

# McLean County Museum of History

## Bloomington Chapter Sweet Adelines

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### Collection Information

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## Brief History

The Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines joined Sweet Adelines International in 1952 and were known as Midwest Gateway #5. They entertained at civic events charitable functions, contests and shows. Membership came from different occupations and ages. All shared a love of singing and commitment to advancing barbershop education and harmony.

Membership is worldwide, from Australia to Canada, and all fifty of the United States. We are proving that the four parts of barbershop harmony-lead, tenor baritone and bass-are suited to women's voices and provide a natural range for nearly all.

The *Chorus Cues* newsletter kept Msidwest Gateway Region #5 members up to date locally as well as internationally.

## Scope

This collection includes copies of *Chorus Cues* from 1999 to 2001 as well as recruiting brochures. There are also Board Meeting minutes and Financial Position papers. The Bloomington chapter goal setting results are included along with revitalization programs. There are legal documents and charter dissolution and International Charter-at-Large, as well as miscellaneous

## Box Inventory

### **Folder 1: *Chorus Cues* newsletters, Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines International Midwest Gateway Region #5, Recruiting brochure**

- 1.1 *Chorus Cues* newsletters September 21, 1999 through January 30, 2001 usually 2ce monthly: Reminders, Dates to Remember, songs to work for the show, miscellaneous seasonal comments, 21 pages.
- 1.2 Midwest Gateway Region 5 Sweet Adelines 2001 – A Music Odyssey, Volume 1, Issue 1, December 2000, 4 pages.
- 1.3 Glossy trifold recruiting brochure with history and photos, 2 copies.

### **Folder 2: Board Meeting Minutes**

- 2.1 2000/2001 Board Meeting Minutes, 10 pages.

### **Folder 3: Bloomington Chapter Sweet Adelines Financial Position**

- 3.1 Financial Position Papers: April 30, 2000 – March 31, 2001, no June, 11 pages.

### **Folder 4: Bloomington Chorus Goals**

- 4.1 Goal setting session 2000-2001 results, 5 pages.

**Folder 5: Legal Documents**

- 5.1 1982 Illinois Secretary of State Not-For-Profit Corporation Guide brochure. Envelope addressed to Margaret Lipp containing 2 documents: Certificate of Incorporation August 11, 1983, and Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation July 19, 1991.

**Folder 6: Miscellaneous**

- 6.1 McLean County Historical Society Gift Agreement: Eric Vinsel, 6-18-21. Request for Leave of Absence (2), Thank You notes (3), looking for a director, Sweet Adelines International Chapter Officers. Items dated 1999-2000.

**Folder 7: Revitalization Program**

- 7.1 Revitalization Program #5 – to provide assistance to choruses whose membership has dropped below 20-member re-chartering limit, 10 pages.  
7.2 Choruses in Revitalization (self-help check list) 2 pages.  
7.3 Complaints from old and prospective members, and solutions, 5 pages.  
7.3 March 8, 2001, schedule for disposition of property if we do not go for revitalization.

**Folder 8: Chapter Dissolution**

- 8.1 Letters to members from Margaret Lipp dated April 3, 2001 regarding meeting to vote on dissolution, 16 letters.  
8.2 Form BCA-12.20 Articles of Dissolution, Corporate Name: Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, April 17, 2001, 2 pages  
8.3 Letters from Margaret Lipp dated April 18, 2001, informing Sharon McKean, Ruth Perry and Margaret Greer of voting for dissolution, 3 letters.  
8.4 Bloomington Chapter Sweet Adelines Financial Position, Apr. 30, 2001  
8.5 Letter from Margaret Lipp dated April 30, 2001 to Dept. of Business Services, Secretary of State a notification of dissolution Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines, 2 copies.  
8.6 Letters from Margaret Lipp to Illinois Dept. of Revenue, and Mr. William Butler of the First Christian Church dated April 30, and McLean County Chamber of Commerce, dated May 29, 2001, regarding dissolution of Sweet Adelines, 3 letters

**Folder 9: International Chapter-at-Large Membership Application**

- 9.1 Sweet Adelines International Application for Chapter-At-Large Membership, Information packet, 6 pages.

**VIDEO TAPES**

1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, undated.