

InTune Summer 2023

A newsletter for members of North by Northwest Region 13

We sure rocked that hall! 2023 Competition Results

Our first live Convention since 2019 is a fond memory, and wasn't it wonderful to sing together again?!? In case you missed the placement of our choruses and quartets, here you go!

Scoresheets can be found on the Region 13 Convention website: r13convention.org

Choruses Overall

- **1st Place:** A Cappella Joy
- **2nd Place:** Pride of Portland
- **3rd Place:** Spirit of Spokane
- **4th Place:** Jet Cities
- **5th Place:** Sound Harmony

Division AA

- **1st Place:** A Cappella Joy
- **2nd Place:** Pride of Portland

Division A

- **1st Place:** Spirit of Spokane
- **2nd Place:** Jet Cities
- **3rd Place:** Sound Harmony

Quartets

- **1st Place:** Charmed
- **2nd Place:** Happenstance
- **3rd Place:** Rewind
- **4th Place:** Snapshot
- **5th Place:** Riot

Special Awards

- **Novice Director:** Chuck Roegiers, Acapella Soundsations
- **Most Improved Chorus (+50):** Jet Cities
- **Audience Choice Chorus:** Grand Olympics
- **Novice Quartet:** Alpenglow
- **Most Improved Quartet (+45):** SnapShot!
- **Audience Choice Quartet:** Wave

Submitted by Kari Flint, Convention Communications Coordinator

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Bridger Mountain Harmony wins an Ignite the Sound award



Ignite the Sound is Sweet Adelines International's membership growth initiative that ran through April 30, 2023. Several contests were held during this time, and when all was said and done, the small chapter winner with the greatest percentage of growth is from our very own North by Northwest Region 13! With an increase of 143% (*wow!*) the award went to **Bridger Mountain Harmony Chorus**, which grew from 7 members to 17 members! CONGRATULATIONS!

Bridger Mountain Harmony had originally entered Sweet Adelines' revitalization program to help them increase their membership. Those seven chorus members worked extremely hard to recruit new members, and are thrilled to win the small chapter award! Today the chorus continues to grow and is no longer in the revitalization program.

Is your chorus struggling with recruiting members? Would you like information on the revitalization program? Contact **Sharon Stockstad**, Region 13 Membership Coordinator at sasngis@msn.com

Submitted by Sharon Stockstad, Region 13 Membership Coordinator

2023 Heart of the Northwest Award goes to Sally Ryerson!

Congratulations to **Sally Ryerson**, Region 13's 2023 Heart of the Northwest recipient. A 19-year member of Sweet Adelines, Sally's Region 13 choruses include Jet Cities (5 years), and her current chorus, Olympia, (5 years). Sally serves on the Regional Management Team as Team Coordinator, taking on tasks and completing them in an efficient and timely manner, never asking for credit. She has a brilliant smile, is genuine and trustworthy, and will come to your aid, if asked. Sally effortlessly conducts all our regional business and was very instrumental in keeping R13 running smoothly during Covid. When considering what qualities a member needs to be nominated for this prestigious award — enthusiasm, commitment, and who exemplifies all that is a Sweet Adeline — Sally is very deserving indeed. We are very pleased she is R13's receipt of the 2023 Heart of the Northwest Award!



Thirteen (13) R13 members were nominated for this year's HOTTNW Award. These wonderful women are directors, RMT members, resource staff members, on the regional faculty list, and involved in chorus leadership. Nominees were **Debra Aungst, Nikki Blackmer, Sandy Cahill, Paula Davis, Mindy Engleberg, Linette Finstad, Beth Garske, Melinda Griffith, Patty Martin, Jan Mathews** (nominated post-humously), **Melanie McGuire, Janrelle Peck, and Sally Ryerson.**

Submitted by Sharon Stockstadt, R13 Membership Coordinator

Starburst Award

The Region 13 Starburst Award is presented each year to the chorus achieving the greatest percentage increase in membership beginning February 1 of the previous year to January 31 of the current year. The winner of this award receives \$100 from R13's Regional Management Team.

