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Region 15 2021 Membership Celebration!

October 22, 2021

Region 15 Golden Members: 50 years+



Anita Barry
Jersey Harmony



Jan McCaskill
Harmony Celebration



Pam Hyde
Saratoga Soundtrack



Connie Kash
Twin County



Sharon Vitkovsky
Harmony Celebration



Barbara Blaisdell
Greater Nassau





Spirit of Syracuse Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Evelyn Langenstein

Spirit of Syracuse Chorus 2021 Member of Note

This year the Spirit of Syracuse Chorus is excited to announce that Evelyn Langenstein is our Member of Note.

She spearheaded an SOS Spirit day where a small group of members hopped in their cars and visited every member of the chorus. She came up with innovative ideas to help with chorus morale while we were on Zoom such as theme nights, and suggested and organized some new fundraisers that we've been able to do during Covid. She is passionate about membership and specifically goes out of her way to reach out to members during the week to check in on them just to see how they are doing. Evelyn, a 30-year member of Sweet Adelines, was a shining light in our chorus as we navigated the landscape of keeping our chorus interested and engaged during a global pandemic.

Congratulations Evelyn!





Long Island Sound Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Colleen Marron

Long Island Sound Chorus 2021 Member of Note

The news of Colleen's passing in February came as a shock. She was always there for every rehearsal, management team meeting, fundraiser, contest, and show. She was a vibrant baritone extraordinaire and a costume visionary. She taught choreography, mentored new members. Colleen touched every member in our chorus with her kindness and high aspirations. She brought joy to many audiences as a charismatic quartet singer.

It is with love and admiration that we celebrate Colleen Marron as our 2021 Long Island Sound Chorus Member of Note. Rest In Peace, dear friend. You will never be forgotten.





Song of the Valley Chorus

2021 Member of Note





June Noble

Song of the Valley Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Song of the Valley had a hard time choosing a Member of Note this year. But then, we realized that there was one noble spirit who plugged on with determination coming up with creative ideas to keep our chorus together—our director, June Noble.

June took all her enthusiasm and creativity and focused on our small chorus. She worked on keeping our members engaged. She encouraged and made herself available to those members who were learning new parts in order for us to emerge from this trial as a stronger chorus. Now, it looks like we've made it to the other side of the tunnel and we owe it, in large part, to June Noble, our 2021 Member of Note.



Congratulations June!





Sirens of Gotham Chorus

2021 Member of Note





Meredith Rich

Sirens of Gotham Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Sirens of Gotham is pleased to announce Meredith Rich as our 2021 Member of Note!

Meredith brings joy, thoughtfulness, and kindness to everything she does. Now in her second year as President, Meredith continues to shepherd Sirens of Gotham through an extremely difficult and unpredictable time with a gracious spirit full of wisdom, optimism, and compassion. On top of exhibiting superior leadership skills, Meredith is deeply devoted to our artistic success as a chorus and always comes to every rehearsal ready to learn, grow, and explore her craft along with the group. It is remarkable to everyone how Meredith manages to do as much as she does “behind the scenes,” especially during the past year when circumstances have ventured so far beyond normal routine, but she continues to keep spirits high despite difficult decisions and setbacks caused by the pandemic. We are incredibly lucky to have Meredith in a leadership position and are so proud to recognize her accomplishments and value to our community.



Congratulations Meredith!





Seneca Soundwaves Chorus

2021 Member of Note





Elaine Macrillo

Seneca Soundwaves Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Elaine Macrillo and three other women founded Seneca Soundwaves Chorus in 1995, which was chartered in 1998. Elaine has served the chorus in administrative jobs, including team leader, financial coordinator, show chairperson, membership chair, fundraising chair, and chorus grant writer, in addition to being on the music team and lead section leader. She served as our music director from 2010-2020. She is an outstanding individual, enthusiastic cheerleader and passionate representative for barbershop harmony. Her positivity is contagious and she remains an inspiration to us all.

Elaine Macrillo personifies everything a Sweet Adeline represents. She is a gem and we are pleased to be able to honor her with this well-deserved award.

Congratulations Elaine!





Heart of New Jersey Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Virginia Dearborn

Heart of New Jersey Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Virginia is always positive and works tirelessly for our chorus with an eye toward equality and inclusion for all. Her heart is with the music, her HONJ family, her community, and is even open to those she has yet to meet. She is the first to raise her hand and step up for everything and she is also very encouraging for others to volunteer. She is warm and approachable and makes everyone feel welcome and included. She is kind, cheerful and dependable and has consistently demonstrated her willingness to assist the chorus both musically and administratively.

Virginia is a wonderful ambassador for not only our chapter, but also for all of Region 15, and Sweet Adelines all over the globe! We are very lucky to have her.



Congratulations Virginia!





Region 15 Golden Members: 55 years+



Sonny Steffan
Chapter At Large



Barbara McKeon
Island Hills



Brenda Strauss
Liberty Oak



Marilyn Herke
Seneca Soundwaves



Linda Brown
Capitaland





Evergreen Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Carol Schultheis

Evergreen Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Evergreen Chorus is pleased to announce Carol Schultheis as our 2021 Member of Note.

