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Hi, Subscriber,

You might notice some changes in how your eBlast looks today. The Communication Team is trying to make these emails more user-friendly, especially for those who read them on mobile devices. And while we're positive you all read **every line of every article** (LOL!), in case you're in a hurry, we're listing what's inside the eBlast right into the subject line. We hope this helps and encourages you to check out what's going on in North by Northwest Region 13.

Comments? Send them to us at eblast.editor@gmail.com.

(PS: Are you looking for Region 13 Convention information? [Just click here!](#))

Meet your 2023-2024 Regional Management Team

The applications have been reviewed, the voting has been completed, and here is your Region 13 Management Team (and associate members) for the 2023-2024 term!



Top row, L-R: Team Coordinator **Sally Ryerson**, Communications Coordinator **Sandy Smith**, Directors Coordinator **Paula Davis**, and Education Coordinator **Shelly Pardis**

Middle row, L-R: Events Coordinator **Patty Martin**, Finance Coordinator **Jan Smallwood**, Marketing Coordinator **Cherie Letts**, and Membership Coordinator **Sharon Stockstad**

Bottom row, L-R: Associate RMT Member **Kari Flint**, Associate RMT Member **Diana Jordan**, and Associate RMT Member **Michelle Clark**

Our region is fortunate to have so many outstanding members who have stepped up to serve. Give them a high five when you see them!

Submitted by **Sally Ryerson**,
Region 13 Team Coordinator

Education opportunities

Education Plans for 2023 have been finalized, and we will be updating our calendars once dates are confirmed. Here are a few highlights of what can be expected.



Ovation, our chorus of quartet champions, is working closely with us to encourage quartet growth and education in our region. Please reach out to them at our upcoming convention if you have questions about “all things quartetting.” Look for Ovation on their nametags, and say hi, or maybe sing a tag at the afterglow.

It's the Music that Brings Us Together: We encourage all members to learn “It's the Music That Brings Us Together” as there may be opportunities to sing this song during R13 conventions and other events. Learning tracks and music are [available here on the Members Only site](#) (you will need to sign in to the site).

Wicked Warmups! Join us for Wicked Warm-Ups on Friday morning of Convention. Come warm up your body, mind, and voice with your favorite Dynamo Divas: **Nikki and Judy!** Please take a look at the handout that can be [found on the convention webpage here](#) and either print it or save it on your electronic device. This will be useful to have during the class.

Scholarship opportunity: The May 15th Education Scholarship deadline is approaching. Please submit your application for educational opportunities for July to December of 2023. [More information can be found here.](#)

Area Schools: Planning for this summer's Area Schools is underway. All schools have been scheduled, venues identified, and faculty assigned. Watch the calendar for more information.

*Submitted by [Shelly Pardis](#),
Region 13 Education Coordinator*

Regional fundraising update

Panda Express Fundraiser

Region 13's Regional Management Team thanks everyone who participated in the March 10, 2023, Panda Express Fundraiser. We raised about \$330! We appreciate all of you!



Order your Rock the Hall t-shirts by April 27!

2023 Region 13 Convention t-shirts are still available to order! There are several styles/colors/sizes to choose from. To receive yours in time for competition, please [visit this site](#) and order no later than April 27, 2023.

Badge holders and lanyards are also available. Region 13's table at Harmony Emporium will have a limited quantity (50) for sale.

*Submitted by [Cherie Letts](#),
Region 13 Marketing Coordinator*



2023-24 SAI Task Force and Committee List

Sweet Adelines International has released its committee list for 2023-2024. According to SAI President Thérèse Antonini, Task Forces and Committees tap into the power of small groups. This [Pitch Pipe article](#) explains how important this group is to our organization. The list is available [here](#) and is a great resource for chapter leaders. To learn more about the SAI task forces and their mandates, click [here](#).

Submitted by [Sandy Smith](#),

Non-profit technology tools available for your chorus!

To help our choruses learn about available technology resources, I am highlighting a couple of options in today's eBlast and will spotlight others in coming editions. Those highlighted will focus on cost-effective (mostly free) solutions to help chorus leadership teams with their administrative duties. I would love to hear from all of you about the solutions you use for inclusion in future articles. Please share these with me at communication@sairegion13.org.