Drumroll, please... With an increase of 34%, this year's winner is:

Acapella Soundsations Chorus!

CONGRATULATIONS! Keep up the great work!

Submitted by Sharon Stockstad, Region 13 Membership Coordinator

Rockin' the hall: Convention 2023



Over 500 candid photographs from our 2023 Rock the Hall Convention and Competitions are now available for purchase! There are photographs of the Kickoff recipients and performers, action shots of the quartet and chorus contests / awards (at least three photographs per group), and Afterglow performances. Members can purchase the entire package for \$30. Once a package has been purchased, members will automatically be sent a link to access the photographs and can download as many photographs as they wish. (By the way, be sure to bookmark the folder so you can find it later!) [You can order a package by clicking here.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Purchasing a package does not mean you can share the photographs with all your members! We suggest having your chorus or quartet purchase the package, then posting pictures on your website or social media pages. Members will then be able to SHARE the pictures/website without any copyright issues.

One-hundred percent of the purchases of these candid photos will be returned to Region 13! We would like to thank **Angie Whitten**, owner of [Harmony Photography](#), for donating these proceeds.





Special Remembrances

The song is ended, but the melody lingers on.

~ Irving Berlin



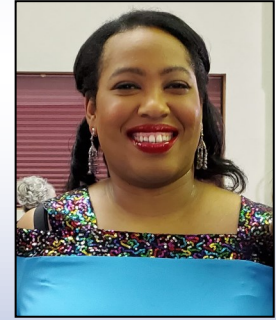
Liz Rosenthal,
Seattle Shores



Linea Croly,
Seattle Shores



Suzy Buerer,
Pride of Portland



Brittany Chandler,
Pride of Portland

Membership Anniversaries

5 Year Anniversaries

Janet Allen	Wendy Gifford	Jennifer McDonnell	Carly Schiffer
Kristiana Burleigh	Linda Green	Leslie Mundy	Meredith Spacie
Claire Cook	Patricia Johnston	Gretchen Murray	Arlene Strong
Kay Cooke	Lois Johnston	Susan Nevada	Lizzie Thigpin
Janet Daw	Marie Keane	Amy Oxley-Rippee	Kim Tomczak
Margaret Eby	Kristi Maschhoff	Mary Fran San Soucie	Eden Toner
April Estes			

10 Year Anniversaries

Judy Browning	Jane Lester	Elizabeth Rosenthal	Christina Tardiff
Caryl Halverson	Alexia McKee	Shirley Russell	Margaret Terry
Heather Hamilton	Deanna Niesen	Mary Shuck-McAdam	LuAnn Unrue
Katie Jacob	Nora Normand	Jan Smallwood	Kristina VanDeVanter
Elizabeth Jacobson	Katy Rollings	Laura Swanson	Carrie Webbenhurst

15 Year Anniversaries

Felicia Cassel	Barbara Hagen	Bette Morris	Sylvia Posso
Kathie Davis	Kelly Hardin	Sherry Morrison	Jenny Powell
Carol DeMers	Phelicia Harris	Patricia Murphy	Ginny Riley
Christine Joy Feltz	Paula Heaton	Ilona Pease-Verwer	Elissa Riman
Wendy Foster	Paige Hoggard	Lori Peter	Sue Shoaf
Kari Giles	Randee Johnson	Angela Philippi	Tarol Smith
Shonté Goold	Michelle McGinnis	Judy Philippi	Jessi White

20 Year Anniversaries

Noelle Allen	Mary Butschky	GayLee Erickson	Karen Stark
Beverly Babbitt	Leslie Chamberlain	Diann Fradette	Sue Vincent
Nikki Blackmer	Vera Ellison	Carolyn Ottosen	Denise Woodward
Arlene Blackmer		Nelda Pettit	

