



50 *Golden*
Years of ***Harmony!***

**The Scottsdale Chorus
Chartered in 1962**



***The Chorus at their first Regional
Competition in the spring of 1966.***

1967
Bev Sellers
becomes
Director of
Scottsdale Chorus



It is not known whether Bev Sellers found the Scottsdale Chorus or vice/versa but in retrospect, it seems it was a match made in heaven! Bev was then the director of the High Jolly Chapter in Yuma, Arizona and was relocating to Scottsdale. She knew of the group called “The Scottsdale Chorus” and she became their 21st member.

To say that the chorus readily accepted her application to become their director would be an understatement. Lending her musical expertise, her perfect pitch and her remarkable arranging skills, the RISE TO THE TOP began!

**1974
Milwaukee International
2nd Place**



***Scottsdale Chorus represented region #11 at the International Chorus competition in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in October of 1974. It was their first time on the International stage. The costume was a white pant suit with a pink cape with a dickey that could be “flipped”
Songs were: “Dixieland Band” and “Dixie Jamboree”.***

**1977
London International
3rd Place**



In 1976 the International organization restructured their regional distribution and Scottsdale Chorus was realigned into Region #21. Scottsdale's first competition in the new region garnered them another gold regional medal. This win qualified them to "cross the pond" and compete in the International Competition in London, England in 1977. This time the chorus earned a 3rd place International medal singing "Pal of My Cradle Days" and "Sing Me A Song About the Girlies" medley.

1979
St Louis International
3rd Place



Songs performed were: "Just Simply Full of Jazz/Jazzbo/Everybody's Jazzin' it Medley" and "Goin' back to Carolina/Carolina Mammy"

1982
Minneapolis International
3rd Place





1984
Las Vegas International
1st Place



***Las Vegas 1984 was the site of the first International Championship
for the Scottsdale Chorus.
Songs: "Broadway Baby" and "Forgive Me"***



***The Las Vegas Barbie doll on display
at Sweet Adeline International Headquarters
in Tulsa, OK***

1987
Hawaii International
2nd Place



1988 was a very busy year for the Scottsdale Chorus

- ❖ ***a Regional win in March***
- ❖ ***a GALA show at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts***
- ❖ ***a FABULOUS excursion to Australia/New Zealand***

AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND HERE WE COME!!!





1989
Miami International
1st Place





***The Miami Barbie doll on display
at Sweet Adeline International Headquarters
in Tulsa, OK***

**1990 Salt Lake City
the Scottsdale Chorus performs
with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir**



June 1992
Scottsdale Chorus mourns the
loss of beloved Director
Bev Sellers



THEN OUR WORLD UNRAVELED!

On June 21st, 1992 the chorus received the tragic news that their beloved director Bev Sellers, was struck by a car and killed in Oklahoma City along with friend and former Sweet Adeline International Executive Director, Peggy Chambers. These two women had a major impact on the organization and were an inspiration and model of what can be done when we strive to attain the highest goals. It is impossible to express the great loss the organization experienced through this tragedy.

Bev served as International President from 1983 to 1985. She was a member and past chairman of the Education Direction Committee, an International Faculty Specialist, a Certified Judge in the music category and a Certified Music Arranger.

Teacher, arranger, performer, director, coach, judge and mentor – Bev was exceptional at all of these pursuits. “I would like to see our organization take the major place in the world of music that it rightfully deserves. Our emphasis on education, as opposed to just membership, will be the force that moves us forward as we continue to expand both musically and in membership growth. We must continue our quest for excellence.”

The Journey Continues



PART II
1992 – 2012

THE TRANSITION MONTHS

Although Bev's passing left the chorus shell-shocked, President Judy Huffman showed immense strength and spirit and continually encouraged them to continue despite the enormous loss. The chorus was fortunate to have so many talented members, determined to carry on, and so that is what they did. The Music Team and Board of Directors were committed to assuring that the Scottsdale Chorus continued as a strong musical presence in the organization.

