie Levine / Team Coordinator, Region 1  
Regional Management Team



### Core Values

Camaraderie, Musical Excellence, Personal Growth, Professionalism, Open Communication

### Strategic Goals

- Provide quality education to enhance musical excellence and leadership
- Promote regional leadership excellence and develop new regional leaders
- Assure financial security
- Maintain membership (retention) and promote membership growth
- Assist Sweet Adelines International in creating a vision for the far future (15 years)

## SAVE THE DATES! 2011 Regional Events

- 20-22 January 2012 - Winter Regional Weekend, Burlington, MA with Diane Porsch!
- 3-6 May 2012 Regional Competition Springfield, MA
- 21-23 September 2012 Fall Regional Weekend Details to be announced

# “Education Through Out The Land !”

- Carole' Mensing, Education Coordinator

Fall is already upon us- and as I reflect on the past few months- Region 1 membership, musical leaders, and faculty have been busy!!

Our competition is behind us and we are sending our 2010 champions, **Coastline Show Chorus** and our new 2011 **Without Warning** quartet champion, off to Houston!! Everyone is working hard, and we wish them well in their competition journey. We also applaud **HOTS** (2011 chorus champion) AND **SONE** (Wild Card) for their championship performances at this year's contest and look forward to them both representing us in Denver, 2012. Happy to also report, all competing choruses and quartets scored C- and above in this year's contest. What an experience, educationally and musically, to be a part of this region.



More education this summer in our region one land included:

- A Directors / Education Coordinators seminar in California, PA in July {Many of our region directors attended, and participated in showing off region 1 director skills in classes and at the large group auditorium events.}
- A Musical Leaders workshop and RQA (Regional Quartet Association) showcasing quartets, was held in August, in Hartford, with guest faculty Karen Breidert and regional faculty. Now there was talent!!
- The region offered 2 YWIH scholarships to attend the young singers program, Harmony Explosion, in August.

Fall Regional has educational topics and music production opportunities galore- we are pleased to have our regional faculty and **Laura Pallas**, MFA in Vocal Pedagogy, as our guest faculty- she is a “Master Director” of Region 11 Santa Monica Chorus in California, director for the Valleyaires men's chorus, Lead with the quartet, “Naturally”, and vocal specialist. Thanks are in order for our hostess chorus, Liberty Belle, for all their hard work and preparations, making this regional a success. By the way, Winter Regional (January 20-22, 2012) will be at the Boston Burlington, **Diane Porsch**, faculty, and Merrimack Valley hostessing.

A reminder to all. Funded visits for education are available to choruses, quartets and member events- {information and applications are on the region 1 website-under: members- forms} or by contacting me. RMT is also looking for applications for management positions- contact Julie Jeffery, nominating chair, for more information.

So, to sum things up...

***There is “much ado” about Education in our Region 1 land!!***

***Come join us for anything and everything that you can.***

Carole' Mensing  
Region 1 Education Coordinator  
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***Meet your new Regional  
Management Team -- Page 16***



Farmington Valley Chorus  
& Friends present

# Kiss Mah Grits!

**A small southern town  
saves its diner**

Saturday,  
December 3, 2011  
Lewis Mills High School  
26 Lyon Rd. (off Rt. 4)  
Burlington CT  
7:00 pm

## **Special Guests**

### **Da Capo**

2011 Men's Harmony Sweepstakes  
National Champions

### **Trinity Pipes**

Co-ed a cappella group from Trinity College

### **Lewis Mills High School Concert Choir**

## **Ticket Prices:**

\$15 adults, \$10 Seniors & students

Senior groups (10+) \$7

For tickets and information about group discounts

call **Carol Ewing (860) 675-7715**

or visit our website at

**[www.SingFVC.org](http://www.SingFVC.org)**



Farmington Valley Chorus is a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International

## A Letter to the Region from Colonial Spirit Chorus

Over the last fourteen years, Colonial Spirit Chorus has had the good fortune of touching many hearts and has made many Sweet Adeline friends.

Director Norma Murray has been a Sweet Adeline for over 35 years, and first chartered Colonial Spirit Chorus in 1997.

We have decided as a group to take our final bow at our fall show, details to follow.

