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Region 11 News

Congratulations to our other 2007 Region 11 Chorus medalists...



Santa Monica Chorus

Laura Pallas, Director

*2007 Region 11
3rd Place Chorus*

*2007 Region 11
Mid-Size Chorus Champions*

*2008 Harmony Classic
Competitors (IES)*

South Valley Sound Chorus

Mary Ashford &
Lee Hays, Co-Directors

*2007 Region 11
4th Place Chorus*



Verdugo Hills Chorus

Gerry Papageorge,
Director

*2007 Region 11
5th Place Chorus*

Congratulations to our 2007 Region 11 Quartet medalists...



Rio

**2007 Region 11
Quartet Champions**

*Karen Betancourt
Dani Avalos-Prigge
Alisa Zichterman
Diane McGrath*



Cheers!

2007 Region 11 2nd Place Quartet



Taylor Made

2007 Region 11 3rd Place Quartet



Serious Treble

2007 Region 11 4th Place Quartet



Sweet Synergy

2007 Region 11 5th Place Quartet



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Congratulations to our IES Competitors in San Antonio!



Sweet Synergy

Erin Cardin • Ashley Wright
Esther Alva • Tracey Tipton

*2006 Region 11 Young Women
in Harmony Champions*

*2007 International 4th Place
Rising Star Finalists*



Voices Unlimited Chorus

Dede Nibler, Director

2007 International 2nd Place Small Chorus Finalists

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Best of luck to our
2007 International
Competitors in Calgary!



Celebrity City Chorus

Jim Halvorson, Director
2006 Region 11 Chorus Champions



Shimmer!

Patty Cobb Baker • Missy Pearce
Judy Ashmore • Mary Ashford
2007 International 15th Place Quartet



Rio

Karen Betancourt • Dani Avalos-Prigge
Alisa Zichterman • Diane McGrath
2007 Region 11 Quartet Champions

And these Region 11 dual members competing with Harborlites...

Marcia Bosma • Erin Cardin • Terry Cardin • Debbie Curtis • Lee Hays
Barbara Hennessy • Susan Huntzinger • Loma Katz • Kim Scott • Monica Tautkus

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Messages from Your Regional Management Team

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First, congratulations to our competitors at IES ... **VOICES UNLIMITED** – 2nd best in the world. We are all so proud of you and your accomplishments! And we are also proud of **SWEET SYNERGY**, who placed 4th in what I heard was an extremely

good contest.

Congratulations to **VOICES UNLIMITED CHORUS** for earning a wildcard slot for International in Hawaii next year. And won't it be fun to have **CELEBRITY CITY, SHIMMER!** and **RIO** together in Calgary this year? As usual, Region 11 will be well represented.

My chairs for this year are **Dottie Henshaw**, who is the Chair of the Regional Convention Steering Committee (CRC) and **Jolene Forzetting**, who is the Chair of the Regional Seminars Steering Committee (GRS). My other chair is **Linda Wong** who is Regional Sites Coordinator. She is busy, as always, negotiating future contracts for the Region both at the Convention Center and at the hotels.

I hope that all of you enjoy our Summer Sizzler with **THE BUZZ** as our faculty. See you there! – **Carole**

Cathy Lee

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What's the Buzz this summer? Come to Region 11's Summer Sizzler and find out! Our faculty for this weekend are **Karen Breidert, Jeannie Froelich, Debbie Connelly** and **Nancy Fuhrmann** – aka **THE BUZZ**.

Not only will they be teaching classes, they will also perform on our Winners' Circle show on Saturday night. This is truly going to be an amazing weekend that you won't want to miss. If you've missed the registration deadline, you may register on site. There's always room for more attendees!!

Congratulations to **VOICES UNLIMITED** for representing Region 11 so well in San Antonio.

Linda Kelly

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Is Region 11 HOT or what? We couldn't be more proud of **VOICES UNLIMITED** and **SWEET SYNERGY** at the Harmony Classic Contest! A HUGE congratulations to both groups. And then we learned that **SANTA MONICA** will again represent us at Harmony

Classic next year AND **VOICES UNLIMITED** will be a wildcard chorus to compete with **CHANNELAIRE** in Hawaii in 2008. We certainly know how to show how well our efforts are paying off. I'm not sure any other region has a many representatives in Harmony Classic and International Contest as we do. Someone want to do the numbers?

How wonderful it is to have **THE BUZZ** with us this weekend! I'm convinced that no one can show us better how to keep this **SPIRAL** going upward! It is our sincere hope that the classes offered by **THE BUZZ** and our amazing regional/international faculty will be so worth your time here this weekend. We know you are the dedicated ones who want to continue to improve...therefore we want to make sure we're meeting your educational needs.

We are so blessed in this Region to have such wonderful leaders and a closeness of proximity to enable us to attend many regional events. While I was in class for all the Regional Education Coordinators at IES, I found out how difficult it is for them to provide educational benefits to their members because they are so far apart and travel is expensive. I'm positive that has impacted our overall improvement in our contest scores for both quartets and choruses.

We send our very best to **CELEBRITY CITY CHORUS** as they compete at the International Chorus Contest in Calgary, as well as our own regional champion quartet, **RIO**, who will be competing for the first time together at the International Quartet Contest. PLUS, the ever-fabulous, **SHIMMER!**, who is going back to compete at they made the Top 15 last year! How exciting is all that? Our Rally Ribbons will sure look fabulous!

Don't forget to block out our next weekend together for Fall Festival where we will have **Kathy Carmody** and **Bonnie McKibben** as guest

As a member of **VOICES UNLIMITED**, it was an awesome experience and we were so grateful for all the support we received from the region. I'm looking forward to **SANTA MONICA**'s return to the Harmony Classic next year!

It was so exciting to be present as they announced the order of appearance for Honolulu!! Number 30...**VOICES UNLIMITED**. Number 31...**CHANNELAIRE**!! Our next stop is Calgary to watch **CELEBRITY CITY**, **RIO** and **SHIMMER!** astound an international audience. I am so proud of all our Region 11 choruses and quartets. As a region, we continue to improve and excel in our chosen hobby.

