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A newsletter for members of North by Northwest Region 13

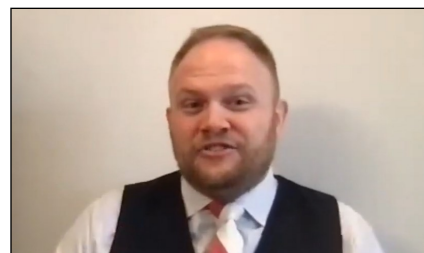


Oh, what a weekend! For the second year in a row, Region 13 held their annual convention virtually April 8-10, 2021. The three days were full of fun, surprises, inspiring speeches, valuable education, and a whole lot of celebrating our choruses and quartets. A special shoutout to Events Coordinator **Jody Allen** and her talented team for organizing such a fun event.

The highlight for many was watching the quartet and chorus submissions, as we saw something from 19 choruses and 19 quartets. Following each "contest," viewers were invited to vote for their favorite quartet and chorus performance, with Happenstance Quartet and Harmony Northwest Chorus taking the honors.

This issue of InTune is full of recognitions and honors you might not have seen. Congratulations to all!

If you happened to miss any of the festivities, you can still catch them on our YouTube channel:



- Thursday Night Kickoff: youtu.be/-Ki85P8fJ6Q
- Friday Education Class: youtu.be/YHdj6Hmgz20
- Joe Cerutti's Motivational Speech: youtu.be/xRHq5oZY18k
- Virtual Quartet Parade: youtu.be/rFmJa7Tu-F0
- Virtual Chorus Parade: youtu.be/osW-zLzzyPs
- Region 13's Virtual Chorus: youtu.be/msy96s_mygU
- YWIH Virtual Chorus: youtu.be/E7juryWY33U
- Happenstance Quartet's "Favorite Quartet" performance: youtu.be/TglyU0HaBgI
- Northwest Harmony's "Favorite Chorus" Performance: youtu.be/gS4kq7uelFc

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Heart of the Northwest Award



Judy Beckman
Harmony of the Gorge
Pride of Portland



Paula Davis
Song of Seattle



Cherie Letts
Coeur d'Alene
Spirit of Spokane



Sandy Smith
Helena Xpress Singers

The four amazing Region 13 members shown above were nominated for this year's Heart of the Northwest (HOTNW) Award. **Judy Beckman, Paula Davis, Cherie Letts, and Sandy Smith** are all shining stars in our region; the four of them together could probably run the country if necessary! Between them they are directors, quartet singers, chorus leaders, RMT members, committee chairs, coaches, faculty, and a friend to all. Any one of them would be an excellent choice to win this award.

Only one winner could be chosen, however, and that decision was made by past HOTNW winners. If you watched our Virtual Convention on April 10, you saw as **Judy Beckman** was named the 2021 recipient. ([Did you miss the announcement? You can see it by clicking here.](#))

Judy began singing barbershop in 7th grade! She sang with quartets and choruses in Northern Lights Region 6, and directed Lakeside Harmony Chorus in the 90s. Judy then relocated to the Pacific Northwest in 2005 and joined Harmony of the Gorge Chorus, began directing them in 2009. She then became a dual member of Pride of Portland Chorus 2006.

Some of Judy's other accomplishments over the years include DCP Coordinator, Standing Rules/Bylaws Chair, Regional Convention Team, and Region 24's last Director Coordinator before it became part of Region 13. She has also been an active participant and on the faculty for Harmony College Northwest for many years.

Judy, however, is much more than these duties and offices, as she truly embodies the spirit of Sweet Adelines and seldom misses an opportunity to share her love of barbershop harmony wherever she goes. She doesn't hesitate to share her talents, knowledge, time, and energy with everyone around her, and does so without regard for self-recognition. Another special talent of Judy's: she has a fun-loving and hilarious sense of humor, as anyone who has met her "alter ego" Helga (*see photo above*) can confirm!

Please join us in congratulating Judy on being named this year's Heart of the Northwest Award Winner.



