

Circular Keys Chorus – Friends ENews

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The Buzz

Circular Keys is wowed by our invite to perform onstage at 'The Buzz' upcoming concert, to be held in Sydney at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, University of New South Wales, Kensington, on Friday evening 29th July 2011. Please come and join us for the chance to see this wonderful quartet in action.

You can book your seats via <http://www.trybooking.com/MWY> or click on the following link for more information www.sweetadelines.org.au. Be quick as tickets will sell fast.

Vale, Carey Bird

Many of you will have heard about the tragic death of the husband of our dear friend and chorus member Jan Bird. Carey was trapped in the February Christchurch earthquake whilst assessing damage resulting from the previous quake. We joined with Jan and her two children in farewelling Carey in a memorable service, which included a moving speech given by the Cantabrian who had assisted Carey in his final travail. The service featured some of Carey's photography, and I encourage you to take the time to look at his remarkable talent in the following link:-

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~cbird/home.html>

News from Newcastle

By now most of you will have heard about our exciting win at the Region 34 Sweet Adelines Convention at Newcastle. The icing on the cake was scoring 610, which meant our wonderful Vicki Dwyer became a Master Director, which she so richly deserves. Cool calm and collected, she soothed our nerves in the lead-up to our six minutes onstage, and as a result we were able to really give of our best. Our newer members have put in so much effort and richly deserve their own special congrats from the chorus for their dedication and hard work.

I know that we all want to give thanks from our hearts to honorary lifetime chorus member Diane Huber, who flew over from St Louis especially for the contest. It was so reassuring to us all to know that Di was out there in the audience willing us to do our very best. We trill 'Hello hello hello' to you, Di, in our sweetest and most resonant voices, and can't wait to see you again in Denver, Colorado 2012.

Unfortunately we were unable to see many of the choruses onstage, but those that we did were all fabulous. Our warmest congratulations go to all those who took part in what was a wonderfully run event. Thanks, Region 34 Management!

Verve

We had a wonderful time watching and listening to the quartets perform at Convention, and were just delighted when 'Verve', a quartet with members all drawn from our chorus attained third place. You go, girls!

Broads from Abroad

These wonderful women who dazzle us with their coaching techniques, also touch our hearts and minds in so many ways, with each having something special and unique to offer us.

Mo Field spent a hilarious weekend with us, one that we will not soon forget! Various new terms came into our lexicon, such as 'flippers' and 'sylvestering', and we all felt rather flat when she left us, such was her warmth and generosity of self.

We were very lucky to have Lynne Smith for an evening before competition, and she had us shipshape and Bristol fashion before you could say 'Rip Open the Shower Curtain'. Those extra points that she undoubtedly wrung out of our performance sure came in handy! It was a delight to perform onstage post competition under Lynne's direction, to do a 'before and after' exercise with her.

Karen Breidert performed her magic with our vocal production and also impressed us with her snazzy New Zealand wardrobe. We won't have to wait until Denver next year to see Karen again, as she is performing onstage with her internationally renowned supergroup..... The Buzz!

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