



# Regional Measures

Winter 2023 Edition

## Convention Survey Results

*Submitted by Molly Robertson  
Region 6 Convention Coordinator*



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Last August, we conducted a survey to receive your valuable insights regarding regional convention. We heard from 303 members! The following are the results and what things will be different at this convention based on your insights.

### Upcoming Events



1 Dec	Winter Lights – Chanhassen
2 Dec	Valee de Croix Christmas Show
2 Dec	Snowed In – City of Lakes Show
9 Dec	Holiday Harmony – MN Valley
15 Dec	Faculty Social
17 Dec	Jingle & Mingle video release
17 Dec	Acapella Express Christmas
20 Dec	RMT meeting
19 Jan	Faculty Social
27 Jan	Youth in Harmony Festival
1-2 Mar	Faculty & Director Training

1. What would be your preference regarding Saturday Dinner at the Convention?
  - 55% would prefer to keep the dinner.
  - 20% would prefer dinner on their own.
  - 25% would prefer a chorus-only organized dinner.



*Based on this information, we will be offering each member the option to choose if they want to attend the dinner or on their own. We will be holding the dinner at the Mayo Civic Center at 6:00pm. It will be buffet style as that was the most favorable option. The cost for this dinner will be \$60.00.*

2. What is your preference for when we hold the Longevity Awards/Show of Champions
  - 50% at the end of the chorus contest after a 15-minute intermission.
  - 10% Later in the evening on the contest stage.
  - 40% following dinner.

*Based on this information, we will be holding the Show of Champions following the contest. We will be awarding all members 50 plus years on stage prior to the Show of Champions and Shining Star. All other longevity awards and woman of note will be celebrated at SASS on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Award certificates for longevity below 50 years will be sent in May to chorus leaders.*

3. Would you attend a region provided afterglow after dinner?
  - 72% - Yes
  - 28% - No

*Based on this information, we will be holding an afterglow at our hotel from 8:00pm to Midnight. All are welcome to attend at no cost. There will be a cash bar provided along with snacks and desserts.*

New things at convention this next year!!

- ***We are staying at a new hotel – Hotel Indigo!***
  - ✓ ***Located via Skyway to Mayo Civic Center. Approx. 3 to 4 blocks to Mayo Civic Center***

- ✓ ***All rooms are Double Queen or King. Note: There are no suites. Rooms are big.***
- ✓ ***All of our rooms will be around the Atrium, so we can “Sing” all we want. The atrium is reserved for our Afterglow and Mass Sing.***
- ✓ ***Cost is \$169/room plus 15.25% hospitality charges.***
- ✓ ***If you require a handicap accessible room, please let Lyla Larson know by January 1<sup>st</sup> to book the room for you.***
- ***Boutique will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Hotel in the Chamber of Commerce.***
- ***Crave restaurant is located in the Hotel.***

The convention all events passes will only be \$125 this year. Access to the contest performances will be free to the public. Access to regional education class and leadership classes will require all events pass. Registration will be done online at [www.regionsix.org](http://www.regionsix.org). There will be no fees assessed.

Thank you to all for your wonderful feedback! We are looking forward to a “Magical” convention this coming year!

Stayed tuned for the handbook coming out with additional information in the early part of January.

Your Convention Committee:

- Molly Robertson – CRC/Convention Coordinator
- Lyla Larson – Event Coordinator
- LeAnn Lake - CC Assistant
- Audra Freeman – Budget Coordinator / Boutique
- Linda Rubis – Comm. Coord. / Programs / Photo
- Sue Schmid – Convention Communication Asst
- Terri Calvert - Education Coordinator
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# Sweet Adelines Turns Leadership Upside Down

Submitted by Terri Calvert  
Region 6 Education Coordinator

When you think of a leader, what comes to mind? Power, charisma, control, vision, inspiration? Most of us think of leaders at the front leading a group of inspired followers. We can all think of great men and women who took risks and challenged the status quo to achieve the goals and get the job done.

