



AREA 3 CONVENTION & CONTEST
May 3-5, 2024
EAST SYRACUSE, NY



AREA 3's A.C.C.T. [Area Convention & Contest Team]
and Hostess Chapter, **The Liberty Belles**,

Welcomes You To:

“Stadium Nights”

This 1st mailing provides chapters and associates with important information. Please read fully for details:

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More details will follow in the 2nd mailing in early April. Questions? Please email ACCT: **Janine Schindler** at: acctchair@area3harmony.org

AC&C 2024 HOUSING

There is one hotel this year.

Reservations will be made individually (like IC&C). The link to place your reservations will be sent via email from Corporate on March 15th.

**Main Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse
6301 State Route 298
East Syracuse, NY 13057**

Room costs are: \$169.00 plus applicable taxes single/double/triple/quad

***All beds are double/double**

***Room Captain must provide the names of all members staying in the room at the time of registration.**

Check In - 4 pm

Check Out - 11 am

Parking on-site at the hotel is **FREE**. There is an on-site restaurant and excellent amenities such as an indoor swimming pool, fitness room, & complimentary high speed internet access. There are some retail and food services nearby as well.

NEW

Fair Share Assessment: The Area Council voted to enact the Fair Share Assessment (like IC&C). All Area 3, Harmony, Inc. members must stay at the AC&C contracted hotel. It will be important when you make your reservations that you include all members' names on your reservation. Those not staying at the contracted hotel will be assessed the equivalent of one night's stay, which is \$169 plus applicable taxes.

AC&C 2024 REGISTRATION [AEP]

Contest Site: DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse

***ALL HARMONY MEMBERS MUST PURCHASE EITHER AN AEP OR Non-Performing AEP.**

***NOTE: AEPs are transferable, not refundable. All choruses / associates must complete the registration form whether or not you are competing.**

Please complete & return an email copy of the Registration Form (as an MS Word file) no later than **March 20th** to: parliamentarian@area3harmony.org.

Please send your Registration Form and check made out to **Area 3, Harmony, Inc.** to: **Michelle Buckenmeyer, 59 Autumn Chapel Way, Rochester, NY 14624, no later than March 20th.**

Full AEP for AC&C 2024 is **\$133.00**

Non-Performing AEP costs **\$108.00**

Youth AEP will cost **\$112.00** [covered by HARMONY INC.]

General Admission Contest Tickets **\$20.00** each

Guest dinners **\$50.00**

**AEP prices include Judges Equalization Fee from Harmony Inc. & continue to include the Banquet and Moonglow.

General Admission tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20.00.

Registration Forms must include:

- Members and guest names in alphabetical order
- Correct spelling as names will be used for the AEP Badges
- Choose the appropriate AEP price

****NOTE: Receipt order of AEP/Registration determines priority Moonglow seating!****



AC&C GENERAL CONTESTANT INFORMATION

It's time for all contestants [chorus & quartets] to complete and send in their Contest Entry Forms. Please complete the forms ([HAR-061](#) or [HAR-063](#)) found on the Harmony Inc. website, Members Only section.

Contest Entry forms must be submitted **no later than March 4, 2024**, in order to be a part of the initial draw for the Order of Appearance for either the Quartet or Chorus Contest. If you miss this date, a late fee will be assessed, and you will sing first in the applicable contest. In order to compete, your late entry must be submitted no later than **April 3, 2024**.

The **Judging Panel** is listed below:

Panel Chair	Marie Ross
Administrative Judge	Rob Arnold
Musicality	Cary Burns and Adele Merritt
Performance	Angie Dolber and Diane Patterson
Singing	Wendy McCoolle and Jen Wheaton

If you have any questions with regard to either the Chorus or Quartet contest, please contact ACJC Erin Cassidy at a3jc@harmonyinc.org

Chorus Heads-Up: We are hoping that we will be able to assign each chorus their own rehearsal room Saturday morning.

