



AREA 3
2014 AREA CONVENTION & CONTEST
MAY 2 - 4, 2014
ROCHESTER, NY



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

and Hostess Chapter, **THE LIBERTY BELLES,**

Welcomes you

BACK TO THE 80's!

Included in this 2nd mailing:

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- General Information Overview
- Directions to Hotel and Contest Site
- Official Judging Panel
- Saturday Banquet
- Photography / Video Forms
- Hostess Chapter / MoonGlow
- Education / Craft Class Information
- **Tentative Weekend Schedule included...**
- [FINAL Schedule WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY when completed! ☺]**

- Parking at the hotel and contest site is free. Hotel registration check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out is 12:00 noon; cancellation policy is 48 hour notice prior to check-in, otherwise the credit card will be charged. The hotel is assigning reservation numbers that will be sent to the group contact via email so that any changes needed AFTER the receipt of these numbers can be made with the hotel. Woodcliff offers complimentary airport, train & bus shuttle service. There is a restaurant in the hotel [Horizons] that serves breakfast, lunch, & dinner.
- Travel time from the hotel to the school contest site is **about 20 minutes** [directions below]. Rooms will be assigned for each quartet & chorus for the weekend's contests. **PLEASE ENSURE ROOMS ARE LEFT AS YOU FIND THEM!** Quartet & chorus evaluations will be held in your room [unless the COJ decides otherwise--you **WILL** be advised **IF** this is the case]. Evaluation times will be announced at contest. **Entrance into the school Friday is ONLY through the Auditorium door entrance! NO ADMITTANCE EARLIER than 4PM on Friday please! No one is allowed beyond the Auditorium until after 4PM, when you may enter as necessary. Thanks for your cooperation!! ☺**
- Registered quartet members are invited to sing in the Area 3 Quarus, directed by Anne Bureau. [Please note the tentative rehearsal time for this on the AC&C Weekend Schedule included in this mailing.]
- Four representatives [one per part preferably but not mandatory] from each chorus have the opportunity to sing our Area 3 Chorus song directed by Katie Taylor. [Please note the tentative rehearsal time for this on the AC&C Weekend Schedule included in this mailing.]
- The Area 3 Family Chorus will be directed by Lorie Autote. [Please note the tentative rehearsal time for this on the AC&C Weekend Schedule included in this mailing.]
- **FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL! ☺** The Pal-Mac Select Choir will again provide us with concession goodies this year. They are planning some main dish type foods, along with a selection of things to go with that, i.e. chips, cookies, etc. ~ there are no specifics at this time, but you won't go hungry!
- Photos will be taken **AFTER** going on stage! Please bring the photo order form included in this mailing and payment with you. {Please pay with ONE check.}
- DVD video service will be provided by John Aviste, Daystar Productions; the ordering form is included in this mailing. DVDs will be completed & available for pick up Sunday morning by 8 a.m. in the hotel lobby. Stop by & view the video display of the weekend performances by your fellow contestants! ☺

Security Issue - All contestants are reminded that Harmony, Inc. will not be responsible for lost or stolen personal property at the Convention and Contest site. Please leave purses locked in your car or give them to someone in the audience and only bring small, last minute items backstage that you may need in the warm up room. ***NO PURSES BACKSTAGE PLEASE!! ☺***

NO SCENTS MAKE SENSE!!!! Please think of your sisters in song when it comes to perfume or other heavy scents that may bother singers. Remember to PLEASE be courteous and mindful of this concern. Thank you! ☺

****PLEASE NOTE****: ALL AC&C events are NON-smoking. Smoking on school grounds is **strictly prohibited** by NYS law and will not be tolerated. Also, no adult beverages are allowed on school property (even wrapped gifts!)

**Questions?? Please email both co-chairs:
 Sue and Dorene at acct@area3harmony.org**

HOTEL Directions: Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, 199 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, NY 14450 - - located just off the NYS Thruway I-90, Exit 45.

Directions From NYS Thruway

Take Exit 45 (Rochester 490 Exit). Go through tollbooths.
Stay to the right of the road and follow signs to Rte. 96 North, turning right on Rte. 96 North.
Woodcliff Drive is the 7th traffic light. (pass Eastview Mall on left); turn right onto Woodcliff Drive.

Directions From Airport

When exiting the airport, turn right onto Brooks Avenue.
Bear right onto Rte. 390 South; continue on Rte. 390 South to Rte 590 North.
Follow Rte. 590 North to Rte 490 East; continue on 490 East to Exit 28 (Rte. 96 Mall Exit).
At the exit ramp, light turn left onto Rte. 96.
Pass under the expressway and turn left at first traffic light onto Woodcliff Drive.
At the top of the hill, turn left at hotel sign.