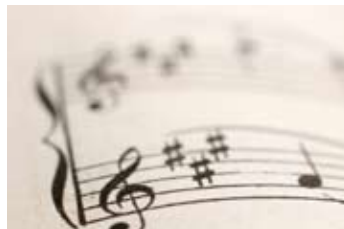
We invite you to join us November 5<sup>th</sup> at our cabaret show, "BELIEVE! Colonial Spirit Express," held at the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks Club, 777 South St, Tewksbury MA. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7:15 in the evening; tickets are \$20 per person.

We appreciate the support we have received from the Regional and International levels during this journey. Dissolution is always a difficult decision, but we hope we can each find many open doors which will allow us to continue to keep our "Hearts, Minds, and Voices Together in Harmony!"

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours in Harmony,

Angela R. Gurrisi  
Colonial Spirit Chorus  
Team Coordinator  
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www.colonialspirit.org



### Announcing a Sunday morning Arranging Class at Fall Regional 10 am - noon Sunday September 18

Writing Intros and Tags

Of interest to Arrangers, Directors, Section Leaders, and Novice Arrangers

Taught by Certified Music Arrangers Lorraine Rochefort and Linda Masterson

**Do you have an intro or tag that is NOT working for your quartet or chorus?  
Learn the "basics" of writing a new one.  
Bring some examples with you.**

**Write a 4 line poem that might work.  
Make up a tune that you would like to "chord out".**

**Arrangers, bring an example of something you have written.**

**Anything you learn about barbershop harmony will help you sing better!**

**Any questions, contact Lorraine, Linda or Ruth**

wmasterson@capecod.net (Linda)  
funstuff4@megahits.com (Lorraine)  
bariten1@yahoo.com (Ruth Widerski)

The Liberty Belle Chorus Presents  
**A Little Bit of Everything**  
Featuring  
North Shore Acappella  
and  
Family and Friends Chorus  
**2:00 PM October 29th, 2011**  
Woburn Memorial High School  
88 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, Ma  
Open Seating Tickets \$30  
Premium Tickets \$25  
For advance ticket purchase contact Ruth at rgovey@aol.com

## Money Matters

Ruth Widerski, Financial Coordinator

I now have a few months as Finance Coordinator under my belt, and it's actually been fun to see how the finances of the region work. The prior Finance Coordinator, Ingrid Friedman, left the books in great shape so that has been immensely helpful to me in figuring out how to do this job. Part of my job is to track Regional dues payments from choruses and Chapter-at-Large members, which gives me access to view the membership lists of the whole region.

So, I need to ask you, the members, to do something for yourselves, and the region. If you move, change your email address or phone, it's important that your new information be changed with International. What you may not know is YOU are responsible for updating that information on the Sweet Adelines International Website. SAI is sending more and more information via email, such as notification of dues payments (to choruses and Chapter at Large members), two out of four of the *PitchPipe* Magazines each year, the newer *PitchPipe Lite* magazine and other important notices. I'm sure this saves SAI a lot of money on printing costs and postage, money which would be coming out of your dues payments. However, if you do not have your contact information updated you won't be getting this important information.

Perhaps the most important notification is for Chapter-at-Large members, as SAI no longer sends out your annual dues invoice via snail mail but, I believe, they send you an email notice telling you to go online and pay your SAI dues. Paying dues is important to keep your status with SAI and the region and to keep receiving the benefits of this wonderful organization. So stay in touch with us and we'll stay in touch with you!

Ruth Widerski  
Region 1 Financial Coordinator  
bariten1@yahoo.com

## A Sweet Message from Marketing

Wendy Davies, Marketing Coordinator

"Sweet!" That is what it is, "Sweet!" to be part of this organization. We celebrate that Sweet Adelines International is the largest women's singing organization in the world that would like to "teach the world to sing".

The International Membership Team has created a Global membership campaign called "One Voice, One Message". The mission of this campaign is to create a presence and a brand by leveraging the promotional power of all the regions, a quest to create more awareness without involving a huge budget. I would like to challenge every chorus in Region One to create an open house event during the month of January 2012, encouraging sister choruses in similar geographic areas to share events, functions and advertising.

This campaign was tested in several regions and the conclusion was that "collaboration of branding yielded the best results." (in membership growth) Read more about this program on the International website under Marketing. [http://www.sweetadelinesintl.org/Marketing\\_Center/Global\\_Resources.html](http://www.sweetadelinesintl.org/Marketing_Center/Global_Resources.html) The tools are all there to create a great campaign. I encourage every chorus in Region One to participate. Good Luck!