TechSoup

If you work at a non-profit (like your chorus!), library, or foundation in the US, your organization is potentially eligible for donated or discounted software, hardware, and services through TechSoup. Many Region 13 choruses are members of TechSoup and have been able to purchase discounted Microsoft Office, Google, Adobe Acrobat, QuickBooks, and hardware to support the administrative functions of their chorus. [Learn more about the benefits of joining TechSoup by clicking here.](#)

Canva

Many of our choruses use [Canva](#) to create their marketing materials. Canva is an online design and publishing company that can help you create eye-catching flyers, logos, posters, brochures, videos, and much more. And the best part? As a non-profit, our choruses can qualify for a free professional version by applying [applying here.](#)

*Submitted by [Sandy Smith](#),
Region 13 Communications Coordinator*

The Arrangers WorkShop

Thursday and Friday, June 15-16

IN PERSON at the University of Puget Sound



[The Arrangers WorkShop](#) at Harmony College Northwest (HCNW) is for men and women who want to learn more about arranging barbershop music. Whether you're interested in learning to arrange songs in the barbershop style or want to better understand barbershop arrangements in general, you'll find The Arrangers WorkShop an exciting and valuable experience!

By student request, this year most of Thursday will be spent arranging our new Project Song (an uptune recommended to us by superstar arranger Robert Rund). Sessions will be devoted to arranging the Project Song in your choice of groups: Beginning / Less Experienced Arrangers with Janice Wheeler, More Experienced Arrangers with Mike Menefee, or Advanced Arrangers with Chuck Roegiers. Results from all three groups will be shared on Friday.

Other scheduled activities and classes include Mike and Chuck teaming up to present "Arranging for Different Ensembles," a Friday morning Tin Pan Alley session where the Grand Prize Winners of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Tag Writing Contests will present their winning tags, and, private arrangement review sessions available on a first-come, first-served basis for those who have personal arranging work they would like to discuss with faculty members.

Submitted by *Shelly Pardis*,
Region 13 Education Coordinator

Harmony College Northwest is back

This summer, barbershop education at its best is returning to the Pacific Northwest! It's a weekend with classes for every singer, arranger, and musical leader, including coaching sessions for choruses and quartets. Over 100 sessions are tailored for a wide variety of interests and taught by our high-caliber faculty. Classes include fundamentals of music, resonance and tuning, introduction to sight reading, print and social media marketing, and even how to record your rehearsals.



Students at HCNW can experience options for every barbershop enthusiast from beginner to veteran, reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones, top-notch coaching for your ensemble, tag singing into the wee hours, and a fabulous Saturday night show featuring headliner quartet [Artistic License](#).

It all happens on the beautiful campus of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. Registration is open now at harmonycollege.net.

Submitted by *Shelly Pardis*,
Region 13 Education Coordinator

In remembrance



Darlene Filla passed away on March 21, 2023. She was truly "The Flower of Our Hearts," and she will be missed. Darlene was completely and passionately a member of Sweet Adelines for over 60 Years!

Her greatest joy was sharing her love of barbershop with other women, not only for the music itself, but for the empowerment and immediate sense of family that being a Sweet Adeline brings to all who embrace it.

Darlene had a great impact and passionate love for Region 13 and its quartets, small choruses, Young Women in Harmony program, and her beloved Blue Mountain Chorus, which she co-founded in 1974. They were always on her heart. *(submitted by Darlene's daughter, Tracy Gustafson)*



Gayle Miller, director of our Fairbanks Frontier Chorus, passed away on April 6, 2023. Gayle was a member of Sweet Adelines International for nearly 43 years, and directed the Fairbanks chapter since 2016.

Nominated in 2018 for Region 13's Heart of the Northwest Award, Gayle was praised by chorus members as being positive and having kind words for all, as well as giving her time and talents willingly.

We extend our sympathies to all who knew and loved these two women.

Chorus and quartet fundraisers

Is your chorus or quartet having a fundraiser? We'd like to tell everyone about it! Just drop us an email with all the pertinent information to eblast.editor@gmail.com by the first of each month.

Plant a seed; sprout a vision!



Need a gift idea for Mother's Day? Planning your garden? The Coeur d'Alene Chorus is having a fundraiser to meet your needs. The spring campaign ends May 15, so get your order in soon; [information here](#).

Fall campaign is from June 1 through October 15. All items are 100% guaranteed and shipped directly to you! (Same link for both.)

Thank you for your support! Please note, while there is no expectation for members to participate in chorus fundraising events, sharing this information with your family and friends via social media or email is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Submitted by [Cherie Letts](#),
Coeur d'Alene Chorus Team Leader

Is your Member Information up to date?

Please take a moment to log in to the [R13 Members Only](#) website to update your member profile information. If you have any login issues, please contact [Mindy Engelberg](#) or [Diana Jordan](#).

"If you can dance and be free and not embarrassed,
you can rule the world."

- Amy Poehler -

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