



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 to

BACK TO THE 80's!

This 1st mailing provides all Area 3 members with some important information. Please read fully for details on things such as Registration, Housing, the MoonGlow, a Contest Stage Description, a TENTATIVE Weekend Schedule [subject to COJ approval], and Area 3 Chorus/Quarus info. More details will follow in the 2nd mailing early April. Any questions? Please email BOTH General Co-Chairs:

Sue - suetrench@gmail.com

Dorene - dickersond@ticsd.org

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

As in 2013, the 2014 contest will again be held at Palmyra-Macedon Central School, approximately a 20-minute drive from the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa. We *tentatively* plan to have the choruses & quartets assigned to their own classroom for dressing/rehearsal and, *tentatively* evaluations will be held at the school. Any changes will be advised in the next mailing and/or at the contestant briefing. ☺

HOTEL: Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, 199 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, NY 14450

Room cost is \$119.00 per night [single, double], \$129.00 [triple or quad], +14% tax. Suites are also available for \$259-\$359; the price depends on your choice of suite. The Woodcliff will **NOT** accept individual reservations.

AC&C 2014 HOUSING FORM

*Please complete & return by **MARCH 20, 2014** [or at HELP Day] to
Denise Michaelsen, 1669 Erie Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467*

Room prices are all listed above. Suites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please contact our ACCT Facilities Coordinator, Denise Michaelsen ASAP if you'd like one. All rooms **MUST** be booked through Denise! If you have questions, please email Denise at denisemichaelsen@yahoo.com Choruses are to list all chorus members & return ONE Housing Form filled in using your computer ~ no handwritten forms please [can be very hard to read]...

Each chapter/quartet contact must provide an email for any questions. A list of all occupants in each room is required; be sure to indicate any special needs as well. The form allows for a chapter credit card so, if you are paying with your Chapter's credit card, only this card is needed to hold the reservation. Individual cards will get imprinted at check in.

Please, ALL reservations are to include the following information. Thank you! ☺

- Name[s] for all occupants of each room, also include room type.
(single, double, trip/quad). The hotel is a NON-SMOKING HOTEL.
- Credit card type to be used for payment, including number & expiration date – *this is required only for the purpose of 'holding' the reservation...*
- Arrival Date and Departure Date [check-in 3p.m., check-out by noon].

You may email Denise with questions at denisemichaelsen@yahoo.com . Please complete & return the attached AC&C 2014 Housing Form postmarked by **MARCH 20, 2014** to Denise. [See form for additional information.] {NOTE: Forms WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED at HELP Day on March 1, 2014. If you do turn in your housing forms at HELP Day, please give the forms directly to DENISE, from Rochester Rhapsody.}

AC&C 2014 REGISTRATION [AEP] FORM

Please complete & return by **MARCH 20, 2014** [or at *HELP Day*] to
Michelle Buckenmeyer, 59 Autumn Chapel Way, Rochester, NY 14624

Cost for a ***Full*** AEP for AC&C 2014 is **\$82.00 USD/CAD** & a ***Non-Performing*** AEP costs **\$50.00 USD/CAD**.
This includes the Judges Equalization Assessment from Harmony Inc. that our Area 3 Council approved.
~Remember ***Youth/Student*** AEPs are again paid by a grant given to Harmony, Inc. to pay any Area Youth AEPs.~
ALL AEPs include the cost of a \$25 Saturday evening MoonGlow dinner; this price remains unchanged from last year! ☺ General Admission tickets can be purchased by Non-performing Area 3 members, family members, friends, guests, or any out-of-Area members of Harmony Inc. for \$10.00 per event [\$5.00 for Youth guests].
**AEPs are transferable, not refundable.*

In order to be aware of each chapter's intentions, all choruses must complete this form **whether competing or not**. If you are attending, please be certain all names are spelled correctly on the AEPs. Complete the form, typing the names in alphabetical order for each member attending, and list the appropriate AEP price. Also include any known guest names and money for any tickets being purchased [**\$10USD/CAD**] or dinners [**\$25USD/CAD**].
**** Note:** This helps our Hostess Chapter keep guests seated with the chorus that they register with.**

