

TO: All Competing Quartets and Choruses
FROM: Lucy Regueyra, CRC
DATE: May 6, 2011
RE: Reminders / Information



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 in the Gold Ballroom (mezzanine) when you arrive. No AEBs will be mailed prior to the convention. Single event tickets will be sold only 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.

If your chorus is participating in the Regional breakfast, tickets will be held at the AEB table. Please ask for them when you pick up your AEBs. The breakfast begins at 8:00 am for everyone on the balcony of the Grand Ballroom.

Programs

Available for pick up near the AEB table.

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. 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.



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, Claudia Hole, 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.**



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Saturday May 22th!

This year the Region 17 Convention Committee has chosen the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk as our Convention Charity. The walk is at Progressive Field in downtown Cleveland, Saturday, May 22nd, the day of our competition. While we will be singing, others will be walking. If you are not competing and available that morning, we encourage you to walk!

If you are interested in making a donation competition weekend, simply stop by the registration table. The ladies there will be prepared to take your donations. Donations **will also be accepted for a few weeks after the walk.** Make your checks payable to the *American Cancer Society*.

We will also have our "Wall of Hope" prominently displayed in the registration area. Pink ribbons will be available for purchase at the registration table. For a minimum donation, you can put your name or the name of a loved one on a pink ribbon and place it on our Wall of Hope.

If you would prefer, you can make your donation conveniently online before or after you get home, simply go to: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/region17>.

All of your donations will be credited to our Region 17 team. Be sure to visit the team homepage of our site. You will find Sweet Adeline survivors honored there. What a wonderful charity for our women's organization to partner with.

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). 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.

List of Competing Members Verification Form

Chapter Presidents/Team Leaders – be sure to bring **two copies** of this form along with two copies of the names (in alphabetical order) and ID numbers of performers including your Director who will be appearing on stage to the Directors/Presidents Briefing immediately following quartet contest Friday night. Mary Schwartz will collect them.

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 Gold Ballroom 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; Cash Prizes</i>	Donna Knapp	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 HUGE SALAD BAR Crab legs, fish, oysters, etc.	\$35.00 dinner \$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 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 Located inside Tower City – you do not have to leave the bldg.	Comfortable, casual elegance	\$26-\$32 \$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 Entrees	\$8.95-10.95 \$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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