From Rochester

Take 490 East to Exit 28 (Mall Exit); at the light, turn left onto Rte. 96.
Pass under the expressway and turn left at first traffic light onto Woodcliff Drive.
At top of the hill, turn left at hotel sign.

CONTEST SITE Directions: Palmyra-Macedon Central School, 151 Hyde Parkway, Palmyra, NY 14522.

The school is located about 12 miles or approximately 20 minutes from Woodcliff:

*Drive east on Woodcliff Drive toward Lodgeview Lane, .5 mile

*Turn left on Moseley Road / Route 250 and drive 1.7 miles

*Turn right onto Palmyra Road / Route 31, continue 10.4 miles

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MUSIC

John Burri
Kathy Stone

SINGING

Renee Tramack
Alison Thompson
(LABBS)

PRESENTATION

Theresa Weatherbee
Sandi Wright

Practice Panel:

[Music Category]
[Singing Category]
[C.O.J. Category]

Susan Wood
Denise 'D' Dyer
Melanie Menzies {only quartet contest}

Chairman of Judges:
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Diane Coates

Associate Chairman of Judges:
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Ron Eubank

Area Contest & Judging Chairman:
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Linda Hilko

2014 BANQUET MENU

The MoonGlow will be at the BURGUNDY BASIN Restaurant, 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY

DIRECTIONS: A 5-minute, 2.5 mile drive from the hotel, drive .5 mile south on Woodcliff Dr. toward Pittsford Victor Rd/Rte 96; take 1st right onto Pittsford Victor Rd.; drive 1.9 miles; turn right onto Marsh Road/CR-38]

A short 'cocktail hour' will begin around 6:30 p.m., with dinner to follow from approximately 7 - 8 p.m.

* Traditional Buffet *

*Whole Breast of Turkey
with gravy
Baked Virginia Ham
Italian Meatballs
Vegetable Lasagna
Steamed Mixed Vegetables
Rosemary Potatoes
Penne Pasta Marinara
Individual Tossed Salads
(served at the table)
Fresh Fruit Salad
Assorted Seasonal Salads
Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea or Milk
Sherbet*

PLEASE NOTE: We are hopeful that any MAJOR dietary concerns can be addressed by the variety of foods offered on the buffet. If that is NOT the case, however, you must be sure to notify the ACCT Co-Chairs via email before April 20th to BE CERTAIN your needs can be addressed. Thank you! ☺

The evening's MoonGlow program will directly follow dinner!!

Reminder -- For the MoonGlow, as a direct result of your member survey comments/requests to shorten the evening program, the ACCT asked 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 Medalists & Quartet Champions -- will perform one song
- Any Active Area 3 Queens -- will perform one song
- Judges -- will perform one song [unless they do not wish to do so]

HOSPITALITY - HOSTESS CHAPTER: **The Liberty Belles** are like totally pumped to Host AC&C 2014 and rock out with you “Back To The 80’s”! Do not miss out on this year’s Hospitality Suite (Cayuga Room). It will be packed with merchandise for sale, homemade gifts, snacks, 80’s gear, Area 3 T-shirts, friendly smiles, a song or two and much more!

Please also purchase raffle tickets to support two great causes this year – **Patrician Society Food Bank** and **Laurel House Women’s Shelter**. The Liberty Belles have chosen these two local non-profit organizations that are all about lifting others up and helping restore harmony to the lives of those they serve. The **Patrician Society** of Central Norristown is a food cupboard which provides food and support to 1200 individuals and families throughout the year. The patrons who come for non-perishable food are known by name and treated with dignity. **Laurel House** is also located in Norristown but you will never find the address listed publicly. Laurel House is a safe place and haven for abused women and children who need to escape the horror of domestic violence. At Laurel House they find protection, support and hope to begin again. The **Patrician Society** and **Laurel House** often work together with a goal to bring about harmony from discord and hope from heartache. We ask each chorus and quartet join us in donating a themed basket for raffle ticket fundraising this year. We’re looking for fabulously fun themes to fill a table. If you’d like to help out, please email Donna Snyder at debus@comcast.net with your basket theme and commitment! *Thank you!* ☺

The Liberty Belles Chapter welcomes you “Back To The 80’s” MoonGlow

Are you like totally ready to rock?! Get pumped to go back to the 80’s, for sure, with your spirit-filled Liberty Belles! This will be such a tubular, unforgettable weekend.

Only the most rad fashion decade ever, we can’t wait to see your favorite items pulled from the closet depths. Will it be some lace capped leggings, jellies, neon pumps, every bracelet you own? Or are you more Preppie with your pegged pant legs and popped collars? We expect the punk rockers out there to show up representin’. And don’t forget your Area 3 T-shirt – sport your pride.