Due to past issues reading handwritten information on the Registration Form, the form is done and should be returned as an MS Word file. This way, the names and chorus/quartet you are associated with are submitted accurately, and they will be printed on the AEPs ***exactly as entered on the form!***

PLEASE EMAIL a copy of the completed Registration form to ACCT member **Michelle Buckenmeyer** at **Michelle.Buckenmeyer@Xerox.com** [She will forward them to our Registrar, Sharron Gilbert.] Hand in/mail a copy of the form with **ONE CHECK** as payment, all fees included, to Michelle. All choruses/members are highly encouraged to return their paid AEP Registration Forms ***as soon as possible!!***

****NOTE: Reminder, receipt order of AEP/Registration determines priority MoonGlow seating!****

For ease of collection, you may prepare & submit the Registration form early if attending HELP Day. Place it in a clearly marked envelope & give it to Michelle at HELP Day or, if not attending, mail it to her home address. Choruses pay their AEP (including extra dinners and guests) in ONE check, made payable to:

Area 3 Harmony, Inc.

Mail envelope to: **MICHELLE BUCKENMEYER, 59 Autumn Chapel Way, Rochester, NY 14624**

HOSPITALITY / MOONGLOW - HOSTESS CHAPTER: **The Liberty Belles** are very pleased to be our Hostess Chapter for AC&C 2014, "**Back To The 80's**". Make sure you visit our Hospitality Room [Seneca & Cayuga rooms] -- explore items available for purchase or have a snack... maybe buy some of our Harmony Inc. merchandise for sale or take a chance in the ***basket raffle!*** The Liberty Belles will be **selling T-shirts** with their 'Back To The 80's' logo on them! There will be more info regarding this at HELP Day, on the Area 3 website and in the next mailing as well. In keeping with our theme, please remember to help us celebrate during AC&C weekend with attire reminiscent of the 80's!!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Our MoonGlow will again be held at the *Burgundy Basin Restaurant*, and we'll enjoy a "Traditional Buffet" [menu in 2nd mailing]. We'll have décor to put us in the '80's' mood! Look for more information on Page 6 of this mailing and on the website!! ☺

CONTESTANT GENERAL INFORMATION: It's time for all contestants [chorus & quartets] to complete and send in their Contest Entry Forms. Please download the forms either from this mailing or the Harmony Inc. website, Members Only section; **complete and send with the correct entry fee to the Executive Secretary.** The mailing address is on Page 2 of the form. A copy of the Contest Entry form is sent electronically by the Executive Secretary to Linda Hilko, Area Contest and Judging Chair (ACJC), in order to complete the draws for order of appearance.

Contest Entry forms must be postmarked **no later than March 3, 2014**, in order to be a part of the initial draw for the Order of Appearance for either the Quartet or Chorus Contest. If you miss this date, a late fee will be assessed and you will sing first in the applicable contest. In order to compete, your **late entry** must be postmarked no later than **April 2, 2014**.

It is also time again for Quartets to send in their Registration/Renewal form and fee. Please remember that Quartets must be registered with the Executive Secretary in order to compete. All forms are on the Harmony Inc. website (www.harmonyinc.org) under the 'Members Only' section. **PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THE FORMS CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING.**

The Judging Panel will be announced in March. This information will be posted on the Area 3 website and included in the 2nd mailing. If you have any questions with regard to either the Chorus or Quartet contest, please contact ACJC Linda Hilko at area3acjc@bell.net

CONTEST STAGE INFORMATION

The base stage dimensions at Pal-Mac School are as follows: back wall to stage edge – 30', back traveler to stage edge – 26', main curtain to stage edge – 5', main curtain to middle riser – 12', stage width 40'.

