

Region 11 Annual History • May 2010 – May 2011

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM	
Communications Coordinator	Erin Lunn
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Marketing Coordinator	Debbie Curtis
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Team Coordinator	Cathy Tautkus



INTERNATIONAL	
Competition Coordinator	Leah Rippetoe
Certified Judges	Bobbette Gantz (Sound), Judy Ashmore (Sound)
Certified Arranger	Dot Calvin
International Faculty	Marcia Bosma, Bobbette Gantz, Dede Nibler, Laura Pallas
Competitors at International (Seattle)	ChannelAire (18th), Shimmer! (10th), Sirens, (18th), Spirit (WITHDRAWN)

REGIONAL	
Regional Faculty	Joan Adler, Judy Ashmore, Marcia Bosma, Bobbette Gantz, Linda Kelly, Erin Lunn, Dede Nibler, Laura Pallas, Monica Tautkus, Jonni Wood
Master Directors	Judy Ashmore, Bobbette Gantz, Jim Halvorson, Linda Kelly, Laura Pallas, Dede Nibler
Chapters	19 – Agoura Hills Harmony, Celebrity City, Central Coast Celebration, ChannelAire, Golden Sands, Harmony Showcase, Harmony Valley, High Sierra, Kern Valley, L.A. South Towns Show, Pacific Horizon, RiverOaks, Santa Monica, Singing Sands (<i>prospective</i>), Southland Harmony, South Valley Sound, Tri City Sound, Verdugo Hills, Voices United
Committee Chairs	Joan Adler, Thelma Atmore, Marcia Bosma, Petra Chini, Debbie Curtis, Joan D'Agostino, Donna Ewy, Jolene Forzetting, Bobbette Gantz, Lee Hays, Bea Knaapen, Cathy Lee, Erin Lunn, Sheila Martin, Patt Mueller, Kaitlyn Phillips, Martha Rasmussen, Leah Rippetoe, Lou Schroff, Monica Tautkus, Debi Veder, Pat Vincent, Kira Wagner, Lynne Wong
International Faculty	2010 Summer Sizzler: Tori Postma 2010 Fall Festival: Jim Arns & Renee Porzel 2011 Convention: Celebrity City

REGION 11 AWARDS*	
Noteworthy Award	Debbie Curtis
Reach for the Top (Most Improved Directors)	Laura Pallas, Monica Tautkus, Kira Wagner
Audience Choice Awards	Quartet: OMG!! – Debbie Curtis, Lee Hays, Monica Tautkus, Diane Luster Chorus: Santa Monica

MISCELLANEOUS	
50-year anniversary (2011)	Dot Calvin (Verdugo Hills); Ann Layton (Harmony Showcase)

2011 REGIONAL COMPETITION

Chorus Champion	Santa Monica – Laura Pallas (598)
2nd Place Chorus	Verdugo Hills – Gerry Papageorge (566)
3rd Place Chorus	Voices United – Dede Nibler (544)
4th Place Chorus	Agoura Hills Harmony – Monica Tautkus (543)
5th Place Chorus	Harmony Showcase – Kira Wagner (522)
Mid-Size Chorus Champion	Verdugo Hills – Gerry Papageorge
Small Chorus Champion	Harmony Showcase – Kira Wagner
Most Improved Chorus	Central Coast Celebration – Dani Avalos-Prigge (+30)
Quartet Champion	Cheers! (609) – Barbara Gregg, Viena Zeitler, Erin Zeitler, Amanda De Lucia
2nd Place Quartet	Cachet (588) – Sally McLeish, Shawna Bilyeu, Tove Hoch, Jeannie Vercillo
3rd Place Quartet	Caprice (577) – Cathy Lee, Kaitlyn Phillips, Dede Nibler, Susan Sanders
4th Place Quartet	Nova (560) – Tammy Ragsdale, Carol Dirner, Diane Rothberg, Joan D’Agostino
5th Place Quartet	KMPR (554) – Karen Betancourt, Dani Avalos-Prigge, Debby Reimer, Diane McGrath
2010 Novice Quartet	
2010 Novice Double Quartet	Passion 8 (Santa Monica) – Tove Hoch, Lora Goodpasture, Kelly Ness, Patti Nugent, Kathy Hardie, Carol Lord, Lynell Van Bastolaer, Lisa Kneebone
YWIH Quartet	Chicklettes

2011 WINNERS’ CIRCLE AWARDS

Most Promising Tenor	Becky Stueland (Such Fun)
Most Promising Lead	Kaitlyn Phillips (Caprice)
Most Promising Baritone	JoAnn Adams (Four What It’s Worth)
Most Promising Bass	Carol Welsh (Four What It’s Worth)
Sizzle	Cheers! – Barbara Gregg, Viena Zeitler, Erin Zeitler, Amanda De Lucia
Most Improved Quartet	Sierra Sound (+73) – Kay Gregory, Cheryl Borthick, Francine Stirling, Debby Fieber

SPECIAL EVENT

What a remarkable opportunity we had to share our Regional Convention weekend with 30 members of the **TOKYO CHORUS**. This was their 1st time competing as a Sweet Adeline chorus, and they asked permission to compete in Region 11 because of the many special bonds we share!

The plans for the **TOKYO CHORUS** to come to the U.S. were almost derailed by a powerful 9.0 earthquake and resulting devastating tsunami in Japan on March 11 – just a week before the **TOKYO CHORUS** was due to leave for the U.S. Over 15,000 people were killed, including some from the **TOKYO CHORUS** members’ families. Amazingly, the chorus forged on with their plans! And the local Bakersfield media (TV and newspapers), plus TV news crews from Los Angeles, were on hand to greet them at the DoubleTree, and interview the members throughout the weekend.

Hisako Denda – a Sweet Adeline and frequent visitor to the U.S. – has built strong relationships with both **Judy Ashmore** and **Gerry Papageorge**, and she often visits both **VERDUGO HILLS** and **CHANNELAIRE**. This relationship led to a wonderful outreach by **CHANNELAIRE**, who traveled to Japan in 2007 to perform in a show with several Japanese choruses. The choruses even performed **Mary Ashford**’s arrangement of “Anything Can Happen”, which was a crowd favorite.

The next year at the 2008 International Convention in Hawaii, the **TOKYO CHORUS** was invited to perform on the Showcase, where they sang a traditional Japanese song arranged by **CHANNELAIRE**’s **Joan D’Agostino**. Members of **CHANNELAIRE** then joined their new friends on stage.

The culmination of years of effort resulted in the **TOKYO CHORUS** petitioning Sweet Adelines International to be considered a “satellite chorus” to Region 11. This enabled them to take the stage at the regional level. As a satellite chapter, **TOKYO CHORUS** was not eligible for International prizes, or placement or awards in Region 11. Therefore, they were considered to be “for evaluation only” contestants. However, unlike other “for evaluation” competitors, the **TOYKO CHORUS** did receive a number score. Had the chorus scored 560 points or more (which they did not), they would have been eligible to compete at International in Denver in 2012.