

E~Note

April 5, 2017

Please enjoy and share the April 2017 issue of the E-Note. Archived issues of the E-Note can be found in the members-only section of the [Harmony, Inc. website](#). In this issue:

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Unless you live here :



Family Reunions, Surprise Visits, and Finding Your Niche (Oh My!)

Christina Lewellen, International President (president@harmonyinc.org)



Area conventions and contests are upon us and I couldn't be more excited. They feel like a family reunion, don't they? Seeing my Harmony sisters for the first time in six months or a year is accompanied by energy unlike any other and I CAN'T WAIT. It's part of the reason we get hooked on this hobby/lifestyle and have a hard time putting into words with non-barbershoppers how much these gatherings impact us to the depths of our bones. It's hard to describe, as are most of the best moments in our lives. I wish you all a safe and successful AC&C season!

Some of you have been following on social media my recent surprise visits to various Harmony, Inc. chapter rehearsals. My job takes me on the road a fair amount, and I've made an effort this year to pop in on local chapters when

I'm in town. I surprised the Village Vocal Chords in Chicago at the end of 2016 and I showed up for an Atlanta Harmony Celebration! rehearsal in March. I have a few more on the books this year and I'll continue to live stream my surprises on social media, which is then shared to the Harmony, Inc. Facebook page.

I can't say that I have the ability to make it to every chapter while I'm president, but I'll do the best I can as I'm out and about to say hi to as many of you as possible. And thanks to the marvels of modern technology, I'm happy to do a video chat with any chapter at any time! Get on my calendar and I'll participate with you virtually if I can't be there in person.

Before I sign off for the month, I would ask that you take a moment to read the "Find Your Niche" article in this edition of the E-Note. So often we tell women that we can help them find their voice, and it's my goal to help you "find your niche" in Harmony, Inc. I know you bring a plethora of talents to this organization, ladies—besides your beautiful voices—and our present and future success rests on the shoulders of volunteers who are brave enough to jump in and find their niche in HI leadership. It's not nearly as intimidating as you'd think. Drop me an email and tell me what you're good at—chances are, we're looking for someone to get involved with exactly the skill set you offer.

I'm just an email away: president@harmonyinc.org.

Working for Harmony, in harmony.

Christina



Area Director Election Results

Gail Chartier, Nominating Committee Chairman (nominating@harmonyinc.org)

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following election results:

Area 2 Director by acclamation

Diane Zanetti

bb.shop@comcast.net

Area 4 Director by acclamation

Betty Gunterman

betgun4@sbcglobal.net

Area 6 Director re-elected

Carol Jackson

cometofl@cfl.rr.com

Diane Zanetti, Betty Gunterman, and Carol Jackson will continue to serve as Area Directors on the International Board. Their new, two-year term will begin immediately following the 2017 Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them and to thank them for the work they have done and will do on behalf of their respective Areas. It is indeed a great honor to serve on the International Board of an organization such as ours. The work is both challenging and rewarding for all who serve. Thank you again, ladies, for letting your names stand for this election year! I know the entire membership of Harmony joins me in congratulating and thanking Diane, Betty, and Carol!

International Board Director Election Results

Gail Chartier, Nominating Committee Chairman (nominating@harmonyinc.org)

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following election results:

Donna Clarkson by acclamation

dclarkson.hi@gmail.com

Amy Johnson by acclamation

rojoamy@gmail.com

Donna McKay by acclamation

dmckay52@gmail.com

Kelly Thomas by acclamation

klthomas@live.ca

Donna Clarkson, Donna McKay, and Amy Johnson have renewed their commitment to serve on the International Board. Kelly Thomas will be a new member on the board. Each will be starting a two-year term to begin immediately following the 2017 Convention in Halifax Nova Scotia. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them and to thank them for the work they have done and will do on behalf of the membership. It is indeed a great honor to serve on the International Board of an organization such as

ours. The work is both challenging and rewarding for all who serve. Thank you again, ladies, for letting your names stand for this election year! I know the entire membership of Harmony joins me in congratulating and thanking each of you.

Keeping Score?
Jacquie Jensen, ICJC (judging@harmonyinc.org)

There are no changes to scores qualifying contestants for International Contests:

- Quartet qualifying score is 804 total or greater (67 point average or greater) minimum alternate cut-off score of 780
- Chorus qualifying score is 792 total or greater (66 point average or greater)
- Choruses scoring between 744 and 791 (inclusive total) are eligible to compete in the Silver Division Chorus Contest.