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

DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	ROOM/FACILITY
Friday, May 2	Noon – 3PM	Contest site set-up	School Auditorium
	3PM - 4:30 PM	Registration	TBA
	11:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Hospitality	Hotel
	1:30 PM – 2PM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Hotel
	2PM – 2:30 PM	Family Chorus Rehearsal	Hotel
	3PM – 3:30 PM	Quartet on-stage viewing (no singing) & COJ walk through	School Auditorium
	3:30PM – 4PM	Quartet & Chorus Judges Briefing [dinner afterward]	School Auditorium
	5PM [This will NOT be earlier!]	Quartet Contest: Area Quarus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1 st place sings	School Auditorium
	7:30 PM – 8PM	Judging Panel discussions	School
	8PM – 11PM	Evaluations	School Classrooms
Saturday, May 3	8AM -10AM	Registration	Hotel
	8AM -11AM	Hospitality	Hotel
	9:30 AM – 10AM	Area Chorus Rehearsal	School Auditorium
	11AM – 11:30 AM	Chorus on-stage viewing (no singing)	School Auditorium
	NOON[This will NOT be earlier!]	Chorus Contest: Area Chorus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1 st place sings	School Auditorium
	3PM - 5PM	Chorus Evaluations	School classrooms
	6:30 PM – 8PM	Dinner	Burgundy Basin
	8PM – 10:00PM	MoonGlow	Burgundy Basin
Sunday, May 4	9AM – Noon	Craft classes	Hotel Meeting Rooms – TBA
	9AM – Noon	Hospitality	Hotel

NOTE: This is a **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ONLY**. The Chairman of Judges (COJ) will give the **FINAL approval late April, 2014**. **AGAIN – these times and locations are NOT final!! ☺**

AREA 3 CHORUS:

Katie Taylor is leading our 2014 Area 3 Chorus in song at this year's AC&C, as the director from Northern Blend Chorus, our current Area 3 Champions and International Bronze Medalist Chorus! The song is "As Long As I'm Singin", by Tom Gentry. Every registrant at HELP Day will be provided with Tom Gentry's music and learning track for this song. We are also offering the popular chorus track with music, presentation, and vocal production classes built upon this song.

Traditionally, the Area Chorus has been made up of 4 singers from each chapter but has not always been limited to that. In addition to the plan to have a rehearsal of this song scheduled at HELP Day, we also will continue with our annual AC&C Saturday morning rehearsal. Please remember all Area 3 Associate members [in good standing] are also invited to sing in the Area 3 Chorus!

AREA 3 QUARUS:

Our Area 3 Quartet Coordinator is Anne Bureau and she will be directing the Area Quarus at AC&C 2014. Anne has chosen the song "If I Can Dream" by Tom Gentry. The **sheet music** and **learning tracks** are available through Anne, and she will send them to your quartet once you decide that your quartet can learn this song and be with us for the **rehearsal** and **performance** at AC&C in Rochester.

As you likely already know, singing on Friday evening at HELP Day has been brought back this year with a **Friday Night Sing Fest!!!** We do plan an opportunity for a rehearsal for the Area 3 Quarus at HELP Day. We also will continue with our annual AC&C Friday afternoon hotel rehearsal in order to have as much time together as possible before our actual stage performance.

AREA 3 FAMILY CHORUS:

This is an invitation to **all Area 3 singers** who fall within the FAMILY category to please participate in our Family Chorus at AC&C 2014! This year's director will be Lorie Autote and the song she has chosen is "Fun In Just One Lifetime." We certainly don't want to miss anyone who is eligible to enjoy this experience and encourage all members who have a mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, etc. that sings in Area 3 – even an associate member, to please join us! It is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

If you are unable to attend Help Day, please indicate your interest in participating and we will make sure that your Chapter President receives the music for you. We plan to have a scheduled rehearsal at HELP Day; also we'll continue with our annual AC&C Friday afternoon rehearsal so that we may have some time together prior to our performance.



AC&C 2014 Liberty Belles Chapter, welcomes you “Back To The 80’s”

Welcome back to the most tubular decade, dudettes. It’s the 80’s, fur sure!

Journey back to a time when the Atari was cutting edge technology, when the first Space Shuttle launched and the Rubik’s Cube baffled all. Reagan declared a war on drugs, John Lennon was shot and the Berlin Wall came down. Post-It Notes were invented and Prince Charles married Lady Diana. Admit it, you didn’t miss a second of that wedding extravaganza.

