

City of Fountains Chorus, formerly Santa Fe Trail Chorus, is looking forward to celebrating 35 years as a Sweet Adelines International Chorus, enjoying the hobby of sharing and promoting the joy of singing 4-part harmony within the chorus and the community.

Joan DeMerchant, President, says she is honored to facilitate our small, but energetic chorus whose members work exceptionally hard to sing well and support the organization with many fundraising events. She notes that there are lots of jobs to go around, and everyone wears multiple hats!

City of Fountains Chorus was founded in 1976, chartered in 1977, under the direction of the late Mary Lou Scott. Past directors have included Joy Pautler, Jan Brownson, and Russ Craig. Over the years, several Regional Chorus Medals have been presented to City of Fountains Chorus.

Mary Ann Rastorfer, Director

(who served as Assistant Director to Jan Brownson,) became chorus Director in 1996. Mary Ann attended University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, received her Bachelor/Music degree in Voice and Education. She has served as a school Music Teacher, and a Church Choir Director.



City of Fountains Chorus members are particularly proud of their participation (for the past 35 years) in Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, along with frequently singing for their special luncheons throughout the year.

This year, City of Fountains held their 10th annual Summer Songfest Concert in June, inviting women singers from the community to join in learning and performing 3 songs in barbershop style harmony. Through this program, dozens of metro area women have been introduced to Sweet Adelines, with some joining the chorus, others simply enjoying attending chorus programs and shows.



A small group of members and friends having fun together at the Greek Festival at St. Dionysius Church.

A highlight of each year has been the Annual Awards Dinner, where the Traditional Harmony Award is presented to an outstanding Sweet Adeline in the chorus; and awards for chorus work, programming, planning, humor and fundraising are given.



2010 Awards Dinner, a few of the many celebrants.

Plans for the Fall include: the annual chorus show "Harmony Tonight" to be held on Saturday evening, November 13, 2010 at Congregation Kol Ami, 7501 Belinder, Prairie Village, KS. Members are gearing up, with coaching and choreography sessions on schedule. A well-known women's bluegrass group "The Hootin' Annie's" will be performing at the show.

Members of City of Fountains Chorus (as a group) often enjoy attending Sweet Adelines events, social events, community and civic events together. Former members enjoy returning and socializing with the group.



City of Fountain members enjoying their visit to the Sweet Adelines International Convention in in Nash-

Rehearsals:

Mondays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Atonement Lutheran Church
9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS
Chorus Phone: 816-765-1911

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Quartets include:

"4 To Go" and "Electric Chords"