25 Year Anniversaries

Maryellen Babbitt	Judy McMillian	Christine Phillips	Anne Sutherland
Paula Crawford	Sonja Mejlaender	Becky Pope	Michele Turner
Rhonda Gould	Teri Parente	Debbie Stokes	Carol Vecchio
Carolyn Hickman		Gail Straker	

30 Year Anniversaries

Micki Anderson	Cindy Hamilton	Renee King	Anne Martin
Debra Aungst	Janet Henry	Laura Lambert	Jenny Miles
Judy Galloway	Diana Jordan	Judy Lange	Jill Stone
Cory Graham	Carran Kelley	Debbie Loundagin	Ramona Taylor

35 Year Anniversaries

Sandra Cahill	Victoria Elliott	Victoria Elliott	Patricia Pepe
Gayle Clayeux	Judith Haynes	Judith Haynes	Evy Young

40 Year Anniversaries

Sylvia Butcher

Kathleen Johnson

Beth Smith

45 Year Anniversaries

Peg Faithful

Betty Walker

Nancy McCutchin

Randa Zaitz

50 Year Anniversaries



Gayle Robinson



Linda Wulf



Patty Martin



Sally Wallace

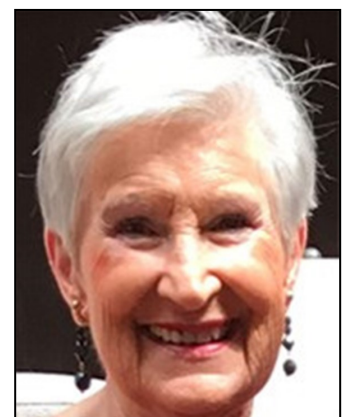
55 Year Anniversaries



Beth Garske



Hope Fulwiler



Margaret Brock

55 Year Anniversaries



Meech Debol



Nancy McLaughlin

60 Year Anniversaries



Darlene Filla



Carolyn Huber



Phyllis Richeson

70 Year Anniversary!



Glenny Law

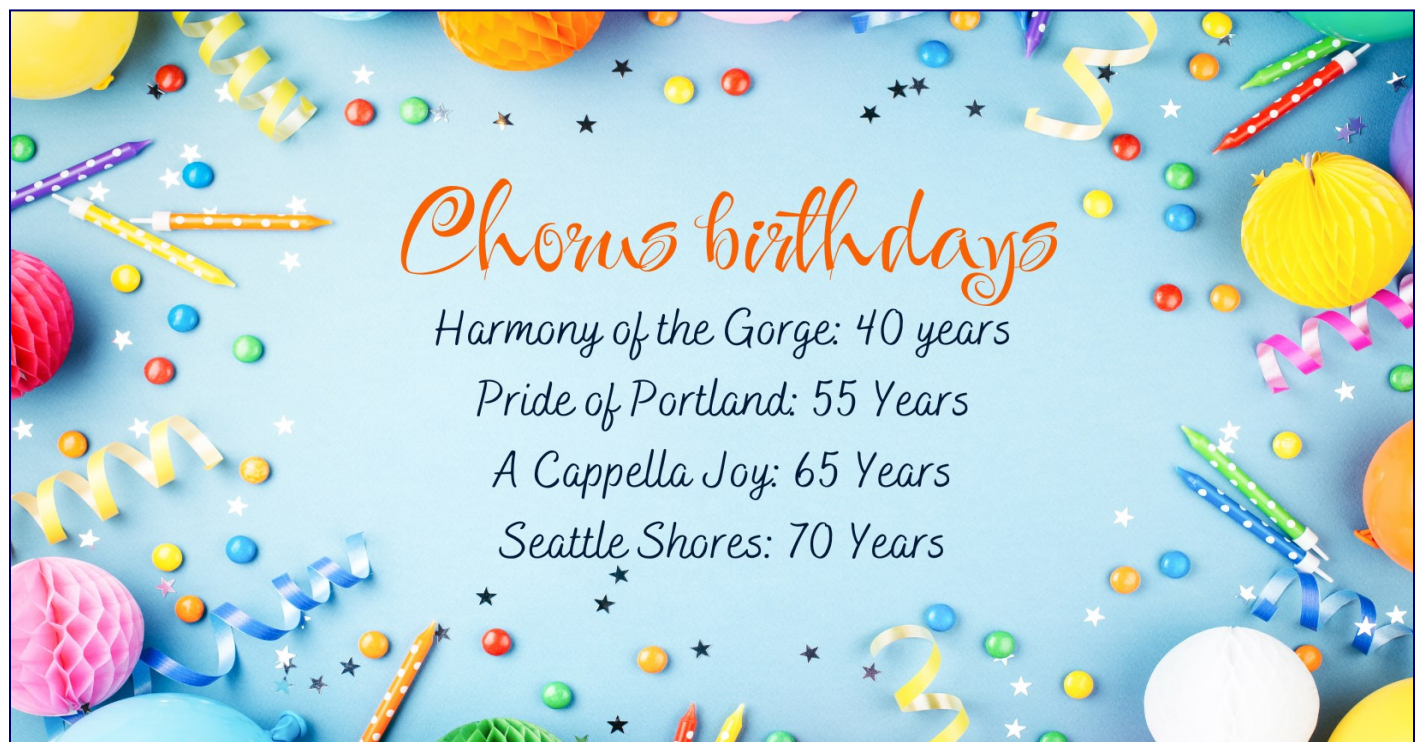
Area Schools

Are YOU planning to attend one of our fabulous Area Schools? You'll get a great day of education and fun for just \$30 (\$40 for onsite registration). In order to keep costs down, the Regional Management Team made the decision to not incorporate a lunch at each school, so some are "bring your own" and some will be provided by the specific school for a cost. You will hear more about that from your specific host chorus. We hope to see you there!



- The **Idaho / Eastern Washington Area School** is **Saturday, August 12, 2023**, 9:00 am-4:30 pm PDT in Pasco, WA and will be hosted by Rolling Hills Chorus. Your incredible faculty members are **Julie Hagstrom** and **LouAnn Hommel**. [Registration now open!](#)