You know Max Headroom was rad to the max! TV Dinners with the Cosby’s, Alf, Cheers and the Golden Girls. And, like, the movies... I mean, like, come on. Classics. Ferris Bueller’s Day Off, The Karate Kid, E.T., Ghostbusters and what girl can forget Adventures in Baby Sitting.

You know you want your MTV back. Pity the fool that doesn’t totally rock out to 80’s pop and punk. Thriller brought to you by the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Or are you more a Guns N’ Roses bodacious babe? There’s so many - Journey, Duran Duran, Talking Heads, Cyndi Lauper - like seriously, Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!

So dig out your most awesome neon, jellies, pegged jeans, side ponytails and t-shirt clips. Whether you choose Like a Virgin, Preppie, Punk or Let’s Get Physical, do it with flourish! Don’t dweeb out or like, what-ever.

Because where else to party hardy but Area 3? It’s like totally the place to be!

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Reminder -- For the MoonGlow, the Hostess Chapter previously asked choruses and quartets to sign up for an opportunity to sing during the evening, if you wished, as only qualifiers were automatically placed on the program to perform. The ACCT, as a direct result of your member survey comments/requests to shorten the evening program, asked the Area 3 Council to do just that and the Area Council approved!

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 Quartet Champions -- will perform one song
- Any Reigning Queens and/or International Chorus Champions -- will perform one song
- Judges -- will perform one song [unless they do not wish to do so]

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**PROGRAM ADS:** We are again offering quartets & choruses the availability to purchase PROGRAM ADS. Mailboxes for cards and best intentions were eliminated, and the AC&C Hostess Chapter is unable to seek ads for the program as they aren’t hosting in their own city. Therefore, choruses and quartets may wish to send congratulations or good luck wishes to contestants in a program ad! If you would like to do so, please send the ad copy to our Area Publicity Coordinator, Cait Schadock, [pr@area3harmony.org](mailto:pr@area3harmony.org) by MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>- NO LATER!  
**Please have your email subject line read: ACC2014 PROGRAM AD!! Any questions, ask Cait! ☺**

**Program AD Costs --** \$15.00 – ¼ page; \$25.00 – ½ page; \$50.00 – full page

**\*\*\*\*\*AND, JUST IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN...\*\*\*\*\***

## **AREA 3 H.E.L.P. DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014**

**8:30AM – 4 PM**

Location: RIT Inn & Conference Center  
5257 West Henrietta Road  
[West] Henrietta, NY 14467

\*Phone: [\(585\) 359-1800](tel:585-359-1800)

\*Fax: [\(585\) 359-1349](tel:585-359-1349)

Cost: \$30 registration per person; price includes lunch. Extra \$25 for chorus/quartet coaching

Rooms: \$99, some rooms have two double beds and some have king or queen beds; pool; exercise room; restaurant and bar on premises: **specify Area 3 Harmony Inc. when reserving a room.**

You will want to attend our Area 3 (the Place to Be) HELP Day this year! [For any new Area 3 members, HELP Day stands for **H**armony **E**ducation and **L**earning **P**rogram.] This year's format is returning to a more familiar agenda that we are used to from many previous years that include a wide array of craft classes and quartet and chorus coaching sessions. This year the entire event from Friday Night Sing Fest through to the Sunday Area 3 Council Meeting will be held in the one facility.

### **What is happening?**

Friday night: Friday Night Sing Fest for both those who quartet and those who don't - plus two rooms available for quartet coaching.

Saturday: We will kick off with a fun general session on Humor in Barbershop with Dave McEachern, followed by coaching for choruses, coaching for quartets and a variety of other classes centered on producing music!

**?s - Contact:** Susan Berardi, Area 3 Education Coordinator, email: [Education@area3harmony.org](mailto:Education@area3harmony.org)  
Phone: [585-217-9702](tel:585-217-9702)

\*\*Look for more information from our Area Education Coordinator, Susan Berardi, or on the Area 3 website at <http://www.area3harmony.org>

