

# NxNW

North by Northwest Region 13

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## Our Youth Outreach Program

NxNW Region 13 is committed to promoting barbershop singing to youth who reside within the boundaries of our wonderful region. Region 13 has restructured and rebranded our current offerings to help clarify what is available by both Sweet Adelines International (SAI) and Region 13.

While SAI's programs encompass Young Women In Harmony (YWIH) and Young Singers Fund, Region 13 programs will now be referred to as NxNW Youth Education Outreach. This will help differentiate between the two programs and provide more inclusive language to our regional programs.

## Sweet Adelines International Youth Programs

### Young Women in Harmony (YWIH)

- Young Women in Harmony is an educational program designed to provide opportunities for students to explore the world of barbershop.
- It provides complimentary resources (music, guidebooks, etc) to schools and Sweet Adeline choruses to incorporate barbershop into curriculum and/or to hold barbershop festivals.
- It produces the Rising Star Contest and Young Women in Harmony (YWIH) Video Chorus Contest.

### Young Singers Fund

- The Young Singers Fund is a charitable-giving program that is currently part of the *Life on a High Note* campaign. This fund was formerly part of the Young Singers Foundation.

- The Young Singers Fund also supports YWIH events such as the Rising Star Contest and their Video Chorus Contest.

## North by Northwest Region 13 Youth Education Outreach Program

The Region 13 Youth Education Outreach Program is separate from the SAI Youth Programs, although our aim is similar.

### NxNW Youth Education Outreach

- The NxNW Youth Education Outreach program provides appointed specialists, who are knowledgeable about promoting and engaging youth in barbershop singing, to be part of the education team.
- These Youth Education Outreach Specialists are available to provide support to choruses or educators within the boundaries of Region 13 who wish to hold barbershop events for young singers under the age of 25.
- The Youth Education Outreach Specialists serve as liaisons for Region 13 and for SAI's YWIH program. They are also knowledgeable about youth barbershop programs that are available through other barbershop organizations.

### NxNW Youth Education Stipend

- Region 13 provides annual funding to support youth barbershop activities within the boundaries of Region 13. An amount of \$250 is available for each of Region 13's six zones to support youth barbershop activities or events.
- The applicant can be a Region 13 chorus member, educator, festival organizer, scouting leader, or other organizer of youth barbershop activities that meets the criteria.
- Membership in Sweet Adelines is not a requirement to receive this stipend. The intent of the award is to encourage Region 13 choruses and educators to hold events and programs promoting barbershop to youth under 25 years of age.

### Contact Information

**Marsha Kelly** and **Bianca Dixon** are our current Youth Education Outreach Specialists and can be reached by emailing [YouthEducOutreach@sairregion13.org](mailto:YouthEducOutreach@sairregion13.org).

To apply for a NxNW Youth Education stipend, please contact our Scholarship Chair, Yvonne Johnson at [ScholarshipChair@sairregion13.org](mailto:ScholarshipChair@sairregion13.org).

*Submitted by Shelly Pardis,  
Region 13 Education Coordinator*

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## Collaborating with Google Docs



**Get going with Google**  
Technology for Region 13  
Chorus Leaders

In today's world, the need for more collaborative technology tools at both the chorus and regional leadership levels has been identified as a real necessity. While most of us are familiar with Microsoft Office products, many others only have limited exposure to the collaborative power of Google and its products.

*Collaborating with Google Docs* is the third class in our technology series, taught by Regional Faculty Members **Rachel Pack** and **Sandy Smith**. It is scheduled for **Friday, March 11, 2022, at 6:30 pm, Pacific Time**. The cost for the class is a low \$5.00. **Registration ends on Thursday, March 10.**

Advanced skills you will learn in this class include:

- Best practices on organizing your documents for collaboration
- How to share documents with others
- How to manage comments and suggestions

**Registration is now open.** Log in as a member on the Region 13 website and then [click here to register](#).

If you have missed the first two classes, here are the links to download the handouts and watch the video:

- [Quick Reference Guide for Docs](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide for Drive](#)
- [Step-by-Step Instructions for Google Docs](#)
- [Watch the Intro to Google Docs video on our YouTube Channel](#)

The earlier **Intro to Google Drive** class, plus additional tips and tricks videos, are also available in the playlist on our [YouTube channel](#). And I have a favor to ask: When you go to our YouTube Channel, please click the **SUBSCRIBE** button.

Here's hoping you will consider using the collaborative powers of Google with your chorus leadership teams, quartets, and committees.

Until next class...

*Submitted by Sandy Smith,  
Region 13 Communications Coordinator*

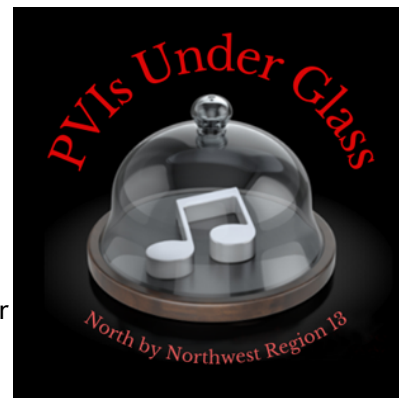
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## NxNW Presents: PVIs under Glass

Let's get our voices back in shape!

