
### AREA 3

2013 AREA CONVENTION & CONTEST

### MAY 3 - 5, 2013

ROCHESTER, NY



AREA 3’s A.C.C.T. [Area Convention & Contest Team]

and Hostess Chapter, HEART OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Welcomes you to

 AT THE HOP!

This 1st mailing provides all Area 3 members with some important information. Please read fully for details on things such as Registration, Housing, the MoonGlow, a Contest Stage Description, a TENTATIVE Weekend Schedule [subject to COJ approval], and Area 3 Chorus/Quarus data. More details will follow in the 2nd mailing early April. Any questions? Please mail BOTH General Co-Chairs:

Sue – suectrench@gmail.com

 Dorene - dickersond@ticsd.org

CONTEST SITE: Palmyra-Macedon Central School District,

151 Hyde Parkway, Palmyra NY 14522

The contest will be held at Palmyra-Macedon Central School, an approximate 20 minute drive from the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa. Choruses/quartets will each have a classroom for dressing and rehearsal; tentatively, evaluations will be held at the school, and any changes will be advised in the next mailing and/or at the contestant briefing. ☺

**HOTEL: W**oodcliff Hotel & Spa,

 199 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, NY 14450

Room cost is $99.00 PER NIGHT [single, double], $109.00 [triple or quad], $295.00 for 6th floor suites. The Woodcliff will **NOT** accept reservations from individuals for AC&C. All rooms **MUST** be booked through Kath Morgan. You may email Kath with questions at hikathm@gmail.com . Please complete & return the attached AC&C 2013 Housing Form postmarked by **MARCH 20, 2013** to Kath. [See form for additional information.] Forms will be accepted at HELP Day on March 2, 2013. {NOTE: If you plan to turn in your housing forms at HELP Day, you’ll need to give the forms directly to MICHELLE BUCKENMEYER, from Rochester Rhapsody.}

**ALL-EVENTS PASS / REGISTRATION:** The cost to register with a ***Full*** AEP for AC&C 2013 is **$65.00 USD/CAD** and a ***Non-Performing*** AEP cost is **$40.00;** rememberthat ***Youth*** members **DO NOT PAY** for their AEPs since, again this year, a grant was given to Harmony, Inc. to pay the cost for any Area Youth AEPs. ALL AEPs include the cost of a $25 Saturday evening MoonGlow dinner! General Admission tickets can be purchased by Non-performing Area 3 members, family members, friends, guests, or any out-of-Area members of Harmony Inc. for $10.00 per event, $5.00 for Youth Admission. AEPs are transferable, not refundable.

When filling out the AEP Registration Form, remember the deadline is **MARCH 20, 2013.** Due to problems in the past with reading handwritten information on the Registration Form, the form is done and should be returned as an MS Word file. The names and chorus/quartet you are associated with are to be submitted accurately, as they will be printed on the AEPs ***exactly as entered on the form***. Again-AEP badges are printed from this emailed listing!!

Please send all AEP Registration Forms to Kath Morgan; all choruses/members are encouraged to return their paid AEP Registration Forms ***as soon as possible***.

\*NOTE: Remember that the order of AEP/Registration receipt determines priority seating at the MoonGlow!\*

For ease of collection, prepare and submit them in a clearly marked envelope to Michelle Buckenmeyer at HELP Day or mail them to Kath Morgan. Choruses should pay their AEP (including extra dinners and guests) in ONE check, made payable to:

**Area 3 Harmony, Inc.**

Mail to: **KATH MORGAN,** **285 Bay Front Lane North, Rochester, NY 14622-3301**

**HOSPITALITY / MOONGLOW - HOSTESS CHAPTER**: Heart of Pennsylvania is very pleased to be Hostess Chapter for AC&C 2013, “At The HOP!”. Make sure you visit our Hospitality Room [Seneca & Cayuga rooms] -- explore items available for purchase or have a snack… maybe buy some of our Harmony Inc. merchandise for sale or take a chance on a basket raffle! In keeping with our “AT THE HOP!” theme, please remember to help us celebrate with attire reminiscent of the 50’s!!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Moonglow will be at the *Burgundy Basin Restaurant,* and we’ll enjoy a “Traditional Buffet” [menu in 2nd mailing]. We’ll have a décor to put us in the ‘HOP’ mood! Look for more information on Page 6 of this mailing -- our chorus is getting very excited to be your Hostess Chapter for 2013!! ☺

**CONTESTANT GENERAL INFORMATION:** It's time for all contestants [chorus & quartets] to complete and send in their Contest Entry Forms. Please download the forms either from this mailing or the Harmony Inc. website, Members Only section; **complete and send with the correct entry fee to the Executive Secretary**. The mailing address is on Page 2 of the form. A copy of the Contest Entry form is sent electronically to Linda Hilko, Area Contest and Judging Chair (ACJC), in order to complete the draws for order of appearance.