Wendy Davies  
Region One, Marketing Coordinator

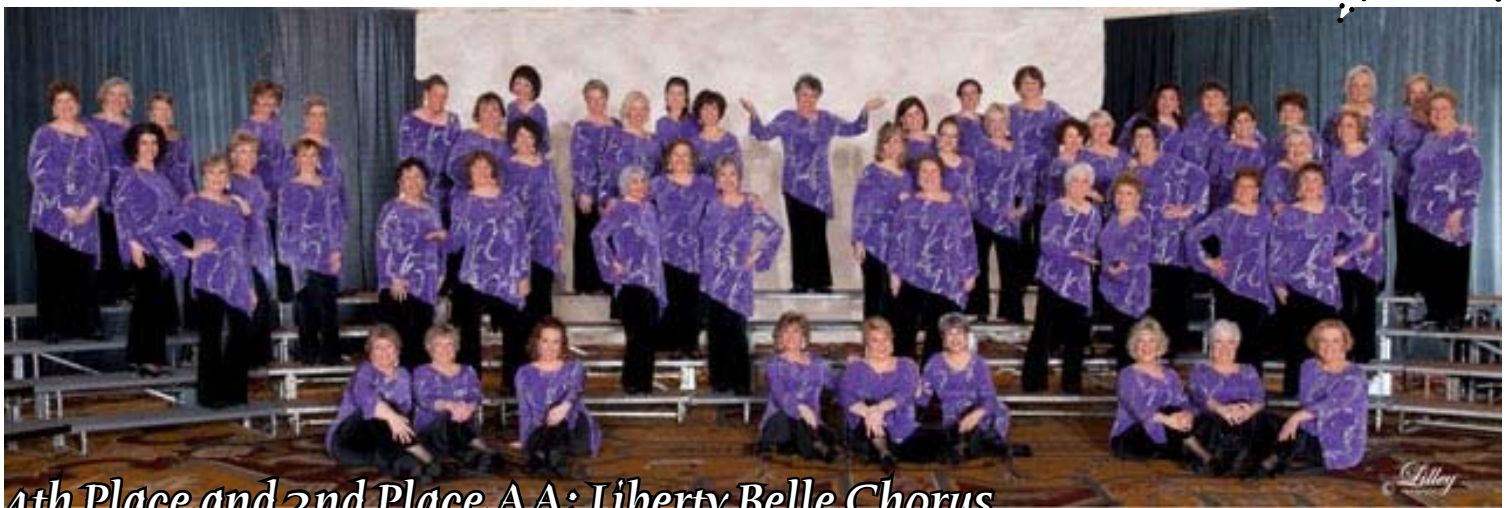
# Congratulations to our second, third and fourth place contest winners!!



*2nd Place: Sound of New England Chorus  
Master Director Marion Devokaitis*



*3rd Place and 1st Place AA: Royal River Chorus  
Director Wendi McPike*



*4th Place and 2nd Place AA: Liberty Belle Chorus  
Master Director Barbara Braxton*



*Fifth Place and 3rd place AA: Merrimack Valley Chorus*  
- Master Director Eileen Gioe



**1st Place Division A:**  
**Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus**  
- Director Jessie Oslan

**2nd Place Division A:**  
**MetroWest Harmony Show Chorus**

-Director Laura Murray



**3rd Place Division A:**  
**Harborlight Show Chorus**  
- Director Adele Penkul



**Boston Accent**  
Ruth Berman  
Cheryl Brusket  
Karen Rourke  
Julie Jeffery



*Second Place Quartet: Boston Accent*

**Most Improved Chorus:  
West Island Chorus (28 pts)**

**A Cut Above:**  
Donna Adams  
Alicia Fisher  
Dawn Clifford  
Barbara Moores



*Third Place Quartet:  
A Cut Above*

**Alakazam!**  
Carol Driscoll  
Martha Jacoboni  
Cory Winters  
Ann Aucello



*Fourth Place Quartet:  
Alakazam!*

**Voice Activated**  
Annette Landry  
Christine Villalobos  
Angie Clark  
Beth Paul



*Fifth Place Quartet: Voice Activated*

# Chorus Lines



## Berkshire Hills Chorus

Can you imagine being 112 years old! In July, our quartet Breakaway (plus one of our young ladies) had the privilege of singing at Bernice "Bennie" Madigan's 112th birthday party in Cheshire. She was born in 1899 in West Springfield, MA and lived in Cheshire from 1906 to 1918 when she graduated high school. She moved back to Cheshire in 2007, when she was 108, to be near family and she now lives on the old family farm there. Her mind is still sharp, she does the word jumble in the newspaper everyday, and she refers to Breakaway as "my Adelines." As of her birthday on July 24th, she was the oldest person in Massachusetts,

the 10th oldest person in the United States and the 37th oldest person on Earth. This is the third century she has lived in. Think of all of the changes that she has seen in 112 years!

