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International  
President  
2005-2006**

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*Barbershop Music  
Appreciation Day*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
July 26, 2005

I send greetings to those gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Sweet Adelines International.

Music plays a vital role in exploring ideas, expressing emotions, and conveying the breadth of human experience. America has a proud and diverse musical tradition that is a cornerstone of our cultural heritage, and this anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate barbershop harmony and the thousands of singers around the world who bring it to life.

I appreciate all those involved in Sweet Adelines International for helping preserve this unique musical art form through education and the creative spirit of our Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

*Barbara Bush*

In commemoration of Sweet Adelines International's 60th Anniversary members around the world celebrated Barbershop Music Appreciation Day, July 13, 2005.



**2005-2006 International Board of Directors**  
Seated (l to r): Inger Bergqvist; Patty Warren; Ellen Gallocher; Pat LeVeu; Kathy Carmody; Betty Clipman; Carole Kirkpatrick; Diane Huber  
Standing (l to r): Cammi MacKinley; Jackie Hall; Cassie Alexander; Dorothy Jurs; Sharon Bebb; Rita Hull; not pictured: Peggy Gram



**Sixty Years Young**  
Happy Birthday Sweet Adelines

**We Did It Again!**

This is the third time in 60 years the organization has paid off its building mortgage. The first time in 1962, the second in 1988 and today makes the third.

Construction on the current headquarters building was completed in late 2003. The 14,000-square-foot building is well constructed, and holds offices for the nearly 30 staff members. Two conference rooms, one with a state-of-the-art sound and video system, provide meeting space for the IBOB, EC, EDC, Executive Management Team, staff meetings and several other committee functions throughout the year.

If you are ever in the neighborhood, please stop by for a tour, meet staff members, see history panels, International Champion doll replicas and memorabilia from the past 60 years and visit International Sales to purchase music.

More than a "corporate headquarters," it is a symbol of the pride our members take in the ownership of something they built. And more than just a building it's a home — and now it belongs to the members of Sweet Adelines International.

In June 2005, the Executive Committee (EC) reviewed financial statements for fiscal year 2004-2005. After reviewing a recommendation from the EC, the Board enthusiastically agreed to pay the remaining balance on the building loan. The estimated value of the headquarters building is two million dollars. The pay off of the loan keeps the organization in a strong investment and cash reserve position.

*(tools, tricks & building a buzz...)*

**Divas Wanted!**

**Great Things Are Happening  
at Sweet Adelines International**

*The Convention That Almost Wasn't*

**Detroit 2005**

SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

International education symposium

**\*the beat goes on\***

Florida University  
Gainesville, Florida  
July 20-23, 2005

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

**RIISING STAR  
QUARTET CONTEST**

JULY 14, 2006 THURSDAY  
TRINITY UNIVERSITY SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

AN AFFILIATED BARBERSHOP QUARTET CONTEST FOR WOMEN AGE 25 AND YOUNGER



**1st Place**  
Midsize Chorus  
Region 4

Dublin, Ohio  
Chor Gunnery, director  
Score: 1282

**1st Place**  
Small Chorus  
Region 9

Boynton Beach, Fla.  
Holly St. John, director  
Score: 1204



**RIISING STAR 2005**

**UnderAge  
2005 Rising Star  
Quartet Champion**  
Brittany Gilmore (1st), tenor  
Mia Deszenberger (1st), lead  
Caitlin Smith (1st), baritone  
Mary Segura (1st), bass

SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

Detroit 2005

**60th Anniversary**

**59th Annual Conventions Competition**

Detroit Free Press

**THE WAY WE LIVE**

ABOVE: New Zealanders Jacelyn Ngaro, from left, Nicky Woodfill and Kathy Jamieson sing out with enthusiasm during a Sweet Adelines rehearsal at Cobo Center.

RIGHT: Conventioneers Lisa Myers, from left, Carol (Charlie) Brown and Sandy Cahill of Portland, Ore., hang out near the Ren Cen.

BELOW: California members Phyllis Harrod, left, and Joyce Burke check out the water front at Hart Plaza Monday evening.

*The Sweet Adelines find a lot to like in Motown, the unexpected site of their international convention*

**SWEET ON DETROIT**

BY JULIE HINDS  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY WALTER

"Beautiful weather!" says one of them as she strides past.

Two things are clear about the Sweet Adelines International convention and competition, which is happening this week in downtown Detroit. One, these women, who sing four-part harmony in the barbershop style, are a cheery bunch. Not in a placid, knee-jerk "Stepford Wives" way, but in a fun-loving, exuberant, life-is-too-short-to-mope way.

"Basically, when our members meet in a city, they take over the city," says Joey Mechalis Stenner, a spokesperson for Sweet Adelines International.

Already, stories are circulating of women bursting into song at Fishbones restaurant and People Movers stops. And on Friday morning, a horde of Sweet Adelines will participate in a mass sing at Hart Plaza.

See ADELINES, 4C

**A Feat Fit for  
Sweet Adelines International**

After the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the International Board and headquarters staff remained positive. Our biggest concern was for the victims in the Gulf Coast. Once it was apparent the convention would no longer be held in New Orleans, the convention department, along with Conventions, went to work on securing a new location. Each staff member was waiting to redo the part of convention for which they were responsible. Once a new site was arranged the staff went full steam ahead with the complicated details of a convention of our size entails.

The City of Detroit welcomed us with open arms and helped us with the details along the way. When October hit, most of the plans were in place and the headquarters staff and International Board sat back and crossed their fingers. Midway through convention week it was evident that the whole organization triumphed and accomplished unwavering success. Leave it to an organization of women to "move mountains" and relocate an entire convention in just four short weeks. Bravo!

**2006 International Champion Quartet**

*Spotlight*

**2006 International Champion Chorus**

*Scottsdale*