



"Southern Exposure"





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Welcome to the new format of your newsletter, Area 6!

Due to extenuating circumstances, I am no longer able to utilize my preferred desk top publishing program. I appreciate your patience as I work out the details to make this new format exciting, informative and educational.



 Area 6 Council 	
Administrators	Additional Positions
Area Director.....Carol Jackson	Area C&J Chairman.....Trayce Elenteny
Area Secretary.....Aura Daye	Bulletin Editor.....Amy Johnson
Area Treasurer.....Nancy Graves	Education Coordinator.....Michele Henry
	Manual Coordinator
Chapter Presidents	Membership Coordinator.....Barbara Fleischman
A Cappella South.....Alison Hixson	P/R Marketing Coordinator.....Melinda Brunson
Atlanta Harmony Celebration!.....Elie Alexander	Parliamentarian.....Leslie LaForty
Harmony Sound Waves.....Phyllis Fairley	Quartet Coordinator
Sisters of Sound.....Emily Kurz	Youth Outreach Coordinator

Area Council and Convention News

Director's Desk

Carol Jackson, Area 6 Director

I just returned from Mid-Year meetings in Virginia, and it was really nice seeing everyone again. We accomplished much and I hope I represented you well at the table. Area 6 is lucky as we also have two other IBOD members representing Area 6: **Marie Ross**, as Director of Membership, and **Amy Johnson**, as Director of Communications.

Just an update on the new Prospective Chapter in Area 6, *South Lake A Capella*: They have about 13 members and are working towards the mandatory minimum of 14 members, to get started with the charter process. Please know you are welcome to come visit the chorus any Thursday evening, from 7-9pm., at the Oakland Presbyterian Church, in Oakland, FL.

I was very pleased with our AC&C this year even though we had much lower numbers than in the past several years. With the new prospective chapter coming along, we should be able to bring our numbers back up to a better count. It's nice to know we had two choruses qualify for International, along with one quartet. I'm sure they will make us proud in Nova Scotia.

Also...*Georgia Connection* has changed their name to *A Cappella South*. They have also grown their chapter membership sufficiently to be removed from "reserve" status. *Congratulations to all of you ladies.*

Have a wonderful Summer, everyone!

Convention News

Aura Daye, Convention Team Manager

It is nearly time for the Convention Team to begin plans for Area 6 Convention and Contests 2018. Our first task is to create a budget which will give us an All Events Pass price. You may ask, why so early? The Area 6 Council must approve the budget at its October 2017 meeting.

This is what we know already:

We will be at the same hotel in Jacksonville, Florida; the room price remains the same, \$109.00 plus taxes; self-parking is still free; and everyone will be issued a discounted breakfast coupon to be used on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. \$13.00 plus tax will be the price.

The dates are April 19 to 22, 2018.

This is what we need to know soon from all chapters and Associates:

- How many plan to attend?
- How many quartets and choruses plan to compete?
- Who will be your Chapter Liaison this year?

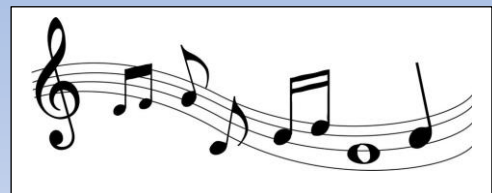
Also, there is a change in personnel for the Area 6 Convention Team. Due to the resignation of **Vicki Browning Antonakos**, we will have a new Registrar. **Janet Lipscomb**, of *Harmony Sound Waves*, will fill this position. Janet has formerly served as Area 6 Treasurer, so is very familiar with our registration procedures. *Many thanks to Vicki, for her service on the Area 6 Convention Team.*

Chapter Presidents and Associates please watch for my questionnaire in late July or early August.

Area 6 wishes to extend our sympathy to:



† Carol Jackson, Area 6 Director, on the passing of her husband, Bill.



Chorus and Quartet News

Farewell Georgia Connection, Hello A Cappella South!

Alison Hixson, President

On February 7, 1997, Georgia Connection was officially chartered. Thus began a journey for the chorus that would lead to 16 Area championships, several top 10 finishes at International, years of entertaining the community in the Atlanta area, and many opportunities to teach others this craft we all hold so dear.

Over the 20 years of the Georgia Connection's existence, there have been many changes for the chorus and the Barbershop community. Georgia Connection grew and changed while working each year to improve in skill, continue to entertain, and striving to grow this craft. Her first director, **Mark Rusch**, began working with the group in 1996, and directed the newly chartered group in their first contest in April of 1997, where they won first place, qualifying for IC&C. Mark remained with the chorus until his retirement in 2004. That tradition of excellence continued as the chorus' second director, **Luke Lindsay**, took on the job from 2005 through 2013. Luke took the chorus to a new level, which included hosting very entertaining shows each year, and attending the Area and International contests.

In the past few years, Georgia Connection has struggled in number, due to many changes. Though smaller in number, the chorus continued to entertain audiences and represent the Area well in contests. In April of 2017, the Georgia Connection stood on stage at AC&C, in Jacksonville, for the final time. Under the direction of interim director, **Jean Ann Crites Morris**, nine chorus members sang very well, and celebrated those 20 amazing years. Although disqualified from the contest due to the small number, they performed one final time as the Georgia Connection.