Finally, I would like to thank the Regional Seminars Steering Committee under the direction of **Jolene Forzetting** and the **SANTA MONICA CHORUS** for all the time and energy they have contributed to make this seminar a success. The region is certainly blessed with an abundance of talented people who are willing to share their gifts with the region! I hope your weekend is filled with music and laughter. Have a great weekend!! – **Cathy**

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I am so "Buzz"ed about this weekend and am looking forward to some great education and some great barbershop from our terrific faculty! Region 11 is off to a great start this year! Congratulations to all of our IES, YWIH and International competitors. Thank you for representing Region 11 so beautifully, and thank you for your time, talent and dedication to our shared hobby! These competitors commit to the thrill of competition, but they also make a large financial commitment individually and as a group. Please be sure to support their fundraising activities as they are all representing our wonderful region!

I would like to welcome a new member to the Finance Committee, **Nan Waltman**, (**CHANNELAIRE**) who will be our new Grants Advisor. Nan is available for advice and assistance to choruses in their quest to seek grant funding from outside sources. Also, I am pleased to welcome back to the committee, **Ferne Hogan** (CAL) as our YWIH Fund Chair and **Sue Matus** (**SANTA MONICA**) as our Regional Sales Chair. Thank you, committee! – **Linda**

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Great to have you all back in Bakersfield! What a great turnout Region 11 had at IES this year. I hope all attending enjoyed their week – I sure did!! Due to **VOICES UNLIMITED**'s rehearsal and class schedule, I missed some

Kathy Carbody and **Bonnie Osherman** as guest faculty...PLUS the always-memorable Double Quartet contest. It's always a hoot! – **Linda**

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Welcome to a BUZZin' Summer Sizzler! I am so excited for all the wonderful accomplishments we have made since contest weekend!! All of our directors spent an amazing weekend together with **Diane Porsch** and **Pam Pieson** as our guest faculty! The retreat theme was, "*Chicken Soup for the Director's Soul*", and was just what the doctor ordered! Kudos also to **Laura Pallas**, **Dede Nibler**, and **Lynne Smith** for sharing their talents with us all during the retreat, and to **VU** for being our demo chorus!

What a marvelous showing at IES for Region 11 this year!! How very proud we were to cheer on **VOICES UNLIMITED CHORUS** and **SWEET SYNERGY** as they competed!

I am pleased to say that we have 2 new Directors to announce – **Lynne Smith** has decided to retire from **GOLDEN SANDS CHORUS**, and they will be in very capable hands with Master Director, **Linda Kelly**, at the helm! Also, **Anne Casey** is retiring from **AGOURA HILLS HARMONY CHORUS**, and I'm very blessed to say I am their new director!

The directors will again be spending all day Friday with our guest faculty, **Karen Briedert!** Working with the directors for some specialized showmanship training will be **Lynne Smith**.

Fall Festival brings the directors together again on Friday to focus on characterization with our friend, and guest faculty **Bonnie McKibben**. Be sure your director plans to be there as we focus on the #1 topic the judges have pointed out for several years now.

I am thrilled that **Patti Goin** is our new DCP (Directors Certification Program) chair, and I am looking forward to working with her to promote and train toward the DCP requirements for everyone in the program.

Mary Ashford will continue to chair the Spotlight Program – so see Mary and volunteer to direct a song or have your quartet open a class for a seminar this year!

If I had my way, **Wendy Franklin** would be the S.T.A.R. chair FOREVER! She has done such an amazing job and has breathed more life into our S.T.A.R. program! Have fun learning your new STAR songs, singing in the STAR chorus and be sure to thank Wendy when you see her!

Lisa Miller
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Wow!! Here we are at Summer

of the RMT stuff, but I got lucky and spent some quality time with **Lisa Miller** (Membership Coordinator) at her sessions and lots of the information shared there is very useful to us "marketing"-type peeps, so I thank her for letting me sit in.

This year, your Region is starting an "in-house" marketing service for our choruses. We'll be rolling it out Phase One this weekend for your input before we start the program. This will mark a first in the International organization and I know your chorus will want to be part of it. The Marketing Team will also be providing choruses with information about a variety of advertising opportunities so make sure your chorus is represented at the Presidents/TCs Forum. It's time to get out in our communities and "make some noise" about our craft.

I'm headed to Tulsa in early September for a meeting of the International Membership Committee and I would truly value your input prior to this meeting. I'll be posting a survey to the R11NG in late August and I hope you'll take time to fill it out and return it to me. I would be so proud to take your ideas with me to headquarters 'cause I know you are FULL OF GREAT IDEAS!!!

Congratulations to **SWEET SYNERGY** and **VOICES UNLIMITED** on their IES performances!!
– **Erin**

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What a fabulous time was had at IES this year!!! Region 11 is so proud of **VOICES UNLIMITED** and **SWEET SYNERGY** for their fantastic performances at the Harmony Classic and Young Women In Harmony contests. You were simply awesome! In addition, there was also lots of training for the RMT newbies, like me! Thank you, International, for another very successful educational event!!

Welcome to our 2007 Summer Sizzler! We are super thrilled to have **THE BUZZ** as our faculty for this weekend. And I can't wait to see all of our Novice Quartets compete – we are so rich with **TALENT** in this region!!

I would like to say thank you to **Jolene Forzetting** (and team!) for, once again, putting on a terrific weekend of education, contest, sisterhood, and just plain fun! And a special thanks to our chorus host for this weekend, **SANTA MONICA** – goddesses, everyone! Have a great time this weekend! – **Cathy**



Sizzler and the temperatures are soaring!!! Why? Because Region 11 is so **HOT!!!!!!** We've only been back from IES for a few weeks but I can still feel the heat because Region 11 was smokin' in Texas!!!

Congratulations to **SWEET SYNERGY** on an incredible performance!!!! And a big congratulations to **VOICES UNLIMITED** for representing us so well!!! You sure did us proud!!

