

Stroke of Twelve...

Pacific Shores Region 12



News from Pacific Shores Region 12
January 2015

January AIM Weekend is almost here, and it's a fun one with effervescent Tori Postma and so much more!

- Are you signed up? Check [the schedule](#) and let us know [your intentions](#) so we'll have enough chairs and handouts.
- Are you singing on Saturday night? Deadline to sign up is January 5! [Double Quartet](#) and [Quartet Parade](#) forms are here.
 - Do you want a PVI? Don't wait til all the time slots are full and it's too late! [Sign up now!](#)
- Are you on your chorus management team or board? Want one of the great Cobb salads at your lunch forum? [Sign up here.](#)
 - Know any young women who might [enjoy a day of barbershop singing?](#)
 - Love to sing? Bring [the tag book](#) and look for others to harmonize with all weekend.

See you in Sacramento!

50 years and growing!

Pacific Empire Chorus celebrated our 50th Anniversary year in style this September with a show called "For the Love of Harmony." We celebrated with a 1964 Mustang out front and members dressed in costumes of the past. We sang up a storm... literally! But a little rain never stopped us from celebrating with former members, and taking time to honor our special guests. Marie Disher who directed from 1970 to 1979, and Jan Gervais, PEC's longest serving director of 28 years. They both received roses and necklaces commemorating their contributions to the Pacific Empire history.



Oh there's no place like home for the Holiday performances! We sang for Petaluma's Santa's Arrival, where he arrived on a tugboat! Lots of special Petaluma people to wave and sing along as Santa made his way down the river to greet all the boys and girls along the banks. Oh what fun! We performed for Petaluma's Fabulous Women's Holiday Night and sang at Springfield Place to entertain our local assisted living folks. This year PEC has been invited to sing on Napa Harmonizers shows, including their wonderful holiday show. Both times we have had so much fun! What's next, you ask? WELL.... PEC is gearing up for a great 2015! Pacific Empire Chorus is proud to be your hosts at the 2015 AIM weekend this January in Sacramento! We are truly looking forward to seeing all our friends there to Grow Music with Friends! Get ready to have a great time with Region 12's friend, Tori Postma! So much to learn from this fabulous director. You don't want to miss it! THEN.... It's the 4th Annual Pacific Empire's All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed – Crack Crab with the Ones You Love. This is our best and biggest year ever! On January 31st you can eat crab, pastas, salad and bid on wine and gift auctions... AND be entertained by PEC too! Not a bad deal... great food and singing too! You won't want to miss this event. Go to www.pacificempire.org now and get your tickets. They're going fast!

-Melany Schmitt-Huston



HEAT in December

On December 6th, the California HEAT Chorus had our eighth annual HEAT'n Up The Holidays show. A tri-tip dinner, dessert, gift baskets to bid on, candy, ornaments and nuts to buy, and of course our wonderful singing made for a very fun night! We serve the meal, sell raffle tickets, man the tables, and then get to entertain our awesome audience. This year the men's quartet Gesundheit! opened the show. Our two quartets, Tambre and Fourmation, sang as beautifully as they always do. Many local businesses put ads in our program to help support us. After some clean up, we got to take off our shoes (don't you just love our chorus shoes?) and sit down and eat and talk over the night. Now, who's coming to see us next year???

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- Lorie Vallerkamp

Song of Sonoma Makes a Joyful Noise

The flurry of the fall and holiday season has come and gone, and Song of Sonoma is eager and ready to welcome 2015! Our stage was bursting at the seams with our new members for our fall show, "Joyful Noise!"



We had a blast performing, and our rousing rendition of "Raining Men" contributed to the joyful noise!! Our high school sing-off winner, Abby Volz, performed two terrific numbers through our ongoing recognition and encouragement of the great sounds of Sonoma County teens. The Stevens Sisters were a big hit, as always, and the 4 of Hearts and Verve delivered great entertainment to our very appreciative audience. Singularity, a new men's quartet from the Redwood Chordsmen, rounded out our quartet appearances and was met with resounding enthusiasm by the audience and SOS members alike!

We finished October with our own Monster Mash disco, with fabulous "monster" costumes and lots of disco dancing, followed by, of course, a great food spread! Right on the heels of Halloween, we were excited to watch the International broadcast; the talent was amazing and inspiring! And, we all cheered at our various SAI viewing parties when Melodeers was announced as this year's winner.

We also celebrated our fourth year as SOS, and are elated to have grown to over 80 members. We moved into the busy holiday time, wrapping up our December rehearsals with caroling at community assisted living facilities. The extensive schedule was orchestrated by Pat Lautrup, and Sandi Cavanaugh arranged the distribution of small gifts for the residents. Our daygroup went out to several locations, followed by a fun lunch and fellowship. In the evening, we broke into two groups in order to cover even more facilities. We all agree that our senior outreach is particularly special and rewarding, bringing joy to us as well as the residents. We finished the day with a wonderful gathering, full of food and friendship.

We're anxious to hit the ground running in 2015 and we are looking forward to Jim Arns coaching in February. We're ready to hit the risers running and will be eagerly awaiting our first mini show in January!



- Ellen Kahn

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Volunteers Needed

If you're not coming to AIM, but you'll be available on Saturday morning, January 17, we're looking for volunteers to test a live streaming webcast of the 10:45 class on singing better intervals. You need a pretty fast Internet connection and a basic level of comfort with getting onto the Internet and communicating online. If you'd like to participate, please let [Education Coordinator Julie Starr](#) know right away, and we'll get you the details!

Dual Membership with Pride of Portland Chorus

Are you ready to add breadth and depth to your vocal skills? Would you like to increase your network of Sweet Adelines sisters? How about expand your skills and take them back to your home chorus?

Consider dual membership with your SAI 2014 Fourth Place International Medalists, the Pride of Portland Chorus, led by Master 700 Director, Ryan Heller.

Challenging? Yes! Exhausting? You bet! Worth the effort? ABSOLUTELY!!

Visit our OPEN HOUSE, learn more, and experience Pride for yourself!

Wednesday, January 14 and 21 7:00-10:00 pm

Latvian Lutheran Church 5500 SW Dosch Rd / Portland, OR 97239 Questions? Contact us at membership@prideofportland.org 503.6.CHORUS

See a Show!

Sunday, January 11, 3 pm

River Lights Chorus performance at Congregation Beth Shalom, featuring the music of Irving Berlin. Guest performance by Golden Valley Chorus. [Ticket information](#). Call (209) 571-6060 for tickets or more info.

Saturday, January 31, 5:30pm

Pacific Empire's annual crab feed and show, Veterans Memorial Bldg, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma www.pacificempire.org

Saturday, March 7, 7pm

Mission Valley performance in benefit concert, Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1550 Meridian Ave, San Jose, CA

Saturday, March 21, 3:30 PM

BASC show, "Hearts in Harmony". CCDSV, Comunidad Cristiana Del Silicon Valley, 1748 Junction Ave., San Jose, CA

OMISSION

Last month's eblast included an article entitled Free The Girls. We accidentally forgot to include the name of the author of the article. It was written by Kristi Betts.

NEXT ISSUE

Include your chorus news in our next eblast -

February eBlast (DEADLINE IS Feb 1)

[Send your photos, news and stories to Leah Brooks](#), communications coordinator for the region.
