

real women.
real harmony.
real fun. 

Riverport Chorus
Sweet Adelines International
Women A Capella Singers

Monday Evenings
Bristol Grade School
www.riverportchorus.org

Welcome to Riverport Chorus!

We are pleased to have you visit.

**This little booklet may have
answers to some of your questions.**

Read on to find out!

Riverport Chorus Director



Cathie Zimmerman

Master Director, former Riverport Chorus Director,
Top 10 International Quartet winner in Contagious
Quartet, Regional Quartet Championships
in Regions 22 and 3,
2013 and 2015 Regional Champion in Epix Quartet,
2014 Wildcard/17th Place International,
Past Regional Faculty in Region 22,
Assistant Director and Section Leader

Learning Music

After rehearsing with this chorus, you may wonder how we memorize all the music. **Fear not – YOU can do this, too!!** We learn our songs with sheet music and learning CDs. When we get new music we have a few weeks to look at the music and listen to the CD before we ever rehearse it in chorus. Sometimes we have sectionals with a section leader to help us learn or we may first look at it at a full chorus rehearsal.

An important tool used in learning the music is a digital recorder. Bring this to every rehearsal and record yourself as well as the chorus. Our director gives invaluable instruction during rehearsal that can help with your learning outside of chorus. Listen to your recordings and you will do just fine!

Choreography

We add choreography to visually support the music of some of the songs we are performing. You do not need to be a professional dancer to sing and dance with us. We have Choreographers who teach us the visual plan and help us learn it. There are many opportunities to learn and practice the movements.

So, How Do I Become a Member?

If you want to become a member, we ask that you attend four to six rehearsals so you have a good feel of what we are all about. On your second visit we will provide you with sheet music and a learning CD of a song selected by the director. You are able to take this home and work on the song. We will ask you to record this song on week 4 or 5 of your visit from the risers during chorus. The song must be memorized, but does not have to be perfect. Give the recording to your Section Leader and she will give you some positive feedback and help you improve your Barbershop sound.

After receiving feedback, you will have a couple of rehearsals to keep polishing your song. We will ask you to record again from the risers for your audition. Give the recording to your Section Leader. Once you have passed your audition you will be given a membership application form!

Riverport Chorus Information

Our web page is riverportchorus.org. Check us out for more information, pictures and upcoming events. For more information about our championship chorus please contact our membership co-chairs: Lois Brennan at jlbrannan@tds.net or Rozanne Bird at trlnbird@yahoo.com. We welcome women singers aged 18 or above (younger with a sponsor).

Like us on Facebook and keep up to date on concerts and events. You can also Tweet with us @SingRiverport!

Chorus Activities

As a member of Riverport Chorus you will be provided with many opportunities for growth as a singer and a performer.

These opportunities are available through:

- Weekly rehearsals
- Performances in the community
- Professional performance coaching
- Participation in Regional and International Competitions with other Sweet Adeline Choruses.
 - **(NOTE:** Riverport Chorus covers some of the costs involved in competition.)

Other optional opportunities include:

- Singing in a quartet
- Participating on committees within Riverport
- Holding a leadership position in the chorus
- Attending educational schools and seminars offered during our Regional events (These are optional).

Other “Get Togethers”

Although most of our activities revolve around singing, there are times when we get together just for the fun of it! Music and harmony bring this chorus together, but it’s our friendships that really make RIVERPORT special. In the spring we have an Installation Banquet, at Christmas we have a party, and there are get-togethers when we travel to competitions. We are open to all occasions to enjoy each other’s company!

Riverport!
We sing.
We dance.
We laugh out loud.
All on a Monday night!

Riverport For Hire:

To find out how to hire Riverport Chorus for your entertainment at an upcoming event, call Greta Martin at 262-857-7263. (thefarm144@gmail.com)

Costs!! What am I paying for?

We pay our Director and Associate Director, buy music, hire coaches, compete in Regional and International Contests, pay for second year members' International and Regional dues, and on and on and on---

Each member pays \$35 per month dues. There are also extra things like a digital recorder, costumes, shoes for costumes, make-up kits, costume accessories, retreat costs, some competition costs, etc.

As a new member you will be asked to pay for the first year of International and Regional dues as well as the chorus dues. This is only a first month cost! Thereafter you will pay only the Riverport dues. You have 30 days from your successful audition to pay the aforementioned dues. You are not an "official" member until dues are paid in full.

\$\$\$ Questions? Talk to Sue Bearrows, our Financial Manager at 262-652-2624 or sbearrows@att.net. Sue has the current dues rate for International and Regional.

Other Questions?

Talk to any chorus member or our Membership Co-Chairs: Lois Brennan at JLBrenn@tds.net or Rozanne Bird at trln@yahoo.com. We are delighted that you have come to visit. Please consider becoming a member of Riverport Chorus. We love our hobby and hope you will join us in "making music" in four-part harmony!

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