- The **Western Washington Area School** is **Saturday, August 19, 2023**, 9:00 am-4:30 pm PDT in Olympia, WA, and will be hosted by Olympia Chorus. Your fantastic faculty members are **Sandy Cahill** and **Lucy Heinkel**. [Registration now open!](#)
- The **Montana Area School** is **Saturday, September 9, 2023**, 9:00 am-4:30 pm local time in Helena, MT and will be hosted by Helena Xpress Singers Chorus. Your incredible fantastic faculty members are **Drew Osterhout** and **Elizabeth Davies**. [Registration now open!](#)
- The **Alaska Area School** is **Saturday, September 9, 2023**, 9:00 am-4:30 pm ADT in Fairbanks, AK and will be hosted by Fairbanks Frontier Chorus. Your phenomenal faculty members are **Paula Davis** and **Sue Middleton**. [Registration now open!](#)
- The **Oregon / Southwest Washington Area School** is **Saturday, September 9, 2023**, 9:00 am-4:30 pm PDT in Hood River, OR and will be hosted by Harmony of the Gorge Chorus. Your incredible fantastic faculty members are **Candy Johnson** and **Katy Hawley**. Registration details coming soon!

Submitted by Shelly Pardis, Region 13 Education Coordinator



Chorus Chatter

Alaska Sound Celebration Chorus

Live melodrama returned to **Alaska Sound Celebration Chorus** in February and March 2003, and we were thrilled to showcase 16 sold out performances! This year marked the 32nd Annual Melodrama: *Peaceful... Well it Was!* Audience members threw popcorn, booed the villain, and cheered for the hero. As far as we know, ASC is the only chorus in the organization to tackle an endeavor such as this. We put on the entire production, and except for the male cast members and a bit of marketing, we handle everything from soup to nuts.



