



The unbridled joy of singing in four-part nharmony is the hallmark of all the appearances by this group of ladies. A chapter of Sweet Adelines, they entertain groups at the drop of a hat.

The Woodlands Show Chorus, Making Music and Having Fun

By Randy Woods

Although their organization is just a little over a year old, the 70-plus ladies that make up The Woodlands Show Chorus have already made quite a name for themselves in barbershop singing circles.

In their first ever competition, they won First Place Regional Medalist honors in the Sweet Adeline International contest. In doing so, they earned the privilege to compete at the international level in Baltimore in November 2014. Not bad for a brand new choral group.

Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, competition and performance.

And they have wowed audiences whenever they appear in and around The Woodlands and Montgomery County.

"They sure seem to be having fun," one attendee said after a rousing concert. And that's putting it mildly. These ladies have an unbridled joy of singing, and it shows where ever they go.

Their choral director is Betty Clipman, renowned Sweet Adelines International coach. She came out of retirement to make her mark on The Woodlands Show Chorus and reclaim her spot in the Sweet Adeline directing world!

"These ladies not only are great singers, but they also are excellent ambassadors of good music," she said. "And music education is part of the mission of this driven group of women," she stated.

Betty's experience in Sweet Adelines International spans over 40 years and covers all aspects of the organization.

She was the International President of Sweet Adelines from 1991-1993 and served



Choral Director Betty Clipman

as the Education Committee Chair and on its Board of Directors. She is a Certified Judge in the categories of Choral Sound and Expression and is a "Master Faculty" Member (one of only four in the world) of Sweet Adelines International.

Betty is committed to continuous musical growth through better educational opportunities. And her vision is to get women to experience the joy of singing four-part harmony a capella through improved vocal and performance skills.

The Woodlands Show Chorus meets at "Royal Hall" in the La Tienda Center at 15258, I-45 and Fm 1488. Women wishing to join are urged to contact Sally Ison at 281-373-1424. On August 22nd the ladies will



"If only they could be a little more expressive," said the camera man facetiously.



The group rehearses nearly every Monday night from 7 to 10 pm at the La Tienda Center.

be striking chords and knocking down pins in their "Bowling for Barbershop" appearances at different bowling alleys around town. The evening will be a fundraising event to help pay off the concert risers they needed, plus paying for costumes and their rehearsal hall rent.

The group welcomes new members,

and according to Sally Ison (Team Coordinator), "Being a trained singer or being able to read music are assets for prospective members but are not required. All the singer needs is the ability to sing and hold her part and the desire to perform," she said.

On September 23, the group will hold an open house at which those interested in joining are urged to attend.