It must be noted here that assistant director Cece Gove bravely took on the task of keeping the chorus together during this difficult transition period. A gracious and experienced director, wise disciplinarian and tenacious to a fault, Cece bucked the odds and kept the chorus going each and every week until the transition was complete. The Scottsdale Chorus is ever grateful to this beautiful lady!

INTRODUCING.....

During the year following Bev's death, a search committee diligently worked to find a new director. Knowing that the chorus was searching for a director, Scottsdale Chorus friend, Carolyn Butler, contacted Lori Lyford and suggested she apply for the position. Carolyn also contacted the chorus search committee and helped implement contact with Lori.

Lori's application was received in May of 1993. She had an extensive musical background and had successfully directed a small chorus – Rolling Hills Chorus - in Region 13 for 10 years. This chorus placed first or second in the Small Chorus category 6 of the 10 years Lori was director and 4th place overall in 1992. She had also just recently been accepted as an International Faculty member.

Lori auditioned for the director position on July 20, 1993. The chorus was ecstatic following Lori's audition and eagerly offered her the position of Scottsdale Chorus Director. Lori applied for a teaching position in the Phoenix area and when she was approved for the job, she made the decision to accept the position as director of the Scottsdale Chorus!

1993
Lori Lyford
becomes
Director of
Scottsdale Chorus



1993
Indianapolis International
3rd Place



**1995
New Orleans International
3rd Place**



1998
Nashville International
3rd Place



**2000
Orlando International
2nd Place**



**2002
Nashville International
3rd Place**





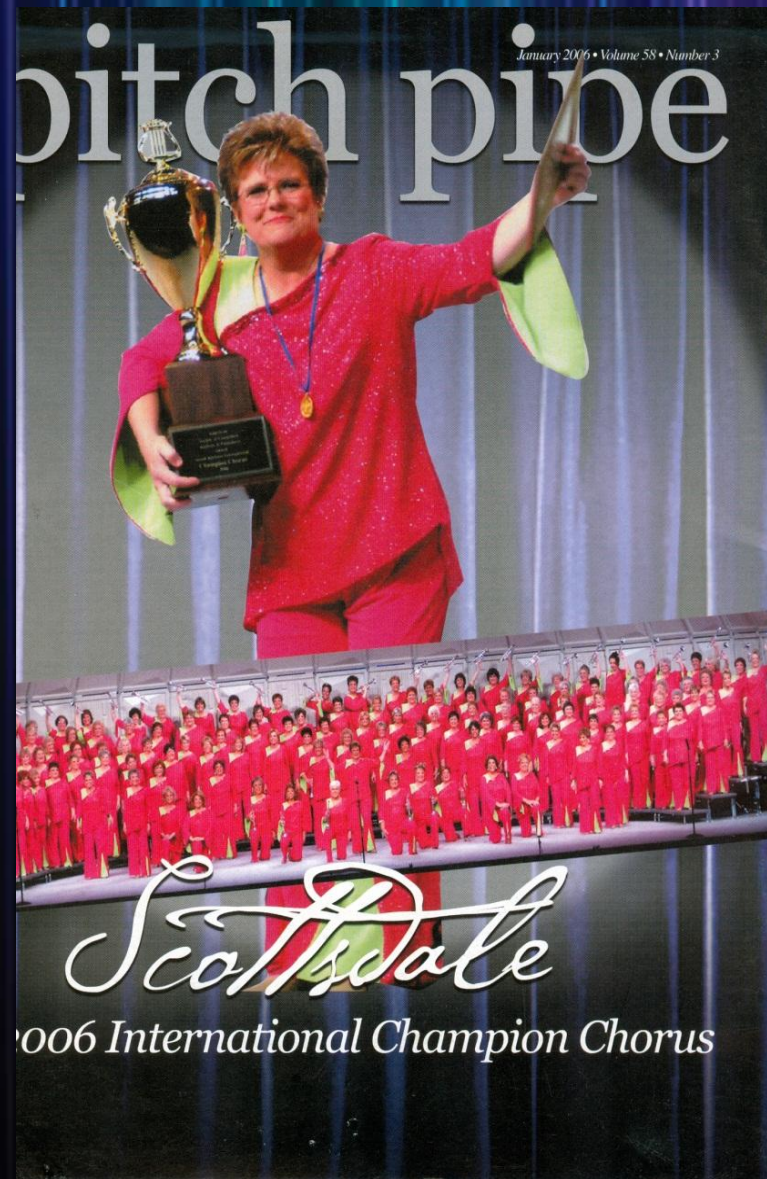
**2005
Detroit International
1st Place**