Reminder to Submit you “Scores” (Song Registration)
Jacquie Jensen, International Contest & Judging Chairman (judging@harmonyinc.org)

This is just a reminder that all contestants in Harmony, Inc. contests are required to submit their contest song information by email at judging@harmonyinc.org. The required Contestant Song Registration form (# HAR 082) is available on the Harmony, Inc. website in the members-only section, under forms. This form has been revised to provide more space to complete the required information, so please use this new form rather than one you might have saved in your computer from previous years. All fields on the form are required and Copyright and Licensing Coordinator Erin Cassidy (recording@harmonyinc.org) is available to assist you if you are having difficulty finding the requested information. This form is due no later than 10 days before your AC&C, but as soon as you have decided on your songs you can submit your form to me. That way both you and I can cross that off our respective “to do” lists. If you later change your song selection a revised form can be submitted. When I have received your completed form I’ll send you an email to acknowledge its receipt. Here’s wishing all AC&C Contestants a positive contest experience!





ICC 2017
Halifax, Nova Scotia

All prices quoted in the Convention Corner are in Canadian dollars.

- ✓ **Contests:** will be held in the World Trade and Convention Centre (WTCC), Halifax.
 - **Accommodation:** The Delta Halifax by Marriott and the Delta Barrington by Marriott. NO ROOMS CAN BE BOOKED UNTIL JULY 15. Details about hotel registration will follow.
 - **Hotel rooms** are \$144 + tax (15% + 2%) per night for doubles, queens or kings
 - A limited number of Junior Suites are available for \$160 + tax (15% + 2%)
 - A limited number of one-bedroom Suites are available for \$288 + tax (15% + 2%)
- ✓ **Parking**
 - **Valet parking:** \$23 + tax (15%)
 - **Self-parking:** at Scotia Square \$20 + tax (15%)
- ✓ **Complimentary Internet:** in sleeping rooms and meeting rooms.
- ✓ **All Events Passes:**
 - Performing All Events Pass \$130
 - Non-performing AEP \$ 98
 - Performing Youth AEP \$105
 - Non-performing Youth AEP \$ 74
- ✓ **Showcase Dinner:** November 4, tentatively, at 7:00 pm in the WTCC. Cost of the all-inclusive dinner is \$55. Details to follow.

US prices are based on the rate of exchange on the day of purchase. You can check rates at:

<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/currency-converter/>

Did you know that....

Convention Hotel room rates are available for our members from Saturday, October 30 until Tuesday, November 7. Why not take a few extra days to visit Halifax? The average daily temperature in Halifax on November 1 is 50 ° F or 10 ° C which is just perfect for walking. There are lots of places to visit in Halifax that are within walking distance. Over the next couple of months, I'll make you aware of some of them and some others that you might want to visit by cab. As they say, stay tuned!!

Quick Links

Facebook: [Facebook](#) 

YouTube: [Harmony, Inc. YouTube Channel](#) 

Twitter: [Twitter](#) 



Find Your Niche

Christina Lewellen, International President (president@harmonyinc.org)

We could not exist as an organization without our powerful army of volunteers. Every year at the Mid-Year meeting of the International Board of Directors, your elected leaders review the performance of all our assistants and consider applications from newbies who are looking to get involved.

Serving as an assistant to the IBOD is an excellent way to give back to the organization you love. If you would like to learn more about what it means to be an assistant or how to apply, check out [this video](#) and take a few minutes to review the job descriptions on the Harmony, Inc. website. Once you've checked out the video and the job descriptions for the position (or positions!) you're interested in, submit your application (Form **HAR-001**) and resume no later than April 15, 2017, to Christina Lewellen, International President, president@harmonyinc.org.

Assistant Positions Reviewed at Mid-Year:

Administrative Development
Coordinator (**Vacant**)
Chapter Membership Coordinator
(**Vacant**)
Chorus Director Dev. Coordinator
(**Vacant**)
Convention Manager
Copyright and Licensing Coordinator
Education Event Coordinator
Executive Secretary
Executive Treasurer



ICJ Chairman (**Vacant**)
The Key-Note Editor
Manual Chairman
Music Coordinator
New Chapter Development Coordinator
Public Relations Coordinator
Quartet Development Coordinator
Social Media Coordinator
Website Manager
Youth Programs Coordinator

Save the Date

Nancy Arkin, Director Business Services (dirbuservices@harmonyinc.org)

Save The Date!! What could be better than having 2018 IC&C in Orlando? A Harmony, Inc. Cruise!! Relaxing in the sun, singing with your friends, entertainment, food and drink brought to you as you sit in the sun. Ahh.....what a great way to recuperate from an incredible IC&C. Mark your calendars now – sailing November 4, 2018.