Come dressed to impress in your 80’s gear! Dig through your closets and find your favorite punk, prep or Madonna look. Your tables will be filled with your favorite toys, accessories, candy, music and movies. Your rad to the max, Hostess Chapter, The Liberty Belles will see you soon, ‘Back To The 80’s’!!

You’ll be fully entertained all weekend as we travel back in time. We’ll play with Rubik’s Cube, glow sticks, jelly bracelets and more! We’ll sing some of the greatest tunes from the 80’s. And get your fill of neon to last you the rest of the year. So don’t worry, be happy man - we’ll see each other soon.

****Also something really fun to consider!!** This as an ‘official’ invitation to send any digital pictures of yourself during the 80’s to us! It will be really fun to guess who is who and check out all the cool 80’s fashions! If you want to do this & be included in a Power Point presentation of “All things 80’s”, please send pictures to Michelle at mmfrance@verizon.net and be sure to identify yourself and your chorus. This will be RAD... like TOTALLY!

Because where else can you party hardy but Area 3? It’s like totally, The Place To Be!!!!!!

Your Hosts and Sisters in Harmony,

The Liberty Belles

Debra Woodard, Photographer

7950 County Road 41, Victor, NY 14564

585-738-5050cell Marwdphoto@aol.com

Area 3 Picture Order Form

Picture Chairman should have orders and payment ready at picture time

All selections are ordered and paid when photo is taken

Price listed below includes tax and shipping

You may pay cash or check to Marwood Studio (We do not except credit cards)

All photos are money back guaranteed

Orders will be mailed to the picture chairman within two weeks

Photographs are produced digitally and enhanced with event name and year

I will have samples on hand

1 – 4	5x7s	\$14.00each	_____	\$_____
5 or more	5x7s	\$10.00each	_____	\$_____
1 – 4	8x10s	\$17.00each	_____	\$_____
5 or more	8x10s	\$13.00each	_____	\$_____
Set of 8 Wallets		\$12.00	_____	\$_____
1	10x13	\$45.00	_____	\$_____
8x10 Calendar		\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Ceramic Coffee Mug		\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Water Bottle		\$22.00	_____	\$_____
Canvas Bag		\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Beverage Cozy Wrap		\$10.00	_____	\$_____
Statuette 8x10		\$30.00	_____	\$_____
i-phone cover		\$25.00	_____	\$_____
	Electronic web image			
Quartet with minimum \$50 order	\$10.00			\$_____
Chorus with minimum \$150 order	\$10.00			\$_____

Please add \$10 shipping and handling if your order is under \$50 \$_____

TOTAL \$_____

All photographs will be in full color. If you need black and whites they are the same price, just indicate this on the order form.

CHORUS OR QUARTET NAME _____

(as you'd like it to appear on the photo)

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

2014 Harmony, Inc. Area 3 Contests and Convention Video Authorization / Order Form

Your Quartet or Chorus Name: _____

hereby authorizes recording of its performances at the 2014 Harmony, Inc. Area 3 Contests and Convention to be held in Palmyra, NY USA and authorizes Harmony, Inc. to use any portion of its performances as they deem proper. This may include, but is not limited to, education materials for internal use and/or commercial recording(s) produced and marketed by Harmony, Inc.

We agree that no DVD copies will be made by us, nor will we have copies made by anyone without obtaining any and all applicable legal licensing permission for the recordings on our DVD.

Signed by: Quartet contact or Chapter President _____

[Print your name too please]: _____ How many will sing? _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please fill out this form and mail it before April 20 to the address below, whether you purchase a DVD or not. If you wish to purchase a DVD of your performances, then please include a check for \$30.00 US made out to Daystar Productions. You will pick up your DVD in the Woodcliff Hotel lobby the morning of Sunday, May 4 between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. **While you may pay for your DVD on Sunday morning by check or cash, you will save time & bother by sending your payment in with this form. ☺**

John Aviste
Daystar Productions
28556 NYS Route 342
Black River, NY 13612
(315) 773-5673
javiste@daystarpro.com

DVD received by: _____

*****Note:** My plan is to videotape quartets and choruses the same way that I do at your IC&C. This means that for a quartet I am framing the entire quartet and I do not touch the camera. For a lively chorus song, you would see the entire chorus and again, I do not touch the camera. For a slower chorus song, on the other hand, I would gradually move in for medium shots and aim to finish on a wide shot of the entire chorus.*

If you would like something different, please write a note to me below. For instance, if your quartet plans on a staged performance, other than the standard formation, let me know. Maybe your chorus will do something unexpected.



