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BarbershopNOW – November 2020

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

Important Dates To Know

Nov. 15, 2020-Jan. 25, 2021: Bev Sellers and Connie Noble Scholarship Cycle open for applications

Dec. 2, 2020: IBOD voting closes at 3 p.m. (CST)

Jan. 6, 2021: Diamond Division Quartet Contest Entry opens

Jan. 6, 2021: Rising Star Quartet Contest Entry opens

July 15, 2021: Inaugural Diamond Division Quartet Contest, Eisemann Center, Richardson, Texas (USA)

July 16, 2021: Rising Star Quartet Contest, Eisemann Center, Richardson, Texas (USA)

July 16-18, 2021: The Coronet Club's Queens' College, Renaissance Hotel, Richardson, Texas (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)

Reminder: How to Access Members-Only Content on the SA Website

Several resources listed in this issue of BarbershopNOW require members to log in to the members-only portion of the Sweet Adelines website. For assistance with logging in as a member, see our [step-by-step, illustrated instructions](#).

International Board of Directors (IBOD) Election Update

It's IBOD election season. All chapters, member-at-large and chapter-at-large members were emailed online voting instructions on October 6, 2020. If you have not received this information, contact corp_secy@sweetadelines.com. Voting closes at 3

p.m. (CST) on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Three members will be elected for the 2021-2024 term. For bios, read the [2020 Board Nominee Flyer](#).

For more information, download the [Chapter Checklist of Election Responsibilities](#) or [Frequently Asked Questions](#). When the election process is complete, results will be posted on the website's members only "Operations tab," IBOD Election dropdown.

International Update Now Available

Find out about the new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council, the SA Song Assessment Tool Task Force, competition changes, and more in the International Update from the Sweet Adelines International Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting, which was held Oct. 7-10, 2020 via videoconference. The document can be found by logging in to the Sweet Adelines International website and clicking on the "Operations" tab at the top of the page or by visiting <https://sweetadelines.com/operations/international-update>.

Support 75 Years of Life on a High Note

Our Support 75 Years of Life on a High Note campaign runs through December 31, 2020 with a goal of raising \$200,000 USD to support Sweet Adelines Education Programs. A \$25,000 USD challenge gift was offered by Judy Gordon, baritone of the 1981 International Champion Quartet, All-Star Jubilee, during the Virtual Convention. Thanks to her offer, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. When you give to Support 75 Years of Life on a High Note, you're helping to support the SA mission of *Elevating women singers worldwide through education, performance, and competition in barbershop harmony and a cappella music.*

To donate or to find out more, visit www.sweetadelines.com/give or contact philanthropy@sweetadelines.com. Other options for giving include texting "Support" or "Recurring" to 1.918.992.4838 (U.S. phone numbers only) to make a one-time gift or to set up a recurring gift.

2020 Virtual Convention Archived on SA Website and YouTube Channel

Watch again or for the first time! The exciting performances, inspiring messages, and powerful education classes of the historic 2020 Sweet Adelines International Virtual Convention are now archived on the Sweet Adelines YouTube Channel for public viewing: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SweetAdelineIntl>.

Please log in to the members-only section to find all Virtual Convention video sessions, education handouts and sheet music. Once logged in, select the "International Education" section located in the menu navigation under "Education" to view. If you're already logged in as a member, simply visit <https://sweetadelines.com/2020-Virtual-Convention-Archives> to access!

The 2020 Virtual Convention videos will remain archived on the SA website and YouTube Channel for the foreseeable future so Sweet Adelines can relive the memories and be inspired all over again by the way we came together to stay #SweetAdelinesStrong in our 75th year!

Sweet Adelines International 75th Anniversary Products for Sale

Show your Sweet Adelines 75th Anniversary spirit with new SA-branded products! Sweet Adelines-branded hoodies, jerseys, t-shirts in a range of sizes, styles, and fits, customizable water bottles, insulated cups, and coffee mugs, and the SA 75th Anniversary tote bag are available now at <https://goldmedalideas.com/SweetAds75>.

Very limited quantities of the Sweet Adelines Strong t-shirts and masks are available in the SA Online Store, so now is your chance to get one if you missed them the first time around. Search "t-shirt" or "mask" at <https://members.sweetadelines.com/sa-store>.

SA Scholarship Application Cycle Open

The Bev Sellers Memorial and Connie Noble scholarships commemorate two beloved Sweet Adelines. The scholarships provide monetary awards for women majoring in music education, vocal pedagogy, or music composition. The scholarship cycle is open Nov. 15, 2020-Jan. 25, 2021. For complete requirements, visit the [Sweet Adelines International website](#) or email scholarships@sweetadelines.com.

***The Pitch Pipe* Online and In Print...Explained**

In 2020, the International Board made a decision to deliver two issues of *The Pitch Pipe* electronically and to print two issues for the 2020-21 fiscal year, resulting in a substantial financial savings for the organization. The January 2021 and July 2021 issues will be mailed in print form. For your April 2021 issue, you will be sent an email with a link to the magazine. If you prefer to receive all of your issues electronically, you can log in to the membership database and opt out of receiving all printed issues. And as always, the magazine is available on the [Sweet Adelines website](#).

Sweet Adelines International Partners with The Coronet Club's Queens' College

Learn together, sing together! In 2021, Queens' College partners with Sweet Adelines International to bring together barbershop singers who want to learn, sing, and have fun with champion singers and educators. While Queens' College is often considered an event for quartet singers, all singers are welcome — and this year, the event features education designed especially for young singers as well. The 2021 Queens' College is scheduled for July 16-18 at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson, Texas (USA). Registration opens Jan. 6. Space is limited, so register early! Watch for information coming soon!

