

**TO:** All Competing Quartets and Chorus  
**FROM:** Lucy Regueyra, CRC  
**DATE:** April 27, 2010  
**RE:** Reminders / Information



Hello! We have a new home this year! The Renaissance Hotel, 24 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44113. We hope you are as excited about the new change as your convention committee.

Please read this memo thoroughly and carefully and share with your quartet and chorus members:

### **Parking**

The Renaissance Cleveland Hotel has a parking garage adjacent to the hotel that will be \$10/day for convention goers. We will have in and out privileges. If members choose to use Valet Parking, the cost is \$30/day.

There are other parking options available – some have early bird rates, but most average around \$12 a day regular rate:

- Tower City Center
- North Park
- Riverview (Shuttle from parking lot to Tower City is from 5 am to midnight)

At this time, it is unknown if any of these parking options have an in/out service. But for anyone wishing to explore other parking options, we would recommend that you check the daily and weekend rates, hours of operation, and security of the lot.

### **Hotel Check In**

Check in will be held in the Ambassador Ballroom (off the main lobby). Please remember that when you arrive at the hotel, you cannot change your rooming arrangements. Check in time is 3:00 p.m. Check out is 12:00 p.m.

### **Luggage/Garment Bags**

If you arrive before your room is ready, your luggage and garment bags will be stored by the hotel (not held in the ballroom as we've done in past years). There is a \$4.00 charge if the hotel delivers your baggage to your room. However, you may also take your own baggage if you so choose.

### **AEBs**

Pick up your AEB on the mezzanine (outside the Gold Ballroom) when you arrive. No AEBs will be mailed prior to the convention. Single event tickets will be sold only at the Box Office outside the main ballroom. Student single event tickets are available for \$10 for anyone 18 and under with proper ID. **No one is allowed into either contest without a ticket or an AEB.** Please remember to bring your **lanyards**.

### Programs

Available for pick up near the AEB table on the mezzanine.

### Hotel and Area Restaurants

*The Brasserie* restaurant (lower level of hotel) is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 am - 2:00 pm (breakfast and lunch only). *San Souci* (lobby level of hotel) is open for dinner only – 5:30-10:00 pm.

Deb Ferenc has compiled a Restaurant List with pricing information, location, phone numbers, etc. that is attached to the end of this memo as well as a link to Positively Cleveland for a map of the restaurants - Thank you, Deb!!

The hotel lobby lounge will be open evenings for cocktails.

### Competing Quartets and Choruses

All quartet competitors and the Director and President/Team Coordinator from each competing chorus will remain on stage after being recognized and prior to contest results.

Prior to entering the stage, all competitors will be held in the exhibit hall which is located directly behind the stage. ***You will be able to hear other contestants singing while you are in this holding area.*** SHHHH! Please be courteous to your fellow competitors. All competitors will enter and exit the stage from stage left.



### Celebration of Champions - (See attached schedule)

The Celebration will be held immediately following the chorus contest on stage in the ballroom. There will not be any scheduled rehearsal time. The top three quartets and choruses will perform along with the First Place Division A and First Place Division AA choruses. Our emcee, Queen Lee Davison, will announce when it's time for performers to come to the stage.

All regional awards will be presented during the Celebration.

### \*\*\*Cash Prizes\*\*\*

At the conclusion of the Celebration, you will want to be in the audience to see if your name is drawn for one of three cash prizes. All AEB holders are eligible to win but you ***must be present in the Ballroom at the time of the drawing.*** **First prize: \$100. Second prize: \$75. Third prize: \$50.**



### “In the Can” for YSF

Don't forget to bring your decorated can to the AEB table located on the mezzanine **no later than 5:00 pm on Friday for judging.** They will be on display. The RMT will cast their votes to select the best decorated “can”. Checks are payable to YSF and should be given to Deb Ferenc. Prizes will be awarded for most money collected, best dressed can and the most unique can!

### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Saturday May 15th!

It is certainly not too late to register for our WALK team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk! You do NOT need to walk, just register and donate. Our goal is \$2500.00! We can do this! If you follow the link below you will see the names of many of your Sweet Adeline Sisters who are Breast Cancer Survivors honored there.

If you prefer not to donate online, donations will be accepted contest weekend. Make your checks payable to **The American Cancer Society**, and turn them in at the registration desk, or directly to Deb Ferenc. Visit our homepage now!

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/region17>

You will also have an opportunity to buy a pink ribbon for \$1 and hang on the survivor/memory board located on the mezzanine floor.

### **Closed Circuit TV**

Both contests will be aired on the hotel's closed circuit TV following each contest Friday and Saturday nights!

### **Photography**

Order forms are available on E. R. Lilley's website ([www.erlilleyphoto.com](http://www.erlilleyphoto.com)). Follow directions to the Sweet Adelines page to print off your order form. Quartets: Please hand your order form to the Photographer in the Exhibit Hall. Chorus Presidents/Team Coordinators: Please be sure to bring your order form with you to the Director's Briefing immediately following quartet contest Friday night.

### **DVDs**

Your convention committee is pleased to announce that each competitor will receive a **FREE** DVD this year!



### **Boutique**

Please visit our Regional Boutique in the Whitehall room on the mezzanine floor. Check your program for hours.

### **Miscellaneous**

There are no plans for a regional hospitality room on Saturday night. However, many choruses will have individual hospitality rooms on the hotel's lower level, mezzanine and fourth floor. Check 'em out!

The hotel will allow us to bring snacks (chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.) that sort of thing in "sealed" packages (**no outside catering please**).

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you and my personal best to everyone!