Just recently, a new young lady joined us. We are happy to have 12 year old Elizabeth Bartlett with us. Elizabeth helped us out in a show 4 years ago and must have caught the "barbershop bug" then. Unfortunately another of our YWIIH members left us to attend college. I know she didn't even consider a college unless there was a Sweet Adeline chorus nearby! How is that for commitment! Martha Horton will be singing with Profile Chorus starting in September. We hope to see her for some of our Christmas singouts though and know she will enjoy singing with Profile.

The summer was busy for Berkshire Hills. Pittsfield is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year and we were invited to sing at their celebration dinner at

the Berkshire Hills Country Club. The audience of 100 loved us, especially the fact that we had our YWIIH members. Our appearances at the Berkshire Athenaeum and Sweetwood Retirement Home at the end of May went great despite the heat. The air conditioning just couldn't keep up with the near record temperatures. Thank goodness we didn't have to wear our contest outfits! It was a little cooler at a double header ballgame at Wahconah Park in August where we sang Let Freedom Ring and the Star Spangled Banner. It is always fun to sing for the Pittsfield Colonial's ball club.

Summer is almost gone but that brings the excitement of Fall Regional. Hope to see many of you there. It sounds exciting with Laura Pallas as faculty. How lucky we are to have a region that gives us the opportunity to learn from so many wonderful instructors. The RQA with Karen Breidert was amazing. Several of our members went and came back so enthused. Now they are applying what they learned to the rest of the chorus.

Our director, Valeri Reynolds, was able to attend the Director's Seminar this summer. She has nothing but praise for the faculty and the set up of the seminar. She has already taught us several tricks for better singing.

The fall is already lining up to be a busy time. In addition to our show (see next paragraph) with the Berkshire Hillsmen, a men's barbershop group in Pittsfield, our chorus manager has already lined up several singouts and she hasn't even started on the holiday ones yet. Thank you Janie for all of the work you do for the chorus. We will be singing at Kimball Farms and Cameron House, both retirement homes, at the end of September and will also be doing a combined



*Singing at Bennie Madigan's 112th birthday party in July*

singout with the men shortly after the show.

We are deep in the preparation for this show. This year it will be on Nov. 20th, a Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M. Titled "Holiday In New York - Barbershop Takes Broadway", it is a celebration of our successful performance at Radio City Music Hall. Join in the fun as we have a cast party at the elegant home of one of our socialite fans in New York City.

Janie Tamarkin has written the script and will be directing the show again this year. She is wonderful to work with and has such great ideas. She worked with both our choruses last year and you could definitely see the improvement in characterization and acting skills. On a side note, the men were the most improved small chorus is their contest this spring. They can't help but believe it was due to Janie's help in getting them to "move" and to believe in the character of the song that they sang.

Congratulations to our contest winners, Without Warning and Harmony on the Sound. Many of us will be watching the web cast from Houston and cheering on Without Warning and, last years overall chorus winner, Coastline Show Chorus. Good luck to everyone.

In Harmony,  
Barbara Hyland

### ***Cranberry Shores Chorus***

Congratulations to all the choruses for successful participation in contest!

Cranberry Shores had a fun summer concert on June 12 in YarmouthPort. We were joined by the Cape Cod Surftones, the men's barbershop chorus. The crowd was very enthusiastic and seemed to really enjoy the men and women's harmonies.

Chorus member Marie Riley once again hosted our summer party at her beautiful lakeside home. Everyone relaxed and had great fun swimming, singing, eating and enjoying each other!

We are constantly working on improving our craft and look forward to expert coaching sessions with Karen Rourke, Gail Jencik, and Ann Gooch.

The chorus is offering three free voice lessons in September as part of our recruitment efforts. Women can join the chorus for two hours each evening, learn techniques and a song, then perform with us in a show.

