



BEACH BLANKET BARBERSHOP
Atlantic Gulf Region 9
Competition

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To: All Chorus Team Leaders/Presidents
All Competition/Travel Coordinators
All Chorus Directors
All Registered Quartet Contacts

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Chair of the Regional Convention

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Subject: Region 9 Competition – April 15-18, 2010
Hilton Daytona Beach Resort / Peabody Auditorium
Daytona Beach, Florida

Hi, everyone! It's that time of year again – the first communication about Region 9 Competition/Convention 2010! This year's theme is "Beach Blanket Barbershop" – this theme was submitted last year by Camille Sanabria and she will receive a complimentary All Events ticket in thanks for this great idea!

Glad to be back communicating with all of you again. Welcome to new directors and new quartets! This is the first communication with everything you always wanted to know about competition and we afraid to ask!

The Competition Booklet will be sent via email in a couple of weeks – just have a few more tweaks before sending. However, I have included some important points and information in this first letter.

1. **Competition will be held in Daytona Beach again this year.** The room rate for single, double, triple and quad rooms is \$147.00 plus 12.5% tax. The parking fees are \$9.00 per day self-parking and \$17.00 per day valet. Parking at the Ocean Center garage is \$8.00 per day.

We are again offering the choruses the opportunity to pay as a group for your sleeping rooms in order to save the 12.5% tax if your chorus holds a Florida State Tax Exempt Certificate. You can pay for your group rooms either by credit card (in the chorus name) or by check upon checkout. If you have any questions about this, please contact Marsha at marswill8905@cfl.rr.com or 407-257-2611.

2. **Busing:** Again, only contestants will be transported to the auditorium. All audience members and those attending the Official Inspection and Briefings on Friday will need to walk the block to the theater.

3. **For choruses:** As a reminder, we will again have only one riser configuration – Standard. That means that all sizes of choruses will perform on the same riser configuration. A schematic of the Standard Riser Configuration will be attached at the back of the booklet when you receive it.
4. **NEW THIS YEAR ! For choruses and quartets:** The briefings will be held on **FRIDAY MORNING** this year. **Chorus briefing will be at 11:00 am and quartet briefing will be at 11:30 am.** The Official Inspection will take place immediately following the briefings. We ask that all chorus and quartet representative stay to help us with the inspection. This will allow all our competing quartets much more time to prepare. We are anticipating a 5:00 pm start to the quartet contest this year. This will change only if we have more than 16 quartets registered.

If you have anyone in your group who is “physically challenged”, please **email** Dee Lahr (harmonyd@verizon.net) prior to **March 1, 2010** with their names and needs. Of course, if you have any further requirements after that date, please contact Dee as soon as possible. Only last minute additions to this list will be dealt with at the briefings on Friday. We need this information in order to accommodate everyone as quickly and easily as possible during the pattern. A reminder to all, the Region does not provide wheelchairs or scooters. However, I have added a list of companies in Daytona that rent these items at the end of this letter. Please note also that the bus drivers cannot assist in putting wheelchairs on the bus – and cannot transport scooters at all. Those **contestants** who need to transport these items will be given special parking passes and directions on where to park at the theatre. More info will be given separately to those needing this accommodation.

5. **Photography:** We have contracted again this year with Jon Peterson Photography, Inc. Quartets will have their pictures taken as part of the pattern. Chorus photos will be taken on stage. **Both quartets and choruses should bring your photo orders and checks to the briefing.** We will collect them and deliver them to the photographer.
6. Your performance will again be recorded on DVD. We will again distribute the DVDs the morning after each contest session in the Assistance Chorus room at the hotel.

Scoresheets will be available in the Rose Room (just to the left as you go out the doors into the lobby) immediately following each contest. Chorus presidents/team leaders and one member of each quartet should go to the Rose Room to pick up the sheets.

7. Competition packets from International will be mailed directly to the choruses and registered quartets on or around January 4, 2010. If have not received a packet by the 3rd week in January, please call International Headquarters - Music Services at 800-992-7464. Quartet registration deadline is February 15, 2010 (late entries by March 2, 2010). Chorus registration deadline is February 16, 2010 (late entry March 3, 2010). Registration fee for quartets is \$100 this year. Chorus registration fee is \$150.

PLEASE NOTE – ANY QUARTET WHO WISHES TO COMPETE IN APRIL MUST HAVE REGISTERED THEIR QUARTET WITH INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BY JANUARY 15, 2010. QUARTET CAL MEMBERS MUST HAVE PAID THEIR REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2010 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE. THERE IS ALSO A SUBSTANTIAL LATE FEE FOR LATE ENTRIES.

Order of appearance will be drawn February 22, 2010. I will send this information to everyone as soon as it is posted. It can also be accessed on www.sweetadelineintl.org in the Competition section.

8. **Shopping Bags WILL NOT be provided by the Region.** Please bring **ONE** bag for your quartet with your quartet name on the bag. Choruses should bring at least **one bag for each row** – please put your chorus name on the bags.
9. **2010 Competition Area on the Region 9 Website:** The 2010 Competition area on the Region 9 website (www.sairegion9.com) is where you will be able to review and download all the updates, forms, Time & Traffic Patterns, etc. associated with competition and the convention. All of the forms will be in .pdf format to make it easier for anyone to read and print. We hope this will assist everyone in getting all information in a timely manner. All correspondence sent to choruses and quartets will also be posted on the website in this area.

On behalf of the Regional Management Team and the Convention Steering Committee (listing attached), we wish you a very successful and fulfilling competition experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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