Sweet Adelines International Diamond Division Quartet Contest

Will your quartet be the first-ever Diamond Division Champion? The Sweet Adelines International Diamond Division Quartet Contest is an adjudicated barbershop quartet competition for singers age 55 and older and whose quartet has a combined total age of 240 on the date of the contest. The inaugural Diamond Division Quartet Contest is scheduled for July 15, 2021 just prior to The Coronet Club's Queens' College in Richardson, Texas (USA). Find details on the Sweet Adelines International website at www.sweetadelines.com/Diamond-Division-Quartet-Contest. Contest entry opens Jan. 6, 2020.

2021 Sweet Adelines International Rising Star Quartet Contest

Rising Stars go far! Register to compete or arrange to attend the 2021 Sweet Adelines International Rising Star Quartet Contest for singers age 26 and younger. The contest takes place on July 16, 2021 during The Coronet Club's Queens' College in Richardson, Texas (USA). (For this year only, the age limit has been raised to 26 to accommodate singers who could not compete because of the cancellation of the 2020 contest.) For details, visit www.risingstarquartetcontest.com. The Rising Star Quartet Contest is funded through generous contributions to Sweet Adelines International's Young Singers Fund. Contest entry opens January 6, 2020.

Perform in the UK for a Good Cause at the 2021 Sing In Harmony Festival!

Sweet Adelines International has partnered with Harmony Travel to raise money for Sweet Adelines Support Life on a High Note Education Fund. At Harmony Travel's Sing In Harmony Festival, participants will perform in historic venues in London and Oxford, UK while enjoying sightseeing and social events with SA members from around the world. Featured guest is 2018 International Champion Quartet, Lustre. Performers are

Region #12 Chorus under the direction of Kathy Scheel and Dede Nibler, and Region #19 Chorus under the direction of Claire Domenick — and there is room for two more regional choruses, so consider applying. The trip takes place July 17-23, 2021 and includes dedicated, full-time tour managers, ground services and transportation, meals, cultural events, and several performance opportunities. Harmony Travel will donate \$100 USD per participant to Sweet Adelines Support Life on a High Note Education Fund. Plus, consider staying on for the France Post Tour with Dede Nibler directing the Harmony Travel chorus and special guest 2015 International Champion Quartet, Bling! For more information, visit www.harmony-travel.net.

Performing Arts Aerosol Study – 3rd Release of Preliminary Results

Earlier this year, Sweet Adelines joined in with a coalition of more than 125 other arts organizations in supporting a study that will examine the COVID-19 aerosol rates produced by wind instrumentalists and vocalists and how quickly the aerosol rates accumulate in a space. On November 13, the study organizers shared the third release of preliminary results. View the report [here](#).

Learn Something New! Sweet Adelines Online Education Portal

New content is being added to the Sweet Adelines Online Education Portal each week. From vocal exercises to theory classes, there is something for every singer. For public education, visit www.sweetadelines.com/education. For members-only education, log into the Sweet Adelines International website before going to the Education section. (And remember that 2020 Virtual Convention education classes are also available in the same place!)

To access the members-only content, you must be logged in as a member. Not sure how to log in? View step-by-step login instructions published at the top of this newsletter.

Our most recent education additions include the following:

[Part 4 of the Region #31 Quartet of Nations Virtual Education Series: Planning for Success](#)

Join Emma Rollson, tenor of Region #31 Champion Quartet, Nightfall, as she talks about effective planning for quartets.

Warmups Through the Decades with International Faculty Anna-Lisa Glad:

[*Sing and Dance like it's the....1950s*](#): You're really going to rock it!

[*Sing and Dance like it's the....1960s*](#): Everybody will be groovin'.

[*Sing and Dance like it's the....1970s*](#): Pull out your funky, groovy dance moves.

[*Sing and Dance like it's the....1980s*](#): Get ready for big hair, big fun, and big moves!

[*Sing and Dance like it's the....1990s*](#): Unhook one strap of your overalls and pull out your iconic dance moves!

[*Ask A Queen Webinar hosted by Karen Breidert*](#)

Hear from four Sweet Adelines International Quartet Champions.

[*"Focusing on Our Own Voice": A ZoomChat with Renée Porzel featuring Ryan Heller*](#)

Learn how to create an individual vocal practice that will help you discover new things about your own voice in this conversation between SA Past International President and Certified Showmanship Judge Renée Porzel and Ryan Heller, former Master 700 Director of Pride of Portland Chorus, current director of Alamo Metro Chorus.

Education from the 2020 Virtual Convention

[*Power Up! with Lori Lyford and Jana Gutenson, Director and Associate Director of 2019 International Champion Scottsdale Chorus*](#)

Come alive with a physical warm up from 2019 International Champion Scottsdale Chorus' master class and a "bubbly" vocal warm-up direct from Lori and Jana!

[*Power Up! with Catilin Castelino and Dana Gervais, Director and Choreographer of 2020 Harmony Classic Div. AA Champion Diablo Vista Chorus*](#)

"Be safe, be well, and keep singing!"

[*Power Up! with Anna Alvring and Anna-Lena Rickardsson, Director and Assistant Director of 2020 International Champion Rönninge Show Chorus*](#)

"Think of something that makes you feel happy, something that makes you feel good!"