

## **PRESIDENTS/TEAM LEADERS' MEETING**

**January 24, 2009 8:30 – 10:00**

Welcome: Pat Galvin, Chapter Liaison

### **Guests**

#### **1. Maureen Hunter – Young Women In Harmony Scholarship Program**

\$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded during the Convention weekend to a young women member or relative of a member of Region 17 studying in a music related field.

Applications are available and need to be submitted by March 1.

#### **2. Deb Ferenc – Marketing Coordinator**

- Information available for Singing Buckeyes Harmony Camp  
Encourage young women to attend and support them through scholarship
- Passionate Piggy Contest - decorate, fill and bring to Regional competition in May  
Donations to benefit the Young Singers Foundation  
One representative from each chorus is invited to attend a membership/marketing planning session on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> in Independence 10:00 – 5:00
- Information available for the “Name the SOS Contest”

#### **3. Sue Heck Regional Events Coordinator & Susan LeMonte Meeting Coordinator**

- Information will be available for Fall Harmony Weekend on Website immediately after competition in May.
- E-mail notice will be sent when Convention Info will be available on Website.
- Thank you to Dogwood Blossom for serving as hostesses this Weekend.

### **News from the RMT and around the Region**

- Congratulations to Voices in Harmony on their new name.
- Sympathy extended to Little River Chorus on the loss of Rita Wells.
- Attendance certificates will be given out at the luncheon. All choruses with more than 50 percent of its membership at Harmony Weekend will be recognized.
- Susan Gruber will honor the Angel Chorus at the luncheon.
- Longevity award pins will be given out at the luncheon (these are based on International's record of when you joined SAI)
- The membership doll will be awarded to the chorus who has experienced the largest growth in membership in 2008.

### **Guests continued**

#### **4. Brenda Bernhardson**

- New website: [region17online.org](http://region17online.org)
- Events page – email Brenda if you want an event announced
- New email group for all members will be available to advertise events or make announcements
- Future Regional newsletter to be in two versions. A newsletter without pictures would be easier for members to download or print. Deadline for Chorusline News for SOS will be announced on website.

## 5. Donna Knapp - Membership

- Goal: to get beyond our individual choruses and think of growing membership on an International level.
- Judy Roman offers a Rookie Class for new members each Harmony Weekend
- Medals will be award for top three A and AA choruses in Regional Competition

### A Few Highlights from Chorus Sharing

Many successful shows were held throughout the Region this past fall. Several choruses had talented youth contests as part of their shows. A young girl on Greater Harmony's show commented that she never felt so loved and mentored and can't wait to join. How awesome.

Heart of Ohio Show Chorus presents "A Year in the Life..." on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Lake Ridge Chorus used plastic baseballs as a motivational tool. Baseballs were distributed to members for attendance at rehearsals and coaching sessions. Each member distributed 10 baseballs to fellow chorus members for various reasons. Names were put on the baseballs and then a drawing was held to award gift baskets.

Pride of Toledo Chorus uses tickets to motivate members to be on the risers and ready to begin on time. Tickets are quickly passed out at 7:00 during our Good news Sharing Time and then put away. Names are put on the tickets and they are put into a drawing to be held in May for 1 year of free dues. The more tickets one has in the box the more chances to win. (\$480 value)

Congratulations to Little River Chorus on their 25th Anniversary, a young girl who participated in their Fall Show has brought three friends to the chorus. They now have 4 fourteen year old girls thinking of joining.

Renaissance Rhythm members submitted names of organizations; postcards were made and distributed to these groups. Three singing engagements resulted.

### Additional Announcements:

The Region will again reimburse up to \$350.00 for expenses related to Membership/Marketing. Receipts for 2009 must be submitted by the end of December.