Contest Entry forms must be postmarked **no later than March 4, 2013**, in order to be a part of the initial draw for the Order of Appearance for either the Quartet or Chorus Contest. If you miss this date, a late fee will be assessed and you will sing first in the applicable contest. In order to compete, your **late entry** must be postmarked no later than **April 3, 2013**.

It is also time again for Quartets to send in their Registration/Renewal form and fee. Please remember that Quartets must be registered with the Executive Secretary in order to compete. All forms are on the Harmony Inc. website ([www.harmonyinc.org](http://www.harmonyinc.org/)) under the ‘Members Only’ section. **PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THE FORMS CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING**.

As always, the Judging Panel will be announced early in March. This information will be emailed, posted on the Harmony Connection, and included in the 2nd mailing. If you have any questions with regard to either the Chorus or Quartet contest, please contact ACJC Linda Hilko at area3acjc@bell.net

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**CONTEST STAGE INFORMATION**

The base stage dimensions at Pal-Mac School are as follows: back wall to stage edge – 30’, back traveler to stage edge – 26’, main curtain to stage edge – 5’, main curtain to middle riser – 12’, stage width 40’

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| ***“TENTATIVE”* WEEKEND SCHEDULE AC&C May 3 – May 5, 2013** |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **SCHEDULE** | **ROOM/FACILITY** |
| **Friday, May 3** | **Noon – 3PM** | **Contest site set-up** | **School Auditorium** |
|  | **3PM - 4:30 PM** | **Registration** | **TBA** |
|  | **11:30 AM – 4:30 PM** | **Hospitality** | **Hotel** |
|  | **1:30 PM – 2PM** | **Area Quarus Rehearsal** | **Hotel** |
|  | **2PM – 2:30 PM** | **Family Chorus Rehearsal** | **Hotel** |
|  | **3PM – 3:30 PM** | **Quartet on-stage viewing (no singing)****& COJ walk through**  | **School Auditorium** |
|  | **3:30PM – 4PM** | **Quartet & Chorus Judges Briefing [dinner afterward]** | **School Auditorium** |
|  | **5PM [This will NOT be earlier!]** | **Quartet Contest: Area Quarus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1st place sings**  | **School Auditorium** |
|  | **7:30 PM – 8PM** | **Judging Panel discussions**  | **School** |
|  | **8PM – 11PM** | **Evaluations** | **School Classrooms** |
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| **Saturday, May 4** | **8AM -10AM** | **Registration** | **Hotel** |
|  | **8AM -11AM** | **Hospitality** | **Hotel** |
|  | **9:30 AM – 10AM** | **Area Chorus Rehearsal** | **School Auditorium** |
|  | **11AM – 11:30 AM** | **Chorus on-stage viewing (no singing)** | **School Auditorium** |
|  | **NOON[This will NOT be earlier!]** | **Chorus Contest: Area Chorus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1st place sings** | **School Auditorium** |
|  | **3PM - 5PM** | **Chorus Evaluations** | **School classrooms** |
|  | **6:30 PM – 8PM** | **Dinner** | **Burgundy Basin** |
|  | **8PM – 10:00PM** | **MoonGlow** | **Burgundy Basin** |
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| **Sunday, May 5** | **9AM – Noon** | **Craft classes** | **Hotel Meeting Rooms – TBA** |
|  | **9AM – Noon** | **Hospitality** | **Hotel** |

***NOTE:*** *This is a* ***TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ONLY.*** *The Chairman of Judges (COJ) will give the* ***FINAL******approval late April, 2013.*** ***AGAIN – these times and locations are NOT final!! ☺***

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**AREA 3 CHORUS:**

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Katie Taylor is leading our 2013 Area 3 Chorus in song at this year’s AC&C, as one of the directors from Northern Blend, our current Area 3 Champions and International Silver Medalist Chorus! The song is “Them Their Eyes”, by Joe Lilies. Sheet music and learning trax were sent to all Presidents, directors, and associates.

