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Fall for your voice at Region 7's RES and Tribute to the Top!

Friday-Sunday September 25-26-27

Quartet coaching on Sunday!

Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Radisson) 12601 W. 95th St., Lenexa, KS

Reserve your rooms by August 29

877-270-141- or 913-217-1000

(use special rate code SWE)

Early bird registration by Aug. 25 - \$30 after that date, pre-registrations received by Sept. 12 - \$35 Registrations at the door \$40

The Tribute to the Top will feature Nashville bound: Kansas City Chorus Black Tie Zing!

Check the Region 7 web site for registration details and online registration for the school!

We have a really great one for you this fall, **Dede Nibler**, master director of Fresno, CA, Voices Unlimited Chorus, will be the International faulty. Voices Unlimited is a 30 voice chorus that scored 612

points in Region 11's contest, earning them a wild-card slot at the 2008 International Competition in Honolulu!

You will NOT want to miss Dede Nibler *or* our annual Tribute to the Top performances and activities! It will be loads of fun as usual, and I'm sure there will be some surprises in store!

Earlybird registration deadline is near...

Remember, you can still register online on the R7 website through our agent [Brown Paper Tickets!](#)

NOTE: There was an error in the registration address on the original flyer that was circulated....

Battle of the Barber-shop Stars...

Watch for more news about the exciting new Region 7 event happening in **July 2011**. You won't want to miss participating in this weekend educational event!

Pilot Update...

I hope you have *all* found the materials and resources on the Region 7 website helpful in your quest to develop marketing materials, whether your chorus agreed to be part of the Pilot Program in Region 7 or not. These materials are there for everyone to use, please take advantage of them!

It's been awhile since our gathering at the Leadership Retreat and I hope many of you have started your promotions and have some successes to share. Even if your chorus did not agree to be part of the "Pilot Program" I would love to learn about the marketing/membership activities you have done and any successes and ideas you would be willing to share for the good of the organization. Please email to jltham@aol.com

The first quarterly evaluation needs to be filled out and sent to me by Aug. 21 (that's Friday, Aug. 21!) so that I can do the Regional evaluations and send that to SAI by September 1. I know that's a quick turn-

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around, so please get right on it while you are thinking about it. Send those evaluations to me at jltham@aol.com. A big thank you to the choruses who have already submitted their first quarter evaluations to me!

Even if you have not started your promotions, please fill out an evaluation and indicate that.

Download the evaluation form from the member only resources page of the [Region 7](#) website.

I'm looking forward to hearing from everyone!

Jane Tham
Marketing Coordinator

Please submit your chorus/quartet news for the October Newsletter to [Sandy Smith](#) by September 15, 2010.

It's been too long since we have shared your exciting chorus/quartet lives with each other, so don't hesitate, send your news **NOW!**

International updates...

Midwest IES *WILL* be held in St Louis, Missouri in 2010!

At a recent meeting of the International BOD the **St. Louis IES is back on the calendar** on it's original date of July 15-17, 2010! This is a unique educational opportunity for Region 7 members and will include a YWIH festival. If you've never attended an IES, you are urged to **make plans to attend** this one right in our own back yard! You'll have a great time meeting women from all over while learning more than you could ever imagine from some of the best faculty this organization has to offer!

Late breaking news about International Conventions for 2015-2107....

Peggy Gram, International President announced that the 2015, 2016 and 2017 International conventions will be held at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Imagine....everyone housed in the same hotel as the competition and Harmony Bazaar.

It's time to vote for the International Board members....

Region 7 has set a goal of 100% participation by it's choruses in this election. The ballots will be mailed to you on October 7th; deadline for receipt of the completed ballots back at headquarters is **Dec. 2, 2009**. Please be sure the applicants' qualification sheets are distributed to your

Have you registered to receive this newsletter via e-mail yet?

If not, here is an easy way to do so. Just e-mail [Sandy Smith](#), Region 7 Communications Coordinator with the subject line of , "**Subscription to the Region 7 E-newsletter**". In the body of the e-mail, include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Chorus affiliation
- Reason you want to subscribe

When Sandy receives your e-mail, she will add you to the list of subscribers.

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members promptly upon receipt. Encourage your members to read each bio thoroughly. Schedule the election in sufficient time for the correctly completed ballot to reach headquarters by the deadline.

Setting Our Sights On Setting A New Guinness World Record!

Sweet Adelines International will soon attempt to set the Guinness World Record for Largest Singing Lesson. An official representative from Guinness World Records will be in attendance in Nashville on Saturday, October 24, 2009. International President Peggy Gram will lead the entire audience in a record-setting singing lesson just before the International Champion Chorus is announced.

This is a new record category opened up by Guinness especially for Sweet Adelines International. We aren't just breaking a world record, we are setting a new one!

Are you attending International Convention in Nashville this fall?

If so, let Phyllis VanHorn know your intentions so she can keep you in the loop for the Pep Rally for our International Competitors. Just e-mail [Phyllis](#) with your intention.

Upcoming 2009 Regional Events

August 29	Wichita Chorus Show
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September 12-13	Wamego Dutch Mill Show
September 19	RiverSong "River Rising" Show
September 25-26	Fall RES and Tribute to the Top
September 27	Region 7 Quartet Coaching
October 3	Harmony Central Chorus Show
October 17	Emerald City Chorus Show
October 17	Hutchinson Chorus Show
October 19—24	International Convention
October 30	Show Me Sound Chorus Show
December 12	Sunflower Harmony Chorus Show