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North by Northwest Region 13

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CHORUS HISTORY

Helena Xpress Singers

Editor's Note: Photos of the lovely members of Helena Xpress Singers were inadvertently omitted from the previous eBlast article. I apologize for the oversight. The full article and photos are included [here](#).

The first meeting of the Helena Sweet Adelines was in January 1972. Founding members of the chorus included Carrie Cleveland, Bertie Lou Chamberlain, Marlene (Vaughn) Petersen, June Easton and Shirley Cadby. The first director of the chorus was Mary Lou Graff, followed by Bob Crebo. Ray Champlin directed us when we received our charter in 1974 as the Sleeping Giant Chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Linda (Phinney) Wulf is the only active charter member of the chorus, and has been a continuous member for 47 years. Champlin also directed us in our first show "Happiness Is Harmony" May 17, 1975.



Other directors were Gaye Davenport, Brenda Henry, Marlene Petersen, Sheila (Finstad) Reisch, Elizabeth Keller, Roger Morton, and Shelly Pardis. Barb Leland has been our director for the last four years. We celebrated 46 years as an official Sweet Adeline chorus in 2020. In 2005 we changed our name to Acapella Jubilee Xpress, before becoming the **Helena Xpress Singers** in 2008.

Gaye Davenport was our director when we competed in our first regional competition in 1977, where we received the Novice

Chorus award. The chorus has received 4th and 5th place medals overall, and a 3rd place small chorus medal under the direction of Elizabeth Keller; as well as earning most improved chorus on several occasions.

The chorus has put on numerous shows over the years, and now typically puts on two shows a year, one is a youth talent search, and a free Christmas show with our Christmas guest chorus members. We currently have 31 members, and are excited to have just finished our first virtual choir production.

We pride ourselves on being a community of women who support, learn, grow, and celebrate together. We all come first to sing, but we stay for the sisterhood and community provided by the chorus. We



Harmony Northwest Chorus

The original Sea Island Chorus, started by a group of women on Camano Island, Washington, was chartered as a Sweet Adelines chapter in August of 1979. In 1997, several members from the former North Sound Chapter in Bellingham, joined Sea Island Sound to form the foundation of today's chorus. In 1998, the chorus changed its name to Harmony Northwest Chorus and started to meet in Mount Vernon. Recent directors have included Patti Burklund (1990-98), Joy Lynn Kastrop (1998-2003), and Cheryl Isaacs (2003-present).

The chorus has been very active in the community over the years presenting shows as 'The Deck is Jumpin', 'Jukebox Saturday Night' and 'Razzmatazz'. We've also hosted food and music events like 'Spaghetti and Song' and an 'Ice Cream Social'. Other performances include local ballparks, the Tulip Festival, 'Night of Acappella', and many local venues. We also host a Holiday Harmony Concert in December and invite community singers to join us and perform with us at the 'Lights of Christmas' festival.



We've always looked forward to the Northwest Washington Fair working with the Mount Baker Toppers in their Curly Fry booth for a week which helps our chorus fundraising, as well as Fair parking, rest area coffee booth, and hosting the men's barbershop contest.



In past contests, SIS/HNWC has placed in the top three for small choruses. Our current chorus has enthusiastically embraced the Open Division competition category performing our 'Fairy Godmother Dating Service' and 'Sweet Cateline' packages and won the Audience Choice Award for our 'Seahawks' package in 2015.

Harmony Northwest Chorus continues to be inspired by the joy of entertaining and singing quality four-part harmony. Our love of music and friendship with one another enriches all of our lives and carries our joy and dedication to our audience.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Isaacs and Carol Ward

Voices Northwest Chorus

Having not sung in a chorus for more than 5 years, Sue Beck started thinking about what it would take to start another chorus in the Everett, WA area. To that end, she contacted Anne Sutherland and one or two others to see if there was any interest. Thus began the journey of Voices Northwest Chorus who first met in Snohomish at Christ, the King Lutheran Church in the early fall of 2007. We advertised like mad in local papers and depended on word-of-mouth to get the information out. Lo and behold, we had about 15 or so interested folks show up our first night!