Our travel agent contacted me this week and the cruise lines have their itineraries and prices posted!! I will be working with her to get a deal for Harmony, Inc. and pass those savings and information onto you as soon as we have something in place.

Save me a deck chair!!



ALL Chapters –Year-End is Upon Us!**Donna Clarkson, VP Finance (vpfinance@harmonyinc.org)**

This is a reminder that all Chapters operate with a fiscal year of April 1 –March 31. Please see the Harmony, Incorporated Corporate manual in Section 4, page 4.14, under “Chapters”, item #3 for further reference.

U.S. Chapters, this will require your tax return to be filed by August 15, 2017, and you should be able file the electronic post card 990-N this year.

Canadian Chapters, please refer to the CRA Brochure posted in the Members Only Section of the Harmony, Inc. web site, under “tax documents”.

Membership Adventures**Marie Ross, Director of Membership (directormembership@harmonyinc.org)**

As we begin our “new year” in our choruses and areas, it is an ideal time to contemplate how we are giving of our time and talents to share this wonderful hobby with creative women across our areas. Do you carry chorus business cards to exchange when you share your elevator speech at the grocery store, or after a chapter show? Do you volunteer to help your Membership Chair during the year?

Recently the Area 6 Council hosted a highly successful education day in Cleveland, TN – a musically underdeveloped state in their area. Members of the area council, representation from each chorus in Area 6, and Change of Heart quartet all came together to share education and performances demonstrating their love of barbershop.

It is important to note that this event was initiated and coordinated by a member who wasn’t a membership or education leader in her area. She simply had a passion, saw an opportunity to share the joy her hobby could bring, and then brought that opportunity to her Area Director.

In looking at the area council websites I notice that a number of areas have vacancies in their membership and/or youth coordinator positions. If you are willing and able to assist your chorus or area please feel empowered to step forward and volunteer – you are not only helping the organization that gives us so much, you are helping to bring an opportunity to women who have yet to receive the joy we experience every week!

Has your chapter had success recruiting new members using the “Find Your Voice” Program or other methods? Please send your success stories to directormembership@harmonyinc.org so they can be shared with others!

Agenda Item Submissions**D Dyer, Executive Secretary (exsecretary@harmonyinc.org)**

Agenda Item Submissions – 2017 Mid-Year Meeting: Prior to International Board Meetings, members and chapters are given an opportunity to submit items for consideration at the next IBOD Meeting. The official form for submitting Agenda Items for the 2017 International Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting is available in the members-only section of the Harmony, Inc. website. Form **HAR-009** is available in a fillable document file, or as a PDF. Deadline for submissions is **APRIL 15, 2017**.

Judith Waite Memorial Music Scholarship

Marie Ross, Director of Membership (directormembership@harmonyinc.org)

The application deadline for the Judith Waite Memorial Scholarship is **May 1st**. The Judith Waite Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship designed to provide financial assistance to a Harmony, Inc. member, or to a member of her family, who is pursuing a postsecondary degree in a music related field. The following criteria must be met:

- a) The applicant must be a member in good standing of Harmony, Inc.; or
- b) The applicant must be a family member of a member in good standing of Harmony, Inc.
- c) The applicant must be pursuing a degree in a post-secondary, music related field of study.
- d) The applicant cannot have received the scholarship in the previous two years.

If you or a member of your family meets the criteria, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. You will find the application (HAR-042) under Forms in the Members Only section of the Harmony, Inc. website. Please return your completed application, along with all necessary attachments, to directormembership@harmonyinc.org.

IS YOUR QUARTET REGISTERED? (Queens: special note to you below)
Quartet Development Coordinator Deb Stoll (quartets@harmonyinc.org)

Happy AC&C Season, my Quarteting Friends!

All quartets that have processed a registration for this year are now in the Official Quartet Directory, which I maintain, as well as in the Quartet Directory on the HI website. I have removed all the quartets who let me know that they are not registering this year. (Boo Hoo, Miss You!) You can still register if you haven't, and you can register a new quartet anytime.

