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BarbershopNOW – February 2020

Welcome to BarbershopNOW, a one-stop source for news and links directly to your areas of interest.

Important Dates To Know

Jan. 2-June 1, 2020: Rising Star Quartet Contest entry open

Jan. 2-June 1, 2020: Young Women in Harmony Video Chorus Contest entry open

March 9, 2020: Young Singers Foundation Grant Cycle 1 opens

April 1, 2020: Convention hotel accommodations open for Louisville, Kentucky (USA)

April 11, 2020: Barbershop Quartet Day (USA)

April 29, 2020: Early registration ends for Sweet Adelines International Education Symposium

May 27, 2020: Early registration ends for 74th Annual Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition in Louisville, Kentucky (USA)

July 13, 2020: Barbershop Music Appreciation Day/Sweet Adelines International 75th Birthday

July 22-26, 2020: IES 2020 in San Antonio, Texas (USA)

July 24, 2020: 2020 Rising Star Quartet Contest in San Antonio, Texas (USA)

Oct. 12-17, 2020: 75th Diamond Anniversary and 74th Annual Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition in Louisville, Kentucky (USA)

Oct. 11-16, 2021: 75th Annual Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition in St. Louis, Missouri (USA)

Sept. 26-Oct. 1, 2022: 76th Annual Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition in Phoenix, Arizona (USA)

Support Life On a High Note Campaign Update: Good News!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members and supporters, we have exceeded our goal for the Support Life on a High Note (LOAHN) Campaign! The goal of Support LOAHN was to raise at least \$150,000 USD by Dec. 31, 2019 to support programs for Sweet Adelines International's Young Women in Harmony, the Young Singers Foundation, and the Overtone Society. Together, we have raised over \$168,000 USD. To hear more, [watch this video from International President Patty Cobb Baker](#).

Young Singers Foundation Grant Recipients Announced

Donations such as those given to the Support Life on a High Note Campaign and the Young Singers Foundation (YSF) Auction at the international convention fund music education grants to individuals, groups, or organizations sponsoring or hosting barbershop education and performance opportunities for young women. Below are the organizations that received funding for the grant cycle that closed Nov. 1, 2019:

Metro Nashville Chorus
New Mexico Youth Harmony Camp
Lakeside A Cappella Camp
Bay Area Show Chorus A Cappella U
Inland Empire Chorus Harmony Stars
Idaho Youth Barbershop Festival

Grant Funding Cycle 1 Opens Soon

Applications for the first 2020 funding cycle open on March 1, 2020 to all SA choruses, individuals and other groups who want to sponsor or host barbershop education and performance opportunities for young women. The cycle will remain open until June 1. For details, [click here](#).

Regional Competition

Regional competitions are coming up, and we want all choruses and quartets to get involved!

Here are some ideas:

1. Check your regional website to see if there's a webcast, and throw a watch party with your fellow barbershoppers!
2. Send cards of encouragement to competing choruses and quartets. You can also send them a Facebook message!
3. Post on social media about your most recent regional adventure. Use the hashtag #LifeOnAHighNote
4. Check out our Regional Competition page at <https://sweetadelines.com/events/regional-competition> for dates of each regional competition and pages to each region's website, Facebook page, and a list of past results.

What Are Your Plans FOUR Barbershop Quartet Day?

April 11 is Barbershop Quartet Day, when we celebrate the special experience that is ringing chords in a group of four. What will you do to celebrate? Find an unusual place to share the beauty of quartet singing? Teach new singers some tags? Maybe you'll just get together with three other singers and sing! Whatever you do, make sure to share it to your social media with the hashtags #LifeOnAHighNote and #BarbershopQuartetDay so we can share the fun!

Curl Up With A Good Book...About Sweet Adelines!

In honor of the 75th anniversary of Sweet Adelines International, a task force of writers and editors, with help from HQ marketing and communications staff, is publishing a new book about Sweet Adelines history! The book will feature stories and photos covering the highlights as well as the day-to-day life of Sweet Adelines from our beginning in Tulsa, Oklahoma to our current international status. Watch for order information coming soon!