It was so exciting to meet with Membership Coordinators from all over the world to compare notes, and I am looking forward to working with all of you over the next year!!!! I hope we can share ideas and continue building on the things that are already working in the area of membership recruitment as well as member retention!!

I want to say a big thank you to **Betty Ford**, our CAL Liaison and **Bea Knaapen**, our TC/Presidents Yahoo Group Moderator!! You ladies are the greatest! I'm still looking for a few more motivated women out there to be a part of my Membership Team, so if that's your forte', please contact me at MorganRDH@aol.com!!!

And speaking of hot, have you checked out your new *Pitch Pipe*? Don't those gals from Region 11 look hot on the cover?!? A big yippee to the Curves Challenge winning team from **CENTRAL COAST CELEBRATION CHORUS!!!!** This is the one time where losing is winning!!! Have a great time this weekend! – **Lisa**

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AGOURA HILLS HARMONY

www.ahhchorus.com

Congratulations to all the competitors at IES and best of luck to the novice quartets. We are looking forward to hearing our International

competitor's packages on the Winners' Circle show and we wish you all great success in Calgary.



As you know by now, we have had a major change in our chorus with Anne's upcoming retirement and have chosen a fabulous new director, **Monica Tautkus**. So mark your calendars for September 29 and Come Follow the Band! We'd love to see you at our show at

the Scherr Forum Theatre in the Countrywide Performing Arts Center in Thousand Oaks (2:30 matinee or 7:30 evening performance). Visit www.ahhchorus.com for more information.

This will be an extra special show for us marking Monica's debut. She will be co-directing this show with **Anne Casey** so it will be double the musical fun. Our chorus is so lucky to have both of these talented directors on board for our show. We hope to see you there.

Thank you, **SANTA MONICA CHORUS**, for all your planning and hard work in hosting this exciting weekend for us. – **Kim Toth-Tevel**

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CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND

www.caheartland.org

After a great competition in March, we came home to focus on the final planning of **CHC's** 50th Birthday Bash. It was held on May 5 at the First Baptist Church in

Fresno. It was a huge success! The guests included past and present members and directors. We even had founding members present. The chorus sang several songs with the



KERN VALLEY

www.kernvalleychorus.com

KERN VALLEY Sweet Adelines have been very busy this summer since their 3rd place Small Chorus award-winning performance at Regional contest this past Spring.

If you thought it was snowing in June, you were right!! The Kernville Baptist church was turned into a Christmas recording studio replete with Christmas tree and poinsettias to set the mood for the gals, as they set down their beautiful harmonies to be ready for the Christmas season. Since the beginning of April, they have been rehearsing Christmas music for the recording date of June 21. It all became reality when Dubarri and Dalton recording producers from LA traveled to the Kern Valley to make the magic happen.

SIERRA SOUND was first to record on June 20 and set 4 songs down, and then the full chorus recorded 10 songs for a release date of November 1. What a dream come true for the chorus that has been in existence since 1972.

Our 35th Anniversary was celebrated with a Dinner/Show/Auction on August 4. We presented a performance package entitled "THE SWEET CHICKEN EXPRESS... IT'S A PEACH OF A SHOW" written by our own **Sandi Johnstone**. Singing along with all the gals who qualified was **Ann Ertel** bass from Florida who is a prospective with us.

Francine and Cheryl both attended IES and brought back many new tools to help us become better performers and move up to the next level. They also entered the mentor program and were placed with **Julie Starr**, director of **BAY AREA SHOWCASE CHORUS** who will be competing in Calgary. We really hit it off with Julie and she has given us lots of new ideas and will be visiting us in October after International.

KERN VALLEY is also on the web. We have a new site at www.kernvalleychorus.com so check us out. We wish the best of luck to our novice quartet, **FORWARD MOTION**, competing this weekend. And to all competitors this weekend and those going to Calgary we send our best wishes.

Congratulations to **Monica Tautkus** and **AHH**, and to **Linda Kelly** and **GOLDEN SANDS!** What

and to **Emulation** and **GOLDEN HARBOR** a wonderful fit for both choruses. And to **SWEET SYNERGY** and **VOICES UNLIMITED!!! KERN VALLEY** loves Region 11. – **Cheryl Borthick**

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L.A. SOUTH TOWNS SHOW

www.lasouthtowns.org

In May, we had another memorable milestone, our first annual



Spring Fling Open House. What fun to be able to put on a mini-show for our friends and family at our very own rehearsal hall. Everyone looked ravishing in our hats and pretty pastels and there were smiles all around when our good pals, **SOUND UNION**, sang our favorite song "Tiger Rag!"

Our much-anticipated and always popular annual Ladies' Tea and Harmony was held in June. Special thanks to friends, family and our sisters-in-harmony who came for a delightful afternoon.

We would like to extend our warmest appreciation and thanks to our sisters-in-song, **SOUTHLAND HARMONY CHORUS** for inviting us to spend a lovely evening with them. It was a lot of fun – especially when we all sang together. It was a BIG sound! We hope that we can return the favor and that they come visit us soon.

We are pleased to welcome to the fold three new members: **Beverly Gooden** (bari), **Wendy Jackson** (lead), and **Elaine Wratschko** (lead).

To everyone participating in this year's Summer Sizzler, have fun and we wish you, "Break A Leg!" – **Melody Saffery**

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PACIFIC HORIZON

www.slonet.org/~slophc

Vacation time is upon us again, and many **PHC** members are among those enjoying well-earned time away from work, home and routine.

As the Sweet Adeline Year came to a close, we enjoyed introducing our '07-'08 Team Members and our Sweet Adeline Of The Year: our director, **Kim Patrick-Miernicke**. Great job, Kim!

Our popular and successful Mother's Day High Tea was our "Singing and Serving" gift to our friends, relatives and neighbors. Performances by the chorus and quartets added to the afternoon of enjoyment.