The next update to the Quartet Directory on the HI website will reflect the removal of all the quartets that have not registered....so if you haven't gotten around to it....maybe because you're not competing?...please let me know your plans now, so we can take care of business. You should still register, even if you're not competing!

ESTEEMED QUEENS: If you consider your quartet as "Active", please process a no-fee Quartet Registration, directly to me. To clear up some confusion over the 2nd page (**HAR-028A**) I want to let you know that this page is **not** for contest info. The Contest Entry form takes care of what is needed.

HAR-028A is actually a **HISTORY** page! We hope to be able to track all of the *individual* contest histories of our membership, so please process HAR 028A. It has been separated from the front page so you can keep it from year to year and just submit it, if nothing has changed. When changes occur (like some in your quartet compete with another quartet, or you replace someone) you can then edit your history page without having to recreate the whole thing. So....if you submitted a first page form with no History page (HAR 028A) please complete it and send it directly to me...and I'll attach it to your registration. Thanks!

If you're headed for the contest stage: BRING IT ALL SISTAHS!!! You have rehearsed and practiced and stressed over it! Now it's time to just DO IT and have fun! Stop worrying and just let it RIP! It'll be over in a flash, so enjoy those precious moments. If you're not quarteting...get it together and go for it! Don't miss the fun!

We thank you in advance for helping Harmony, Incorporated in this way.

For the Love of Harmony



Your donations to the *For the Love of Harmony* program enable you to identify individuals or groups to receive special recognition, while at the same time, provide a monetary gift to Harmony, Inc. Families, friends, members, quartets, chapters, may all make a gift in honor of someone who is celebrating a special day or event...or, you may wish to memorialize a special someone who touched your life, or who enhanced your barbershopping experience.

- **Small Heart** From Joan Fontaine in loving memory of former member, Shirley Crossman.
- **Large Heart** From Area 6 with thanks to Change of Heart for their help with the Find Your Voice event in Tennessee.

Condolences from the Membership

- To Nancy Arkin, International Board, on the loss of her mother-in-law, Adele Rosen.
- To Area 2 on the loss of their first Area (Representative) Director and donor of the Area 2 Achievement Award, Alma Schilling.
- To Carol Jackson, Area 6 Director, on the loss of her sister, Effie Waite.
- To Marion Penton, ScotianAires (Area 1) on the loss of her father, Stan Selig.
- To Joan Langley, ScotianAires (Area 1) on the loss of her father, Stan Selig.
- To Area 2 and Area 6 on the loss of former Champlain Echoes member and founder of the Georgia Connection Chapter, and former Area 6 Director, Daphny Murray Meagher.

Those we cherish will always live on in memory

It's Passport Time!

Donna McKay, VP Convention & Contests (vpconventioncontest@harmonyinc.org)

The 2017 International Convention & Contest will be held in the amazing maritime city of Halifax, Nova Scotia. You won't want to miss the beauty of the region, along with what is sure to be the best convention and contest Harmony, Inc. has ever had!

For those of you crossing the border into Canada, **now is the time** to start getting your passports in order. New passport applications, as well as passport renewals, can take months depending on where you live. To assist you with this process you'll find the passport requirements, as presented by the U.S. Postal Service, on the last page of this E-Note.

Are you flying domestically within Canada and not sure what documents you need? You might find this website helpful: <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-sctr/cntr-trrrsm/pssngr-prtct/dcmnts-en.aspx>.

No matter what documents you need for your travel to IC&C in November, **don't wait – start the process today!**



Area Contest Entry Deadlines

Jacquie Jensen, International Contest & Judging Chairman (judging@harmonyinc.org)

Area 3 AC&C

Late Entry Cut-off Postmark Date April 5, 2017 (TODAY!)

Area 5 AC&C

Late Entry Cut-off Postmark Date April 26, 2017

Area 1 AC&C

Late Entry Cut-off Postmark Date May 3, 2017

Area 4 AC&C

Contest Entry Postmark Deadline April 10, 2017

Late Entry Cut-off Postmark Date May 10, 2017

Please use the following link to access the Area Contest Entry Forms. All funds are to be remitted in U.S. currency or the equivalent in Canadian currency. [HAR-061](#) (quartet) or [HAR-063](#) (chorus)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS		
2017 Mid-Year Meeting of the International Board	May 19 - May 21	Virginia
2017 Annual Meeting of the International Board	October 30 - November 1	Halifax, NS
2017 IC&C	November 1-5	Halifax Convention Centre, Halifax, NS
2018 IC&C	Oct 31 – Nov 4	Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Lake Buena Vista, FL
2019 IC&C	November 6 - 10	Kalahari Resort & Convention Centre, Sandusky, OH
2020 IC&C	November 4 - 8	Galt House, Louisville, KY
AREA EVENTS 2017		
Area 6 AC&C	April 7 - 9	Jacksonville, FL Aura Daye Trayce Elenteny
Area 2 AC&C	April 27 - 30	Devens, MA Diane Coates