Longevity Recognitions

65 Years



Lois Dye, Chapter-at-Large

60 Years



Juanita Harwood, Voices Northwest

55 Years



Karen Carter,
Voices Northwest



Ruth Ramey,
Chapter-at-Large



Marilyn Rogers,
Chapter-at-Large



Joyce White,
Chapter-at-Large

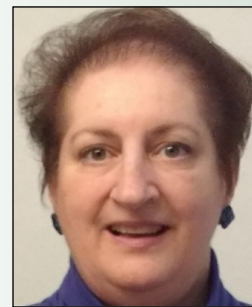
50 Years



Gail Dahl, Five Valley



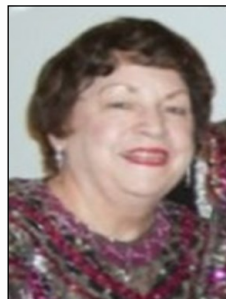
Alice Devine, Alaska Sound Celebration



Evelyn Weiss, Rolling Hills



Marge Ingram, Seattle Shores



Marge Mitts, Cascade Harmony



Gail Shelton, Pride of Portland

More Longevity Recognitions: Congratulations



30 Years

Marlene Bennett, Harmony Northwest
Priscilla Ford, Columbia River
Vicki Gardner, Spirit of Spokane
Jean Hansen, Coeur d'Alene
Katy Hawley, Song of Seattle
Bertha Kamstra, Spirit of Spokane
Allison Lew, Pride of Portland
Mary Ann Milette, RiversEdge
Dee Dee Waldron, Harmony Northwest
Joann Wiszmann, Jet Cities

45 Years ▲

Mary Ann Barlow, Columbia River
Patti Burklund, Song of Seattle
Loretta Field, Columbia River
Julie Hagstrom, Pacific Sound

40 Years

Connie Alward, Grand Olympics
Cynthia Heller, A Cappella Joy
Janice McKenna, Pacific Sound
Marla St. John, Harmony of the Gorge
Pat Witt, Grand Olympics

35 Years

Anna Chamberlain, Jet Cities
Nancy Ford, Olympia
Elaine Kitchingman, Five Valley
Sharon Stockstad, Helena Xpress Singers
Trudi Thackston, Coeur d'Alene

25 Years

Chera Boom, Alaska Sound Celebration
Cheryl Branz, Chapter-at-Large
Christine Buss, Rolling Hills
Cris Conerty, Spirit of Spokane
Candis Connelly, Chapter-at-Large
Susan Dorsey, Olympia
Darlene Dubay, Voices Northwest
Tami Elliott, Spirit of Spokane
Nancy Frith, Fairbanks Frontier
Carol Harris, Sound Harmony
Julee Hawks, Rolling Hills
Laurie Kinna, Bridger Mountain
Leslie Kleinfeld, Alaska Sound Celebration
Lynn McQueen, Jet Cities
Krista Neils, Jet Cities
Robin Osborn, Jet Cities
Tamilyn Rawlins, Rolling Hills
Marion Schmitt, Olympia
Judy Shoot, Pacific Sound

tions to all these amazing women!

20 Years ►

Brenda Baker, Rolling Hills
Suzy Buerer, Pride of Portland
Jeanne Bussey, Alaska Sound Celebration
Nancy Connell, Pride of Portland
Phyllis Domingo, Song of Seattle
Karen Fejta, Song of Seattle
Donna Heivilin, Seattle Shores
Marilyn Johnson, Blue Mountain
Marsha Kelly, Pride of Portland
Alice Mallrie, Spirit of Spokane
Cynthia Morin, Five Valley
Michiyo Nagaoka, Fairbanks Frontier
Patricia Nichelson, Pride of Portland
Patricia O'Toole, Acapella Soundsations
Sally Palmer, Pride of Portland
Phoenix Rising, Harmony Northwest
Jolleen Severns, Spirit of Spokane
Carolyn Wenger, A Cappella Joy