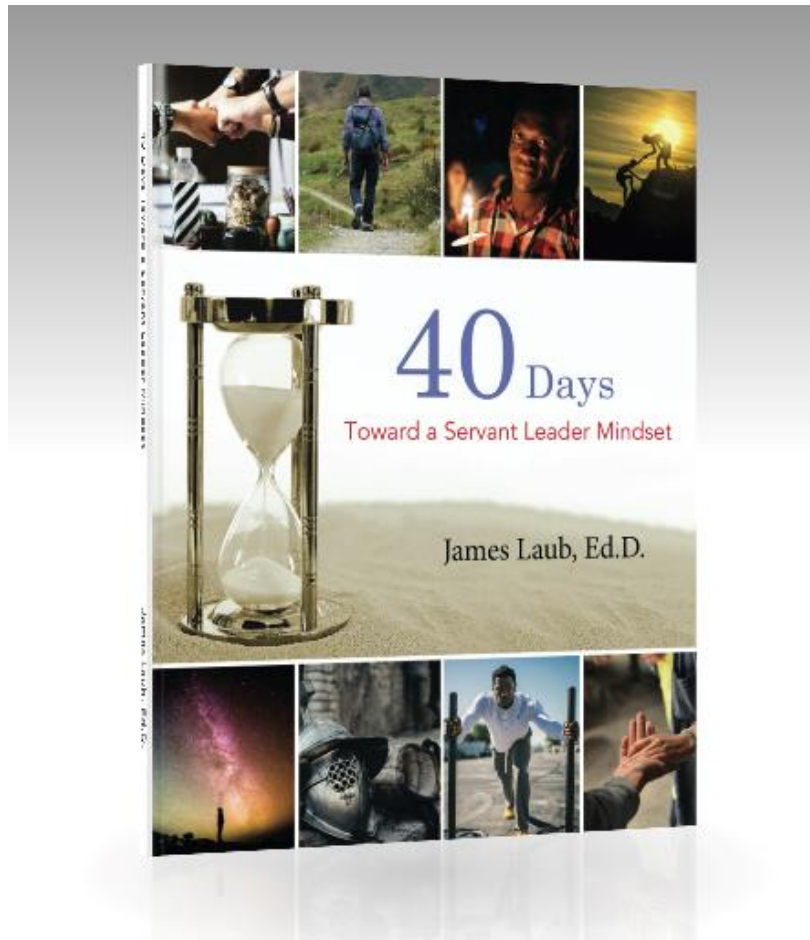
Traditional leaders have different styles: Autocratic, Laissez-Faire, Democratic, and Bureaucratic but they all have one thing in common, they are “top-down” in their approach. The leader leads: others follow. How many of us are willing or able to step up and be this traditional “top down” leader?

If you have ever had the desire to help an organization to move forward but did not feel comfortable with the traditional role of leadership. Now there is an alternative. Servant Leadership. First popularized by Robert K. Greenleaf in 1970. Servant Leadership has been growing in popularity with many organizations and corporations.

Servant Leadership turns the traditional view of leadership upside down. Servant Leadership is based on service to others. Servant leaders aspire to serve their team and the organization first ahead of personal objectives. It is a selfless leadership style where the leader possess a natural feeling to serve for the greater good.

Servant leadership is the leadership style that has been adopted by Sweet Adelines and used successfully at all levels of the organization. Servant Leadership fits nicely with our organization’s vision of *inspiring and empowering voices to joyfully harmonize the world.*

Could you be a Servant Leader? Would you like to learn more about Servant Leadership? Region 6 will soon be offering a new Leadership Curriculum based on Servant Leadership in 2024. This curriculum was developed in Region 13 and developed by former Sweet Adelines President, Paula Davis. It is a wonderful program being offered free to anyone interested in leadership in Region 6. Look for details to come soon. Please contact Terri Calvert, Region 6 Education Coordinator for more information or questions. [education@regionsix.org](mailto:education@regionsix.org).