Area 3 AC&C	May 4 - 7	Rochester, NY Sue Trenchard Dorene Dickerson
Area 5 AC&C	May 25 – 28	Alliston, ON Gidget Kaert
Area 1 AC&C	June 1 – 4	Sackville, NB Deb Moreau
Area 4 AC&C	June 8 – 11	Bloomington, IL Sara Stone
CHAPTER EVENTS 2017		
Sugartones	April 29, 2017 2:00pm & 7:30pm	Knox Church 160 King St. S. Alliston, ON Contact: Sugartones
Island A Cappella	April 30, 2017 2:30pm	Carrefour Theatre Charlottetown, PE Contact: Jan Coffin
Sounds of the Seacoast	May 20, 2017 7pm	Dover High School, 25 Alumni Dr. Dover, NH Tickets@soundsoftheseacoast.org
A Cappella Showcase	June 10, 2017 7:00pm	Compass Point Bible Church Burlington, ON Contact: Gabrielle Maas
Barre-Tones	September 23, 2017 7pm	Barre Opera House, Barre, VT Contact: Julia Morgan
Women of Note	September 23, 2pm	Maynard High School Contact: Janet Billings Sarah Gerlt
Sound Celebration Show	October 20 (7pm) and 21(2pm), 2017	Plymouth Arts Center, Plymouth, WI Contact: Val Hunt

STOP

SEE PAGE 12 FOR IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT U.S. PASSPORTS!

As presented directly by the United States Postal Service

Required for a NEW U.S. Passport:

Contact your local Post Office to make an appointment. They will ensure that everything is completed properly and will even take your passport picture!

- Passport Application (you can download and print) must be filled out with **BLACK INK**
- Evidence of U.S. Citizenship:
 - ✓ Certified U.S. Birth Certificate (must meet all of the following requirements): Issued by City, County or State of birth. Lists bearer's full name, date of birth, and place of birth. Lists parent(s) full names. Had date filed with registrar's office (must be within one year of birth). Has registrar's signature. Has embossed, impressed, or multicolored seal of registrar.
 - ✓ Consular Report of Birth Abroad
 - ✓ Certificate of Naturalization/Citizenship
- Photo Identification
 - ✓ Valid Driver's License (plus second ID if issued in a different state than where you apply)
 - ✓ Certificate of Naturalization
 - ✓ Valid Government ID (city, state, or federal)
 - ✓ Valid Military ID
- Passport Photo
 - ✓ A Passport Photo 2" x 2"

Passport Fees (as of March 9, 2017)

Adults (16 and over) Book = \$110, Card = \$30

Minors (under age 16) Book = \$80, Card = \$15

Expedite Processing \$60

Overnight Delivery Return Book Only = \$14.95

Above All Payable to the U.S. Department of State

USPS Photos = \$15 *Payable to USPS*

Acceptance Facility = \$25 *Payable to USPS*

What you need to RENEW your Passport

*******Children under 16 must reapply for a passport, they cannot renew*******

- Passport application must be filled out in **BLACK INK**
- You mail in Passport Application on your own, you do not need an appointment
- *****We recommend Priority Flat Rate Envelope for \$6.95, it comes with free tracking*****
- Evidence of U.S Citizenship
 - ✓ Previous U.S. Passport (may be expired but not issued more than 15 years ago, and must be undamaged)
 - ✓ Marriage/Divorce Certificate if you had a name change
- Passport Photo
 - ✓ A Passport Photo 2" x 2"
- **Passport Fees (as of March 9, 2017)**
- Adults (16 and over) Book = \$110, Card = \$30
- Minors (under age 16) Book = \$80, Card = \$15
- Expedite Processing \$60
- Overnight Delivery Return Book Only = \$20.66
- Above All Payable to the U.S. Department of State*
- USPS Photos = \$15 *Payable to USPS*