In April, 1997 the Georgia Connection competed in their first Harmony, Inc. contest in Deland, Florida. Under Mark's direction, they wowed the judges and awed the audience with renditions of "Tie Me to Your Apron Strings Again" and "Welcome Back to Dixieland". When the first place announcement was delivered shrieks of excitement and tears of joy filled the arena. The winners...The Georgia Connection! Just a little over a month after their Charter, the Georgia Connection had accomplished what no other Harmony, Inc. chorus had...qualified to compete on the international level in the first year of existence.

On May 11, 2017, A Cappella South was born...a new chorus springing up from the years of excellence laid down by the Georgia Connection. This new group currently has 11 members, and is growing. Jean Ann continues to direct as the search for a permanent director gets underway. It is an exciting time for this new group as they work on new music and new ideas to not only grow this chorus, but grow Harmony, Inc. in the Atlanta area.

A Cappella South would like to thank all of those who have loved and worked with the Georgia Connection over the last 20 years. The ladies look forward to many more years of singing, performing and competing!



Chorus and Quartet News (cont'd)

Harmony Sound Waves

Christine Williams, President

Summer heat and afternoon thunderstorms are not unusual as we rehearse each Monday evening these days. Our numbers have shrunk temporarily since some members head north to escape the hot Florida season. Others are on vacation, travelling, or about to travel, all over the USA and abroad too. Some are home recuperating from surgery. And great news – **Emilyann Tobias**, our newest member, is now the proud mother of a healthy baby boy, Ewan, now 2 months old!

We loved the AC&C convention in Jacksonville in April. Our western outfits are hanging in our closets now, but our “cowboy” songs are still ringing in our ears! Our newest quartet, *The Deci-Belles*, were thrilled to win the Novice Award. We so much enjoyed the music and friendship shared by all the other Area 6 choruses and quartets, and look forward to next spring!

Recently, our director **Greg Patterson**, suggested we try a new rehearsal format which we started a few weeks ago. We now begin the evening earlier with a small “teaching chorus”, consisting of section leaders and others who learn new music first. The teaching chorus is then in a position to teach any new music introduced to the larger chorus. This is followed by a regular rehearsal with the entire HSW chorus.

We are excited to be celebrating our 25th anniversary in September. We will have a proclamation from the town mayor, and fill a display case at the New Smyrna Beach library with our Harmony memorabilia, for the month of September. Also in the works is a Silver Anniversary “Sweets and Harmony” program, highlighting some of our favorite songs.

Enjoy the summer!



Harmony Sound Waves

Coming Soon to Area 6...

South Lake A Capella Chorus

LuJo Karkovice, Associate

Coming soon to an AREA near you: South Lake A Capella Chorus...affectionately known as SLACKers!

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out ... 1+1+1+1+1 (and so on), equals one new chorus! South Lake A Capella chorus is well on its way to becoming a newly chartered chorus in Area 6. As Director, **Ludmila Hemmings**, continues teaching in her unique manner, combining seasoned Harmony members with brand "newbies", we are sounding more and more like a chorus.

ByLaws and Standing Rules are ready for submission, and officers will soon be elected. SLAC extends a huge “THANK YOU” to our sister choruses who've helped support our venture with encouragement and sheet music!

We're looking forward to singing with you at next year's AC&C.



South Lake A Capella Chorus

**“Get your
Barbershop fix
in Area 6!”**

Important Dates and Events

DEADLINE for the October 2017 issue of the "Southern Exposure" is **September 18**. Please send articles and photos to rojoamy@gmail.com .



NOW HEAR THIS... Upcoming Barbershop Events

Upcoming AC&C/IC&C's

(Dates/locations may be subject to change.)

Area **C**onvention and **C**ontests
April 19-22, 2018

Jacksonville, FL

Area **C**onvention and **C**ontests
April 4-7, 2019

Jacksonville, FL

Area **C**onvention and **C**ontests
April 16-19, 2020

Jacksonville, FL

Area **C**onvention and **C**ontests
April 15-18, 2021

Jacksonville, FL

International **C**onvention and **C**ontests
November 1-5, 2017

Halifax, NS

International **C**onvention and **C**ontests
October 31-November 4, 2018

Orlando, FL

International **C**onvention and **C**ontests
November 6-10, 2019

Sandusky, OH

International **C**onvention and **C**ontests
November 4-8, 2020

Louisville, KY

International **C**onvention and **C**ontests
November 3-7, 2021

Hershey, PA

**Barbershop Harmony Society
International Convention**



July 2-9, 2017

Webcast: www.barbershop.org

Area 6 Fall Council Meeting

October 21, 2017

Host: A Cappella South

Location: Metro Atlanta

More information coming soon!



International Convention & Contests

November 1-5, 2017

Halifax, NS

Visit www.harmonyinc.org for more information!



Area 6 Convention and Contests

April 19-22, 2018

Jacksonville, FL

Additional information coming soon to this publication!