## Directors Corner

*Submitted by Judy Weipert  
Director Coordinator*

### NEW DIRECTOR at ZUMBRO VALLEY

Hi all! My name is Deborah Mason and I am privileged to have been selected as the new director for the Zumbro Valley Sweet Adelines chorus based in Rochester MN! As with so many of our Sweet Adelines singers and directors, music has been a part of my life for as long as I can recall. My earliest memories are singing solos in church as a young child and in elementary school choirs and productions. I was a member of my high school curricular and show choirs and I continued to sing in college Concert and Chamber choirs. I was also an undergraduate assistant conductor under John Cooksey at the University of Utah. I have a degree in Secondary Music Education with a Choral Music Emphasis from the U of U and taught at Ogden High School in Utah prior to moving to the Land of 10,000 Lakes. I spent many years as a private home studio voice and piano teacher prior to heading back to the choral classroom full time in 2017. I also work with school and community theater productions as a director, music director and choreographer.

I have been “barbershop adjacent” since marrying my husband, Tony, who sings Lead with the Commodores Barbershop Chorus and in the quartet “Hall Pass”. After attending Harmony University a few years back with my good friend and Commodores Director, Jamye Casperson, I fell in love with barbershop and we decided to start up “Elevator Music” a quartet with my two daughters. (Blend is surprisingly easy to achieve when you make half of your quartet, HA!) I began attending and am now a member of the City of Lakes Chorus (go baritones!) and after visiting with the amazing singers of the Zumbro Valley Chorus as they were searching for a new director, I fell in love

with their beautiful spirits that they share in song and in service to their community. It has been a joy learning with them as I learn the Sweet Adelines way.

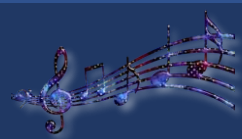
My husband and I call Lakeville MN our home. We are the parents of 5 amazing humans (four daughters and one son) two fabulous sons-in-law and the cutest twin grandbabies you ever did see. When I do have free time (not very often) I like to attend concerts and theatrical productions, read (usually a couple pages a night before passing out) and planning day trips and longer excursions to avoid housework.



## MISSION STATEMENT

United by our love of barbershop harmony, Northern Lights Region 6 is an international women's a cappella singing organization committed to musical excellence empowering members to grow through education, competition, and performance.





# Youth in Harmony Event: Red Wing Recap

*Submitted by Kim Grossman*

Youth in Harmony returned with a bang on November 11 in Red Wing. Sixty talented students from five different schools arrived with tremendous enthusiasm, ready to sing and learn.



The energy steadily increased throughout the day, starting with physical warm-ups by Susan Krisnik, followed by terrific instruction from Directors Paul Wigley and Brandon Galbraith, then wonderful tips and skillful performances by quartets Upbeat from Northern Lights, Region 6 and CHORD SMASH! from Land O'Lakes district.



Even during breaks, the energy and enthusiasm was palpable as a steady stream of tags were being sung by participants.



The culminating concert sparkled with performances by the singers. The Young Women's Chorus sang "Edelweiss" and "We Go Together," directed by Brandon Galbraith. Not to be outdone, the Young Men's chorus, directed by Paul Wigley, followed with "In the Still of the Night" and "Hello Mary Lou." Of course, Upbeat and CHORD SMASH! made encore appearances. The evening finished with a spectacular joint mixed-group performance with all students singing "I'm Sitting on Top of the World," directed by James Estes.



It was extremely gratifying to see the concert well-attended, and the high level of competency achieved by the students in just one day. But the biggest surprise was hearing the amazing level of accomplishment in some of the student small groups.

We're confident that the students got far more than they expected by participating. Not only did the energy level increase steadily through the busy schedule of instruction, sectionals, tags and performances, their closing comments reflected their gratitude. "Thank you so much for this experience. It really opened my eyes to barbershop singing," wrote one student. Other remarks stated, "I grew a lot as a singer – thank you all" or "I have more confidence in my singing." But statements of "This was such an



incredible opportunity,” and “It was a super fun day” show how much the event meant to them overall.

The students were also gifted on arrival with specialty items that will keep this special day alive in their memories – t-shirts, name tags, nifty pencils and of course, a steady stream of food and snacks to keep them energized throughout the day.



A huge thank you to the many volunteers that came to support the event from North Star Chorus, Twin Cities Show Chorus and Vallee de Croix. From registration to picture-taking, music assistance to keeping a steady food supply for the kids, you all helped things run smoothly.

All in all, this year’s event was a huge success. YIH received donations totaling over \$500 from happy attendees, laying a solid foundation for next year’s festival.