July 4th in SLO Town brought out the red, white & blue in abundance at Mitchell Park. **PHC** performed a patriotic program in combination with the **GOLD COAST CHORUS**. Many "understudies" were called into service, as some of our key people were among vacationers. Congratulations to **Diane Douglas**, who ably took over the directing duties. Our newest quartet, **STEPPIN' OUT**, was happy to return to the site

Three members of our chorus, **Gerrie, Celetta**, and **Alice Mitchell**, celebrated a career milestone. We helped them celebrate their retirement from teaching. Other **CHC** sing-out performances included: singing for the Fresno Downtown Rotary Club on July 3 and singing the National Anthem at a Fresno Grizzlies game on July 4. The chorus, along with family and friends, got together to see the Melodrama, "Calico Donkeys", at the Golden Chain Theater in Oakhurst on August 11. It was a great show.

CHC would like to congratulate **VOICES UNLIMITED** and **SWEET SYNERGY** for the great job they did representing Region 11 at IES. We would also like to wish **CELEBRITY CITY** good luck this October at International in Calgary. – **Kathy Dorn**

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CELEBRITY CITY

www.celebritycitychorus.com

April 19-21 saw chorus members staffing a well-attended booth at the annual Conference of Nevada Music Educator's Association at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



Our exhibit included DVD performances of our chorus at Regional and International competitions to promote awareness of the chorus in the Las Vegas area, and our membership chairman, **Carolyn Goodcase**, had several contacts to pursue for future membership. In addition, we handed out almost 100 YWIIH and IES brochures to high-schoolers and vocal music educators from all over the state, supplying information about the art and accessibility of barbershop harmony.

In June it was wall-to-wall people and diapers when **Cheryl Rodrigues** opened her home for a baby shower for **Lyn** and Director **Jim Halvorson**. By the time you read this, the twins – hopefully – will have made their appearance, and all the "Aunties" and "Grannies" will be oohing and aaahing! July 20-22 saw us at the Casablanca Hotel for our annual retreat in Mesquite. Enough cannot be said about the coaching of **Jim Arns** and **Renee Porzel**. What a team!!!

CELEBRITY CITY is cognizant of the responsibility that rests on us as representative chorus for Region 11 in Calgary, as well as the honor. We will do our very best to do you proud, and wish all our fellow contestants a wonderful International experience. Hope to see many of you there! – **Betty Campbell**

CENTRAL COAST CELEBRATION

www.celebration-chorus.org

There's nothing like having Regional Quartet Champions in your midst to keep you enthused...and *enthused* we are! As if it wasn't *exciting* enough to witness our "fab-four", **RIO (Dani Avalos-Prigge, Diane McGrath, Alisa Zichterman and Karen Betancourt)** WIN on the regional stage; now we get to watch in awe as they prepare to compete at International in Calgary!!!



Since contest, the **CENTRAL COAST CELEBRATION CHORUS** hasn't experienced one dull moment! Besides learning amazing things under the contagiously enthusiastic direction of **Dani Avalos-Prigge**, **CELEBRATION** has welcomed FOUR new members into the flock; **Betty Doyle**, who has sung with three other Sweet Adelines choruses in Merced, Mission Valley and Bakersfield; **Jenna Segura**, whose mother, Martha, is the director of the **MEDFORD OREGON CHORUS** and is also in the **RAZZICALS** quartet with Jenna's sister; **Laura Tripp**, new to the barbershop style but not new to singing; and **Sally Bullock**, an experienced Sweet Adeline formerly with **PACIFIC HORIZON** and **TRI CITY SOUND!**

We celebrated (we like celebrating, we think up reasons to do it...hence the name!) Dani's birthday with a huge bonfire and potluck at the beach where we ate and sang and sang and ate...is there anything else in life?



And, speaking of eating and singing...by now you've seen the July issue of the *Pitch Pipe* featuring seven of our beautiful (and slimmer) chorus members who won the Sweet Adelines Curves Challenge by uniting in the battle-of-the-bulge, losing an average of 19 pounds per singer. It was a fun and rewarding endeavor that resulted in increased vocal stamina, closer relationships and looser clothes!

CELEBRATION CHORUS brought the house down at the local Performing Arts Center August 11, with our annual show entitled, "Bandstand Reunion", singing Bandstand Boogie, Happy Together and doin' the hand jive. Each of our three quartets, **HARMONY 101**, **THE BE-BOPS** and **COASTAL BLEND** performed and, of course, our guest quartet, **RIO**, knocked their bobby-sox off!!! Look for **COASTAL BLEND** in the Novice Quartet Competition this weekend where we will look forward to reuniting with our favorite Sweet Adelines from all over the region! – **Cindy McBurney**

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CHANNELAIRE

www.channelaire.org

Another popular annual performance was enjoyed at Atascadero Lake Park earlier this month. What a pleasure to perform for folks relaxing in lawn chairs on the grass, surrounded by the beautiful trees and lake (and a great picnic, too!).

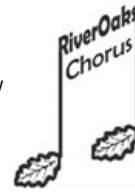
Our next show will be held on October 27. We're excited at the possibility of having our region's Quartet Contest winner, **RIO**, join us. Hope to see you there!

Keep a song in your heart, and Happy Summer!!!
– **Alison Drake**

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RIVEROAKS

Have you ever stopped at one of those tourist traps up the coast where the water runs uphill? Well, that's how **RIVEROAKS** is running – straight uphill to the top! After the March competition, that's pretty much the only direction we can travel – up, up and more up!



We have gained several new members who are enhancing our sound, and we're putting the capital "D" in Determined! Theresa threw her arm out with her, uh, vigorous directing (or maybe it was from that whip she carries...). After coming back from IES, she's full of new information, new skill-building techniques and more energy than the rest of us put together. We have built up our patriotic repertoire considerably and are ravishing the community with our red, white and blue sparkles.

We are proud to have **Cathy Tautkus**, our Assistant Director, as Team Coordinator of Region 11, and so proud of **VOICES UNLIMITED** and **SWEET SYNERGY** for their performances at IES. REGION 11 ROCKS!