We loved seeing so many of you in Spokane at our first live regional convention in several years. Congrats to **Rewind Quartet** on their third-place finish and to **Alpenglow Quartet** on receiving the Novice Quartet Award. ASC was so proud to sing for you on Saturday afternoon!

A special shout out to our very own Master Director **Peggy Benton** who celebrates 25 years of directing in 2023. We've come a long way baby, and we couldn't have done it without her.

Finally, we are so excited to represent Region 13 in Louisville this fall along with our friends in Voices Northwest. We will both do the region proud.

Submitted by Diana Jordan, Communications Coordinator

Helena Xpress Singers Chorus

The **Helena Xpress Singers** congratulate all our singing sisters who competed in Region 13's contest in Spokane in May. It was wonderful seeing all of you in person, and we cannot wait to see you again soon! For those who are Louisville-bound, we wish you all the best.

In April, the Helena Xpress Singers enjoyed putting on our annual Talent Search for local youth in our area. We had a great turnout this year with seven contestants



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Helena Xpress Singers Chorus, *continued*

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chosen to compete. Local talent, Faith Johnson, wowed the crowd with *Hopelessly Devoted to You*, and blew the judges away for the win singing *Blue Moon of Kentucky*. "This is one of our favorite local events of the year, even if there is a lot of work involved.

Since the start of 2023, we have welcomed five (5) NEW members! A few of them sang in our Christmas Guest Chorus and loved us so much, they decided to stick around. One was a former member who rejoined the ranks...because who can stay away for long? Another found us because she was missing the joy of singing in a group. Look at us GROW!

Submitted by Phronsie Howell, Marketing Co-Chair

Jet Cities Chorus

To say it's been a crazy year for **Jet Cities** would be a huge understatement. While you couldn't have found 20 more excited "aunties" than when our director, **Rachel Pack**, told us last summer she was expecting a baby in May, it did make us a bit nervous. Would she deliver before contest? After contest? AT contest?!? Luckily, the amazing **Paula Davis** agreed to step in and direct us during Rachel's maternity leave. We had a talented "substitute" director while Rachel had much needed time with her baby.



And then: Region 13's *Rock the Hall* contest... 4th place overall! 2nd place small chorus! Most improved!! We're THRILLED with our performance at contest this year and want to thank everyone for the support and kudos. It was so much fun to be back on stage and to see all our friends again, too.

We've been busy singing around our community, performed at the Make Music-Federal Way Festival and the Brain Network Summer Fair, and will compete at *Federal Way's Got Talent*, our city's version of the popular television show. If we make it to the finals...then fame and fortune will be ours, right?

We hope our friends across the region have a wonderful rest of your summer!

Submitted by Sue Middleton, Membership Coordinator

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Pride of Portland Chorus

Rock the Hall? Oh yes, we did! What a joy to celebrate such creative, entertaining, and skilled performances. Region 13 enthusiastically welcomed **Drew Osterhout** to his first regional convention, and we were thrilled to experience an achievement that elevated Drew to Master Director. We also appreciate our Region's Management Team, which supports all members and continually mentors new leaders. We're reminded that Region 13 is in the best of hands. At the same time, we're saddened by the recent loss of two vibrant members: **Brittany Chandler** and **Suzy Buerer**. These special women will stay in our hearts.



We recently shared an evening with Paul Ellinger, a human bundle-of-energy with inspired ways to view performance. Always new ideas to explore!

Were you lucky enough to attend Harmony College Northwest? A super combo of fun and education with collaborations on all levels. We got a mega dose of the mighty Rob Mance, and we shared our joy on the Saturday Show. Upcoming is our own Summer School, area performances, and coaching with Rob Roman and Charlene O'Conner. And one more note: We're going to Kansas City! Kansas City, here we come!

Submitted by Kathy Mussett, Social Media Editor and Gretta Young, Communications Coordinator

RiversEdge Chorus

It was a busy spring for our chorus. Competition was a wonderful time of watching our nine (9) new members enjoying their first contest and reconnecting with all our sisters in the region at our first live competition since Covid. Soon after competition, we performed on the Lilac City Voices (formerly Pages of Harmony) Show. What fun that was! Now we are preparing for summer performances, and look forward to entertaining in the Spokane area.