Yet...while the students maintained their lively enthusiasm through the busy day, organizers will be sure to include stretchers to haul away exhausted director’s next time! Looking forward to the next YIH event on January 27th in Amery Wisconsin!



*Submitted by Bonnie Rust, Region 6 Faculty*



What makes the year 2024 special?

- ♪ It is a leap year! Why do we have a leap year? Leap years keep our calendars in check! February will have 29 days.
- ♪ The solar eclipse in 2024 will be visible to millions of people in North America. The next total solar eclipse won't be until 2045!
- ♪ Every chorus member will have a birthday!
- ♪ What can we do to make the most of 2024 and the years that follow?

We begin each year with a sense of promise and uncertainty. Whether or not you make resolutions for the year, I suggest you get together as a chorus family or a chorus leadership team or both to make plans for the year(s) ahead. It can also work for individuals or families. A process to do that is called “strategic planning”.

Strategic planning simply helps define the direction you take to make day-to-day decisions, helps to set realistic objectives, and creates a sense of collaboration and responsibility. Where do you start?

1. Determine where you are currently.
2. Identify your goals or where you want to go in the future.
3. Develop your plan of how to get there.
4. Create strategies to put your plan into action.
5. Set up targets and measure success along the way.
6. Look at the results, how did you do? How can you improve?
7. Start the process over again at step 1.

The beginning of each new year is a blessing. Start where you are. Plan. Use what you have. Do what you can. Look for happiness and success in moments both big and small.





## Zumbro Valley

*Submitted by April Horne*

Greetings from Zumbro Valley Chorus to our Region Six sisters in harmony. We enjoyed watching the webcast of the competition (we're so proud of you, Spice!) and it makes us anxious to see all of you again, even if only virtually in the Jingle & Mingle concert!

We are fortunate to have 9 guests who will be joining us on the concert "stage" for the Jingle & Mingle videos. It has been so much fun singing with them. And they seem to be enjoying themselves – several of them volunteered for speaking roles in our holiday program skit. Two have auditioned and are now new members – Nani McPherson, Bass, and Michaela Udlock, Tenor. In addition to the Jingle & Mingle video, all 9 will be joining us for 5 more holiday performances throughout the month of December, including a public concert on December 5th at 7 pm at 125 Live in Rochester. We would love to see some of you in the audience.

The Lady Slippers quartet also has a busy holiday season, with 5 performances in addition to the chorus performances.

Clearly, we love sharing our joy of harmony with our community! We did so back in October with an appearance on a local TV station where we promoted the chorus and the Jingle & Mingle concert.



As I write this, I am preparing to head out to our joint rehearsal with the Resounding Voices chorus. Resounding Voices is a chorus for singers with memory decline. Singers are paired with a singing mentor and perform songs (SATB!) from their past. It's a wonderful organization, and we are happy to be sharing the stage with them for two songs and also performing two songs from our own repertoire.

NEW DIRECTOR, DEBBIE MASON! <Cue wild round of applause and fireworks and other celebratory sounds>



Debbie has been joining us for over a month now and we couldn't be happier. She's a dream come true. Full of joy and energy, with a great ear and wonderful coaching skills, she also has a



passion for barbershop that makes her face light up when she hears those great harmonies. When I glance around the choir, all the smiles I see reflected back to Debbie show me that this is a match made in heaven!

Finally, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our wonderful interim director, Nancy Hayden. With 40-plus years with Zumbro Valley Chorus, Nancy loves nothing better than to sing baritone. But she selflessly stepped up to the plate during our long director search and kept us going, including taking us to contest. While she'll continue as an assistant director, she's so happy to be back on the risers (and the baritone section extends an enthusiastic "welcome back!")

We'll "see you" soon at the Jingle & Mingle concert!



## Fox Valley Chorus

*Submitted by Vicki Krause*



As the Holidays approach, the Fox Valley Chorus is busy preparing for our holiday performances, along with our Holiday Chorus guests. We are delighted to have welcomed eight guests who will sing with us at three holiday performances, some familiar faces and

some brand new singers! The chorus is singing at EAA's Christmas in the Air, at a performance for the Ladies Elks Club, and at an assisted living facility in Appleton. What a wonderful way to welcome in the holiday season!!