RIVEROAKS is gearing up for our annual performance at Forest Lawn in October – this year themed "We Are Family." Yes, that's right. We sing at the local cemetery where no one in the audience complains. We were blessed to have **Linda Taylor** coach our chorus recently and we learned a ton. Now, all we have to do is remember to put it all together when it's our turn on the risers next March!

RIVEROAKS wishes all the novice quartet competitors to break a lip at Sizzler and we look forward to learning from **THE BUZZ!** – **Kathy Theodore**

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SANTA MONICA

www.santamoniac chorus.com

Welcome all you Deity Divas and Classic Choruses to this fantastical Sizzler weekend in



WOW... has time ever
 flow by! **CHANNELAIRE**
 members have been going
 non-stop since Spring
 Competition. Right after
 competition we were back
 into coaching mode to set
 us on the path to Hawaii
 2008.



CHANNELAIRE is still flying high after our
 fabulous trip to Japan. It was a journey of a
 lifetime that soared beyond our expectations. The
 tours. The food. The architecture. The toilets! All
 fantastic memories that live on in the 5,000+
 photos taken by the 117 people traveling to
 Japan with **CHANNELAIRE**.

The absolute highlight of our 9-day adventure
 was sharing the stage with 4 Japan choruses.
 These lovely ladies welcomed us with signs and
 banners. And when we walked into the
 auditorium for the very first time to rehearse, the
 applause and cheers made us feel like newly
 crowned Queens of Harmony being welcomed
 into the auditorium at International just before the
 start of the Coronet Club Show.



Each of the 4 Japan choruses performed
 wonderfully for an appreciative audience of
 American and Japanese family & friends. The
 local men's barbershop chorus also performed
 and several American barbershopper husbands
 joined in singing, "Hello Mary Lou".
CHANNELAIRE and 3 quartets sang several
 songs, including two in Japanese (oh my!). We
 then all took the stage together for the grand
 finale. It was an incredible peak experience!

In July we had our annual 4th of July
 performances at the Ventura Street Fair and
 Camarillo Farmers Market. Looks like we may
 have gained some new members from our
 audiences, too! Our Young Women In Harmony
 program began, as well, and these fabulous
 young ladies will be performing for friends and
 family at the end of August.

Another great experience some of our members
 were able to enjoy was going to IES, where they
 had a chance to cheer for **VOICES UNLIMITED**
 and our own **Erin Cardin** in **SWEET SYNERGY**.
 Way to go, gals! It was a particularly incredible
 Rising Star contest, and we are so proud of
SWEET SYNERGY placing 4th!

Now it's back to reality and preparations for our
 annual show on October 21. Mark that date on

WOW... has time ever
 flow by! **CHANNELAIRE**
 members have been going
 non-stop since Spring
 Competition. Right after
 competition we were back
 into coaching mode to set
 us on the path to Hawaii
 2008.

We were so proud of **SWEET SYNERGY** (and
 our **Esther Alva** singing bari) as they placed
 fourth in the YWIH competition at IES in July.
 And congratulations to **VOICES UNLIMITED** with
 their second place small chorus IES win! Our
 chorus really looks forward to competing at IES in
 July 2008. We're already working on our sound,
 showmanship and style. Guess who came this
 week to coach us? The one and only **Karen**
Breider! Wow!

Our rehearsals this summer were full of fun and
 drama as we practiced "Love Potion #9 - a Tragic
 Greek Comedy". Greek goddess garb added to
 the atmosphere! We also spent arts and crafts
 afternoons at Laura P. and Nancy B.'s homes
 creating products to sell at Sizzler's famous
 marketplace. (Come by for a visit and bring your
 coins!)

On Mother's Day, we sang our traditional
 Mother's Day telegrams welcomed by recipients
 throughout the USA. June 24 we welcomed a
 new chorus baby: **Shelly Wilner's** new baby girl,
Brett Raquel.

To Region 11's **CELEBRITY CITY, RIO**, and
SHIMMER! – we know you'll be riding high at
 International in Calgary. Today, we send you off
 with lots of love. Come October, we'll be there to
 cheer you on! – **Patti Nugent**

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SOUTH VALLEY SOUND

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SOUTH VALLEY SOUND
CHORUS has had a
 "Yellow Ribbon" tied around
 our hearts since
 competition. Creative
 thinking outside of the box
 has turned our small
 chorus into a mid-size chorus for the very first
 time in **SVS** history. Coupled with a 1st time ever
 yellow ribbon and you've got a winning
 combination! We contribute much of our success
 to Shop 'n Sing, our scathingly brilliant
 membership and retention program.



In June, we visited the **HARBORLITES CHORUS**
 to watch **Lee Hays** and the chorus prepare for
 Calgary. We've been delighted to have **Judy**
Ashmore coach us already this year and we are
 very excited to sing for her this weekend in the
 STAR Chorus. This year, all of **SVS** is singing in
 the STAR Chorus and we can't wait to sing

your calendar because we won't want to miss it! We are honored to be sharing the stage with the fabulous brand new men's International gold-winning **WESTMINSTER CHORUS!!!** We will have all the information for you at Summer Sizzler, so be sure and contact any member of **CHANNELAIRE** for tickets, or go to our website at www.channelaire.org.

Best of luck to all the competitors this weekend. We'll be out there cheering for you. And to **CELEBRITY CITY, RIO**, our own **SHIMMER!**, – and our 4 dual members who sing with **HARBORLITES** – we can't wait to cheer for you in Calgary. We know you'll be amazing! – **Carol Dirner** and **Linda Ragsdale**

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GOLDEN SANDS

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GOLDEN SANDS

CHORUS is celebrating its 55th year with Sweet Adelines International! Change has been a constant over those 55 years, or so we are told, and change continues as August 22 marks our last performance with the remarkable **Lynne Smith** directing. Join us on the 22nd for a very special evening of harmony, plus coffee and desserts, a 50/50 drawing and a whole lot of fun! "Love in Bloom" starts at 7 pm in the Social Hall at Christ Lutheran Church, 6500 Stearns in Long Beach. The suggested donation is \$10. Of course, we will include our contest package for those who were unable to be in Bakersfield, as well as those who simply have to experience it one more time!



