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## Sweet Adelines Stories: The Lobby Shows

Toula Oberlies here... the one in the orange dress below! 😊 I'm sending you a picture I thought Sweet Adelines would enjoy seeing!

The picture is from International Convention & Competition in Orlando, Florida (USA), quite a few years ago. This is the group that put on the very fun and successful Annual Young Singers Foundation (YSF) Lobby Show.

It was my honor to start and organize the Lobby Shows, with major annual support and participation by champion quartet Rumors (Charla Esser, Judy Baxter Cozart, Dale Syverson, and Peggy Gram), and emcee Chris Noteware. We loved working together and are close friends to this day!

The Lobby Shows were always on Thursday evening, after the conclusion of the chorus contest, and held somewhere in the lobby of one of the convention hotels. Champion quartets would come and sing for the large crowd comprised of Sweet Adelines and fans sitting on the floor, on pulled over chairs, or leaning on walls and columns. The fun and singing were great... and so were the generous donations to the Young Singers Foundation!

Collection baskets for donations to YSF would be passed around by volunteer Sweet Adelines members who drifted through the crowd during the singing and Chris Noteware's comedic chats.

Those of us involved in the staging of this event loved working together and being together. Our planning and two hours of camaraderie and fun during the Lobby Show were enjoyed by many!