Going A Little Greener

Beginning with the January 2020 issue of *The Pitch Pipe*, the magazine is now enclosed in a biodegradable bag. The bags keep the magazines safe on their journeys to mailboxes around the world, and now the bags are a little better for the Earth. Want to go a little greener? You can log in to the Sweet Adelines International website, click on "My Profile," and check the box marked "Do NOT Send Printed Pitch Pipe." You can still read *The Pitch Pipe* online at www.pitchpipemagazine.com

Register Now to Celebrate our 75th Anniversary in Louisville!

This year's Sweet Adelines International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky (USA) will be a special one, with events and merchandise commemorating our 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary! Save \$50 USD when you register now, and guarantee your seat for world-class barbershop performances and stellar education classes! In addition, celebrate this milestone year with anniversary events including a Regional Hat Parade, SA history display, and Diamond Afterglow. For information or to register for the Sweet Adelines International Convention, visit www.sweetadelines.com/louisville.

World Harmony Showcase Coming to Sweet Adelines

Sweet Adelines International will host a World Harmony Showcase during convention week on Monday, October 12, 2020. This stellar show will feature top choruses and quartets from around the world! Watch for more details coming soon. Be sure to plan your travel so you arrive in time to catch this showcase (and the amazing education classes) on Monday of convention week!

Not Competing but Want to Sing on the International Stage?

Even if you aren't competing this year, you still have an opportunity to sing on the international stage as a member of the World Harmony Chorus. Sweet Adelines 75th Anniversary is the perfect time to be able to say, "I was there and sang on the international stage." The World Harmony Chorus will perform on Saturday, October 17. Details on how to sign up coming soon.

Feeling Groovy? Come to The Coronet Club Show!

Be there Friday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. at Kentucky International Convention Center for "That Other 70s Show!" This year's Coronet Club Show brings you the sounds of the grooviest decade, with performances by international champion quartets and the famed Coronet Club Chorus. Special guest is a cappella group, VoicePlay, who were finalists on NBC's "The Sing Off" and the 2019 A Cappella Music Awards Pop Group of the Year. For more information, visit <http://www.coronetclub.org>.

Save \$75 USD When You Register Early for IES in San Antonio

INVEST In Yourself. EMPOWER Others. SING As One! Find Your Voice at IES 2020 at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas (USA), July 22-26. Join your fellow singers in exciting classes with world-class Sweet Adelines instructors, guest faculty Jan Carley (author and "Inner Coach of Barbershop") and keynote speaker Lisa Popeil, who recently finished a tour with "Weird Al" Yankovic. Registration also secures your place in the audience for the Rising Star Quartet Contest on Friday night! Some classes are already full. Register now, and save \$75! For more information and to register, visit www.sweetadelines.com/IES2020.

Engage the Power of Four: Enter the Rising Star Quartet Contest

Engage the Power of Four! How, you ask? Grab three friends and form a barbershop quartet to compete in the 2020 Rising Star Quartet Contest! The contest takes place Friday, July 24, 2020 at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas (USA) during IES 2020. Rising Star is open to women aged 25 and younger. Entry gives your quartet access to the Coaching with the Stars program, which pairs you with a champion quartet mentor to help you prepare for the contest. To find out more about prize money, coaching opportunities, and how to enter, visit www.risingstarquartetcontest.com.

Sing, Record, Submit — WIN! with the YWIH Video Chorus Contest

Calling all music educators, parents of young singers, and, of course, young singers yourselves...

Consider entering the Young Women In Harmony (YWIH) Video Chorus Contest! No travel is involved. You just Sing, Record, Submit — and possibly WIN! (\$1,000 USD for first, \$750 for second, and \$500 for third place.) This adjudicated contest is for women's

choruses whose singers are ages 25 and younger. For full details or to enter, visit www.sweetadelines.com/YWIVideoChorusContest.

Hey, Choruses and Quartets...Whatcha Doin'?

What are you doing to prepare for international competition? We want to see and hear it all: Your hilarious practice outtakes. Your beautiful tag singing. Lamentations about finding the right costume. Road trip and community performance photos. Make sure to use the hashtags #LifeOnAHighNote and #SweetAds75 so we can share your journey to Louisville with the Sweet Adelines world!