New member, **Teesha Earhart Clark**, is a bit of a celebrity! We found her family's musical history connection to the Star-Spangled Banner very interesting and wanted to share it with you. The article on the back page is in her own words.

Submitted by MaryAnn Milette, Publicity Coordinator

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Seattle Shores Chorus

In May, members who could attend celebrated our 70th chapter anniversary. We have survived the pandemic and our Director Bonnie Jean Massey's move to Texas in 2020 and subsequent retirement in 2021. We are survivors!



We love to sing for the senior communities, and we have become great friends. We are very fortunate to have two members who are exploring becoming certified directors of our chorus. Both are currently on our Music Committee, which leads our chorus in singing. Stay tuned. We are not done yet!

Sadly, we mourn the loss of two members. **Linea Croly** (June 18) was a long-time member, and she sang in several Sweet Adelines Choruses for many years. Her great bass voice will be sadly missed. "Sing pretty in the Chorus in the Sky, Linea. Show them how it's done." We also mourn another fantastic lady, **Liz Rosenthal** (May 16) who joined the Chorus in the Sky. She won the Gold Note Award this year. "We love you, Liz!"

Submitted by Arlene Strong, Corresponding Secretary

Song of Seattle Chorus

With a mission to innovate and inspire through compelling performances and reach a broader audience, expanding the possibilities of barber-shop harmony, **Song of Seattle Chorus** hosted our first free *Spring Fling* show at Renton's Carco Theatre in April. It was our "Friends and Family" approach to prepare for Regional Convention, and we were thrilled to offer the opportunity to seven regional quartets. All performing groups received judge-level comments/feedback from Sue Beck, a SAI-certified Visual Communications Judge, and a video recording of their performance as final preparation for Convention.



To make it a professional-level event required support of our entire chapter, including: applying for and

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receiving a grant from the Renton Municipal Arts Commission; establishing a full show management team; securing the venue and reviewer; soliciting and communicating program requirements to competing quartets in the greater Puget Sound area; and marketing via social media and community publications, including digital flyers to Renton's public high schools, and a featured article in the Renton Reporter. With a full house and performers' expressed satisfaction, the show was a great success — and we look forward to doing it all again!

Submitted by Alycen Farrell, Song of Seattle Marketing Manager

Voices Northwest Chorus

Voices Northwest Chorus is over-the-top-excited to be competing as a WILDCARD at Sweet Adelines International competition in Louisville, KY on October 30-November 4, 2023. A dream comes true! We are anxious to share the stage with Region 13's 2022 Chorus Champions, **Alaska Sound Celebration** and quartets **PrimeTime** (15th place International Quartet) and **Charmed** (Regional 2023 Quartet Champions).



To prepare for this dream opportunity, upcoming dates and coaches are August 26 (Tori Postma), September 25 (Judy Pozsgay), and September 30

(Sandy Marron). These coaching dates, as well as weekly rehearsals, are open to visitors. We love guests!

Presently, rehearsals are in Mill Creek, with members coming from Arlington, Bothell, Brier, Covington, Everett, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Monroe, Mukilteo, Sedro Woolley, Seattle, and Snohomish. Although members may travel separately from these areas to our weekly rehearsals, we are looking forward to competing and traveling to Louisville, Kentucky together, as one Sweet Adeline family.

Unfortunately, August 28 will be our last rehearsal in our current location, and we are searching for a new facility. If anyone knows of a place or plan to attend a rehearsal, please contact us at voicesnorthwest.org.