15 Years

BethAnn Bock, Northwest Harmony
April Buonamici, Bridger Mountain
Barbara Clark, Five Valley
Janice Cleworth, Fairbanks Frontier
Cheryl Ekstrom, Alaska Sound Celebration
Betsy Greer, Cascade Harmony
Paulene Hakala, RiversEdge
Maralee Houser, Spirit of Spokane
Janice Jones, Alaska Sound Celebration
Linda Kennedy, Capital City Sound
Glenda Kohoutek, Coeur d'Alene
Denise Kuhlman, A Cappella Joy
Judie Lawson, Grand Olympics
Laura Pennington, Chapter-at-Large
Jennifer Peranzi, Seattle Shores
Sonia Rebello, A Cappella Joy
Joclyn Reilly, Alaska Sound Celebration
Pamela Rivard, Grand Olympics
LaVonne Steiner-Weigel, Northwest Harmony
Milaka Stringham, Pride of Portland
Donna Trowbridge, Five Valley
Claire Williams, Cascade Harmony
Susan Winston, Northwest Harmony
Dawn Wright, Chapter-at-Large

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International Board of Directors



Seated left to right: Janie Marchizoli, Treasurer; Kathy Carmody, President; Karen Biedert, Immediate Past President; Rita Hull, President-elect; Diane Huber, Secretary; Pat LeVenus; Marge Bailey; standing left to right: Pat McCardless; Carol Kirkpatrick, Vice President; Diane Porsch; Sue Beck; Marge Zimmermann; Lynell Diamond; Sally Wallace

More Longevity Recognitions

10 Years

Talia Ahlquist, Fairbanks Frontier
Terri B'Hymer, Pacific Sound
Mayree Beckett, RiversEdge
Eileen Behnke, Pride of Portland
JoAnn Brehm, Pride of Portland
Maria Burri, Pride of Portland
Lael Camacho, Song of Seattle
Beth Churchill, Voices Northwest
Stormy Cooke, A Cappella Joy
Kat Erickson, A Cappella Joy
Felicity Fields, Northwest Harmony
Lynn Floyd, Northwest Harmony
Meg Foltz, Inland Harmony
Amy Greenlief, Grand Olympics
Tracey Gustafson, Pride of Portland
Megan Hofkamp, Pacific Sound
Kimberly Kamal, Chapter-at-Large
Sherry Moore, RiversEdge
Phyllis Musicar-Wight, Five Valley
Renita Nieuwenhuis, Bridger Mountain
Sachiko Oshio, A Cappella Joy
Sarah Richards, A Cappella Joy
Kat Schonberg-Hamar, A Cappella Joy
LuAnn Scott, Inland Harmony
Darci Stone, Columbia River
Rebecca Streng, Song of Seattle
Lori Tibbetts, Chapter-at-Large
Sandi Voigt, Acapella Soundsations

5 Years

Rachel Alinares, Rolling Hills
Melissa Ambriz, Capital City Sound
Lynn Ashenbrener, Voices Northwest
Anna Bailey, Jet Cities
Chris Ballard, Seattle Shores
Carolyn Bell, Acapella Soundsations
Ruthann Browse, Voices Northwest
Stephanie Buehler, Grand Olympics

5 Years continued

Catherine Campbell, Northwest Harmony
Katie Catlett, Bridger Mountain
Abigail Coats, Fairbanks Frontier
Evelyn Creon, Harmony of the Gorge
Katrina Creon, Harmony of the Gorge
Kanza Easterly-Keill, Fairbanks Frontier
Carol Feazel, Acapella Soundsations
Anne Fischer, Capital City Sound
Norane Freistadt, Helena Xpress Singers
Anna Geiger, A Cappella Joy
Tonya Griffeth, Helena Xpress Singers
Leigh Guptill, A Cappella Joy
Kathleen Hamilton, Acapella Soundsations
Chessa Hickox, Blue Mountain
Alicia Hobbs, Chapter-at-Large
Kadi Holdsworth, A Cappella Joy
Sharon Hubbell, Helena Xpress Singers
Melissa Jaquette, Coeur d'Alene
Solo'Au Jenkins-Te'o, Rolling Hills
Kate Jones, Acapella Soundsations
Ruth Kringle, Jet Cities
Dena Liden, Olympia
Shaylene Lockard, Helena Xpress Singers
Dody Maki, Fairbanks Frontier
Peg Mathews, Helena Xpress Singers
Regina Milner, A Cappella Joy
Sara Moore, Blue Mountain
Lisa Morris, Inland Harmony
Colleen O'Brien, Cascade Harmony
Jessica Perry, Spirit of Spokane
April Petty, A Cappella Joy
Ruth Ann Reynolds, Columbia River
Lisa Ross, Northwest Harmony
Shiralynn Sherman, Capital City Sound
Jessica Striffler, Inland Harmony
Sharon Thomsen, Five Valley
Lori Trimm, Cascade Harmony