Traditionally, the Area Chorus is made up of 4 singers from each chapter. It is important to note that this song is the song that will be worked on at HELP Day. It will be fun learning this song and hope that all members in attendance enjoy doing that! Please remember all Area 3 Associate members [in good standing] are also invited to sing in the Area 3 Chorus!

**AREA 3 QUARUS:**

Our Area 3 Quartet Coordinator is Anne Bureau and she will be directing the Area Quarus at AC&C 2013. You should know that Anne has something very SPECIAL for this year’s Quarus performance. You will not want to miss this performance fight from the very beginning. Who knows . . . You may even be asked to participate from your seat in the audience.

As you likely already know, HELP Day Quartet Fun Night will NOT be held this year as we normally do, since the 2013 format is not set up for this. Although we have no planned rehearsal, we WILL continue with our annual AC&C Friday afternoon hotel rehearsal in order to have some time together prior to our actual performance on stage.

**AREA 3 FAMILY CHORUS:**

This is an invitation to **all Area 3 singers** who fall within the FAMILY category to participate in our Family Chorus at AC&C 2013! This year’s director will be Linda Kuehnbaum; the song has not yet been selected, but we promise to keep you informed as the details emerge. We certainly don’t want to miss anyone who is eligible to enjoy this experience and encourage all members who have a mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, etc. that sings in Area 3 – even an associate member, to please join us! It is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

If you are unable to attend Help Day, please indicate your interest in participating and we will make sure that your Chapter President receives the music for you. With the format change at HELP Day, a scheduled rehearsal at HELP Day is not planned, however, we WILL continue with our annual AC&C Friday afternoon rehearsal so that we may have some time together prior to our performance on Saturday evening.

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**AC&C 2013 - REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please complete & return by* ***MARCH 20, 2013*** *[or at HELP Day] to*

**Kath Morgan, 285 Bay Front Lane North, Rochester, NY 14622-3301**

In order to be aware of each chapter’s intentions, all choruses must complete this form **whether competing or not.** If you are attending, we need to ensure all names are spelled correctly on the AEPs. Double click on the icon below and the Registration Form will open. Please complete the form, typing the names in alphabetical order for each member attending and list the appropriate AEP price. Also include any known guest names and money for any tickets being purchased [$10USD/CAD] or dinners [$25USD/CAD]. This will help our Hostess chapter with the guest seating as they register and the chorus they register with. Be sure to EMAIL a copy of this completed form to Kath Morgan, who will forward them to our Registrar, Sharron Gilbert. Hand in/mail a copy of the form with ONE CHECK - all fees included, to Kath Morgan, made payable to **Area 3 Harmony, Inc.**

**\*\*Even though you’ll mail or hand in your check with a copy of the completed Registration form, the form MUST also be EMAILED to prepare AEP name badges!** If you have any questions, you may email Kath! ☺

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AC&C 2013 HOUSING FORM

*Please complete & return by* ***MARCH 20, 2013*** *[or at HELP Day] to*

**Kath Morgan, 285 Bay Front Lane North, Rochester, NY 14622-3301**

The Woodcliff Hotel & Spa will be our AC&C 2013 housing location. The sleeping rooms are $99.00 for single/double and $109 for triple/quad. There are suites available for $295.00 per night – first come, first served – so if you want one, please contact Kath ASAP. All rooms MUST be booked through Kath! If you have questions, email Kath at hikathm@gmail.com Choruses are to return ONE Housing Form for ALL chorus members, please fill in the form using your computer, no handwritten forms please. Each chapter/quartet must provide an email contact. A list of all occupants in each room is required; be sure to indicate any special needs as well. {Note: U.S. choruses that wish to take advantage of their Tax Exempt Status **must** provide a copy of their tax exempt form WITH THIS FORM!} The form allows for a chapter credit card; tax exempt groups must be paid for by chapter credit card or check. If you are paying with your Chapter’s credit card, only this card is needed to hold the reservation, as individual cards get imprinted at check in.

**Please, ALL reservations are to include the following information. Thank you! ☺**

* Name[s] for all occupants of each room, also include room type.

(single, double, trip/quad). The hotel is a NON-SMOKING HOTEL.

* Credit card type to be used for payment, including number & expiration date – ***this is required only for the purpose of ‘holding’ the reservation…***
* Arrival Date and Departure Date [check-in 3p.m., check-out by noon].

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AC&C 2013 Hostess Chapter, HEART OF PENNSYLVANIA welcomes you to “At the HOP!”

