

the SingOut



Sweet Adelines International New Zealand Region 35

Check Out Our Finances!

Have a look at our financial results for the past year, and Sweet Adelines New Zealand's financial position, now on the Members Only section of the website (password 'sweetas'). We had a surplus in the education account of \$14,559 which has covered part of "The Buzz" quartet expenses, and we're now able to budget for educational events, making them cheaper to attend. The 2007 Christchurch "Harmony Heatwave" and Hamilton's "River of Harmony" had surpluses (but we had deficits for the previous two conventions). Auckland Convention 2009 is going to be more expensive so the surplus will provide a cushion for setting 2009 registrations. The 2007 convention made a profit because of more registration numbers than expected, extra advertising and sponsorship revenue, direct ticket sales, cheaper venue hire and other expenses less than originally estimated, and no winning quartet award was paid.

A Big Thank You!

Our Wildcard quartet, Perfect Timing, is thrilled with the \$5,000 assistance from the region to compete in Hawaii in November. Tenor Patti Cooke says they're delighted to be part of another first for the Southern Hemisphere - to be one of two quartets representing the same region at international. "To be candid, without this generous award, we would be unable to go. We're very focused and are working hard to do New Zealand proud!" Good luck PT, Even Time and Wellington City Chorus - we're so proud of you all.

Jazzin' Up the SAI Website

Wasn't it great being able to read the July Pitch Pipe on line a good month before we received it in the mail! We'll see some changes soon on the international website which will greatly benefit us distant members. Features to come include:

- Home page graphics matching the American 'Real Women' marketing campaign. (We're not using this on our own website).
- Global navigation tools so you can find content from the home page.
- Easier searching.
- Downloadable learning tracks and music for purchase through International Sales.
- Distance learning programs - webinars, video tutorials and podcasts.
- Interactive forms so you can submit information electronically.
- Complete listings of regional scores uploaded after each contest.
- Special articles and extra multimedia features in the online edition of The Pitch Pipe.
- Sections targeting and attracting prospective members with special offers.

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Play that Jukebox!

You can now download and play all our regional songs from the website. Just go into the Members' section (password is 'sweetas' for everyone), and click on the Jukebox. You can listen to each part and download them to your own computer. Make sure your computer speaker volume is up loud enough to hear.

Just like being there...

All the notes from both IES and the Buzz weekend workshops are now available from our website, www.sweetadelines.co.nz. Check out the valuable info in the Education section. Thanks to Angela Tsai, our Education Scholarship winner, for taking such copious notes at IES!

Judges for 2009

We now have the names for the panel of judges for our Auckland convention in 2009. They are Jackie Hall, Linda Masterson, Lea Beverley and Tori Postma. What a great crew! See you there.

New Quartet?

Just getting started as a quartet? Compete in Wellington's 10th Open Barbershop Quartet Competition on Saturday, September 13 at Lower Hutt's Little Theatre. It's open to male, female, mixed and college quartets, starts at 1pm and is followed by a concert at 7.30pm with the top quartets and chorus items. Compete for the Razor's Edge Trophy, with a trophy for the top school quartet. It's \$20 to enter for each quartet and \$12 to watch both the competition and concert. Find out more from Ken Nelson, Ph 04 9399166 or email thenelsons@paradise.net.nz.

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