Upcoming performances include September 25 at the Federated Church in Hyannis, December 2 in Eastham, and our annual Christmas concert on December 9 in Falmouth.

Cranberry Shores Chorus hopes the upcoming holiday months will bring you good health, happiness, and harmony!

Patti Corbett

### ***Farmington Valley Chorus***

Congratulations to WOW, Harmony On The Sound, Royal River, and Rhythm of New Hampshire for their well deserved wins at contest in May. How great is it for Region 1 that SONE is a wild card? We wish you all the best of luck in Houston and Denver.

After the fun of contest, things slowed for the summer. We learned some new songs, got some new members to test the waters and basically had a fun summer. Now, back to reality. We're really looking forward to some fantastic coaching sessions with Vicki Mayberry, Harriett Walters and Diane Porsche.

The future's so bright- we've gotta wear shades.

Mother Nature has unleashed

a torrent on us this year hasn't she? Cheryl Wilcox's daughter, Mallory, got married the Saturday before Hurricane Irene hit (no it was not a "whirlwind" romance nor were they "blown together" by chance) It rained everywhere that day except at Hammonasett Beach where the wedding was. Divine intervention maybe? Lets hope Cheryl can bring some of that with her to Houston. Though, they say it's good luck to have rain on your wedding day.

FUN ALERT!!!! FUN ALERT!!!  
FUN ALERT!!!!

Please join us for a FUNdraiser for WOW (Cheryl Wilcox, Cathy Saunders, Anne Benowitz, and Karen Sweeters) to get them to Houston in October and win that crown for Region 1.

It will be October 2nd from 4 to 6:30 at The Hartog Center, Cheshire Road, in Wallingford, CT. Come for dessert and then go out dinner after (the ultimate in defiance, knowing your mother would never let you do that). It's only \$15 for 11 quartets. That's a bargain - though you'll have to buy your own booze. There will even be a silent auction with some great stuff to win. Go figure huh? Other than WOW, the featured quartet for the evening will be "Our Town", the 2008 Men's NE District Quartet Champions. They are a very funny and talented men's quartet that have performed at FVC's December shows for 2 years now.

Speaking of our December show, make plans NOW to be in Burlington CT, December 3rd at 7:00pm for "Kiss Mah Grits -How A Small Southern Town Saves Their Diner", written solely by Cathy Saunders, so you know it's going to be a funny one. The guest quartet will be "Da Capo", the 2011 Men's Harmony Sweepstakes National Champions in their first New England appearance,

and Trinity Pipes, a co-ed a cappella group from Trinity College.



As you're reading this, September 11th has come and gone but we will always remember. Since the tragedy we have done many performances commemorating the event, but none so meaningful as the one we did in East Hartford on the 10th Anniversary. May we always remember the pride in our country and our servicemen, police, firemen and emergency services from that day on, and sing about it from the mountains to the valleys. God Bless America!

Nancy Propfe

## **Heart of the Valley Chorus**

Since this is the issue after Contest and before the holidays, usually it's the easiest report to write.

Something to the tune of "What I did on my summer vacation!" You know, fun outdoor performances, picnics and parties to celebrate the lightness of the season, rehearsals in air-conditioned halls when you can find them! **Tropical Storm Irene** changed that.

Sometimes we take for granted the everyday conveniences which allow us to move efficiently through life: the obvious things being clean water and electricity. Whoever guessed in New England we could suddenly lose our homes, our livelihoods, the very roads we walk on to a devastating flood the likes of which have been known "somewhere else". For **Heart of the Valley Chorus**, only minimal inconveniences occurred and a short loss of power

for a few. We are very thankful and sincerely hope our Region One chorus sisters have also been spared the terrible destruction of Irene.

Now to describe the flavor of the last few months in **Heart of the Valley Chorus**, the letter "R" works really well! **Repair, replacement, recovery, reproduction!** Oh yes, necessary surgeries were carefully planned around the chorus calendar. How's that for dedication! One major toe adjustment, one important knee procedure, and some other personal family tune-ups which required some of us ladies to wear our nurse's caps! All recuperated and back on the risers, it's time to rejuvenate our resonators! Rejoice!

Oh, the reproduction means there are sweet new grandchildren for some, and even cuddly new family pets for others. Kodak moments aplenty!

