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A publication for Sweet Adelines regional leaders

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

We recognize that happy, successful members and chapters are the foundation of Sweet Adelines International and that Regional Management Teams (RMTs) play a vital role in achieving this outcome. To that end, the mission of the Regional Leadership Committee is to serve the members of the RMTs, enabling them to increase their leadership capabilities through education, communication and peer support.

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HELLO AGAIN, REGIONAL LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD,

With our 2011 regional competition season behind us, we are looking forward to another exciting year, full of opportunities and changes, and of course, challenge.

Kingman Brewster, an American educator and diplomat, understood the nature of challenge and his summary is particularly fitting to the roles you play:

“There is no greater challenge than to have someone relying upon you; no greater satisfaction than to vindicate his expectation.”

As members of your Regional Management Teams, you have agreed to take on great challenges. Your regional members rely upon you to manage the business that allows them to go forward unimpeded in the pursuit of musical excellence. Your International leadership relies on you to ensure your region supports the continued growth and success of the organization. Thank you and congratulations!

For those of you just starting out on your RMT journey, welcome aboard. You may be wondering what you’ve gotten yourself into. You have a great opportunity to infuse your team with energy and excitement as you bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the table. There won’t be any challenges too great for a team like yours to overcome now that you have joined the ranks.

For those of you who are continuing on in your role as RMT members, I’m sure you can call to mind those moments when you wondered whether you would be able to overcome the obstacles in front of you – some of you may even be wondering that now. You have proven that the answer is a resounding ‘YES’. Remember that difficult issue you resolved for a troubled chorus, that careful communication you had to make to your membership, and those crises you averted on your competition weekend? You’ve been the first line of defense, and you have provided a great service to your regional members, a lot of the time without them even knowing!

Well, we as the Regional Leadership Committee do want to know. We are here to provide you with the resources you need in your most challenging times, and we would especially love to share in the celebration of your successes. Please be sure to let us know whenever you are going through either of those experiences.

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For your RLC
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“I am ready to work, I am ready for this job and I am ready for this challenge.” Stuart Pearce, English football player and coach

“It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power.” Alan Cohen, inspirational author