

**What's Up Weekly
January 13, 2020**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements for this newsletter should be sent to Marta by **10:00** on Mondays to be included in that day's WUW.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE JANUARY LADIES!

7—Debbie Smith, 14—Donna Day, 30—Beverly Young

From Caroline

Hello, Everyone!

It was great to see your smiling faces last Monday after our nice long break. Well, most of your smiling faces - 'tis the season for colds, flu, and whatever else may come along to ail us, so we had a few sick friends who were missing in action. If you were among those that couldn't make it back, be well and we all hope you'll be back soon, if not sooner :-)

We gave our brand new song (Happy/All About That Bass) a test run - and it's going to be SUPER-FUN! Thanks to those of you who have already put in the time to learn it. I'm hoping tonight everyone will have had a chance to work on it - it's going to be one of our BIG Bako songs - and Bako is really only a few weeks away. Yikes! I hope you've all registered to attend? Thanks to Alli for helping with that - greatly appreciated! Let's see if we can make a few giant strides with it tonight...

...after our Annual Auction of Unloved Gifts! Don't forget to bring your new, unused items for Susie to add to the display. It's a chance to trade out what you don't love for something you can't go home without. I'm looking for a cruise to Hawaii - in case anyone received a gift voucher they can't use. JUST KIDDING!

Actually, I am planning a cruise - to Mexico, October 8-11, for the Far Western District (Barbershop Harmony Society) Annual Convention. Our quartet, Ready Willing & Mabel, has some crazy plan to compete in the Mixed BBS Chorus Contest - assuming we can make it through the prelims. Either way, we're booked on the ship, so we're going! If anyone is interested in joining us for what will surely be a MEGA-FUN weekend of singing and sailing, check out the info on the web site and book soon - the deadline is fast approaching. Anchors Away!

<https://farwesterndistrict.org/2020-cruise>

That's it from me - see you on the risers!

From Sharon Savene

It's Contest season!!!! For other choruses the whole year is contest season, J!

Now is a great time to invest in Personalized Voice Instruction (PVI) to improve your sound production. Let me know if you want help finding a voice coach!

Let's all begin reviewing our sheet music, and practice singing during the week between Mondays. We often forget to take "big steps" when notes are ascending, and "little steps" when notes are descending. Working with a piano, or singing against the key note can help when you review your music. We all should be working to correct wrong or flat notes, correct word errors, and increase our breath stamina to be ready for performance!

SWEET ADELINES. REGION 11 CONTEST March 27-29

Our turn to compete will be sometime on Saturday, March 28.

There is a Regional Quartet Contest on Friday night, March 27.

To buy additional "All Event Tickets for the contests:

Deadline is Friday, January 17. Here's the link to register:

<https://www.sairegion11.org/event/region-11-convention-bulletin-1/> "

Please plan to arrive in Bakersfield by Early Saturday morning to attend our chorus Unity Breakfast. We will find out what time of day we will compete closer to the day.

LASTS LIFE

A quick reminder about riser etiquette: It is tempting to correct your neighbor when you hear them singing the wrong notes/words, or timing things incorrectly. But singing is a very personal art form. We are all very vulnerable when we are singing, and sensitive to critiques about our singing. Even a quick comment can hurt someone's feelings very deeply. And people have been known to leave a chorus because of hurt feelings. So, please Please PLEASE, do not correct your neighbors on the risers unless they directly ask you for help/feedback. If you hear something that is a recurring problem, and you want to try and solve it, communicate privately with Caroline, and let her be the one to correct it. Ultimately Caroline is responsible for fixing errors. Hopefully, we will all be responsible for ourselves, and work diligently to check the notes and words, so that we'll be ready to follow Caroline's direction!

Bring Jokes for the Joke box!

Be on the lookout for gig opportunities.

Start your give-away pile for the Summer Garage Sale.

Invite your singing friends to join us!

LASTS CHORUS TEAM

The team meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 28. Let me know if you have any business the team needs to discuss. The Team is short quite a few members, so if you have room in your heart to help lead this chorus administratively, please don't hesitate to step in! The more people helping out, the less work it is for everyone.

Sweet Adelines International: IES 2020 Registration is NOW OPEN!

July 22-26, 2020

Trinity University

San Antonio, Texas, USA

SAVENE CORNER

My new job has gone smoothly so far. I am still in orientation, so not yet seeing patients. Luckily I won't be working weekends for the next few weeks because of being in orientation. Thank you to all of you who check in with me during rehearsal!

From Susie

FUNDRAISER - AMERICA'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS

We have an opportunity to be part of the studio audience for a taping of America's Funniest Videos, Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, 10:30am to 2:30pm, at the Manhattan Beach Studios on Rosecrans in Manhattan Beach. They will pay us \$18 for each person who attends if we have 10 or more, and it's lots of fun. In previous years, Judit Harris and Konnie Kenney have won a \$250 prize for being the Best Dressed female audience member. Bring your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Minimum age is 16. Details will be sent out the week before the taping. A sign-up sheet will be on the table. Please sign up by Jan 13.

CONVENTION/COMPETITION IN BAKERSFIELD

Each member attending Convention/Competition in March must register online on the regional website: www.sairegion11.org

Click on Events/Upcoming Events near the top, then click on Region 11 Convention, then scroll almost to the bottom for the registration info (no cost.). There is also a space to sign up for the Sunday brunch (\$36 - optional). Once you've registered the screen will flip, and say at the very bottom "thanks for registering", and you will receive a confirmation email. Tickets for non-members will be available at the event.

If you don't know your SAI member number, the list is on the table. And, if you are not able to do the registration and have no one to help you, see Alli. Deadline for registration is January 17.

SILENT AUCTION OF UNLOVED HOLIDAY GIFTS - Monday, January 13

It's time for our annual silent auction of unloved holiday gifts. If you receive a book you've already read, a sweater too big or too small, sweets not on your New Year's diet, or a knickknack that doesn't match your decor, no worries - bring them to the hall, and do some shopping yourself. New items only please. All proceeds go to the chorus treasury.

Calendar *All times listed are arrival times.*

Bold=New Entry **=Extracurricular Event

CAPS=CHORUS PERFORMING

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Monday, January 13

Silent Auction of Unloved Holiday Gifts

March 26-29

REGION 11 CONVENTION, BAKERSFIELD

June 13

Yard Sale

August 6-9

Summer Sizzler, Bakersfield (NEW DATE)

Oct. 12-17

International Convention, Louisville, KY

Nov. 11-15

Fall Festival, Bakersfield