Chapter Anniversaries



Let's hear it for these Region 13 choruses who are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year!

- **Alaska Sound Celebration Chorus**, 55 Years
- **Five Valley Chorus**, 50 years
- **Coeur d'Alene Chorus**, 35 Years
- **Song of Seattle**, 5 years

In Memorium



Adeline Farrer
September 11, 2020
Seattle Shores Chorus



Lois Dye
March 4, 2021
Chapter-at-Large



SanDee Sausville
August 3, 2020
Spirit of Spokane Chorus



Sandy Greenlief
December 30, 2020
Grand Olympics Chorus



We send congratulations to the choruses that successfully completed our Membership Challenges! **Song of Seattle** and **Sound of Harmony Choruses** were successful at growing their membership. These choruses retained their membership during this difficult year: **Acapella Soundsations, Blue Mountain, Capital City Sound, Coeur d'Alene, Columbia River, Harmony of the Gorge, Pacific Sound, and Seattle Shores.**

Winners announced for 2020-2021 Tag Writing Contest

The results have been announced for this year's Region 13 Arrangers WorkShop at Harmony College Northwest Tag Writing Contest! This event encourages barbershoppers from Region 13, the Evergreen District, and Harmony College Northwest (HCNW) to compose and arrange tags for men's, women's, and mixed voices, and to freely share their tags with fellow barbershoppers for singing and performing.

Cash prizes for the Tag Writing Contest's winning tags, along with two registration fee scholarships to the 2022 Arrangers WorkShop, are provided by Region 13. January 31, 2021 was the entry deadline for this year's contest, and a total of 10 tags were entered into six categories by five tag writers. Judge Kevin Keller completed his deliberations, and the winners were notified by email. Cash prizes will be mailed.

As coordinator of the 2020-2021 Tag Writing Contest, it is my pleasure to announce this year's Winning Tag Writers and their Tags by Category:

Category I for Women's Voices by a published composer/arranger:
Carol Lord for "There's No Place Like Home"

Category II for Women's Voices by an unpublished composer/arranger:
Cris Conerty for "On Wings of Music We Fly"

Category III for Men's Voices by a published composer/arranger:
Suzy Buerer for "Take Heart"

Category IV for Men's Voices by an unpublished composer/arranger:
Darwin Scheel for "How Dry I Am"

Category V for Mixed Voices by a published composer/arranger:
Suzy Buerer for "Zoo Train"

Category VI for Mixed Voices by an unpublished composer/arranger:
Darwin Scheel for "Ice Cold"

Each non-Grand Prize Winning Category winner received a cash prize of \$50.00. The category winner that is judged to be the best overall tag is declared Grand Prize Winner and receives a cash prize of \$200.00 and a registration fee scholarship to the 2022 Region 13 Arrangers WorkShop at Harmony College Northwest. Grand Prize Winner for 2020-2021 is **Cris Conerty** for her tag "On Wings of Music We Fly."

All non-Grand Prize Winning entrants were included in a random drawing for a registration fee scholarship to the 2022 Region 13 Arrangers WorkShop at HCNW. Darwin Scheel's name was drawn.

The award winning tags of the contest will soon be published at both the HCNW and Region 13 websites. Barbershoppers will be able to download and print them from there.