Sharon Marquardt, Team Leader

Quartet Corner

Charmed Quartet

Wow! Contest weekend was full of love and joy. Great to be together and catch up with friends, singing and enjoying everyone's performances. Many talented singers crossed the stage. Brave and beautiful. **Charmed** was thrilled to be a part of it. Our road to regionals was a whirlwind, with only seven weeks to prepare. Coming out on stage, hearing and seeing everyone's support catapulted us to a good performance. Spanning nearly the entire state to practice is challenging, but we love its process and each other; so it's worth it. We enjoy the love and support of four choruses: LouAnn (Spirit of Spokane), Julie (Song of Seattle), Anna (Jet Cities), and Connie (Grand Olympics-Director). We send a BIG thank you to our coaches: **Beth Smith** and **Paula Davis**. Another BIG thank you to **Debra Aungst** and **Sue Middleton** for graciously offering their homes for our rehearsals.



On to Louisville! It's exciting to join the wonderful Primetime Quartet and not one, but two choruses: Alaska Sound Celebration and Voices Northwest. It's going to be so much fun! Thank you, Region 13. We truly feel blessed with the best region in the organization.

Submitted by LouAnn Hommel: Charmed Quartet Tenor

SnapShot! Quartet

What a joyful and giddy contest weekend SnapShot! had in May. We are so grateful for the honesty of **Beth Smith**, the wisdom of **Vickie Maybury**, the constant support of **Debra Lynn**, and the weekly reminders from **Mike Elliott**. We had so many "gold medal moments," as Jim Henry would call them, but none better than receiving our beautiful yellow ribbons. For our first-time quartet medalists, Cindi and Laura, this was a lifetime dream! And when we received "Most Improved Quartet" ribbons at Saturday evening's Show of Champions... well, that was icing on the cake!



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Earlier this spring, Cris had shared her news that she and Jim would be moving to their new home in Utah to be closer to family. This is one of her happy places, and we are delighted for her new adventures. And as sad as we are to lose her joyful spirit and true musical gifts, we know that “when a door closes, somewhere a window opens.” We will be going through an audition process this summer, and we hope to find a new voice to share in our journey.

Until next time, **Laura, Cris, Cheryl and Cindi: SnapShot! Quartet**

Touchstone Quartet

Touchstone is still glowing from every Touchie-feelie moment we shared with our convention song sisters all weekend long. We competed late in the contest and were fortunate to have one of the best audiences in the world...our friends and fellow singers! Yay for ALL of us who shared the contest stage and lots of hugs!

Thank you for all your compliments about our new costume. It was super fun to put it together! It was a happy moment when we could step back and finally say, it's done!

Touchstone's latest adventure was taking part in Sweet Adeline's Diamond Division contest, held on July 13 at Queen's College in Texas. And what an adventure it was! When all was "sung and done," we came away with second place medals! Thanks to everyone who encouraged us, watched us on the webcast, and sent congratulations. We sure had a blast!

Robin, Debra, Syd and Paula: Touchtone Quartet



"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

~ Henry James ~

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“Oh Say, Did You Know?”

Below is an article from **Teesha Earhart Clark**, a new member of **RiversEdge Chorus**. We think you'll find this article about her musical history very interesting!



“I never realized until recently why my father was so opinionated about how The Star-Spangled Banner should be sung! As we watched various performances before Sunday night football games, he would always have a comment about whether the singer had sung it correctly or not. I then learned

that his father, my grandfather, Will Earhart, was the head of the Committee of National Songs, which was given the task of standardizing the national anthem in 1917.

There had been many versions of the anthem in use, but as the United States was entering World War I, President Wilson proclaimed The Star-Spangled Banner to be the national anthem of all the armed forces and asked the committee to develop a standard version. This committee—all prominent musicians and chaired by my grandfather—included Walter Damrosch, Oscar Sonneck, Arnold Gantvroot, and John Philip Sousa.

I always knew my grandfather was a musician and music educator, but I never knew his role in developing the standardized version of our national anthem. I am so proud of this history. And like my father, I listen intently, and also have an opinion about how it should be sung.”

[Read more about this fascinating story here.](#)



The next **InTune** for members of North by Northwest Region 13, will be published in January 2024.

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Good for a giggle!



What the world thinks I do



What I think I do



What my partner thinks I do



What I actually I do