She has been a motivational force that has helped to propel our chorus and our region through our growth journey. She is a “Lead” in more ways than one! Carol has been at the core of our chorus as a member of our Management Team for almost her entire Sweet Adelines career. She is always on the lookout for Evergreen opportunities, having served as Marketing Coordinator and as Performance Coordinator. As our current Membership Coordinator, she greets our guests with a welcoming smile (even when it’s covered up by a mask) and has created a New Member Mentor program to ensure all new members feel included and integrated into our community.

Please raise a glass and join Evergreen in toasting “Congratulations” to Carol!

Congratulations Carol!





Hickory Tree Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Amy Seid

Hickory Tree Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Sweet Adelines are resourceful, dynamic, and hard-working. These traits are helping us to prosper in these difficult times. Our Member of Note, Amy Seid, has all of these traits and was instrumental in helping Hickory Tree cope with all of the issues we have faced in the past 18 months.

Amy was part of the team that worked to transition to rehearsals on zoom, and making those rehearsals run efficiently and effectively – and Amy still is bringing new innovations to our online rehearsals. She has been on our Management Team first as Marketing Chairperson and then as Team Coordinator, she publishes our weekly newsletters and maintains our external website.

As thanks for all of the time and effort Amy gives to Hickory Tree we are proud to name her our Member of Note for 2021.



Congratulations Amy!





Liberty Oak Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Laura Partynski

Liberty Oak Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Our Member of Note, Laura Partynski, is a tireless worker and great asset to Liberty Oak. Her positive, upbeat personality and can-do attitude are helping us continue to move forward. Despite the challenges of the past year, she always has a smile on her face. There doesn't seem to be anything she can't do and do well! She's an officer of the board and an assistant section leader. She was absolutely amazing while collecting and preparing member recordings for our virtual Bridge over Troubled Waters video. She took the reins of our newly created Tech Team coordinating zoom rehearsals, our website, and all social media.

Laura is a lovely, caring, helpful, enthusiastic, and positive woman. She represents the very best of LOC.



Congratulations Laura!





Twin County Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Barbara O'Regan

Twin County Chorus 2021 Member of Note

With great love, Twin County Chorus has unanimously chosen Barbara O'Regan as our Member of Note for 2021.

Barbara has been Secretary of our Management Team, has been on the Membership team, and has served as our Team Coordinator. Right now, she is working as our Ways and Means Committee Chair. Raising funds during a pandemic is not easy, yet she ran a successful lottery, and is looking into other creative ways to raise funds. Barbara is the perfect example of a Sweet Adeline. She devotes her time to the chorus in any way she can, and sings baritone beautifully. Always optimistic, upbeat, and comfortable in her own skin.

How lucky we are to have such a devoted and talented member, whose goal is to unite everyone with her smile and great attitude. Barbara, we are so proud to name you our Member of Note for 2021.



Congratulations Barbara!





Saratoga Soundtrack Chorus

2021 Member of Note





Jamie Halvarson

Saratoga Soundtrack Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Saratoga Soundtrack is thrilled to announce our 2021 Member of Note, Jamie Halvarson!

Jamie is a long time Sweet Adeline and a charter member of Saratoga Soundtrack. She has served on our costume and make up committee, management team, and our spirit committee. Most recently, Jamie started to manage our social media accounts to help us stay connected with each other and our community. Jamie is always happy help meet a need of the chorus, no matter what the challenge.

Most importantly, Jamie is a caring, committed and invaluable member of our chorus who deserves to be recognized for her many contributions over her years of membership.



Congratulations Jamie!





Island Hills Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Kara Dashnaw

Island Hills Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Kara joined Island Hills only a little more than three years ago and, oh, what an asset she has been! As a co-section leader, whenever a bass member needs extra help, Kara is there to create voice files and help them with their repertoire. She has become our “tech whiz,” setting up our Zoom rehearsals, helping the less experienced with the latest technology, and enabling our virtual rehearsals to run smoothly. At the beginning of Covid, Kara created a chorus slide show, helping to boost our sagging spirits. Kara also spent many hours redesigning and updating our chorus website. Now part of the Management Team’s Membership Committee, she responds to all chorus emails and encourages potential guests to come for a rehearsal. Her enthusiasm for Sweet Adelines shines through each of these interactions.

Kara, with her bubbling personality, is loved by everyone! Congratulations from Island Hills to our multi-talented Kara Dashnaw!



Congratulations Kara!





Region 15 Golden Members: 60 years+



Edie Murphy
Harmony Celebration



Joyce Brandt
Hickory Tree



Marge Dederbeck
Harmony Celebration





Harmony Celebration Chorus

2021 Member of Note





Grace Barreto

Harmony Celebration Chorus 2021 Member of Note

HCC is so very pleased to announce that our 2021 Member of Note is Grace Barreto.

Grace is an amazing member of our chorus and has made many important contributions, both musically and administratively. She is a person of impeccable character, and she works tirelessly for the chapter. Grace exudes a warm, friendly, confident personality that makes our chorus a better place. She sets a positive example for our chorus, both as a singer and as our hard-working Events Coordinator. Whenever a volunteer is needed, Grace is always the first to say, "I can do that!" And she does!