Soon after the rewarding weekend of Competition, we held Installation. Rainbow themed, our responsible and revered Management Team joined **Maggie Hawlicheck**, our much loved and inspiring director, for recognition and appreciation. Each member is like a color of the rainbow, bringing her own strengths and ideas to compliment the others, working together beautifully as a unit.

Thank you, Team!

In June, tenor **Chris Nolan** brought about one-half of our chorus with her to a fund-raising benefit for her cousin. He is very ill with cancer, and over 200 tickets were sold. The donated hall, food and raffle prizes allowed the family to receive nearly \$10,000. Of course, the music was the best part, ranging from rock to barbershop. Isn't it amazing how good we feel knowing we can bring joy and support to others with our craft!

Recently, several members of the chorus went to sing for a home-

bound woman who asked specifically for Sweet Adelines. It turned out she is a former director, so it was extra special performing for her!

Up in Greenfield, MA, our quartet, **Straight From The Heart** helped to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Franklin County by singing their way into an ice cream social, complete with fresh apple pie! Even had a photo op with the mayor! **SFTH** has been busy singing this summer, but not always gifted with pie!

While partying with the public in Greenfield, the quartet spotted a former member, tenor **Chella Boulanger**. She looks great, enjoying a life of retirement!

Speaking of fun, what's a summer without a splash and some sun? Bari **Judy Rivard**, and bari **Carol LaChance** generously offered their watery back yards for refreshing relaxation during July. Of course we sang for our suppers, what else!

Not to be forgotten, there's a new quartet rehearsing for their debut. **Heart on a Swing**, such a smooth blended sound! You'll be reading about them in the next issue, for sure!

New on our horizon: New costumes to re-decorate us! Wait 'til you see us in the spring! Wow!

Hot Topic for **Heart of the Valley Chorus**:

Recruitment plan in the works! Channel 40 (ABC) has a community program called **SimplyLiving**. Perhaps you have heard of it? Our hostess Maggie Pereias will bring a crew to film a rehearsal and interview some of the chorus members. It'll be shown a few times in October on TV, but we get to keep the DVD to use as we please. For prospective members who haven't come to visit us yet, we'll catch them at home where they live! Why not check out the website for Channel 40, Springfield MA to see for yourself?

Exciting for autumn: Our annual fund-raiser, the best fried dough booth in the east, at The Belchertown Fair, the end of September. Our new rolling machine will make its maiden voyage, and help bring in lots of you-know what!

A new visual coach, Leigh Ann Dorman, is coming to work with us in October; we have a date with our fabulous vocal production coach, Marion Devokaitis, and we'll be calling reindeer names before the snow flies. Ah, the life of a Sweet Adeline just gets better and better!

Joyce Monska

## **Liberty Belle Chorus**

We certainly have had an eventful summer, haven't we? With the earthquake a few weeks ago and Storm Irene coming on its heels, we really have had a weather-filled summer. As I'm writing this article, the weather is calm and beautiful. We certainly can't complain about not having a "real" summer this year.

Here in our corner of the world, the LBC pace is strong! We've had a fabulously busy summer, learning new music, preparing for regional, but also spending time together outside rehearsal time getting to know each other again.

Our latest fabulous news has to be Saturday, August 27th, when we sang *The Star Spangled Banner* in front of an audience of 37,000 people at Fenway Park. What a thrill! And what applause we received as we finished! We made the SAI organization proud. As we headed up the stairs to our seats, we were "high fived" and given many compliments. And now everyone knows that the SAI organization is based in Tulsa since we were announced as the Liberty Belle Chorus from Tulsa, Oklahoma. We wondered if people thought we flew all the way in from

Tulsa to sing. Before the game we entertained the ball game crowd on Yawkey Way, the street corner in front of the ball park, with the many upbeat and fun songs we have in our repertoire. We must all give a real Sweet Adeline hug to Christine Shane who arranged the entire day. She has been working tirelessly for more than a year with the Red Sox organization to arrange our appearance. Way to go, Christine!!!! And to make the day even better, if that was possible, the Red Sox won!!!!

Also in August we performed on the MS Mount Washington as it cruised on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. We've been doing this gig for many summers and the captain of the Mount loves to direct us in the *Armed Forces Medley*. He's been directing us since 2003 and he's getting better and better each year. We learned that year that the captain's son is in the service, and his missions take him to both Iraq and Afghanistan. It's obvious that our appearance on the Mount, and the Captain's directing us in this song, is very important to him. After the 2 hour cruise, we met at Trish Hillsinger's fabulous house right on the lake for an afternoon of eating, swimming and singing on a wonderful summer day. How much better can it get???