On October 14th, the Fox Valley Chorus presented our "Foxtoberfest", which featured a Polka Band, our own Debbie Bauknecht on accordion, and a rousing sing-along. Naturally, we opened the show with "Beer Barrel Polka"! There was root beer, pretzel necklaces, and snacks, as well as our esteemed MC, Mke Cattelino (Amy's dad) in lederhosen. A wonderful time was had by all!



We had a full day coaching session on October 21 with Lynne Smith, who came up with a great visual plan for our contest package. It was such fun working with her and we are looking forward to coaching sessions scheduled for us this spring with Lynne and Joan Boutilier, and a retreat weekend with both of them in April!

The Fox Valley Chorus would like to wish everyone in Region 6 a wonderful Holiday Season, and a most happy and harmonious New Year!!





## Minnesota Valley

*Submitted by Melissa Sailor*

In October, we presented our fall show "Taste of Music". This was our first fall show since 2019 and we were glad to be back on stage!



Also in October, we were invited to sing backup on stage at the Foreigner concert at Jackpot Junction Casino. Wow! Was that fun and exciting!



Six women participated in our *Release Your Inner Diva* class, a 6-week course we provide through the Mankato Community Education Program.



Two of the students joined us in November, when we were the main event at a Mission Possible Benefit Dinner at Martin Luther High School in Northrup, MN on Veterans Day.



I wanna know what love is!



Now we are working on our Holiday songs for our joint event on Nov 26th with the Mankato Riverblenders men’s chorus in Mankato and St. Peter, and for upcoming the Jingle & Mingle event. We’ll do caroling around Mankato area nursing homes in December along with an evening of singing at the Kiwanis lights in Sibley Park in Mankato. In January we will think about competition season! After having a few years off, due to COVID, we are surely making up for it!



## City of Lakes

*Submitted by Bonnie Rust*

The City of Lakes Chorus recently renamed the “Sweet Adeline of the Year” Award to the “Harmony Hall of Fame” Award. A transition team of former award recipients met over several months to propose several changes to the award process and it is now being presented in the fall instead of the spring. Ava Hohenstein received her award for giving selflessly of her time, talents and expertise, for the love of singing and for having a significant impact on the members. The chorus has presented this annual award for 70 years!



Ava with her award plaque and her dog Honey.

The 2nd annual “Jingle & Mingle” rehearsals began on October 9th in our new rehearsal location, Crosstown Covenant Church in South Minneapolis. We’ve had 16 women singing on the risers and they will be performing with us on our winter show “Snowed In”. Here we are applauding and cheering for them after they were introduced at the first rehearsal.







We had a sendoff celebration for “SPICE” as they performed for us before heading off to the International Quartet Competition in Louisville. We are so very proud of them and their performance on stage was classy and wonderful.



Front row auditions were held in early October so here’s our new front row, with the exception of 2 members unavailable.



With the holidays approaching, we have had performances. We just completed this performance for HMCHA, a nondenominational Christian organization that has been reaching out to the forgotten children in the villages of Yerer, Ethiopia.



We will wrap up performances for 2023 with 2 shows back to back at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum during their “Winter Lights” program and our own winter show at the Ives Auditorium in Bloomington MN.

It is our wish that your holidays be merry and bright and that the New Year brings to all of us a world of peace, love and kindness!







## Spirit of Harmony

*Submitted by Kim Haburn*

I was thrilled to attend my first international competition this year in Louisville! It's been a goal of mine ever since I joined Spirit of Harmony in 2016. I'd always heard stories of the great times the ladies had at previous international competitions, and I finally got to experience it! Not only was it a fun bonding experience with my fellow chorus members, but seeing top tier performances from choruses around the world inspired me to continue working hard so that Spirit of Harmony can be up on stage again soon. Region 6 was so supportive of our chorus and we had visits from Spice as well as members of Region 6 faculty as we rehearsed in Louisville. It was an honor to represent our region and I look forward to many more years of membership in SAI.



