



## Good Times at the 2011 Chorus Christmas Dinner



Jacquie, Diane, and Karen

## Welcome to the New Year with the Shoreline Sound Newsletter

### What's Up for 2012

Hey Shoreline sisters! Lots of things on the board for 2012. Sweet Adelines International is sponsoring a Global Open House the month of January. Let's bring some new members in to join in the fun!

We have some outstanding coaching coming up in the next few months. Make sure to check the calendar on the back for the dates.

With that being said, we have a lot of work to do to prepare for Regional Competition April 19th - 22nd. Wow... only 3 months away! Can you hear the clock ticking? Remember that regional is being held in Dearborn at the Ford Performing Arts Center.

We've got Winter Regional this weekend, a dual coaching session with Sharon Babb in February, Retreat in March

and Competition in April.

Sandy Burns needs everyone to sign up for their rooms, AEB's, etc. for Competition. See Details on page 2.

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# 2012

Have a photo or a story you'd like to have placed in the newsletter? Just shoot me an email and I'll make it happen! [mariachristian@me.com](mailto:mariachristian@me.com)

# Your Chorus Board and Officers

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## Sing like nobody's listening!

### Global Open House

In January 2012, choruses throughout the world are welcoming interested singers to experience what it's like to sing with Sweet Adelines International.

 You can help Shoreline make this a successful endeavor by telling friends co-workers about this great global event. Ask Nancy Aird or Maria Christian for brochures and flyers.

### Coaching Sessions

She's baaaaack! Or should I say... she's baaaaabb! That's right Sharon Babb will be back next month to impart her wisdom. Remember how enlightening the session was with her? Lot's of "aha" moments.

### Phrase Endings

Long Hold	Build, grow and turn diphthong together
Echo Swipe	"holders" elevate and support until other parts rejoin the vowel
Open Swipe	bigger space in the back of the mouth each time we change the note

### Shape of Chords

Closely Voiced	Sing like "sisters"
Widely Voiced	Sing like "family"
Octaves	High note floats

## Sandy's Column

### AEB's (All Events Badges), Hotel Rooms



We have 5 weeks to get this completed. **January 31st** is the deadline! Make sure you

email Sandy with your roommate information. [mytins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mytins@sbcglobal.net) or you can call 810-701-5027

### Retreat Meals

The deadline for the retreat meals money is Tuesday, **February 14th**. Please pay for your meals or let me know if you are using escrow.

### Regional Chorus Dinner

Although this deadline is later, the sooner you get that information to Sandy the better. She needs a

the funniest moment of the night... well almost

*Just Friends quartet singing and giving the chorus a great laugh.*



There's nothing quite like singing just for the fun of singing. Just Friends quartet manages to do that with every performance. Singing at the chorus Christmas dinner was no exception. With the new addition of top ten international baritone Cathie McClary, the quartet has found a new level of laughter. Diane LaCasse, Kay Maxwell, and Mary Linda Gauche understand what comes along when you add McClary to the mix. Click the link below for more fun from Just Friends. Make sure you watch it to the end. Mary Linda knew nothing about it. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qgEnpa0wgA>

## Harrisville Harmony Weekend 50th Anniversary!

2012 Harrisville Harmony Weekend will celebrate 50 years on the weekend of August 30th - Sept 2nd. It all begins with a Family picnic at 5PM followed by The Show at 7PM. Following the show the Arts Council will have a Fireworks display over the Harbor. Tents will be provided so rain or shine show will go on. **All Quartets and Choruses** are invited to attend and sing on the show. Many groups have already agreed to be there which include Senior Champs, \*Resisting-A-Rest\* and Region 2 Champs, \*Overture\*. Headlining the show will be our very own 2003 International Champs, Power Play.

Information on the weekend will be available on [Harrisvilleartscouncil.com](http://Harrisvilleartscouncil.com) and also Harmony weekend has a facebook page.

P.S. See Linda Liddcoat for information on camping! Reservations start February!

## Winter Regional Schedule

### Friday

6:30 PM

Registration and final sign up for the New Beginnings Quartet Contest. (Quartets can also sign up for coaching during the weekend)

7:00 PM

Sing Regional Songs - Nancy Liedel  
Director's Forum - Linda Liddcoat  
Finance Forum - Lisa Gilkey

8:30 PM

#### **New Beginnings Quartet Contest**

Leslie Rawlings, Norma Miller  
Celebrate new quartets as they take the stage for the first time.

After Contest

Parade of Region 2 Quartets  
Family Chorus informational meeting

### Saturday

8:30 - Welcome, Announcements

9:00 -

**Focus:** Maximizing Creativity in your Presentations - Patti Cole

10:00 AM

**It's All About Me** - Chris Noteware  
Interactive class. Tag singing, membership class, Global Open House Membership drive.

Noon - Lunch

1:30 - **Learning Words for Dummies** - Lisa Gilkey

3:00 - **Rising Star YWIH Contest** - Jill & Joan Kienitz & staff

5:00 - Dinner on Your Own

6:55 - Welcome by Nancy Liedel, MC for evening

7:00 Harmony Gateway Chorus (prospective) performance

#### **Comedy Ensemble Performances**

Recap of "I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing" - Linda Liddcoat

real women.  
real harmony.  
real fun. 



Birthdays	January	February	March
<u>JANUARY</u> Kit Grabowski Anne Hoffa Jo Ann Kramer  <u>February</u> Mary Patrick  <u>March</u> Pat Shuffler Cathie McClary Jenny Meldrum	<b>all month</b> 6pm Show! SAI Open House  <b>9th</b> Rehearsal 6:30pm Board Meeting  <b>20-21st</b> Winter Regional School Thomas Edison Inn	<b>all month</b> 6pm Show!  <b>10th -11th</b> COACHING WITH... SHARON BABB!!  <b>14th</b> Valentine's Day! 6:30pm Board Meeting	<b>9th -11th</b> RETREAT! w/Dale Syverson FRI: 7-10PM SAT: 9AM - 6PM SUN: 9AM -12PM  <b>23rd-24th</b> RMT Retreat



### Words from our President, Becky Cherry

As we begin the our next leg on the journey to contest, there are many dates, monies that will be due and details that will be showing up in various communications. Please pay attention to these as they are important and are time sensitive. We are lucky to have a central person in our chorus to handle these deadlines pertaining to chorus and regional activities, that is Sandy Burns. Maria is putting out this great newsletter that is addressing many of the upcoming events. Ladies, it is up to you to respond in a timely fashion to the deadlines. We are fortunate to have our escrow accounts with which to pay for some of these activities but please check the escrow listing found in the dues box to make sure you have enough to cover the various events. Also, please make sure your dues are current, this is a must in order for the chorus to be eligible for contest.

I would also like to stress the importance of consistent attendance throughout the next few months. I know the weather can be an issue, that goes without saying, but please make an extra effort to be at all rehearsals and coaching sessions. It is very important to have everyone at rehearsals to get the sound and sync we need to achieve the high level of singing we all aspire to. Diane and our music team have hired some of the best coaches in the organization to work with us, we owe them the respect of our attention and our attendance at these all important sessions!!

On a final note, I want to express my appreciation for all the hard work being conducted not only by our chorus members but by those who are constantly working behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smooth. We have had many challenges the past year, not many choruses have had to endure what we have, but I have complete confidence that we will persevere. How many of us have drawn on the support of our fellow members to get through some crisis in our lives, I know I have. Please stay focused on the task at hand, be kind to yourself and to each other. We are a unique group of women and we deserve the best, we really do.

In harmony and with much love,  
 Becky Cherry

*Those In Need Of Our Prayers!*

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