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Get out your poodle skirts and crinolines, letter sweater and saddle shoes, bobby socks, cinch belt and neck scarf. Join us for a celebration of the era and the music of the ‘50’s!

A more innocent age… Ike as President; The Mickey Mouse Club on the brand new, tiny TV; Lucy gave us good clean comedy; and on Gunsmoke, the good guys always won; hanging out at the bowling alley and the drive-in and the burger joint. Remember hula-hoops??

And American Bandstand! That show drew huge audiences with teenagers mimicking the dances they saw on the show singing along with the music. Did you know that even then those featured live groups were lip-syncing! Every teenager wanted their own record player and record sales went through the roof.

Who can forget the music? Slow dancing with your boyfriend to “Earth Angel” and “Blueberry Hill” or jitterbugging with your best friend to “Peggy Sue” and “Rock Around the Clock”, the hand jive, cha cha and, of course, one of the early line dances---the Stroll. “In the Still of the Night” and “That’ll Be the Day” are still sung by nearly every barbershop chorus and quartet at some point!

Not to be forgotten is that Harmony, Inc. was born in 1959, creating a new barbershop organization where “All Women Can Belong.”

So get your doo-wop together and we will see you At the HOP!

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Reminder -- For the MoonGlow, the Hostess Chapter previously asked choruses and quartets to sign up for an opportunity to sing during the evening, if you wished, as only qualifiers were automatically placed on the program to perform. The ACCT, as a direct result of your member survey comments/requests to **shorten** the evening program, asked the Area 3 Council to do just that and the Area Council approved that request.

Other than the normal pre-determined awards being presented, only the following will be part of our Saturday evening annual Area 3 AC&C MoonGlow program:

* **ALL Choruses -- will perform one song [unless an exemption is requested]**
* **Area 3 Current Quartet Champions -- will perform one song**
* **Any Reigning Queens and/or International Chorus Champions -- will perform one song**
* **Judges -- will perform one song [unless they do not wish to do so]**

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***PROGRAM ADS:* We are again offering quartets & choruses the availability to purchase PROGRAM ADS. Mailboxes for cards and best intentions were eliminated, and the AC&C Hostess Chapter is unable to seek ads for the program as they aren’t hosting in their own city. Therefore, choruses and quartets may wish to send congratulations or good luck wishes to contestants in a program ad! If you would like to do so, please send the ad copy to our Area Publicity Coordinator, Cait Schadock,** pr@area3harmony.org **no later than 45 days before the program deadline of April 20th – so submission deadline date is MARCH 3rd for ad copy!! Please be sure your email subject line reads: ACC2013 PROGRAM AD!!!! ☺**

**Program AD Costs -- $15.00 – ¼ page; $25.00 – ½ page; $50.00 – full page**

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**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*AND, JUST IN CASE YOU’VE FORGOTTEN…\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

### **AREA 3 H.E.L.P. DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013**

 **9AM – 4PM**

Location: Bay Trail Middle School

1760, Scribner Road

Penfield, NY 14526

Cost: $25 registration per person; price includes lunch.

Hotel: $119, the nearby Courtyard Marriott, Rochester/East Penfield; phone #585-385-1000

You will want to attend our Area 3 (the Place to Be) HELP Day this year! [For any new Area 3 members, HELP Day stands for **H**armony **E**ducation and **L**earning **P**rogram.] This year’s format has been changed from what we are used to. Normally a wide array of craft classes and quartet and chorus coaching sessions are provided… but HELP Day 2013 will be coached by one person:

**Cynthia K. Hansen Ellis...** If you’ve thrilled to the performance magic of the top-level choruses in barbershop, you’ve seen the work of Cynthia K. Hansen Ellis. Cindy has designed and taught performance packages for ensembles in New Zealand, Australia, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Canada, and throughout the United Kingdom, and has coached choruses in 48 of the 50 United States. With more than 30 years’ experience and a background in social work, Cindy has a special gift for identifying the personality of an ensemble and creating a performance package that is unique to the group’s style. Cindy tailors the song selection, MC scripts, and overall flow into a presentation that’s easy to perform and guaranteed to succeed.

**[\*Reminder – traditional Quartet FUN Night will NOT be taking place this year with the new format.]**

\*\*Look for more information from our Area Education Coordinators, Kath Morgan & Susan Berardi, or on the Area 3 website at <http://www.area3harmony.org>