## It's About Time Quartet

*Submitted by Vicki Powers*



Happy Holidays, everyone! It's About Time had a fun fall, doing a little bit of everything. We've coached with James Estes and Scott Kvigne, did a performance or two, a couple of us snuck in a vacation, and of course, celebrated Nancy, Chris and Terrie's birthdays. We also managed to sneak in a brat fry fundraiser for the quartet!

We sang at Chris's church's annual chili dinner on November 9, and had a great time. They had some wonderful raffle baskets and a bake sale for this fundraiser. When we were done, we were invited to join them for a meal – a great way to end an evening. We also were privileged to sing on Fox Valley Chorus's fall show in October – or should I say Foxtoberfest? What a fun day!

We've also been working on our Holiday music, as we have a number of performances coming up, starting with singing at EAA's Christmas in the Air in Oshkosh on December 2. Nancy and Chris came as Jingle/Mingle guests and are singing with the chorus for the holidays, and are joining the chorus at their set at this program as well.

We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to seeing you soon!



# Sounds of Superior

*Submitted by Sharron Kershaw*

Well here we are getting geared up for the Holiday Season with Jingle and Mingle in full swing. We had our first rehearsal and welcomed 21 new singers. It is amazing the difference in the sound and feel of the ringing cords with extra voices.

We are always working on fundraising and this year we are doing a 50/50 draw. One very lucky person will be winning a wonderful holiday gift.



party. Before we know it the holiday season will be behind us and 2024 will be upon us!

Wishing everyone a safe happy holiday season and a wonderful new year.



We are looking forward to an upcoming performance for a local company promoting Women's Enterprise. This is an amazing opportunity to share our craft of four part harmony singing with a group of dynamic women.

We have a coaching weekend in early December, a Rotary Carol Sing, singing in senior's homes and of course our annual holiday







# River Rhapsody Chorus

*Submitted by Pat Frohlich*

River Rhapsody Chorus would like to congratulate Spirit of Harmony Chorus and Spice Quartet on their fantastic performances on the International stage!!

Except for the big snow fall we had in October, we are so grateful for the beautiful fall weather we are having! River Rhapsody chorus had an awesome coaching session in late September. Thank you to Heather Johnston, for sharing your expertise, excitement and encouragement!



RRC rented a booth for Bismarck’s Deer Widow Vendor Show in early November. We had a fun day visiting with shoppers who stopped by to watch a bit of the promo video our committee put together.



We are happy to welcome three community guests who are rehearsing with us as we get ready to record our Jingle and Mingle songs in a few weeks and to join us on stage for our Christmas Show. This year we are presenting, “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” on Sunday, December 10th at 2pm at House of Prayer Church in Bismarck. Also performing will be the Northern Lights Men’s Chorus and On the Brink Quartet.

RRC will also be performing at Kirkwood Mall on Dec. 2nd and at a local Senior Living Center on Dec. 11th. After a short holiday break, we will be hard at work on our competition songs!

Happy Holidays!





## 27 is Our New Favorite Number!!

*Submitted by Spice*

In honor of our new favorite number, here's a list of 27 things we enjoyed about Louisville...

1. Missing the first snowfall of the season in Minnesota
2. Our amazing (adjoining!) hotel suites
3. Connecting with longtime friends from around the world
4. Making new friends
5. Being unofficial mentors to a novice quartet staying just a few rooms down the hall from us
6. Being in bourbon country and experiencing an authentic Old Fashioned
7. Delicious food... at every restaurant
8. Coaching with Queen Mary... polishing our set



9. The Coronet Reception
10. The Pedway from the hotel to the convention center (in Minnesota, we call them skyways)
11. The Lyft/Uber drivers
12. The wide assortment of cards and gifts from all of you
13. Spending time with a friend (Maggie Armstrong) who drove 4.5 hours to watch us compete
14. Walking through a hotel lobby in sequin gowns and full stage makeup at 9:00

a.m.



15. The helpful and respectful shuttle driver
16. Being more comfortable than ever before on a competition stage
17. The webcast interview
18. Did we mention how good the Old Fashioneds were?
19. The whole competition... SO MUCH TALENT!!