***Detroit was the site of Scottsdale's third gold medal win...
and the first gold medal with Lori Lyford as Director!
"We got to ride the winners' bus...Yea!!"***



***The Detroit Barbie Doll on display
at Sweet Adeline International Headquarters
in Tulsa, OK***



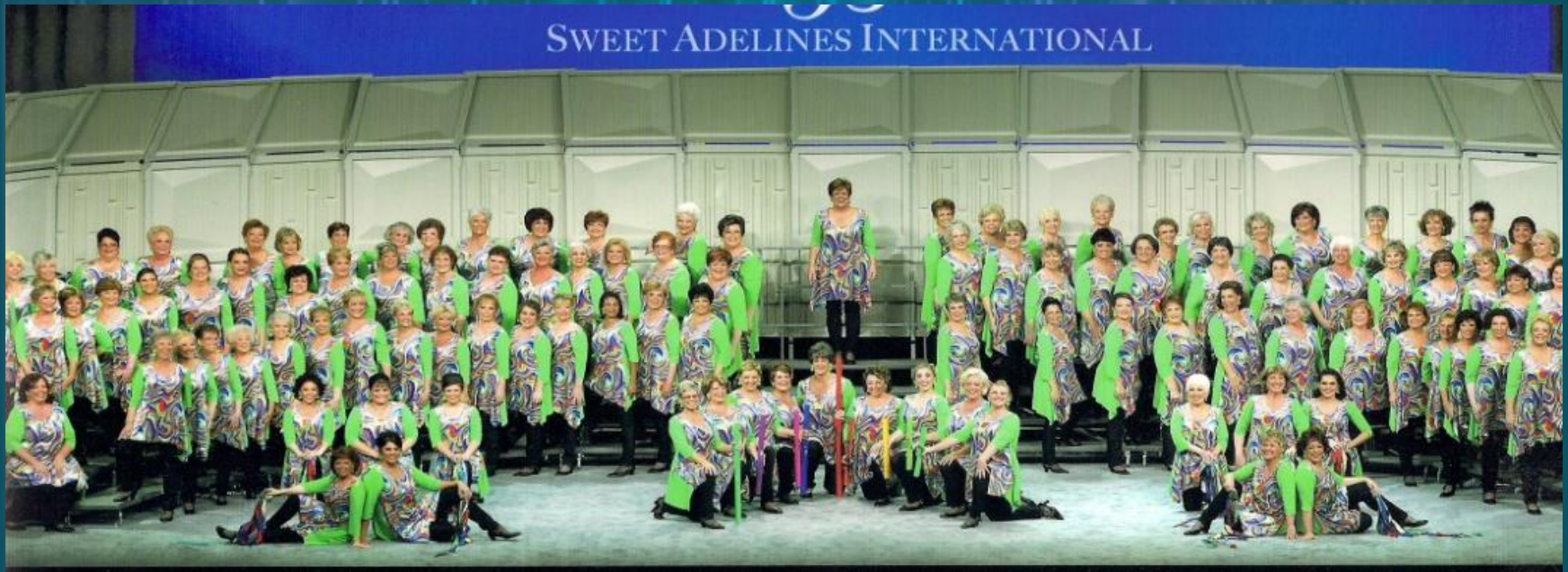
2006 International Champions

**2008
Hawaii International
3rd Place**





**2010
Seattle International
1st Place**



Dreams are realized! Scottsdale Chorus wins again!

❖ **The win in Seattle carried with it many firsts:**



Broke previous record of highest score ever recorded in Sweet Adeline Chorus competitions (3077 points)!



First wild card chorus ever to win the gold!



First time “boom-whackers” were ever used in finals!

September 2012

Scottsdale Chorus Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Journey Continues.....