As **Lynne Smith** turns her focus to the increasing demand for her choreography coaching skills, **GOLDEN SANDS** members will continue to reach for the ring tones, remembering the gifts Lynne has given us and moving forward in tune with our new director, Master Director **Linda Kelly**.

What incredible good fortune is ours, first to have the inimitable **Lynne Smith** with us for five years and now to be welcoming the extraordinary talent of **Linda Kelly**... WOW! We are taking in all the air in the room!
–**Margaret Brewer**



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HARMONY SHOWCASE

As we come together in Bakersfield once more, **HARMONY SHOWCASE CHORUS** is in the



midst of a very busy summer season. We performed at the Senior Exposition early in the summer at the Antelope Valley Mall to an appreciative audience

the **STAR** Chorus and we can't wait to sing on the **Winners' Circle Show** with **Mary and Lee**.

Congratulations to **VOICES UNLIMITED** and **SWEET SYNERGY** for representing Region 11 at IES. We are especially proud of **Peggy Derleth**, a dual member with **SVS** and **VOICES UNLIMITED!**

We wish the best of luck to first-timer, **Val**, and **SILVER LINING**, and to all of the novice quartet competitors. Break a lip to our International competitors, **SHIMMER!**, **RIO**, **CELEBRITY CITY** and **HARBORLITES**. Be sure to watch for **Lee** who will be sharing the stage with **HARBORLITES** and **Patty Cobb Baker, Debbie Curtis, Monica Tautkus** and many more of our Region 11 friends. What a wonderful educational experience for our organization!

SOUTH VALLEY SOUND is "on the move" in more ways than one! Have a great weekend and here's to the Goddess in all of us! – **Jolene Forzetting**

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TRI CITY SOUND

Since we have turned our attention to public performances, things have been busy for **TRI CITY SOUND**. We have surpassed our goal of singing out at least once each month.



Our own **Ella Craig's** arrangement of "You're a Good Old Wagon" won the regional arrangers competition, and the chorus has been working hard to make her proud with our rendition.

We recently added periwinkle costumes purchased from **SOUTH VALLEY SOUND** to our performance wardrobe and we can't wait to wear them on the risers.

In May, at our board installation, all of the chorus members received certificates of achievement from director, **Barbara Nigh**. These awards recognized the unique qualities that each member adds to the chorus. The board members each received a luxury bath basket. The chorus recognized **Laura Newbre** as the Sweet Adeline of the year, and new board members, **Trudy Morris**, Bylaws coordinator, and **Laura Newbre**, Corresponding Secretary.

We were lucky to join **PACIFIC HORIZON CHORUS** in welcoming **Diane Porsch** for a coaching session in May.

TRI CITY SOUND would like to wish all of our competitors, **RIO**, **SHIMMER!**, and **CELEBRITY CITY** best of luck in competition. Break a lip, ya'll! – **Laura Newbre**

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VERDUGO HILLS

www.verdugoshowtimechorus.org

Good to The Earth

and then sold fireworks as a fundraiser in July. Topping off our summer activities is our "Come Sing with Us" membership push, which will involve the lion's share of our summer rehearsal schedule. The membership drive will culminate on September 8 with an English-style tea at which a combined chorus of our members plus the prospective "divas" will perform.

We are also working very hard on competition numbers, getting them up to speed for a Fall retreat in October. In conjunction with this is a private PVI for each member with our esteemed director, **Kira Wagner**, to improve our individual skills.

We wish the best of luck to each of the competing novice quartets this weekend, especially our very own **POT OF GOLD!** – **Ann Layton**

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HARMONY VALLEY

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HARMONY VALLEY CHORUS congratulates all choruses that have found new directors, and all directors who have found new choruses. We are still looking, and feel confident that the right person will come along at the right time. Any suggestions? Please e-mail our Director Search Coordinator, **Evelyn Hays**, at: boomerandcompany@msn.com

We continue to offer an 'A Cappella Harmony Chorus' class through the Merced College No Fee, No Credit department. The benefits are free publicity and funding for our directors. So far this program has brought several potential members. This Fall the class will be billed as a 'Yuletide Chorus', aka 'Holiday Chorus'. This has always been a good way to attract potential members. And of course, performing in our community is, as always, very important to us.

"Affordable Auction and Luncheon", always a popular and well-attended event. We'd love to have some of our Region11 friends come up and join us for the day. For details check our website. – **Nancy Weidenmiller**

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HIGH SIERRA

HOT – HOT – HOT! That is how it's been in Bishop, and that is how it will be at Summer Sizzler! We can't wait to see what Summer Sizzler has to offer this year! We are especially excited to give our love and support to **SIERRA STARS**, our new novice quartet.



IES was a great experience for **Nancy Coufal**, **Lou Ann Stehlik** and **Susan Daughenbaugh**. We have had quartets and a double quartet making a few performances locally, notably for our presentation of a scholarship to a musically gifted young man graduating from High School.

"Good is The Enemy Of Great." That's why **VHSC** has been taking giant steps to create an atmosphere of women on a mission to promote chorus pride, to work smart and to master new skills.



Chorus pride was evident when Region 11 awarded **VHSC** the Chorus Achievement award and long-time member, **Shirley Holland**, received the Regional Noteworthy Award in April. We continued to shine brightly as we hosted our third annual A Cappella Scholarship Festival on May 5 at Pasadena High School. Eleven high school and middle school choirs participated and after performing and being adjudicated by three judges, they all received a cash prize for their school music programs. The cash prizes totaled \$9000 and were made possible by a generous donation from the John C. Hench Foundation. The Festival committee included VHSC members **Sandy Huskins, Pat Kahmann, Janice Kueppers, Patti Loitz, and Carolyn Westelaken**. In addition to performing at the Festival, **VHSC** was honored to be invited to sing for the Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony on May 9. Also, on June 3 we performed in an evening of "Barbershop through the Decades" sponsored by **Janice Kueppers' HARMONY HILLS CHORUS** (BHS)

Mastering new skills was given a boost by the coaching skills of **Dale Syverson, Diane Porsch** and **Patty Cobb Baker**. We also devoted two rehearsals to "working smart" in sectionals.