Chorus Photo: CHORUS photos will be taken on the stage.

Quartet Heads-up: Please note that the Quartet Contest time is tentative (Friday 3:00 pm). We may have to start earlier depending on the number of quartets that might be competing. We will not know this until all entry forms have been submitted. Please consider coming Thursday night if possible, so you can enjoy contest day without being rushed! There are no classrooms or warm-up areas, so you will need a space to get ready in.

VOLUNTEERS

We need lots of help over the weekend in order to put on a successful AC&C. Please consider volunteering for a job on contest weekend.

You do not need to login to sign up, just click the link and sign-up! Thank you!

Link: [Area 3 AC&C Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

CONTEST STAGE INFORMATION (IMPORTANT)

Please be aware that there will be **NO CONTEST STAGE** this year.

Choruses: The risers will be 6, 6ft 4-step risers with back rails and will be placed on the floor of the ballroom.

Quartets: You will be standing on the floor.

Enter **stage left** and **exit stage right**. This is the opposite of what we are used to doing.

There will be NO stage curtain. Each chorus package starts when the director signals the emcee for the introduction. Quartet packages begin when the emcee introduces each quartet.

TENTATIVE Weekend Schedule

Final schedule will be published at a later date.

DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	ROOM/FACILITY
Friday, May 3rd	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
	10:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
	11:30 PM – 12:15 PM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Adams Basin
	12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Contestant Judges Briefing	Grand Ballroom
	1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Quartet on-stage viewing	Grand Ballroom
	3:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Quartet Contest: Area Quarus, Awards, 1 st place sings	Grand Ballroom
	7:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Evaluations	TBA
Saturday, May 4th	8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
	8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	Chorus on-stage viewing (no singing)	Grand Ballroom
	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Area Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
	9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Family Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
	10:00 AM -10:30 AM	Associates Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
	10:00 AM - contest	Chorus assigned rooms available	TBA
	10:00 AM – Noon	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
	Noon – 2:45 PM	Chorus Contest; Family Chorus, Area Chorus, Associate Chorus, Awards, 1 st place sings	Grand Ballroom
	3:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Chorus Evaluations	TBA
	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Cocktails / Dinner	Grand Ballroom
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	MoonGlow	Grand Ballroom	
Sunday, May 5th	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Education / Craft Classes	TBA
	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room

Harmony Welcomes Mixed Quartets!

We're happy to again announce that Area 3 has opened its arms to include mixed quartets registered with the Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association (MBHA) at our AC&C.

For details on how to register with MBHA visit: www.mixedbarbershop.org. Once you are registered with MBHA and your dues are up to date, please complete the Quartet Contest Entry Form ([HAR-061](#)).

If you need assistance, please contact Erin Cassidy, ACJC (a3jc@harmonyinc.org). All contestants **must** purchase an All Events Pass [AEP] for the Area Convention & Contest. All Contest Entry Forms are due by March 4th.



AREA 3 CHORUS:

Anne Bureau is leading our 2024 Area 3 Chorus in song at this year's AC&C, as the director from The Liberty Belles, our 2023 Area 3 first place Chorus Champions. The song is "As Long As I'm Singing, arranged by Tom Gentry.

The Area Chorus is made up of 4 singers from each chapter. If you are able to be in the Area 3 Chorus, PLEASE be certain to do your part by LEARNING the song. We will continue with our annual AC&C Saturday morning rehearsal and performance Saturday afternoon at AC&C. Remember that all Area 3 Associate members are also invited to sing in the Area 3 Chorus! This music was available last year to all members/choruses who requested the music as this song was chosen as a new Harmony, Inc. common song. If you did not request the music last year please contact Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair at: ACCTChair@area3harmony.org.