Help Us Share Your Regional Competition Webcast

It's almost March, and you know what that means: Time for barbershop fans around the world to get their snacks and friends together for Regional Competition webcast watching marathons! If your region hosts a webcast, send your information to communications@sweetadelines.com so we can add it to your regional webpage on the Sweet Adelines website and share it on our social media!

Barbershop Music Appreciation Day is July 13...What Are Your Plans?

Maybe you've heard...2020 is the 75th anniversary of Sweet Adelines International! On July 13, 1945, our founder, Edna Mae Anderson, invited some friends to her home for barbershop singing. That meeting resulted in the formation of Sweet Adelines International, so we count that day as our organization's anniversary. In 2005, on our 60th anniversary, July 13 officially became Barbershop Music Appreciation Day. We'll be celebrating together in Louisville in October, but what are your plans for Barbershop Music Appreciation Day? Will you perform for your community or your friends? Bake a birthday cake and sing "Happy birthday" to Sweet Adelines (in four-part harmony, naturally!). Whatever you do, tag #LifeOnAHighNote and #SweetAdelinesDay so we can share via the Sweet Adelines social media channels!

NEW! Director Search Advertising Options

Need help finding a new director? We have resources for Sweet Adelines Choruses to help you with your search. Choruses can now receive one free classified ad in one issue of *The Pitch Pipe* (max. 45 words) and two free social media posts using the same copy as the classified ad. Email communications@sweetadelines.com. Want to go bigger with your search? Purchase a 1/4 ad in *The Pitch Pipe* at a significant discount—\$200 USD (regular rate \$375). For ad deadlines and specs, see the [rate card](#).

Songs Added to the United States Public Domain

The following songs have been added to the U.S. public domain. Songs in the public domain are not owned by publishers, so they are available for arrangers, who will then

hold the copyright on their arrangement. We look forward to hearing new arrangements of these popular songs!

- [“Rhapsody in Blue,”](#) by George Gershwin
- [“Fascinating Rhythm,”](#) with music by George Gershwin, lyrics Ira Gershwin
- [“Nobody’s Sweetheart,”](#) with music by Billy Meyers and Elmer Schoebel, and lyrics by Gus Kahn and Ernie Erdman
- [“Lazy”](#) by Irving Berlin
- [“Jealous Hearted Blues,”](#) by Cora “Lovie” Austin (composer, pianist, bandleader)
- [“Santa Claus Blues,”](#) by Charley Straight and Gus Kahn

Songs Added to SA Store Nov. 1, 2019 – Jan. 10, 2020

*=US public domain

- All Through the Night*, Carolyn Johnson
- Amazing Grace* Lynne Alice Peterson
- Away in a Manager* Carolyn Johnson
- Be a Santa, Joey Minshall (published)
- Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*, Carolyn Johnson
- I’d Rather Be Blue Over You, Lyndal Thorburn
- I Got the Sun in the Morning, Joan D ‘Agostino (published)
- If You Could Read My Mind, Judy Vidal (published)
- It’s Not For Me to Say, Carolyn Healey (published)
- Manger Medley*: There’s a Song in the Air*/Away in a Manger*, Carolyn Johnson
- Mister Sandman, Karen McCarville
- Nobody’s Sweetheart Now*, Bev Sellers, US public domain effective 1/1/2020
- O Holy Night* Rebecca Wood and Avis Fellows (Published)
- Sentimental Journey, Karen McCarville
- Shalom Chaverim – Round*, Carolyn Johnson
- Songbird, Sharon Holmes (published)
- Surfer Girl, Karen McCarville
- There’s a Song in the Air*, Carolyn Johnson
- You’re Breaking in a New Heart (While You’re Breaking Mine), June Berg (published)
- You’re My World, Carole Clemes

Songs arranged specifically for young voices:

- YW – All Through the Night*, Carolyn Johnson
- YW - Away in a Manager*, Carolyn Johnson
- YW – Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*, Carolyn Johnson
- YW – Manger Medley*: There’s a Song in the Air*/Away in a Manger*, Carolyn Johnson
- YW - Shalom Chaverim – Round*, Carolyn Johnson
- YW – Sugartime, Marsha Zwicker (published)
- YW - There’s a Song in the Air*, Carolyn Johnson