

NxNW

North by Northwest Region 13

March 18, 2021

2021 Region 13 Virtual Convention is coming!

Mark your calendars for April 8, 9, and 10! Tune in and enjoy all the events scheduled for these fun activities. (All times listed are Pacific Daylight Time.)

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

- **Thursday, April 8;** 6:30 pm: Thursday Night Kickoff
- **Friday, April 9;** 6:30 pm: Quartet Parade hosted by emcees
- **Saturday, April 10:** 11:00 am: Motivational Speaker Class
- **Saturday, April 10;** 12:00 noon: Education Class
- **Saturday, April 10;** 1:00 pm: Chorus Parade hosted by emcees



HOW TO VIEW THE CONVENTION

At the scheduled time for each event visit sairegion13.org and click on the Virtual Convention link. The link will continue to be available after convention weekend.

AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD

At the conclusion of the quartet and chorus parades, the audience will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite groups! The voting links will appear along with the convention information at sairegion13.org. Voting will be available for quartets until 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 10, and until 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 11 for choruses. The winners will be announced on the Region 13 website and Facebook soon after.

Questions?

Contact Jody Allen, Chair of the Regional Convention at luvs2sing56@hotmail.com.

*Submitted by Jody Allen
Chair of the Regional Convention (CRC)*

Have you taken the Region 13 Talents and Interests Survey?



As an organization of volunteers, Sweet Adelines International and NxNW Region 13 rely on the skills, talents, and time our members give so generously. We are fortunate so many talented and forward-thinking members have stepped up through the years to make us one of the strongest regions in the organization!

However, in order to maintain this level, we continuously are looking for additional members to step up and volunteer. A number of opportunities are available within the region--with varying time commitments and levels of responsibility--where members can share their skills and interests. From accounting to editing to project management to training,

Please help us catalog the wealth of talent within Region 13. Just click on the link below and complete the survey, so we may have a skills database from which to draw. Thank you.

Do it now! surveymonkey.com/r/R2DNRJ3

*Submitted by Sally Ryerson
Region 13 Team Coordinator*

Mark your calendars for great educational opportunities

Greetings to everyone from your North by Northwest Region 13 Education Team! We hope you all have had a chance to take a look at the Master Calendar to see what events we have planned. If not, here are some highlights of what is scheduled through the end of November:

- **April 9:** Don't miss the debut of Region 13's Young Women in Harmony video, featured during the Friday Quartet Parade
- **April 10:** Katy Hawley will be presenting a series of interviews related to the new Visual Communication Category on Saturday at Noon (Pacific) on the Region 13 YouTube channel
- **June 17-18:** Region 13 Arrangers Workshop at HCNW
- **June 18:** Harmony College Northwest is going virtual this year. More details to come.
- **August 7:** *Acting the Song Masterclass*, featuring Broadway Actress Nikki Renee Daniels, is a new exciting opportunity for all.
- **August 20:** Section Leader Training
- **November 11-14:** SET with Dale Syverson

*Submitted by Shelly Pardis
Region 13 Education Coordinator*

Happy (?) Anniversary

We just passed the 1-year anniversary of Covid-19, a pandemic that dramatically changed our lives, and **we mourn...**

- the 520,000+ souls that perished, many of them without the comfort of family beside them.
- the inability to gather for birthdays, celebrations, school, rehearsals, and much more.
- the long term effects caused by this illness—physical, mental, spiritual—and many that may not be realized for years to come.

This isn't the type of anniversary where we high-five our friends and wish them many more. But, looking back on the "year that wasn't," there are a number of ways in which the pandemic has changed our lives for the better. Many of us were forced to up our technology game and figure out Zoom and other platforms to stay connected – and we did it!

- We devised ways to encourage guest attendance and auditioned new members virtually.
- We were able, without the time and cost of travel, to visit other choruses and partner with them on projects.
- We realized how much it means for us to greet our chorus friends with a hug each week, and how much we miss standing beside them on the risers.
- We engineered new types of performances.
- We continued to learn.

What does this mean as we begin to see the light at the end of this dark tunnel? "Normal" no longer exists. We will return to a "new normal" that will incorporate all the good things from the past, along with many of the new things we have learned. Zoom will not go away (although there probably aren't many of us who will miss those rehearsals), but we will use it in ways that continue to serve and support us. Hopefully, the collaborations and new networks we have developed will continue. Perhaps we will find new energy toward reaching out and staying connected in a variety of ways. And probably, most of all, we will return with a renewed sense of gratitude for our directors, our sisters who have remained steadfast, and of course, the music!

member. We can all take pride in this wealth of accomplishments! To see Dr. Galbraith's presentation to the regional leaders, "Leading through Transition into your Future," [click here](#).

*Submitted by Sally Ryerson
Region 13 Team Coordinator*

Wait... What? A Cappella Joy Chorus is *HOW* Old?



On May 1st, A Cappella Joy will be 63 years old. No, that wasn't a typo. We chartered in 1958 as the Lakeside Chorus. As many know, Lakeside was a powerhouse over the years, consistently winning regional competitions and participating in many international contests, often placing in the top ten. There are many Region 13 members who sang in Lakeside and who have gone on to sing with or start other choruses and quartets.

A major event in 1996 changed our world forever: Zoe Thompson, who had been director for 25 years, announced to the chorus's 130 members that she was retiring. Zoe was synonymous with Lakeside;

who was the chorus without her vision and leadership? That was a question which took a very long time to answer.

Without going into all of the difficult and heart-wrenching details, we'd like to give you the "Cliff Notes" version so you can learn more about what makes AJoy, well... *AJoy!*

[To read the rest of A Cappella Joy's story, click here!](#)



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**
- **Assistant Webmaster**
- **Social Media Administrator**
- **Team Administrative Assistant**

Please decide to be more involved in your region. If you're interested in any of the open positions, we'd like to hear from you:

sairegion13.org/JoinOurTeam

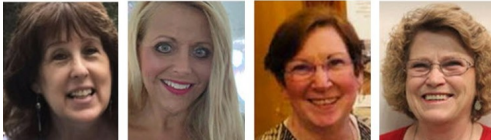
application today! These documents are found on the Members Only [website](#) (so you'll need to sign in first).

*Submitted by Sandy Smith
Region 13 Communications Coordinator*

Attend a Regional Management Team Meeting



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 **2:00 pm** Pacific time and last approximately one hour.

The next meeting is scheduled on **Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 pm PDT**. You can access this meeting at zoom.us/j/98740914446?pwd=eE1pM1ZzNUpwVkhVWVYxNENGE2djhzdz09%0A0.

*Submitted by Sally Ryerson
Region 13 Team Coordinator*

MEMBER INFO UPDATE REQUEST

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

If you have any login issues, please contact [Mindy Engelberg](#) or [Diana Jordan](#).

*Submitted by Sharon Stockstad
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CHANGE/UPDATE/ADD MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please send your name and preferred email to: eblastupdate@sairegion13.org

“How is it that music can, without words,
evoke our laughter, our fears, our highest aspirations?”

~ Jane Swan ~