



Bay Area Showcase Chorus • Singing in Harmony since 1956

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## **SARATOGA WOMAN CELEBRATES 42 YEARS OF MUSICAL GROWTH Pat LeVezu helps Bay Area Showcase Chorus Celebrate Musical Anniversary**

Back in 1963, Pat LeVezu walked through the doors of the San Jose Chorus rehearsal hall for what she thought was a one-time experience. Persuaded by her piano teacher to come to a rehearsal, Pat figured she'd attend once to make her teacher happy. She never expected to stay. But by the end of the rehearsal, Pat was hooked on the chorus' barbershop sound and welcoming spirit. She's been there for 42 years.

When Pat joined the San Jose Chorus (now know as the Bay Area Showcase Chorus ,a local chapter of Sweet Adelines International), she was one of 30 members. As a young mother with three children, she looked forward to doing something outside the home. Over the years, the Chorus became Pat's platform for growing musically and professionally. Ten years after joining, Pat assumed the role of Director, which she held until she retired in 2002.

The Chorus grew too. Over the years, that group of 30 women has grown into a 130-member, award-winning musical powerhouse. Just last month, they placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the Sweet Adelines International Competition, rising above hundreds of local chapters around the world for the honor. The Bay Area Showcase Chorus celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month.



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The Bay Area Showcase Chorus provided Pat with outstanding leadership development opportunities. Several years after joining, Pat landed an engineering job at Amdahl Corporation, where she rose to the management ranks. Pat credits the Chorus for enabling the leadership, public speaking, and teamwork skills that extend to her professional life.

In 2006, Pat will assume the highest position within the Sweet Adelines International organization, that of International President. She plans to focus on increasing membership, educating directors, reaching out to women in their 20s and 30s and sharing the joys of singing.

For a woman who loves a challenge, there is no doubt that she'll face the presidency with her usual energy, her amazing talents and her spirit of learning. And what does the Bay Area Showcase think of having its long-standing member and former director reach the highest office within Sweet Adelines International? It's the best anniversary gift they could ask for.

*Established in 1956, The Bay Area Showcase Chorus is a dynamic championship chorus that encourages harmony, friendship and individual growth, as it strives for musical excellence. The chorus shares the joy of barbershop harmony with the community, through education and performance. For more information, please go to [www.singharmony.org](http://www.singharmony.org).*

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