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Woodlands Show Chorus preparing a musical parade

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Essence, an award winning quartet of lady barbershop singers, will perform with The Woodlands Show Chorus during a dinner show July 21 in The Woodlands.

Everybody loves a parade, but no one better than those lady barbershop singers who are members of The Woodlands Show Chorus.

So, on July 21, they're teaming with Essence Quartet for their "On Parade Show." Essence is the Region 10 2017 Quartet Champion among lady barbershop singers, according to publicist-member Brenda S. Anderson who is chairing the July event.

"The Woodlands Show Chorus is also the Region 10 2017 Chorus Champions," she added with pride. Rather like a coalition of champions, eh?

The Woodlands Show Chorus (TWSC) has garnered more than its share of recognition. A mere four years after its founding, the lady barber shoppers won a top 10 medal at a 2016 world competition in Las Vegas. Betty Clipman is the renowned director.

TWSC now is training its vocal cords and twinkling toes in preparation for another international competition against choruses from around the world. This time it's in St. Louis during October.

“We are training with several prominent coaches and directors,” Anderson said. “We’re having a mini-retreat in June and a full retreat in September. We learn and rehearse vocal sounds and arrangements as well as intricate dance steps.

Untold hours are required to get ready for this world competition.”

Essence Quartet has earned numerous Region 10 medals that include two third place awards, and a second place position. In fact, Essence Quartet scored high enough to attain wildcard status for a 2013 international competition in Hawaii.

Last year Essence took Region 10 gold and competed internationally in Las Vegas.

Three Essence members met while singing with Alamo Metro Chorus in San Antonio; the fourth was a member of Tone Appétit, 2017 Rising Star Champions among Young Women in Harmony.

“They love to sing and laugh,” Brenda Anderson said. “And they love each other!”

The July 21 Musical Parade will be at United Methodist Christ Church, 6363 Research Blvd, The Woodlands.

A spaghetti supper and silent auction begin at 4 p.m. with the Parade of Music starting at 5:30.

Tickets for the dinner show cost \$25 or \$20, according to age.

However, reserved seats cost an additional \$5. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

Visit www.thewoodlandsshowchorus.com or call (713) 688-6509.

Anderson noted that TWSC welcomes new members and visitors to attend rehearsals which are Monday evenings at 7 in the atrium of Grace Crossing Church, 105 Farm to Market Road 1488, west of The Woodlands, near Interstate 45. Those interested are encouraged to use the above contact information to discover more