# Celebration of Champions

(Immediately following Chorus Contest)

(Times are approximate)

|    | <u>Performer</u>   |                           | <u>Back Stage</u> | <u>On Stage</u> |
|----|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1  | Third Place Quartet  | One song                  | 4:30              | 4:35            |
| 2  | First Place Division A Chorus  | One song                  | 4:35              | 4:40            |
| 3  | Second Place Quartet   | One song                  | 4:40              | 4:45            |
| 4  | First Place Division AA Chorus   | One Song                  | 4:45              | 4:50            |
| 5  | <i>Charity Presentation</i>  | Deb Ferenc                | 4:50              | 4:55            |
| 6  | Third Place Chorus   | One Song                  | 4:55              | 5:00            |
| 7  | <i>YWIH Scholarship Winner Presentation</i>                              | Maureen Hunter            | 5:00              | 5:10            |
| 8  | Second Place Chorus  | One song                  | 5:10              | 5:15            |
| 9  | <i>Regional Awards; Raffle Baskets; "In the Can" Winner; Cash Prizes</i> | Donna Knapp<br>Deb Ferenc | 5:15              | 5:25            |
| 10 | Quartet Champions  | Two songs                 | 5:25              | 5:35            |
| 11 | Chorus Champions   | Two songs                 | 5:35              | 5:45            |
| 13 | "How We Sang Today"  | Champion Chorus Director  |                   | 5:50            |

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| Restaurant Name                 | Address              | Phone        | Website                          | Specialty   | Price Range                              | Misc notes                           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Barley House                    | 1261 West Sixth St.  | 216.623.1700 | Barleyhousecleveland.com         | Irish Pub   | 8.99-21.99                               | Online ordering available            |
| Bob Golic's Sports Bar & Grille | 1213 West Sixth St.  | 216.363.1130 | Bobgolics.com                    | Burgers/wings pizza   | 5.59-12.00                               | No-carry out available               |
| Brasa Grill                     | 1300 West Ninth St.  | 216.575.0699 | Brasagrillsteakhouse.com         | Brazilian Steakhouse – Continuous Tableside Service<br>HUGE SALAD BAR<br>Crab legs, fish, oysters, etc. | \$35.00 dinner<br>\$25.00 salad bar only | No online. Dining in only            |
| Bricco *                        | 1438 Euclid Ave.     | 216.862.2889 | Briccodowntown.com               | Italian fare, great pizza menu and appetizers   | \$11-\$22. entrees                       | Dine In                              |
| Cadillac Ranch                  | 200 Euclid Ave.      | 216.685.0000 | Cadillacranchgroup.com/Cleveland | All American menu, burgers, steaks, sandwiches  | \$9.95 – \$24.95                         | Dine in                              |
| Crop Bistro and Bar             | 1400 West Sixth St.  | 216.696.2767 | Cropbistro.com<br>GREAT website! | Inventive American Fare For the 'Cream of the Crop'   | Higher priced                            | Dine in                              |
| Greenhouse Tavern               | 2038 East Fourth St. | 216.393.4302 | Thegreenhousetavern.com          | Ohio's first certified green restaurant   | \$14-\$23 entrees                        | Dine in                              |
| Harry Buffalo                   | 2120 East Fourth St. | 216.621.8887 | Harrybuffalo.com                 | Wings, Pizza, Ribs, Burgers, Sandwiches, Wraps  | \$5.00-\$12.00                           | Dine in, Take out, Delivery          |
| Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse      | 123 W. Prospect Ave. | 216.344.2444 | hyde-parkrestaurants.com         | Steak, seafood  | Higher priced                            | Dine in                              |
| John Q's                        | 55 Public Square     | 216.861.0900 | Johnqssteakhouse.com             | Cuisine steakhouse, choices for all price ranges  | \$11-\$43                                | Dine in, online ordering & delivery! |
| LaStrada                        | 2050 East Fourth St. | 216.861-3663 | Lastradacleveland.com            | Mediterranean bistro; Italian, Turkish, Albanian, Moroccan, Spanish & Greek                             | \$18-\$22+                               | Dine in                              |

\*denotes short cab ride necessary

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| Lola Bistro                         | 2058 E. 4th                            | 216.621.5652 | Lolabistro.com  | Michael Symon – Iron Chef City Sophistication          | \$10-\$29                                | Dine in |
| Morton's the Steakhouse             | 1600 West Second St Tower City Center  | 216.621.6200 | Mortons.com   | Steak House  | Higher priced                            | Dine in |
| Muse                                | 1515 West Third St. Ritz Carlton Hotel | 216.623.1300 | Ritzcarlton.com<br>Located inside Tower City – you do not have to leave the bldg. | Comfortable, casual elegance                           | \$26-\$32<br>\$30 p/person 3 course meal | Dine in |
| One Walnut *                        | 1801 East Ninth St.                    | 216.575.1111 | Onewalnut.com   | Where yuppies go when they grow up!                    | \$21-\$25                                | Dine in |
| Ponte Vecchio Ristorante Italiano * | 2100 Superior Viaduct                  | 216.556.8200 | Pontavecchioristorante.com  | Italian, pasta, specialty pizzas                       | \$15-\$28                                | Dine In |
| Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant  | 2000 Sycamore St.                      | 216.623.1555 | Rockbottom.com  | Sandwiches/burgers<br>Entrees                          | \$8.95-10.95<br>\$13.95-23.95            | Dine In |
| XO Prime Steaks                     | 500 W. St. Clair Ave.                  | 216.861.1919 | Xsprimesteaks.com   | Best steaks in town! Favorite of the Cavalier Players! | Higher priced                            | Dine In |
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[http://www.clevelandmeetings.com/pdf/maps/downtown\\_cleveland\\_dining\\_map.pdf](http://www.clevelandmeetings.com/pdf/maps/downtown_cleveland_dining_map.pdf)

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