Stay tuned for the details about the 2021-2022 Tag Writing Contest! They will soon be available at both the Region 13 and HCNW websites. We look forward to even more tag writers entering the next year's contest.

Submitted by Janice Wheeler, Regional Arrangers Coordinator

Chorus Chatter

A Cappella Joy Chorus

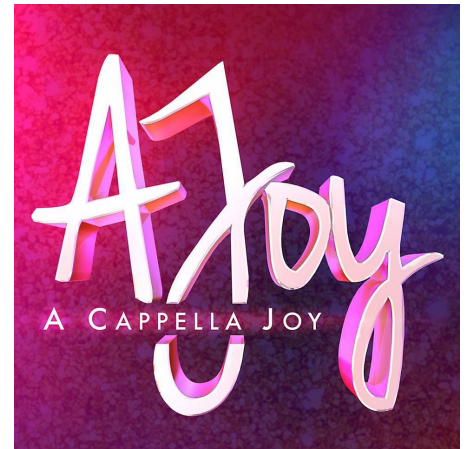
AJoy has been meeting every Monday for Zoom rehearsals, where we mute the sound. While this is adequate for keeping up our skills, it just isn't the same as singing together. We are not ready to start singing together in person yet, and we needed to find another way. Then along came Jamulus.

Jamulus is a free, open-source software product that allows musicians to perform together **in real time** over the Internet. Yes, you read that right—in real time. There is a tiny bit of lag, but it is leaps and bounds an improvement over Zoom.

There is a learning curve, and we help most members onboard. Some needed to purchase some inexpensive equipment; but once we got over those hurdles, it works quite well! We have around 30 members onboard, and we've taken the baby steps of getting together once a week before regular Monday rehearsals, doing vocal exercises and metronome work, so we can practice singing in sync with each other with no visual cues.

Jamulus is helping us to be more singer-driven. It is exhilarating to sing together, even with this imperfect technology, after this stressful year. Give it a try!

Submitted by Mindy Engelberg



Alaska Sound Celebration Chorus



"The show must go on." Undaunted, the Alaska Sound Celebration Chorus presented its 31st annual, crowd-loving Melodrama—virtually.

Filmed in days gone by, viewers from all over the world tuned in to watch the hilarious hijinks of our Hero, Heroine, Madame, Villain, and Grizzled Prospector, as they battled for justice in ***The Gold Rush Greed in Grizzly Gulch***.

Ladies may have missed out on the noisy, popcorn-pelting, beer-guzzling crowd of onlookers; but they gathered in the virtual vibes of their loyal patrons who watched via the Internet.

In celebration of not only her 84th birthday, but also an incredible journey of 50 years in Sweet Adelines, **Alice**

Devine was the honored recipient of a parade drive-by. To show their love and support for this treasured chorus member, some decked out their four-wheel-drive, studded-tired vehicles with balloons, streamers, banners, and Hawaiian leis.

Alice braved the weather and stood in her warm parka, watching ASC ladies circle her home in the bitter cold—6° below with wind-chill. Horns honked with happiness and adulation! As the parade cruised by, Alice's closely drawn-in parka hood and mask couldn't hide her smile.

Submitted by Kathy Hughes

more Chorus Chatter

Coeur d'Alene Chorus

We all feel the sting of one year since we have sung together. CdA Chorus is no exception. However, we did not let this stop us from growing.

Not only did we grow in numbers, we grew in many other ways. We welcome new members **Priscilla Patterson** and **Sandi Rubay**! More than ever, we CELEBRATE each other. We communicate with each other. We are there (virtually) for each other during these challenging times. We know this growth will have a profound impact on CdA's sound, once we are all together again.

Our newly elected 2021 Management Team is working hard on our "phasing back in" plan, which is thrilling! Our Music Team is choosing new music to fit our new sisterhood bond. Our amazing director, **Janelle Peck**, has been the glue that has held us together. Our PR Manager (and newly elected Team Coordinator), **Cherie Letts**, is Region 13's new Marketing Coordinator. Cherie was also co-nominated by our chorus and her dual chorus, Spirit of Spokane, for this year's **Heart of the Northwest Award**. Congratulations, Cherie!

