

**President/Team Leaders' Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2011
Perrysburg, Ohio**

The following choruses were represented: Allegheny Sounds, Laurel Harmony, Greater Cleveland, Pride of Toledo, Towns of Harmony, Flagship City, River Raisin, City of Flags, Sounds of Pittsburgh, Dogwood Blossoms, Voices in Harmony, Lake Ridge, Little River, and Greater Harmony.

Donna Knapp, Chapter Liaison, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following guests brought valuable information:

Maureen Hunter – YWIIH Scholarship (\$1,000)

- **Forms were in the “mail boxes” this weekend**
- **Scholarship is open to any women who is a member of Region 17 or a relative of a member of Region 17**
- **Deadline for applications is March 1, 2012**
- **Please promote in your choruses.**

Dawn Seigneur – YWIIH Coordinator – Region 17

- **Thanked all the choruses who have YWIIH contacts on file. We still have 4 or 5 choruses who do not. Please, please get someone in your chorus to handle this important job.**
- **There will be a YWIIH chorus festival in January at Sawmill Creek. Start now inviting young women to come and join the fun. All ages are welcome.**
- **Lynne Pierce will be directing the chorus, and they will sing Locomotion and Wo Go Together**
- **The YWIIH Quartet Contest will take place at 4 pm Saturday afternoon in January**
- **Questions should be directed to Dawn at seigda@windstream.net**

Jennifer Thompson – Membership Coordinator

- **Distributed ribbons for those going to International**
- **Contact her if you did not get yours or if you need more**

Sue Heck – Events Coordinator

- **The contest photo will be taken in the warm up room this year in order to get better photos.**
- **If people do not purchase candid photos from Lily, they will no longer be taking them**
- **Committee is working hard on the contest breakfast. More details in January**
- **Carolyn McComber is the new vendor contact for the Region**

- ➡ **Please remind your members that they must have their name tag WITH THE REGIONAL LOGO on it when attending harmony weekends.**
- ➡ **Introduced Pat Galvin the new CRC for the Region (replacing Lucy Reguyera) and Claudia Hole, new Contest Coordinator**
 - **Pat thanked everyone for all that you do and assured us that she is working hard to make the convention even better**
 - **Claudia announced that at the convention meeting it was decided to have ONE briefing (instead of separate one for quartets and choruses). Not sure yet when that will happen over contest weekend.**
 - **Presidents and Directors should attend this meeting. If you cannot be there and designate a representative, be sure that person has all the necessary paperwork.**
 - **Questions: claudiahole2004@yahoo.com**
 - **The contest photos will be taken in the warm-up room like we used to do in the past.**

Sue also announced that the January Harmony Weekend will feature the three choruses once again. Registration and information will be on the regional website soon. The weekend will have an Open House atmosphere and everyone is encouraged to bring lots of guests (who will not have to pay the registration fee). After the evening show, there will be a big party.

Donna made the following announcements:

- 1. Reminded everyone that International webinars are archived. So if you could not “attend” the last one, you will find it online. Deb Ferenc, Marketing Coordinator, urges all to view these wonderful webinars.**
- 2. January is Open House month. Deb and Jennifer Thompson will discuss with the Membership/Marketing people at their meeting. International has designated that any or every week in January be used as a “Guest Night.”**
- 3. January Harmony Weekend will feature the three choruses under the direction of Chuck May (GHC), Jean Flinn (GCC), and Kay Seymour (Pride)**
- 4. Each director can come up with a name, choreo, costume, etc.**
- 5. Everyone will sing the same song “Getting’ It Together”**
- 6. The Saturday Evening Show will feature**
 - a. The three choruses**
 - b. The YWIH Chorus**
 - c. Top three small choruses**
 - d. Most Improved Chorus**
 - e. Most Improved Quartet**
 - f. Novice Quartet**
- 7. After the show there will be a big party across the hall. There will be karaoke, dancing, corn hole game, popcorn, cake, ice cream vendor, and open bar to name a few of the activities planned. Deb Ferenc and Jennifer Thompson are**

- working hard to make this a huge success and one that all the ages represented will enjoy!
8. There will be a Leadership Conference for the Region open to all directors and any and all chorus leaders in Independence July 27-29, 2012. Peggy Gram is the faculty. It will begin at 7 pm on Friday and run through Sunday at noon.
 9. Many of our RMT members will be attending the RMT Forum in Houston on Monday of contest week. We will learn then about the redistricting of Sweet Adelines. The RMT does plan to visit EVERY chorus to discuss what we learn in Houston.
 10. Please consider applying for a position on the RMT. As chorus leaders, you are more than qualified. Also please identify someone in your chorus who would make a good regional representative. If you let Donna or any current RMT member, we can approach them. The application is online. Presently, the Membership position is open. (Note: Brenda sent a note to choruses about this 9/19)
 11. In January 2013, Voices in Harmony will be the January hostess for Harmony Weekend because Heart of Ohio dissolved.

Upcoming Harmony Weekends:

- January 2012 - Fun weekend with three choruses
- September 2012 – THE BUZZ
- January 2013 – Lori Liford

The Region presently has 710 members.

Greater Harmony was excited to present its new director, Chuck May, to the Region.

City of Flags announced that it has hired Kevin Mohr as its new director.

Flagship City was able to recharter. Hooray!

All of the choruses represented are busy and healthy. Many discussed their upcoming shows and other events. It was suggested that a good way to grow might be to have a joint guest night with a men's chorus. One of our choruses is doing this, but I forget which one!

Lucy (POT) also mentioned the idea of script swapping. Many thought this was a great idea.

As always, our time was too short. Congratulations to

- Towns of Harmony – 50 years
- Greater Harmony – 35 years
- Little River – 35 years
- Dogwood Blossoms – 30 years

- **Greater Cleveland – 25 years**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Knapp, Chapter Liaison