Look at all these new members! **Pam Consoli, Robin Draper, Glenda Lee, Diane Powell, Gretchen Ross, and Susan Van Oort**. Congratulations to **Laura Smith** who added a set of twins to our barbershop family.

Good luck to our competing novice quartets. **PLAN B – Jane Wolff, Lorna Katz, Pam Consoli, Glenda Lee** and **WHAT FOUR – Catherine Peters, Dee Cardello, Ellen Totleben, Susan Smith**.

Come join us for our annual Ice Cream Social on September 9.

We've moved! Come visit us at Blair IB Magnet School, 1201 S. Marengo Ave. Pasadena, CA 91106 – **Jo Shannon**

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VOICES UNLIMITED

VOICES UNLIMITED is thrilled to be back with all of our Region 11 friends for Summer Sizzler. The "BUZZ" around town is that this seminar is going to be a great opportunity for all of us to hone our barbershop skills.



A lot of exciting things have been happening since we were here with you in March. We welcomed two new members into our family:

The chorus has been working hard to review and renew our repertoire. We have initiated a new monthly luncheon for those who wish to participate – it's a great success! We work hard at chorus and need that time to socialize.

We really look forward to this weekend. Best of luck to all novice quartet competitors. Let the divas shine! – **Katherine Little**

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Stephanie "Cheffie" Caughell, who sings lead and is an awesome pastry chef, and **Mava Collard**, who sings baritone and sews a mean costume.

As you know, we recently competed at IES in San Antonio with four other Division A choruses. While our goal was to come back with blue ribbons, we are nevertheless very proud to be wearing our second place red ribbons. We had a wonderful time and learned a lot from the whole experience. It was so gratifying to have the love and support of our region with us in San Antonio. Heartfelt thank you's go out to our RMT for making us feel so special. We also want to thank our "dynamo" director, **Dede Nibler**, and the wonderful coaches who worked with us: **Carole Kirkpatrick, Beth Smith, Doreen Philbin, Renee Porzel**, and **Jim Arns**. And by the way, **SWEET SYNERGY**, you ROCKED the house during the Rising Star competition. Yeehaw!

We're still pinching ourselves over the news that we will be going to Hawaii next year as a wild card chorus. How cool is that? Of course that means we'll be fundraising, looking for sponsors, raising funds, and looking to earn money to help us pay for the trip. If you make it to a Fresno State football game this fall, look for our booth. Let's all have some fun this weekend! – **Susan Sanders**

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CURTAIN CALL

Penny Parisi • Laura Smith • Jan Steese • Jackie Wheatley



We're sure some of our fellow quartets have had this experience – someone will actually ask how many are in your quartet. We've always had to (patiently) reply that quartet means..ah..four. Well, last Spring at Regional Contest, we had the opportunity of introducing our quartet, **CURTAIN CALL**, as having six. Of course, two of the "singers" were being transported by our pregnant lead, Laura. Well, the twins have made their entrance!! On June 1, **Graham** and **Kaley Simkins** came singing into the world and are doing fine! As you might expect, **CURTAIN CALL** had to take a temporary hiatus...it seems twins can keep a mom pretty darn busy!



The three harmony singers will be at Summer Sizzler cheering on the two novice quartets from VERBICO HILLS. We hope all the competitors

RIO

Karen Betancourt • Dani Avalos-Prigge • Alisa Zichterman • Diane McGrath



Wow! To say **RIO** is thrilled beyond belief is no understatement! We are having a fabulous time as your Regional Champs, working hard to do Region 11 proud in Calgary. Our amazing **CELEBRATION CHORUS** has been incredibly supportive of us in our journey. They put together a money tree to help with expenses before Regional Contest, and have donated half their proceeds from a recent rummage sale to our coffers. In addition, we headlined the chapter show on August 11 (saw some of you there!) to help us on our way. Almost a third of our chorus is going to Calgary to cheer us on. Hope to see many of you there as well.

Our Spring and Summer have been busy getting music ready for the show and Calgary. We had an awesome coaching session with **Dale Syverson** in May, and also our own favorite lady, **Linda Kelly**, late last month. We wish the best to **SHIMMER!** as they once again take the International stage as a Top 15 quartet, and to our wonderful chorus champs, **CELEBRITY CITY**. All you competing novice quartets out there, have a blast this weekend – laugh lots, learn lots, and enjoy this time together. We'll see you in Calgary!

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SIERRA SOUND

Cheryl Borthick • Francine Stirling • Debby Fieber

VERDUGO HILLS. We hope all the competitors have a great time! Hope to see you at regional next Spring (if not sooner).

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Debi Veder • Linda Ragsdale • Val Sweatt • Sandra Chance



We continue to keep ourselves busy adding to our repertoire and setting goals. Having been named, "Most Improved Quartet" by an increase of 90 points is something to feel really good about! You could have blown all of us over with a feather when that was announced.

In May we shared in the fabulous experience of traveling to and performing in Japan with **CHANNELAIRE CHORUS**. What a beautiful country – the people, customs, scenery, food ... FABULOUS. (Some of us had our very first sushi!) Our Sandy wasn't able to join us because she had a big trip of her own coming up. So...we prevailed upon **Peggy Hels** to sing with us while we were there. A huge thank you, Peg! Sandy is back now and we're soooooo happy.

Val has been busier than ever and took a well-deserved vacation in Sedona, Arizona. We were afraid she might not come back! Japan – work a month – Sedona! Guess it makes sense (just kidding!). Debi is such a proud Mom. Her son (our Alex) graduated with top honors from high school and will be attending UCSB. We are all very proud of him!

