

Presidents/Team Leaders' Meeting Notes
January 23, 2010
Harmony Weekend – Sandusky, OH

The following chorus representatives were present: Barb Bower, Dogwood Blossoms; Nancy Klingensmith, Allegheny Sounds; Barbara Eppley, Heart of Ohio; Lorraine Hornaman, Flagship City; Jackie Olsen, River Raisin; Sharon Woodrum, Lake Ridge; Jennifer Jones, Voices in Harmony; Pat Galvin, Pride of Toledo; Ellen DiMarzio, Sounds of Pittsburgh; Yvonne Bozek, Renaissance Rhythm; Cindy Givens, Little River; Marydee Fowler, City of Flags; Carolyn McHale, Maple Mountain; JoAnna Holm, Towns of Harmony; Karen Lynn, Greater Cleveland; and Donna Knapp, Greater Harmony.

NEWS FROM THE RMT

- Donna reported that all but two choruses took advantage of the matching funds offered by the Region last year. The Region is again offering \$350 matching funds for membership/marketing for the 2010 calendar year. Receipts should be sent to the membership chair. Please wait until June to begin submitting your receipts.
- As a result of the Real Women/Real Harmony/Real Fun pilot program, Region 17 has 19 NEW members across the Region! The program focus now is Real Friends/Real Family as we get ready for competition.
- The Real Guide to Growth is set to be released by International in February.
- Do be sure to check out Region 17's Facebook page
- There were only 280 at this harmony weekend.

STANDING RULES

The following choruses have submitted their Standing Rules which are approved: Renaissance Rhythm, Laurel Harmony, Pride of Toledo, Greater Harmony, Voices in Harmony, Sounds of Pittsburgh, Greater Cleveland, Dogwood Blossoms, Towns of Harmony, Maple Mountain, River Raisin, and Little River. If your chorus name is not listed, please either email or snail mail your Standing Rules to Donna Knapp. If you are reviewing or updating your Standing Rules, my main word of advice is to try to make them less wordy or more succinct. Some read like novels!

GUESTS

Maureen Hunter – distributed the forms and explained the Region 17 Scholarship that is offered to relatives or members of Region 17 who are majoring in music.

Sue Heck and Susan Lemonte – Asked for choruses to be hostesses for future Harmony Weekends. Sue mentioned that you should register electronically if at all possible for regional events.

Lucy Reguerya, Mary Schwartz and Sue Heck – reported on the upcoming competition:

Lucy reported:

- Greater Cleveland will be the hostess chorus
- AEB's will be \$35
- There will be jumbotrons like they have at International. Ads can be purchased for \$50 for choruses and quartets and \$100 for business ads
- Love notes can also be purchased again
- March 5 is the deadline for chorus and quartets to register
- You should have received an email about registration from International
- Each chorus will have the choice to participate in the hotel's buffet breakfast for \$18.60/person. If you do so, you will have the use of a private room for the whole day of competition. Contact Lucy if you are interested.

Mary reported:

- Everything will be NEW this year.
- Warm up will be on the Mezzanine floor in the Ambassador Room
- We will go single file up an escalator to the staging area
- When we go into the back stage area there is NO TALKING! It opens to the stage. We will go single file on to the stage.
- Enter and exit stage left; . There are a few steps up to the stage area.
- Audience is flat floor with staggered seats
- Pictures will be taken on stage for choruses and back stage for quartets
- If something happened within your chorus between now and competition and a person needs a wheelchair, you MUST let Mary know asap.
- Mary promises she will have everything under control.....not to worry!!!

MISCELLANEOUS

Donna also mentioned that a great fund raiser for your chorus would be to rent a boutique table at Harmony Weekend or competition. Contact Sue Heck or Susan LeMonte for more information.

The Directors' Seminar is set for March 5 and 6 at the Holiday Inn in Independence, OH, with Dale Syverson. Please be sure your director is registered. Contact Jennifer Fogle for more information.

The Angel chorus will be honored at today's luncheon, and the longevity awards will be presented.

Please remind your members to register for IES which is in Pittsburgh July 8-10, 2010

Donna mentioned that the RMT is always looking for people to apply for a committee or for one of the regional positions. Applying does not guarantee a spot, but your application will be kept on file. Please encourage the leaders in your chorus to become involved at the regional level.

CHORUS NEWS

Because of all the new information that had to be given on competition, we ran out of time for sharing chorus news!! Next time I'll request a two-hour slot for our meeting!

If you have any comments, questions, or future discussion topics, please e-mail Donna.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chorus Liaison