Of the original 32 members on the charter, 12 still remain. Four moved away and one died. Many of those who were there at the beginning are still singing in Sweet Adelines around the organization. There have been many wonderful women cross our doorstep over the years. Current membership is 34 including one member, Judy Widener, from Oro Valley, AZ!

Rehearsals were moved from Snohomish to Everett to Monroe and back to Everett in three different locations, and JUST as we were getting acquainted with our newest and best yet location North Creek Presbyterian Church, COVID-19 hit and like most of you, the "Zooming" began.

heaven. She became full-time, frontline musical director in 2012 and luckily, she's been with us ever since!



The chorus has competed every year but one since its beginning and has placed 8th or better every time, winning the small chorus championship twice. So many retreats (craziness and hard work), parties for various events, parades, and more. We've performed all around Snohomish County starting at Kla Ha Ya Days in 2007 in the rain (of course!). We've hosted Moxie Ladies and the BUZZ at Quartet Workshops and shows. We sing every year at Christmastime; we have sung on the Foreigner Show; we've put on five shows over the years and had a Cabaret planned for November 2020 – now moved to 2021.

January 8, 2008 is the date we all remember fondly – our Charter date. The journey continues as we deal with all the changes we're all having to endure while we maintain our strong sisterhood of loving fellow singers! It's crazy how creative we can get, right?

*Submitted by Julie Hagerman,
Voices Northwest Team Coordinator*

ScavenGEr Hunt!

Let's have some fun learning about what's available to members only by exploring the Region 13 website, <https://sairegion13.org/>.

The first person to send the correct answers to communication@sairegion13.org will be recognized in the next eBlast and on our Facebook page.

1. List two articles you can find on the **Members Only** Dashboard.
2. To whom should Chapter-at-Large members mail their dues payments?
3. On which **Members Only** page can you find Education resources?
4. Who is the first member listed on the Members page and which chorus does she belong to?
5. What event is happening on January 31, 2021 and what is the location for the event?

Ready, Set, Go!

Submitted by Sandy Smith



The Region 13 Management Team is looking for women to fill a variety of jobs in our region. Some are "one and done" positions, others are short-term spots, and still others are for a two-year position.

Featured Resource Staff Openings:



Convention Communications Chair

- **Do you have experience in graphical design, websites or communications?**
- **Do you enjoy being creative?**
- **Are you a team player?**
- **Are you detail oriented, someone who meets deadlines, and has excellent writing and grammar skills?**
- **Are you a Region 13 member who has decided it's time to give your time and talents to the region?**

Then we need you!

Sue Middleton has been the Region 13 Convention Communications Chair (CCC) for many years and has decided to assume different roles for the region that will allow her to get away more often with her family. We know that she leaves big shoes to fill, but we also know that there are many in our region who can step into those shoes!

Yes, we will have a Regional Convention again and we need to fill this position very soon!

Please decide to get more involved in your region. Take a few moments to read the detailed Job Description and complete an application today! Both documents are found on the Member's Only [website](#).

If you have additional questions or just want to learn more about the job, e-mail [Jody Allen](#), CRC/Events Coordinator.

*Submitted by Sandy Smith
Region 13 Communications Coordinator*

Assistant Webmaster

More information on this position will be available in the next eBlast.

Social Media Administrator

More information on this position will be available in the next eBlast.

If you're interested in any of the open positions, we'd like to hear from you!
sairegion13.org/JoinOurTeam

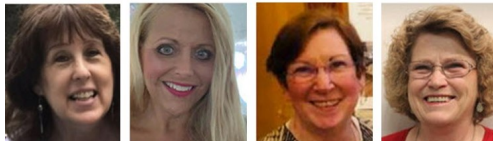
MEMBER INFO UPDATE REQUEST

Please take a moment to login to the [R13 Members Only](#) webpage to update your member profile information.

RMT MEETINGS



Have you ever wondered what your RMT actually does? Members are welcome to visit monthly meetings which are held via Zoom. If you plan to attend, you will need to register **at least 3 days prior to the meeting**. All meetings begin at 6:00 pm Pacific time and last approximately one hour.



The next meeting is scheduled on **August 30, 2020**.

Register in advance for this meeting at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ1vc--qrT8uGtHFgoGpCJysSZs6GgPoz-on>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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