



We all know the four seasons of the year but for Sweet Adeline's there is another called "Countdown to Competition." For us, this happens in April and The Heart of Illinois Chorus travels North to Alaska (just kidding) but it did seem like it last year when parkas would have been a good costume choice.

This is also when we joyfully welcome back our snowbirds. They keep up through the recordings we make at each rehearsal. I am so glad there are tech-people who know how do these things. I am so low tech that I have hired my two-year old grandson to teach me how to text.

We are looking forward to competition this year. We have a new song with exciting chorography. We've been coaching with Liz Hardcastle and Diane Huber. We even have two of our coaches riding on the bus to Appleton with us! I wonder if they will have us sit in sections? If so, the basses need to be in the back because they carry the most weight - vocally speaking of course!! I remember a trip my chorus made by plane. When we took off, he asked us not to sing because the singing kept him up all night. We stayed silent for safety. Let's hope our bus driver either has good ear plugs or likes music. Of course, last year we were too worried about the snow to sing!! Here's to hoping for good weather this year!

We are working on music for our August 15th show - "Are We There Yet?" at Illinois Central College's Performing Arts Center in East Peoria and are having a great time picking music and writing a script. Before that happens, we will be hosting our new annual event, the Hearts' All Chorus Retreat. We had a great time last year singing with a bunch of our Region 3 and Region 5 singing sisters and hope that you can all attend this year! This year's retreat will be held on July 11th and we will be putting more info on our Facebook page and website very soon, so be sure to save the date so you can join us!

The Hearts and Diane Huber at our coaching session!!!



Heart Hugs!

The Hearts