We deeply appreciate our RMT and SAI BOD for working tirelessly on keeping us safe, educated, and entertained this past year.

Submitted by Kari Flint, Publicity



Five Valley Chorus

We are a family who focused on caring and nurturing our membership during the pandemic. We've missed a few members, but will see them again soon. Our Zoom rehearsals included fun themes, lightning round questions, and more:

- Our friend and coach **Judy Olson** joined us.
- We enjoyed our faithful guests Suzanne, Suzi, Noel, Judy, Mary, and now Jade.
- We interviewed 19 members so far and featured them as our Sequin Sisters, reading their life stories to the chorus.
- We lead holiday sing-a-longs via Zoom with service organizations.
- We developed the Dial-A-Carol program. Since we couldn't perform for our friends at senior residences, we invited them to call us and request their favorite holiday song.
- We had successful fundraisers: we held a garage sale in October, sold holiday wreaths and centerpieces, and sold fresh nuts from California.
- We sang crazy, out-of-sync happy birthdays to many members and friends.

We're planning our transition back to in-person singing and can't wait! Thank you to our members, Region 13 choruses, and the RMT for making growth and togetherness possible during this past year.

Submitted by Cindy Morin, President/Team Leader



more Chorus Chatter

Harmony Northwest Chorus



Outdoors, patriotically dressed in front of an American flag, masked, and socially distanced, our chorus met in person to perform and record a video tribute for the 100th birthday of a World War II veteran in Pittsburgh—a first for Harmony Northwest Chorus as they created a video.

After singing a special rendition of “Happy Birthday,” they also sang “This Is My Country” (with accompanying patriotic narration), and “How We Sang Today.”

The video was sent to a family member who incorporated it into a montage of videotaped

well wishes from the celebrant’s family and friends. This project developed as a result of the chorus’ first ever Christmas caroling in December. A couple was so impressed watching the chorus that they made a donation for their loved one, asking if the chorus could create a special birthday video for the late-March birthday. This turned out to be a lucky turn of events, as a singing Valentines project was sabotaged by a freak snowstorm. Comments included: *“This recording was a beautiful tribute to Jacque on this milestone birthday. Thank you and the Sweet Adelines for your contribution to the video. It was very well received.”*

Submitted by Cheryl Isaacs, Director

Helena XPress Singers Chorus

Last year in March, when I first realized our chorus wouldn’t be meeting in person for a while (who would have thought it would be this long?!), someone from our chorus mentioned Zoom. I had never heard of it before! But, because of Zoom--and thanks to our techie people--we’ve been able to meet almost every week for 1½ hours, with an average two-thirds of our chorus participating.

I can list several accomplishments during that time, but our best was recording five virtual songs and hosting a city-wide virtual Christmas show, with seven local choirs participating.

We enjoyed several guest coaches, crazy video warmups, and educational videos. Zoom worked great for fun and games, group discussions, and “talent” shows. We had guest nights, learned four new songs, and organized sing-along phone calls with nursing homes. The photo above is of our first virtual chorus recording, “Montana,” arranged by Ruth Richey, our director’s mother.

We are happy to be back together with two in-person rehearsals every other week, one with masks required and one with masks optional. Although plans can change at the drop of a hat, we are hoping to resume complete chorus in-person rehearsals on June 7 with Zoom access. We are looking forward to a future of harmonizing together again and performing for our Helena audiences!

Submitted by Barb Leland, Director



more Chorus Chatter

Pride of Portland Chorus

On March 31, Pride celebrated getting through the past year with a Zoomiversary party. Who knew we'd step up and learn so much more about technology—Zoom, “you're muted”,—and learning to record audio and visual for virtual projects. What a year!

During the Zoomiversary, we shared part of our time and love with friends in **Oregon Spirit Chorus**. Our connections with each other and across choruses have grown in ways none of us imagined a year ago. We watched the videos that were debuted during the Region 13 Contest Parade and shed tears of joy at how far we've come under challenging conditions.