During these past two years, the Region 13 Education Team has produced some creative and important educational opportunities for our musical and administrative leaders. This was an important endeavor, and we are proud of the results.

As choruses get together to start rehearsing and being coached again, we wanted to turn our attention to the individual singers who may be struggling with getting their voices back in shape. These past two years have certainly taken a toll on my voice, and I could really use some guidance on how to work on this on my own.



Our next installment of NxNW Presents is *PVIs under Glass*, where we will conduct a series of workshops with smaller audiences, based on voice parts. These sessions will be held over Zoom and run periodically through the end of April. In addition to vocal tips, some of our amazing regional faculty will provide brief Personal Vocal Instructions (PVIs) right on Zoom. Workshops are limited to approximately 25 attendees, including 3 people who will receive a PVI while others observe (you can always learn something from observing!). Volunteers will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to secure your spot.

The first class is for our **Leads** and will be on **February 26**, starting at **9:30am PST**, and will be led by Region 13 Faculty Member **Elizabeth Davies**. [Click here for more information or to register](#).

*Submitted by Shelly Pardis,  
Region 13 Education Coordinator*

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## Application schedule for Education Scholarships

The Education Scholarship Program was established to provide scholarships to members seeking educational opportunities offered by NxNW Region 13, Sweet Adelines International

- **May 15, 2022:** For opportunities offered July to December, 2022.
- **November 15, 2022:** For opportunities offered January to June, 2023.
- Extensions of scholarship awards may be approved for extenuating circumstances.

Applicant must be an active member (includes Chapter-at-Large) or director affiliate member in good standing with SAI and Region 13, and will be asked to provide a report of how the scholarship was used and the benefits received following its use.

To apply, visit Region 13's website / [sairegion13.org/ed-scholarship](https://sairegion13.org/ed-scholarship) and download the application. Submit your completed application to **Yvonne Johnson**, Region 13 Education Scholarship Chair, at [ScholarshipChair@sairegion13.org](mailto:ScholarshipChair@sairegion13.org).

*Submitted by Shelly Pardis,  
Region 13 Education Coordinator*

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## Calling all Region 13 singers!

The Pearl Harbor Chorus is planning a Waves of Sound Tour in Hawaii on December 4-8, 2022, and YOU are invited! **Northwest Harmony Chorus** is currently putting a rehearsal schedule together. We have approximately 42 singers ready to go, and we would love to have 50 more.

The 2021 tour was canceled due to COVID concerns, and we are hopeful COVID will subside to a level that will allow us to make the trip in 2022.

For more information, please contact **BethAnn Bock** at [bockbethann@gmail.com](mailto:bockbethann@gmail.com) or 360-773-5638 no later than February 25, 2022.

*Submitted by BethAnn Bock,  
Northwest Harmony Chorus Team Leader*



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## Hello from Sparkle! Quartet

**Sparkle! Quartet** has had quite a ride over the last four years! Our journey included being honored as Region 6's 2018 quartet champions, followed by an amazing honor as 10th place at International. Then, in 2019, we were honored to be 12th place at International!

We've sung at many events, enjoyed meeting new people, and gathering with close friends. Then COVID hit and we didn't get together for two years!



Last November, Barbara moved to Oregon. With that distance, along with family and work obligations, Barbara made the heartbreaking decision to retire from the quartet. We thought about replacing her tenor spot; but starting over as a long-distance quartet is a bit much right now, so we made the difficult decision to retire and see what other plans life has for us.



helping us become stronger singers/performers. We thank the arrangers whose songs we loved singing. We thank Region 13 so much for your love and support. And last but not least, we thank our families, who cheered us on and understood how much our quartet journey meant to us. Your love, support, and encouragement meant more to us than words can express.

*With love and in harmony,  
Barbara, Julie, Denise and Marcia*



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:**

- Associate Regional Management Team Member
- Director Certification Program (DCP) Coordinator
- Director Mentoring Program Coordinator
- Facility Acquisition Specialist
- Finance Assistant
- Social Media Administrator
- Team Administrative Assistant

Please consider getting more involved in your region. If you're interested in any of the open positions, we'd like to hear from you! Visit [sairegion13.org/JoinOurTeam](http://sairegion13.org/JoinOurTeam), then take a few moments to read the detailed job descriptions you are interested in, as well as access application and reference forms.

*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 **6:00 pm Pacific** time and last approximately one hour.

The next meeting is scheduled on **Sunday, February 27**. [More information can be found on the Members Only site.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## Upcoming Events

Don't miss out on these great offerings!

- February 27, 2022: [RMT Meeting](#), 6:00 pm PDT
- March 22, 2022: Technology for Choruses: Collaborating with Google Docs. See above for more info.
- April 24, 2022: [RMT Meeting](#), 6:00 pm PDT
- May 19-21: 2022 Region 13 Virtual Convention

We hope to see you at some of these events.

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## Member Information 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  
Region 13 Membership Coordinator*

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*“Music brings a warm glow to my vision,  
thawing mind and muscle from their endless wintering”  
~ Haruki Murakami ~*

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