“TENTATIVE” WEEKEND SCHEDULE AC&C May 2 – May 4, 2014

DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	ROOM/FACILITY
Friday, May 2	11:30 a.m. – 4:30 PM	Hospitality	Hotel – Cayuga Room
	12 NOON – 4 PM	Registration	Hotel – Palm Court
	4:30 p.m. – end of contest	Registration [moved to contest site]	School Aud.-Main Entrance
	1 PM – 1:30 PM	Family Chorus Rehearsal	Hotel – Pittsford Room
	2 PM – 2:30 PM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Hotel – Pittsford Room
	2 PM – 4 PM	Finish Technical Contest Set-up / COJ – Sound Check	School Auditorium
	4 PM – 4:30 PM	COJ Walk-Through	School Classrooms
	4 PM – 4:30 PM	Quartet On-Stage Viewing [no singing]	School Auditorium
	4:30 PM – 5 PM	Quartet & Chorus Briefing with Judging Panels	School Auditorium
	5 PM – 5:45 PM	Judges Dinner	School – Judges Lounge
	5 PM – 5:30 PM	Volunteer – Training & Assignments	School - Backstage
	6 PM – 8:30 PM	Quartet Contest: Area Quarus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1 st place sings	School Auditorium
	8 PM – 8:30 PM	Judging Panel discussions	School – Judges Lounge
	8:30 PM – 11:30 PM	Quartet Evaluations	School Classrooms
Saturday, May 3	8AM – 11AM	Hospitality	Hotel – Cayuga Room
	9AM	Access to School & Classrooms	School / Classrooms
	9:30 AM – 10AM	Area Chorus Rehearsal [closed for sound check]	School Auditorium
	10 AM – 1 PM	Registration & Ticket Sales	School Aud.-Main Entrance
	10:30 AM – 11AM	Chorus On-Stage Viewing [no singing]	School Auditorium
	NOON – 2:30 PM	Chorus Contest: Area Chorus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1 st place sings	School Auditorium
	2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Judging Panel discussions	School – Judges Lounge
	2:45 PM – 5 PM	Chorus Evaluations	School Classrooms
	6:30 PM – 8PM	Cocktails / Dinner	Burgundy Basin
	8PM – 10:00PM	MoonGlow	Burgundy Basin
Sunday, May 4	9AM – Noon	Hospitality	Hotel – Cayuga Room
	10AM – 11AM	Education Classrooms [Hemlock, Pittsford, Honeoye, Canandaigua]	Hotel Meeting Rooms

NOTE: This is a ***TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ONLY.*** The Chairman of Judges (COJ) will give the ***FINAL*** approval later in April 2014. ***AGAIN – these times and locations are NOT final and should be used as a GENERAL guide!! ☺***

** Ladies=Please remember we CANNOT be disruptive with our entrance into the school on a Friday afternoon; therefore, we must enter the ***SCHOOL at the AUDITORIUM Entrance ONLY*** for Stage Viewing & Judges Briefing. ********CLASSROOMS ARE NOT TO BE ENTERED PRIOR TO 4 PM********

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! ☺

AC&C 2014 EDUCATION CLASSES

Woodcliff Hotel - First Floor

Sunday, May 4

Please plan to conclude your "Back To The 80's" weekend by reserving some energy for Sunday morning's Education/ Craft Classes. Come and benefit from instruction that helps you as an individual, quartet, and chorus from some of our judges as well as our 1996 Queens "For Heaven's Sake"

We have two great sessions at the hotel, "early", 10AM – 11AM, and "late", from 11AM - 12 NOON. Our goal is to provide you with a valuable learning experience & tools, on various topics, that you can take back and share with your chapter and/or quartet.

Listed below are the names of our FOUR classes being offered!!! Be on the lookout for more detailed info to be provided at AC&C! Thanks for your continued support!!

10 a.m.

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1. "Finding Your Middle Voice". Does your voice sound different in your lower range than in your higher range? Do you often find it difficult to sing certain notes between your head and chest voice? This class will help you identify your registers and will demonstrate exercises to help smooth the transition between head and chest voice in order to create a unified voice throughout your range.

Instructor: Renee Tramack, Singing Judge

2. "Contest is Over...So Now What"? Choruses or quartets - - Please bring your judging evaluation notes, and we will go over them and do some coaching under glass.

Instructor: For Heaven's Sake, 1996 Harmony International Quartet Champions

11 a.m.

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1. "How Not to Suck on Stage". Come to this class and learn all you need to know to improve those presentation scores!

Instructor: Theresa Weatherbee, Presentation Judge

2. "Back to Basics". The most successful choruses and quartets execute the basics of good singing consistently well. As singers and members of the chorus or quartet we are responsible for our personal development as a singer. Where are you on your singing path? Take this opportunity to revisit the basics and go away with a plan for your individual development.

Instructor: Alison Thompson, LABBS Singing Judge from England

**** Reminder - Please send at least 2 members from each chapter to each class. ****

Look for this mailing & more Area 3 information on our NEW AREA 3 WEBSITE!

<http://www.area3harmony.org>