We celebrated the educational opportunities the last year provided, including drop-in coaches and directors from around the world. Our music and leadership teams continually checked in on all members, striving to retain connectivity and vitality in the chorus. Time was spent with arts and crafts, cooking, gardening, home projects, pampering pets, and spending more time in nature. Pride of Portland is keeping abreast of the necessary guidelines, while eagerly dipping our toes back into small, outdoor IRL rehearsals—and we cannot wait until we are ALL together again!

Submitted by Makenzie May, Communications Chair



Seattle Shores Chorus

This has been a tough year for everyone; but this 15-member chorus has stuck together on Zoom.

Since we are still without a director, our former director who is now retired has kept in touch with us from Texas. We are anxiously looking forward to an actual get-together in a park in May to celebrate Seattle Shores' 68 years as a Sweet Adeline Chorus. In addition, **Marge Ingram** celebrates 50 years as a Sweet Adeline and **Linea Croly** celebrates 53 years in May, so we have a lot to celebrate.

We are incredibly grateful for each other, and we feel this chorus has gotten us through some difficult times. We refuse to let music and friendship die from our lives.

Submitted by Karen Stark, President/Team Leader



Song of Seattle Chorus

Song of Seattle celebrated its 5th birthday in January! Then, in February and March, we held a six-week *Musical Theater Academy* taught by **Paula Davis**. Each week, we reviewed videos during small group discussions and were joined by members of four choruses from the Region.

We were one of two choruses who received the regional award for membership growth in 2020. Our newest member, **Jan Fitzpatrick**, was welcomed in a surprise visit (*photo right*) by our membership co-chairwomen, **Nelda Pettit**, and **Phyllis Domingo**.

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more Chorus Chatter

Song of Seattle Chorus: *continued*

Song of Seattle was honored to participate in the “Across the Borders” project with **PrimeTime Quartet** and **Felix-stowe Harmonies Chorus**. We produced our own virtual video, “Count on Me,” which can be found on YouTube at or youtu.be/JnTnG7R18K0 or youtu.be/Ftq_gLtCoiA.

Submitted by Erin Devoto, PR Chair/Marketing

Spirit of Spokane Chorus



We are still rehearsing via ZOOM. But the exciting thing is – we are discussing when and how we can come back together in person for rehearsal. We might start outside as soon as the weather permits!

OMG—we did our first VIRTUAL CHORUS project! We will be sharing it with the world soon. What a lot of work and dedication from so many of our members. We also had a GUEST NIGHT! It was so much fun sharing our craft with others.

We played some games, watched our VIRTUAL CHORUS track, and sang together.

Christmas songs? Yup! We’ve been working on Christmas songs, and it’s not even July! We are planning on a Christmas show in early December. So, we gotta start practicing those early!

We have super exciting news about two of our members! First, **Cherie Letts** has been elected to the position of Regional Marketing Coordinator for Region 13. Yeehaw! Secondly, **Cris Conerty** has won the Grand Prize in the 2021 Region 13 Tag Writing Contest! Her quartet, Snapshot!, performed it at our virtual contest during the Quartet Parade. Congratulations to you both!

Submitted by Carrie Webbenhurst, Secretary/Communications

Voices Northwest Chorus

We spent our winter Zoom rehearsals refreshing Christmas songs, and inviting guests to join in, making it even more fun. We pulled out “oldies, but goodies,” having a blast remembering singing for appreciative audiences. We’ve played games, enjoyed celebrity guests, had themed evenings, and teams worked together to plan rehearsals.

We recorded a virtual chorus! Those of you who have also done this understand the time and energy singers put into recording the best rendition of their part. It was a **great** learning experience and **confidence-building** exercise, especially for those who stepped out of their comfort zone. Great results! Thanks to Donovan Skaggs from Silent Knight Studios for his talents, knowledge, and patience.

In February, we were scheduled to perform at the Mill Creek Women’s Club. As that wasn’t possible, we created a 30-minute virtual show—a musical PowerPoint presentation using videos of past performances, Charlene emceeing, and featuring chorus members. The Women’s Club enjoyed this and booked us for a live performance in 2022.