We are also getting ready to host Regional weekend September 16th -18th. Sandy Taylor has been working with Region 1 and LBC to coordinate everything needed to make the weekend a success. The theme of the weekend is *Lone Star Roundup* in honor of the SAI competition in Houston, Texas. We look forward to seeing you in Nashua.

Our annual show is yet another event that keeps us motivated during the summer months. We have been having a blast learning some new songs and bringing back others. *Crazy*, made famous by Patsy Kline, was part of our repertoire many years

ago and we were thrilled that BB brought it back for the show. We are also learning *Country Roads* by John Denver, a fun song, but those pesky breaths have given some of us a hard time. Our new favorite song is *Hallelujah*, with lyrics by Leonard Cohen. It is powerful and always brings tears to our eyes. Our show theme this year is *A Little Bit of Everything*, and we would love to see you in the audience at the Woburn Memorial High School. If you were with us last year, you'll remember that the school is just a few years old and it has wonderful facilities. Our headliner this year will be *North Shore Acappella*. They have entertained audiences for the last 30 years and have appeared as the opening act for The Temptations, The Platters, Roberta Flack and Frankie Valli among many others. They sing a blend of harmony, rhythm and tempo to songs from the 40's right up through today. In addition to *North Shore Acappella*, we will be entertained by BB's *Family and Friends* chorus who are a mixture of experienced male and female singers. Many have never sung in the Barber-shop style. A couple of surprises are in store for our audience. No one knows what that is and BB is making sure that the Family & Friends Chorus participants are sworn to secrecy!! The show will be held Saturday, October 29th, at 2:00pm. For ticket sales and information, contact Ruth Gove at (508) 358-7836 or rgoveway@aol.com. Please come! Keep checking our website [www.libertybellechorus.org](http://www.libertybellechorus.org) for updated information.

And on a more somber note, LBC is honored to be performing at the 10-year anniversary of September 11th in Burlington, MA on the Burlington Green.

And last, but certainly not least, LBC is proud of our 3 new members:

Catherine Bettencourt (lead), and the mother/daughter team of Charlotte Boyland (bass) and her daughter,

Jackie Boyland (bari). We're looking for a tenor to make a newbie quartet. Welcome to our world, Catherine, Charlotte and Jackie.

See you at Regional!

Charlotte Temple for LBC

## **Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus**

### **RHYTHM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SUMMER FUN**

**S**tretching our performance skills even further, our Director, Jessie, said she'd like each part to create a USO skit of 5-10 minutes to entertain the chorus. Creative license? Do anything we wanted? Songs, dances, laughter? Well, as time went on, we all realized how challenging they'd be to orchestrate.

#### **USO Skits (in order of appearance)**

**BARIS** - Bravely led the way with a rendition of "Java Jive" that was so smoothly orchestrated with collaborative moves and costumes to beg for . . . like coffee filter hats and teabag earrings (I've just got to have a pair!).

**LEADS** - We were lucky enough to have a script writer in our midst who whipped up a topnotch baseball themed event titled "The Losingest Louisville Leads" (see photo on the right). The songs chosen were "Take Me Out To the Ballgame" and "You've Gotta Have Heart", and these were outside of our usual repertoire. With baseball uniforms from all over the spectrum and props to set the scene, we still lost the game! However, some lucky onlookers did catch Cracker Jacks as a bonus.

**TENORS** - Our two tenors, dressed as elderly travelers,

carried all sorts of treasures in their great big bags and extra large outerwear. Constantly chattering away, they were projecting into their future with the song "When I'm Sixty Four". First the hats came off to bald heads, then a bottle of wine appeared followed by knitting needles and garden tools. We were just about rolling off the risers with laughter!

**BASSES** - Since they will be performing this week, they sent a teaser of what's to come: "B is for basses, bah, bahs, bum bums and bada, bada, bada's...". Hmm...I'm amazed and mystified and can't wait to see what's to come.

**M**aking Strides Against Breast Cancer - Singing our repertoire for the Survivors at Livingston Park is always a joyful event. They were laughing and giggling when we broke out with our "Grapefruit Diet" routine.

**M**embership Drive - Our four week Summer Sing Program brought in women eager to try four part harmony and then they ventured with us to experience

a true performance at the New Hampshire Fishercats baseball field.

