



AREA 3
2015 AREA CONVENTION & CONTEST
MAY 1 - 3, 2015
FAIRPORT, NY



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

and Hostess Chapter, **TORONTO ACCOLADES**,

Welcomes you to

CALENDAR DAYS!

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 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: Minerva Deland/Fairport Central School District, 140 Hulburt Road, Fairport, NY 14450

This year, our contest location is Minerva Deland/Fairport Central School, an approximately 8-9 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

Rooms cost **\$122.00** per night [single, double], **\$133.00** [triple or quad], **and +14% tax**. Suites are also available for **\$259-\$360**; the price depends on your choice of suite. The Woodcliff will **NOT** accept individual reservations. ***Remember – It is VERY IMPORTANT for our Area 3 choruses to book 6th floor suites for Saturday evening, as the Hotel has promised this incentive to us for the benefit of Area 3 Singing into the wee hours!!! 😊*
**The Woodcliff is including a complimentary Cheese, Cracker and Vegetable tray for up to 30 people for every suite booked! To ensure 6th floor singing on Saturday night, we must book all the suites.* PLEASE, get your reservations in early!!!*



AC&C 2015 HOUSING FORM

Please complete & return by **MARCH 20, 2015** [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]...

NYS choruses can submit a ST-119 form (Denise can email that to your chorus Treasurer if needed) along with their room/housing form. Please be aware that all rooms under the exempt status for that chorus need to be paid by a chorus credit card or cash only. If a chorus does not have a debit card attached to their checking account, a cashier's check is recommended. Chorus checks will need to be pre-approved by the hotel if you are unwilling to provide a cashier's check. (No individual payments will get exempt status.)

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 be 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., checkout by noon].

You may email Denise with questions at denisemichaelsen@yahoo.com. Please complete & return the attached AC&C 2015 Housing Form postmarked by **MARCH 20, 2015** to Denise. [See form for additional information.] {**NOTE**: Forms **WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED** at *HELP Day* on March 7, 2015. If you do turn in your housing forms at *HELP Day*, please give the forms directly to **DENISE**, from Rochester Rhapsody.}



AC&C 2015 REGISTRATION [AEP] FORM

Please complete & return by **MARCH 20, 2015** [or at HELP Day] to
Michelle Buckenmeyer, 59 Autumn Chapel Way, Rochester, NY 14624

Cost for a **Full** AEP for AC&C 2015 is **\$72.00 USD/CAD** & a **Non-Performing** AEP cost is **\$62.00 USD/CAD**. This includes the Judges Equalization Assessment from Harmony, Inc. **Youth/Student** AEPs will be covered by the Steve Hegadorn Grant for 2015. ~ 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 Area 3 members that are not performing, family members, friends, guests, or any out-of-Area members of Harmony Inc. for \$10.00 per event [\$5.00 for Youth/Student 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 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: **Toronto Accolades** are very pleased to be our Hostess Chapter for AC&C 2015, “Calendar Days”. 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!** In keeping with our theme, please remember to help us celebrate during AC&C weekend with attire reminiscent of Calendar Days!!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Our MoonGlow will again be held at the *Burgundy Basin Restaurant*, and we’ll enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner with many choices; there will be something for everyone [menu in 2nd mailing]. We’ll have décor to put us in the ‘Calendar Days’ 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 from 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 Melanie Menzies, 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 2, 2015,** 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 1, 2015.**

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 Melanie Menzies at menziesmelanie@aol.com

CONTEST STAGE INFORMATION:

As Minerva Deland is a new venue for our AC&C this year, Contest Site details will be provided and updated on the Area website when they become available.

“TENTATIVE” WEEKEND SCHEDULE AC&C May 1 – May 3, 2015

DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	ROOM/FACILITY
Friday, May1	Noon – 3PM	Contest site set-up	School Auditorium
	3PM - 4:30 PM	Registration	TBA
	12 noon – 4 PM	Hospitality	Hotel
	1:30 PM – 2PM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Hotel
	2PM – 2:30 PM	Family Chorus Rehearsal	Hotel
	3PM – 3:30 PM	Contestant Judges Briefing	School Auditorium
	3:30PM – 4PM	Quartet on-stage viewing (no singing)	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 2	8AM -10AM	Registration	Hotel
	8AM -10:30 AM	Hospitality	Hotel
	9:30 AM – 10AM	Area Chorus Rehearsal	School Auditorium
	10:30 AM – 11 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 3	9AM – Noon	Craft classes	Hotel Meeting Rooms – TBA
	9AM – 10AM	Hospitality	Hotel

NOTE: This is a **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ONLY.** The Chairman of Judges (COJ) will give the **FINAL approval late April, 2015.** **AGAIN – these times and locations are NOT final!! ☺**

AREA 3 CHORUS:

Katie Taylor is leading our 2015 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 "Happy", by Pharell. Every registrant at HELP Day will be provided with music and learning trax for this song will be available as well.

