A Cold Good Afternoon Regional Choruses and Quartets,

     This is one of many emails that you will be receiving regarding our upcoming Regional Competition.  To make it easier for everyone, these emails will also be archived at the Convention Portal at the regional website,  making it simple to reference when needed.  Please share this information.

1.  **Parking**:  Parking is available in the Renaissance garage.  Self parking for those staying in the hotel is at the reduced rate of $20 per day, Valet is $48 per day.  Day rate parking for those not staying in the hotel is $14. **Caution**, to receive the reduced rate for self parking, your parking ticket must be validated at the hotel registration desk.

2. **Housing**:  Please note that there is no housing portal to make reservations on line. Standard reservations will be made using the form on the Region 17 2024 Convention Website, beginning March 1, and concluding April 1.  Room rates are listed on the form, with a standard room being $182.13 per night, including taxes.  Tax exempt rate is 169.73 per room for choruses paying the housing bill. The region will again be assessing a $50 fee for any competing member not staying at least one night at the hotel.  If your chorus is paying the housing bill and is tax exempt, please include a copy of the Ohio Tax Exempt form with your reservations.

Room availability at the Renaissance is limited due to ongoing construction. Rooms will be assigned to competing choruses first. Double Queen rooms are limited. Due to this, only reservations including 3 or more members in a room will be assigned a double queen. We realize this is not ideal, but is our only option based on available rooms. *Anyone wishing to reserve a suite or upgraded room, should contact Karen Parsons directly at* *pharmasing@yahoo.com* *to determine cost and availability.*

3. **Restaurants**:  The Renaissance has one restaurant on the property, the Braisserie which is open only for breakfast. The bar does offer small plates afternoon and evening. A list of local restaurant options is available at the Convention Portal. The hotel does offer catering service for group meals. For group meal options, please contact Belinda Young at Belinda.Young@Renaissancehotels.com

4.  **Hospitality/Party Room**:  If a chorus wants to bring their own snacks to their hospitality room they must order soft drinks ($5 ea) from the hotel equal to the number of guests in the room. As in the past, nothing that plugs in, and no visible alcohol.

5.  **Competition:**  Competition will take place on the stage in the Renaissance Ballroom. The stage is now a hardwood floor, rather than carpet. Please note, that as in the past, each chorus and quartet will be charged a regional registration fee, which will be billed after the fact. Chorus $100. Quartet $40

6.  **AEB**:  An AEB is $90 and VIP AEB $100, only available by pre order. Single event tickets will be $45 and sold at the door. Any purchases made with a credit card will be charged an additional credit card fee which will be billed to the chorus after the competition.

Please share this information with your members, and contact me (email or cell) with any questions.  Our goal is to have the Convention Portal open by March 1.

Best

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