We look forward to cheering the novice quartets on this weekend and wish you the very best time on stage.

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OOH LA LA

Barbara Adams • Jonni Anderson • Judy Hatch



SIERRA SOUND was so excited at this past regional contest with our improved score. And now, like quite a few quartets, we are looking for a new tenor!! Our beautiful and vivacious Dianne is moving to Indio to be nearer her children and grandchildren. We can't blame her – all of our's live within shouting distance. But 3 people do not make a quartet. Anyone out there available? We sing all over the place in the Kern Valley and we are hard working and improving all the time. Love to hear from you!! Our best to all competitors and congratulations to all going to Calgary.

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SERIOUS TREBLE

Melissa Hockenberger • Shelly Wilner • Debra Hockenberger • Jeannie Vercillo



We've had some great opportunities since Contest. In April we sang at the Torrance Invitational Song Festival along with the eclectic Hollywood Master Chorale and Torrance Civic Chorale. Thanks to those of you who came to support us! In May we had inspiring coaching sessions with **Linda Kelly** and **Anne Casey**. In June we sang at a variety show created by the director of Cirque du Soleil. Thanks to all the Sweet Adelines who came to see us. Cirque director, **Stefan Haves**, fell in love with 4-part a cappella and said he'd definitely include us in future shows. We'll keep you posted! It was super fun singing in different formations: Melissa got sick before our 2nd performance, so **Tove Hoch** sang in her place. (Tove learned two songs in 24 hours!) And since Shelly gave birth to her 2nd daughter, Brett, a few days later, **Laura Pallas**, **Lisa Kneebone**, **Tove Hoch**, and **Judy Hatch** agreed to sing in our place for the final show! In July we auditioned for a TV show (we'll let you know what happened). Another little teaser: We've been invited to sing on several chapter shows this fall, so watch for the upcoming information.

Congratulations, **RIO!** We'll be rooting for you (and **SHIMMER!**) in Calgary. Way to go, **SANTA MONICA** – can't wait to go to San Antonio again...this time with castanets! Good luck, novice quartets. (Go Queen Dido!) And thank you to Winners! Circle and Region 11 for the chance

Ooh, there is SO much change happening in La La land! Firstly, we are still auditioning for our new lead, so if any of you sassy leads have an interest in singing with 3 very fun and motivated harmony singers, give Jonni a call.

Speaking of Jonni (or JD, as we all call her), we promised an update on her. Right now, "change" is Jonni's middle name. After being married more than half of her life, JD is divorced. This has brought on a whole avalanche of changes and firsts. Can you believe this is the first time she has EVER lived alone? JD spent the first couple of months just trying to figure out how to do the grocery shopping, dry cleaning, housekeeping, cat feeding details. (Her wasband always took care of these things since he worked shorter hours.) You're all probably groaning at that last declaration, but since she works and commutes more than 12 hours a day, it was the best solution. One of the hardest parts of all is finding places for all of her SHOES in her 750 square foot apartment. Honestly, she has 750sq.ft of clothes and accessories...a true La La!

Jonni has 2 grown kids and 2 granddaughters. Her son, Craig, and his family all live in New Jersey where he is attending Rutgers on a graduate research grant. He is a meteorologist, specializing in air quality forecasting. Her daughter, Karen, is a Master (personal) Trainer and is recently engaged to be married in the Spring.

When she's not singing, JD is a Human Resources Manager and has been with Enterprise Rent-A-Car for 23 years. She is responsible for the Southern California Group for the Fleet Management Division. Jonni also is a fine cook, loves to dance, takes yoga, makes jewelry, draws and paints... you name it...she does it.

Stay tuned for the next exciting "getting to know you" installment where we highlight Barbara!

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to winners' Circle and Region 11 for the chance to coach with **THE BUZZ!**

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SHIMMER!

Patty Cobb Baker • Missy Pearce • Judy Ashmore • Mary Ashford



SHIMMER! sends thanks to Region 11 and to the **CHANNELAIRE CHORUS** for hosting a most magical Regional weekend in March. We also thank our fellow members in the Winners' Circle for the incredible amount of support throughout the weekend.

Between May and July, there have been **SHIMMER!** Sightings in Phoenix, England, Fiji, Japan, Cabo San Lucas, Bakersfield, Hawaii, Denver, San Antonio and again in Hawaii. **SHIMMER!** was sighted singing on the Club 21 quartet showcase in Phoenix. Judy was sighted in the Judges Pit in jolly old England, while Missy and Doug were sighted in scuba gear in Fiji. Judy and Mary were sighted in Japan with **CHANNELAIRE**. Mary was sighted on a Shop n' Sing in WinCo in Bakersfield, while Patty and hubby Jeff were sighted lounging in Cabo and hitting the BHS convention in Denver. Judy and Patty were sighted at IES in San Antonio, while Missy and Doug were sighted snorkeling in Hawaii. **SHIMMER!** was also sighted singing "Santa Baby" in Hollywood on their audition for the TV show, "Nip/Tuck".

SHIMMER!'s coaching calendar included **Jeff "Sing Better" Baker, Sandy Robinson, Dale Syverson, Lynne Smith** and **Betty Clipman**. Over the weekend, **SHIM!** will be busy as bees coaching with **Debbie Connelly** and **THE BUZZ**.

Congratulations to **VOICES UNLIMITED** and **SWEET SYNERGY** for representing Region 11 at IES. You were awesome and we are very fortunate to have such talent in our region.

Good luck to all novice quartets – go out there and show your stuff. You've worked hard and it's time to let it fly!

SHIMMER! is thrilled to represent Regions 21 and 11 in Calgary. We look forward to sharing the stage with **ONE VOICE, RAZZCALS, SPARX, RIO, HARBORLITES** and **CELEBRITY CITY**. Our special thanks for the terrific support we continually receive from **CHANNELAIRE, HARBORLITES, HARMONY SHOWCASE**, and **SOUTH VALLEY SOUND!** We love our choruses!

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