

Cindy Hansen



Born: Cynthia Kay Hansen in May 1959, in the small town of Greenville, Michigan.

Her parents Bob and Ruth Hansen were involved in Barbershopping and Sweet Adeline's before Cindy was born. She is actually a third generation "Barbershop Brat". Her late grandfather started a very active Chapter in Greenville, Michigan where her Grand Father, Father, Uncle, Great Uncle, all sang in a quartet together. She attended Men's Internationals during family vacations while her father competed.

Recently, Cindy married a wonderful man who loves 4 part harmony. David Ellis was the Tenor of Storm Front 2007 Quartet 3rd place International Medalist. Since this marriage in Nov. 2006 Cindy has become a step mom of 2 beautiful girls who are married and both have 2 children, making Cindy an instant Grandmother of 4.

Cindy began singing in Sweet Adeline's while she was in College at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1981.

She started coaching soon after inside her own Region and District. She also helped her father's chorus and a few local quartets. Then in 1983 Greg Lyne asked Cindy to help with West Towns Chorus who went on to be International Champions that year. She then began work with The Masters of Harmony (FWD) and designed and coached their first 4 Gold Medal Packages. Cindy most recently designed and coached the last 5 Gold Medal packages for The Vocal Majority (SWD), as well as designed and taught the often talked about acceptance song – Joshua.

Cindy actively coaches In Sweet Adeline's as well as the Barbershop Harmony Society. She prides herself on helping quartets decide who they are and who they want to be. She has coined the phrase "enhansenments". She has been lucky enough to work with groups at the International Gold Medal level in both Organizations. Cindy has also coached champions at the Rising Star, Collegiate, and Senior Level of competition.

Outside the Barbershop world Cindy has worked with groups like the Dapper Dans of Disney World, Rescue in the Gospel World, Rockapella in the A cappella world to name a few. She has traveled all over the world to coach groups in England, The Netherlands, Denmark, Scotland, Sweden, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. Cindy has been guest faculty at Harmony College, IES (International Education Symposium) and Barbershop at Sea cruises. She enjoys creating, designing and teaching the fine art of visual performance that supports a musical production.

Cindy and Dave currently own a home in Henderson, CO outside of Denver. She has a Social Work degree and has worked in the business world as a Director of Customer Service for the Health Care Industry, Regional Director of Risk Management and Professional Liability, consulted as a specialist on Regulatory Licensing, and has been an Expert Witness in HMO compliance.

Her favorite quote is:

There are two ways to live your life.....
One is as though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.
- Albert Einstein