**E**njoyed learning two songs from the "oldies" era along with our guests: "Da Doo Ron Ron" (with choreo!) and "One Fine Day".

**R**eturning to the Fishercats stadium every Summer is always a terrific event. This year while we waited to sing the national anthem, we danced with Fungo the mascot to "The Cupid Shuffle" while it played on the PA system!

**F**or a fund raiser, we participated in Macy's Shop-For-A-Cause in Bedford. In between our two performances, the gals shopped and also received free massages. Macy's presented Jessie with a box of Godiva chocolates which she generously shared with the group.

**U**sing Karaoke Night as a way to let loose, Bonnie B led the way with her wonderful rendition of "Margaritaville". After that, no one was shy to step up to the mic! In fact, the group song said it all: "I Will Survive!"

**N**ow we eagerly await our Washington DC trip with our



Sisters from Island Grove Chorus for Music Celebrations' Festival of the States.

Wishing all of you a wonderful fall and holiday season.

by Donna Bishop, TC

## Sound of New England Chorus

SONE is thrilled to be going to the 2012 International Competition in Denver as a wild card, and we are proud of our Region One champions Harmony on the Sound for their winning performance in May.

We had a beautiful outdoor evening performance in August at the Manchester (CT) Bandshell, sharing the stage with the men's Silk City Chorus. The audience spread out on the hillside and were treated to an evening of barbershop.

We are busy preparing to record our second CD on October 1st, and we will have a CD release party on December 4th, which will be a free concert with refreshments at our regular rehearsal home at the First Church in Bloomfield. We hope all of our friends in Region 1 will come.

We wish our regional winners (Without Warning and Coastline Show Chorus) great success in Houston in October!

## Valley Chords Chorus

It's been a summer of celebration in the Upper Valley-as the majority of our towns commemorated their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary- and the Valley Chords sung their way through the festivities. We had the honor of singing our National Anthem for the flag raising on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and then performed patriotic fare for the Town of Fairlee, VT. Several members donned period



costumes and rode in antique cars for the parade. (See the picture above right) It was a blast being on the parade side of the revelry instead of bystanders on the sidelines!

Spinoff (a quintet of Valley Chords members) entertained the "Tea Train" several times this summer. The old-fashioned steam locomotive pulls several passenger cars and the dining car-where "High Tea" is served to patrons. Not only do we entertain the guests but are expected to partake of the different types of teas, finger sandwiches, and delectable sweets!

An octet was asked to sing at the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration for the US Army Corp of Engineers Cold Regions Research Lab in Hanover, NH. It was definitely the most prestigious event we've

*In picture: Laura Fraser, Joan Solger, Chuck Solger, Judy Dixon, Grace Bagley*

sung at yet! US Senators and Generals were all at salute while the flag was raised and we proudly sang our National Anthem.

Hurricane Irene blasted through our communities and the words "flash flooding" now connote real meaning for our members. All around us roads and bridges were ripped apart by the raging waters our rehearsal hall is high and dry and we were back on the risers on Wednesday! We've had to say good-bye to our youngest member-Alexis-who received a beautiful engagement ring from her Beau and will be married and moving away. So we are looking for new members like the rest of you!

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### UPCOMING SHOWS

#### MERRIMACK VALLEY

Sunday, October 2nd, 2 p.m.

"Take a Chance"

Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA

\$18 adults, \$13 children ages 6-17 \$15 students, seniors, and Merrimack College employees

#### ISLAND GROVE CHORUS

October 22nd -- 2 p.m.

"Singin' and Stylin'"

The Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Weymouth, MA

#### LIBERTY BELLE

October 29th -- 2 p.m.

"A Little Bit of Everything"

Woburn High School Auditorium  
see ad on page 5

#### COLONIAL SPIRIT

Saturday, November 5th, 7:15

"BELIEVE! Colonial Spirit Express"

Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks Club  
777 South St, Tewksbury MA.

\$20 per person.

#### BERKSHIRE HILLS CHORUS

Sunday, November 20th-- 2 p.m.

"Holiday in New York:

"Barbershop Takes Broadway"

Barrington Stage, 30 Union St.,  
Pittsfield, MA

\$18

#### FARMINGTON VALLEY

Saturday, December 3rd, 7 p.m.

"Kiss Mah Grits"

Lewis Mills High School

Burlington CT

see ad on page 4

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