

SEPTEMBER 2015 – NEWS@5 – FROM THE REGION 5 MANAGEMENT TEAM

Region 5 is proud to support our International competitors! You can watch the Region 5 competitors perform at the upcoming Tribute to the Top (Sept. 18-19) on the Saturday night show. Bring your love gifts and an extra dollar to sing with them. Or \$5 to direct either Kansas City or River Blenders Chorus. How fun is that!

Support our International competitors! Tribute to the Top attendees, bring along some money to purchase fundraising items. See the August 2015 edition of Take 5 for more information about what's available (http://www.sairegion5.org/docs/Take_5_-_August_2015.pdf). And if you aren't attending Tribute to the Top – contact the choruses and quartets by email.

Membership Chairs:

- Feel free to email to all other Region 5 chorus membership chairs and/or post to the Region 5 Membership Matters Facebook group about your new members success and any open houses, guest nights, or special events for potential members.
- Please invite new members to join the members only section of our Region 5 website (www.sairegion5.org).
- Please be sure all of your chorus member email addresses are corrected on the International database when changes occur; otherwise, no email from International or Region 5 will reach them.

Website Managers: The group discussion will be held during our lunch break at the Tribute to the Top music school on Saturday, Sept. 19. Be sure and email your RSVP to lindalgross@gmail.com.

Shows – Don't forget to have someone from your chorus submit the Chapter Show Date Clearance Form so your date can be approved by the region before you send out marketing materials about it. The form is located on the Region 5 website (www.sairegion5.org). Log in to the Members Only section, then click on Administration, then Forms. The ASCAP/BMI forms needed for your show are located there too.

RMT applications for FY2016-2017 are being accepted until September 15 for the following positions:

Team Coordinator - Communications Coordinator - Education Coordinator - Membership Coordinator

2015 Coronet Club Show Webcast - for only \$20 you get access to the Preshow and Coronet Club Show on Friday, October 9.

Webcast for 2015 International Convention - included in the webcast are the Competition Kickoff/Parade of Flags, State of the Organization session, Harmony Classic competition on Tuesday, Oct. 6; on Wednesday, Oct. 7, watch the Quartet Semifinals; on Thursday, Oct. 8, view the Chorus Semifinals; on Friday, Oct. 9, have a front-row view of the Quartet Finals and the crowning of the new Queens of Harmony. On Saturday, Oct. 10, you don't want to miss the Chorus Finals and announcement of the 2016 International Champion Chorus.

Sad news - Jean Shook, a 59-year member of SAI and Region 5, died on Tuesday, September 1. Jean sang lead in Galatones quartet, the 1968 Queens of Harmony. She was also a Certified Music Arranger Emeritus. Jean directed Cross County Chorus in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she lived. She also sang for a few years, along with her daughter, Lynn Ellsworth (replacement bass in Galatones), with Metro Mix Chorus, Iowa City. Over the past several years, Jean formed and directed a small a cappella group in Mt. Pleasant. A stroke last December left Jean in nursing care.

Arranger, mentor, coach, and friend - we love you and will miss you, Jean, and your sense of humor, smile, teaching and singing tags into the early morning hours at music schools and competitions. We know you are having fun in that great harmonious chorus in heaven with other Sweet Adelines including your friend Anna Lee Scott, also from the Galatones. Until we meet and sing with you again, "sing pretty, Jean," ...from your friends in Region 5.

Jean's obituary and funeral arrangements can be viewed at <http://www.olsonpowell.com/obituaries/Jean-Shook/>.