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. Remember that all Area 3 Associate members [in good standing] are also invited to sing in the Area 3 Chorus! Please contact Katie at ktsinglady@yahoo.com for music and trax if you are **not** attending HELP Day.

AREA 3 QUARUS:

Our Area 3 Quarus Director for 2015 is Sue Melvin and the song the Quarus will be singing is, "I Get By with a Little Help from my Friends". Sheet music and learning tracks will be available to registered quartets soon, once you decide that your quartet can learn this song and be with us for the **rehearsal** and **performance** at AC&C in Fairport. Please email Sue at susiesings4u@yahoo.com for music and trax.

As you likely already know, singing on Friday evening at HELP Day has been brought back again this year with a **Friday FUN Night!!!** 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 2015! This year's director will be Lynn Blakeney and the song she has chosen is "Let There Be Music". 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 by emailing the Area Director at d33j29s0@aol.com and she will send you the music and trax. 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 2015 Toronto Accolades Chapter, welcomes you to "Calendar Days"

To reflect the "Calendar Days" theme of this year's AC&C, the Toronto Accolades, as Hostess Chapter, will be selling a 16-month "Calendar Days" calendar in the Hospitality Suite. It will feature a collage of formal and candid photos from each of our Area 3 choruses, and indicate all relevant holidays as well as Harmony, Inc. events from September, 2015, through December, 2016.

While at contest, don't forget to visit our Hospitality Suite, where you can:

- purchase your 16-month Harmony, Inc. "Calendar Days" calendar
• explore the other merchandise for sale
• grab a coffee, tea or snack
• buy raffle tickets on the tempting chorus raffle baskets
• pick up a CD of your favorite quartet { *Any quartet wanting to sell CDs, please notify the Toronto Accolades' President [lorna.mulrooney@hotmail.com] at least 30 days beforehand. }

The Toronto Accolades are also looking forward to Moonglow, where they can welcome all the party revelers, flag wavers, leprechauns, witches, bunny rabbits, ground hogs, turkeys, and the rest to their big party. Moonglow will be held at the Burgundy Basin Restaurant again this year, with a buffet dinner followed by some great entertainment – namely, YOU! Perhaps your chorus can even come up with a song to sing at Moonglow which reflects your costume theme. Be sure to dress up according to the special "Calendar Day" that your chorus drew at AC&C last year. Celebrate during AC&C weekend with attire reminiscent of Calendar Days!!!

See you there!

Reminder -- For the MoonGlow, 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]

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 by MARCH 15th - NO LATER! Please have your email subject line read: ACC2015 PROGRAM AD! Any questions, ask Cait! ☺

Program AD Costs -- \$15.00 - 1/4 page; \$25.00 - 1/2 page; \$50.00 - full page

AREA 3 H.E.L.P. DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

8AM – 4 PM

Location: RIT Inn & Conference Center

5257 West Henrietta Road

[West] Henrietta, NY 14467

*Phone: [\(585\) 359-1800](tel:5853591800)

*Fax: [\(585\) 359-1349](tel:5853591349)

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 must reserve rooms by **February 13, 2015.**

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 Fun Night through to the Sunday Area 3 Council Meeting will be held in the one facility.

What is happening?

Friday night: Friday Fun Night for both those who quartet and those who don't – 8-10PM. There will be coaching opportunities available for those interested. Indicate on your registration form that your quartet would be available to be coached on Friday night during one of the limited time slots.

Saturday: 8AM – 4PM! We will kick off with a continental breakfast. There are classes for everyone! Classes will be offered on technology, music reading, directing, and making the most of quartet coaching. Coaching for choruses, quartets and individuals is available!

Any ?s - Contact: Susan Berardi, Area 3 Education Coordinator, email: HELPSDay@area3harmony.org
Phone: [585-730-0225](tel:5857300225)

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