20. Heidi being selected as a Fantasy Quartet Lead and meeting the person that picked her
21. The Coronet Club Show!!
22. Playing Blitz
23. Coaching our *new* contest ballad... because why not take advantage of the fact that we had a live-in coach for a week?
24. Learning 7 measures of our newest song... trust us, this was a big deal and deserves to be celebrated!
25. Martinis with our Region 6 Canadian friends



- 26. Cheering on Spirit of Harmony... hooray 27!!!
- 27. Placing 27<sup>th</sup> in the Quartet Contest!!!



- Learning new music... contest songs and show songs. So much fun!
- Encouraging new quartets!! We heard some really great things about the most recent Quartet Round-Up in November. If you attended, we celebrate you. YAY!! We're so excited that you've taken the first step to find a quartet. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to support you in your journey. We'd be happy to help in any way we can! Also, did you see the Region is building a library of quartet resources? Be sure to check that out!

Deepest thanks to our incredible coaches, Queen Mother Mary and Scott Kvigne, for sharing your wisdom and talent with us, and to our fabulous City of Lakes Chorus and all of you, our wonderful friends in Region 6 for your continued support, hugs, and cheers! We are so grateful for all of it!!!

Not too long after we returned from Louisville, we had the privilege of joining City of Lakes as entertainment for the HMCHA fund raising event on November 19. HMCHA (Holistic Ministry of Children of the Horn of Africa) is a child-sponsoring non-profit ministry in Ethiopia ([hmcha.org](http://hmcha.org)). Not only was this great fun because it supported a worthy cause, but we also got an early start on performing our holiday music!!

With International behind us, we're focused on few main goals...

- City of Lakes Winter Show, "Snowed In" on December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center, 11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN
  - Tickets: <https://masonicheritagecenter.org/>

We wish you a joyous holiday season!

*What did the salt say to the pepper?*

*"Season's greetings!"*

Live life with a little Spice!

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# Lake Country Chorus

*Submitted by Helen Vulu*

Lake Country Chorus and North Star Chorus decided to feature our talented members at our 2023 holiday concert.



In addition to our traditional joint SATB music and the barbershop selections from each chorus, some fine talent stepped forward to entertain.

North Star Chorus provided three quartets and a brass trio.

Jointly there was a mixed quartet and then a husband and wife duet with guitar accompaniment.



From Lake Country Chorus came an accordion solo and a VLQ that sang the partner songs "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas" matched with "Pine Cones and Holly Berries". Some singers who weren't sure they wanted to s



ing in a smaller group surprised themselves!

But the most fun for us at Christmas is inviting community members to rehearse and sing with us through a Community Ed program and to invite former members back as well. We had eight guests singers and five brand new members singing with us for Christmas!



We had a great time starting the holiday and now look forward to hearing others in concert as well.

Regional Measures is a quarterly newsletter of the Northern Lights Region 6 Sweet Adelines. Members may submit articles to Regional Measure editor, [Lori Scott](#).





## Twin Cities Show Chorus (TCSC)

*Submitted by Merrilee Spaeth*

Happy Fall to our ‘sisters in song’ from T C.

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are enjoying our extended fall weather!

We had a couple of exciting fall events – a late September performance in Woodbury and our annual Pancake Breakfast at the end of October – that kept us really busy this fall.

The Woodbury performance was a community-based event that was broadcast live on Facebook, during which we introduced Denis Allaire’s beautiful new arrangement of “In My Life”.



Our pancake breakfast this year had a Halloween theme, which we celebrated with pancakes, a bake sale, homemade card sales, a kids costume parade and games, photo ops and music! What fun!



We are especially looking forward to the second annual [Jingle & Mingle](#) event – it has certainly become a great new ‘tradition’!

This year TC welcomes back our beloved former director, Judy Olson and new guest director, Derek Glenna for the event, which will culminate in a combined taping and mini-concert for family and friends at 7:30 PM on Dec. 5th (at our Richfield, MN rehearsal site), with some treats afterwards! Come and help us celebrate!

At our first rehearsal on Nov. 7th we welcomed eight guests – both new and former members – and it was a really special night! □



We hope you all have a wonderful, meaningful  
and blessed holiday season with family and  
friends.

*Merry Christmas*  
and a  
*Happy New Year!*

Your friends at  
**Twin Cities Show Chorus**