AREA 3 QUARUS:

Our Area 3 Quarus Director for 2024 is Gaye LaCasce, International President and 2018 Harmony Queen from Aged to Perfection and the song the Quarus will be singing is, "Go The Distance", arranged by Aaron Dale. Sheet music and learning trax will be available to registered quartets. Once you decide that your quartet can learn this song and will be with us for the Friday afternoon rehearsal and performance Friday evening at AC&C, please contact Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair at: ACCTChair@area3harmony.org for music and trax.

AREA 3 FAMILY CHORUS:

This is an invitation to all Area 3 singers who fall within the FAMILY category to please participate in our Family Chorus at AC&C 2024! This year's director will be Ann Christiano and the song she has chosen is "Love at Home", arranged by Tom Gentry. We certainly don't want to miss anyone who is eligible to enjoy this experience and encourage all members who have a mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, associate member and/or affiliate male family member that sing in Area 3 – to please join us! It is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Please indicate your interest in participating by emailing Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair at: ACCTChair@area3harmony.org, and she will send you the music and trax. We'll continue with our annual AC&C Saturday morning rehearsal and Saturday performance at AC&C so that we may have some time together prior to our performance.

AREA 3 ASSOCIATE CHORUS:

This new chorus started in 2023 and is for our Associates. Due to the low expected attendance of Associate members at this time, this chorus's status is TBD. Once members have officially registered, we will decide whether this chorus can convene.

AC&C 2024 HOST CHAPTER, The Liberty Belles,
presents:

“Stadium Nights”



The Liberty Belles are honored to be your Host Chorus for the 2024 Area 3 AC&C. The theme is Stadium Nights! What that means is that you have almost endless possibilities for how to dress. Any sport, baseball, football, hockey, basketball, even car racing is included. Whatever speaks to you! And, any role within the sport, player, coach, referee/umpire, mascot, fan, vendor (wanna be the beer guy??), use your imagination and make it fun! We're looking forward to seeing what your creative minds envision!

2024 Area 3 AC&C

T-Shirt Order Form Stadium Nights



This year's logo t-shirts are black, v-neck, football t-shirt, 100% cotton, with white logo
\$21 per shirt



DEADLINE for orders is March 31, 2024

Order Form and payment must be received NO LATER THAN March 31

Final order will be placed on April 1, 2024

Be on time - place your chorus order now!

Shirts will be available for pickup in the Hospitality Room

Chorus Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL

Total Number of Shirts: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Paid by Check Number: _____

Order forms & accompanying checks should be made out to Liberty Belles Chorus and mailed to:

**Samantha Hersh
413 Mansion Ave
Penllyn PA 19422**

Please also **Email a copy** of your order form to samanthaehersh17@gmail.com by March 31 2024

COVID PROTOCOLS

There are no *requirements* for vaccine or masking. We will reinstate on an event-by-event basis, if the federal or state guidelines change for that location.

BANQUET & MOONGLOW

- The Banquet will be buffet style.
- The menu will be provided in the 2nd mailing.

For the MoonGlow, other than the normal pre-determined awards being presented, only the following will be part of our Saturday evening annual Area 3 AC&C MoonGlow program:

- **ALL Choruses** -- will perform one song [unless an exemption is requested]
- **ALL Area 3 Current Quartet Medalists** -- will perform one song
- **ALL Area 3 Queen quartets and/or International Chorus Champions** -- will perform one song [unless they do not wish to do so]
- **Judges** -- will perform one song [unless they elect not to do so]

***Please note:** Due to trying to keep the cost of the AEP reasonable and the increasing cost to print a program, there will again be an electronic program this year and program ad information will be provided in the second mailing. A one-page contest performance order sheet will be available at the door for each contest.

CHECKLIST

Due Dates:

- March 4: Contest Entry Form**
- March 15: Link sent to make individual Hotel Reservations**
- March 20: Registration Form**
- March 31: T-Shirt Order due**
- April 3: Late entry Contest Entry Form**
- Anytime: Volunteer Sign Up**
- Anytime: Request Area Chorus, Quarus & Family Chorus Music**

More details will follow in the 2nd mailing in early April. Questions? Please email
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