Voices Northwest looks forward to “in person” rehearsals. Until then, we will continue to love and support each other through our Zoom squares. Keep on singing!

Submitted by Christine Maier, Marketing



Quartet Corner

Highlight Quartet

This past year, Highlight Quartet focused on self-care and care for each other. Some highlights are:

Repertoire: Our tenor recently gifted each of us an arrangement of a song we love. With contest being canceled, it was a welcome distraction to switch gears and learn new, fun songs at a leisurely pace.

Coaching and performance: We participated in the Realtime Online Singing Experience (ROSE) project, which included a few hours of coaching with the delightful Britt-Hel ne Bonnedahl, followed by a live, online performance using Jamulus and Zoom. From our living rooms to your screens—it was an amazing day!

Quartet bonding: Our group chat has seen countless goofy videos and pictures, impromptu parody lyrics, future performance brainstorm, and venting and moral support sessions. We gathered together (distanced and outdoors) several times over the past year. We explored low tide at the beach and saw giant sea stars, carved pumpkins for Halloween, exchanged holiday gifts, arranged surprise birthday visits, had playdates for the “Twinkle Lights” (children), and celebrated our two-year quartet anniversary. The social aspect of quartetting has been especially crucial these days, and we’re so glad we have each other.

Highlight Quartet: Asia, Claire, Michelle, and Kat



Section Leader Workshop

Attention, Section Leaders!

On Friday, August 20, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday, August 21, 9:00am to 12:00pm, your Regional Management Team will host the first of an ongoing program to help prepare your section leaders as we look ahead toward finally phasing back into in-person rehearsals.

Friday night is hosted by **Erin Howden**, the amazing International Chorus Champion Director of Canada’s North Metro Chorus. Saturday will be hosted by experts from our Regional Faculty. This first weekend in our ongoing section leader training will focus on connecting musical leaders within our region, setting goals for sectional rehearsals, analytical thinking of a section leader, and building and bonding your section in a safe manner.

The cost is just \$15.00 per person for the entire weekend!

Register NOW at sairegion13.org/sectionleaderworkshop.

Submitted by Nancy Kurth



R13 Upcoming Events

Put these awesome regional events on your calendar now!

- **June 17- 18, 2021: Region 13 Arrangers Workshop** at Harmony College Northwest
- **August 7, 2021, 10:00 am: Acting the Song Masterclass** with Nikki Renee Daniels
- **August 20, 2021, 9:00 am: Section Leader Training** (see article on page 14 for more information)
- **November 11 – 14, 2021: SET** held in Pasco, WA, with Dale Syverson as the featured faculty

For further details on all events, log into Region 13's Members Only website, and [view them on the master calendar page](#).

Submitted by Sandy Smith, Marketing Coordinator

Meet our new Marketing Coordinator



The newest member on Region 13's Management Team is **Cherie Letts**. She will be taking over the Marketing Coordinator job that was most recently--and capably!--handled by **BethAnn Bock**.

Cherie is fairly new to our region, but she has certainly jumped in with both feet! A dual member with Coeur d'Alene and Spirit of Spokane Choruses, she also lends her booming bass voice to a quartet. We should also mention that she was part of last summer's Area School Team that headed up the

Idagonska Area School, is the new Team Leader for Spirit of Spokane Chorus, and is chairing our upcoming SET with Dale Syverson, scheduled for this November.

With lots of experience in public relations, fundraising, show committees, and grant writing, Cherie will be a wonderful resource for the women who head up marketing efforts for their chapters.

Cherie joins seven other hard-working Region 13 members on the 2021-2022 Regional Management Team (RMT). They are **Sally Ryerson**, Team Coordinator; **Sandy Smith**, Communications Coordinator; **Patty Martin**, Director Coordinator; **Shelly Pardis**, Education Coordinator; **Jody Allen**, Events Coordinator; **Rhonda Gould**, Finance Coordinator; and, **Sharon Stockstad**, Membership Coordinator.

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