We are so fortunate to have her consistent, hard-working, fair-minded personality on our Management Team. Grace is certainly a worthy Member of Note!



Congratulations Grace!





Jersey Harmony Chorus

2021 Member of Note





Sandra Hoedemaker

Jersey Harmony Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Jersey Harmony Chorus is so proud and excited to name Sandra Hoedemaker as our Member of Note.

Sandra contributes in a great number of ways. In addition to her excellent vocal participation, she assists the Lead section leader, is a member of the management and music teams, serves as our communications chair, manages our birthday-gram fundraiser, assists in providing social media notices and flyers, supervises Groupanizer, and helps develop learning tracks.

Best of all, Sandra always has a kind word and winning smile! Congratulations from all your friends at JHC, Sandra!



Congratulations Sandra!





Capitaland Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Susan Koppenhaver

Capitaland Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Capitaland's Member of Note is our Chorus Director Susan Koppenhaver!

In 2018, Sue became the director of Capitaland Chorus and has kept the chorus moving forward and always improving. During this difficult Covid time, Sue has worked tirelessly to keep our members engaged, maintaining their enthusiasm and commitment to singing together and making beautiful music! Sue steadfastly ran weekly Zoom meetings to keep everyone singing. When the weather allowed, Sue ran rehearsals at the local park or in the parking lot. She was always sensitive to the needs and feelings of the chorus members and their comfort level with in-person meetings and rehearsals. When they expressed the need for a break from Zoom, Sue worked with the chorus to find just the right mix for everyone's comfort. Sue has a wonderful directing style; she never lets us forget how much potential we have to do great things! She demands the best we can give by creating a fun and non-threatening environment.

We are all very proud of Sue and congratulate her on being our Member of Note for 2021.

Congratulations Susan!





Golden Apple Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Amy Kruse

Golden Apple Chorus 2021 Member of Note

The Golden Apple Chorus is delighted to recognize Amy Kruse as our Member of Note for 2021.

Amy joined GAC as a baritone in 2004, and has shared her joy of singing from the front row ever since. She is membership co-chair, and has chaired our annual show multiple times. Amy is always willing to volunteer for special events, and can be counted on to shine at all performances. Amy was born a barbershopper. Her love of performing began at an early age, and she was involved in many theater productions in high school. Her crazy sense of humor and creativity is evident in everything she does.

Golden Apple Chorus is thankful to Amy for sharing her boundless energy, creativity, talent, humor, and beautiful singing voice with us. Her dedication and commitment to our chorus makes us proud to name Amy Kruse our Member of Note.

Congratulations Amy!





Heart of Long Island Chorus 2021 Member of Note





BJ Hillinck

Heart of Long Island Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Heart of Long Island Chorus would like to recognize our wonderful Director, BJ Hillinck, as our Member of Note.

He is a great director and also a great listener, being careful to make sure he understands what folks need and want before creating a plan of action. His tremendous communication skills allow him to clearly and visually give us 'in the moment' tips and to explain techniques and steps to take to improve our sound. A creative problem solver, BJ is not afraid to think outside of the box, even if at times it breaks tradition. His approachable and friendly demeanor makes it easy for members to feel comfortable to ask questions.

But most of all, it's his genuine love and appreciation of Barbershop Music, his willingness to share it with us, and his contagious enthusiasm that keeps wanting us to come back each week.



Congratulations BJ!





City of the Hills Chorus 2021 Member of Note





All Members City of the Hills Chorus 2021 Member of Note

City of the Hills Chorus will not be selecting an individual Member of Note for 2021.

We are so grateful to the majority of our members who, during the 15 months prior to June 2021, logged in each Monday evening for our abbreviated Zoom rehearsals and “catch up” sessions. Without this dedication and loyalty to the chorus, our return to successful in-person rehearsals in June would not have been possible.

So, we’re honoring ALL of our chorus members who share the characteristics of the annual “Member of Note” award.

Congratulations City of the Hills Members!!





Region 15 Golden Members: 65 years+



Judy Rowell
Harmony Celebration





Greater Nassau Chorus 2021 Member of Note





Harriette Walters

Greater Nassau Chorus 2021 Member of Note

Greater Nassau Chorus proudly recognizes our Director, Harriette Walters, as our 2021 Member of Note!

Her boundless energy, passion, vision, and commitment to the chorus makes her this year's worthy recipient. With inspiration and determination, she has led the Greater Nassau Chorus week after week through unprecedented times. Harriette's dedication was evident in her planning and facilitating productive virtual rehearsals that were engaging and worthwhile.

As one member said, "Throughout this pandemic, despite her own personal challenges, Harriette has been incredibly supportive of all members, uplifting, positive and has kept the chorus moving forward. We have thrived under her leadership."

Another member said, "Harriette is the light leading us toward a common goal. A goal that keeps us striving to better ourselves as singers and human beings."

Harriette, you are the heart and soul of GNC and we could not think of anyone who is more deserving of this award.

Congratulations Harriette!





Congratulations to all our Region 15
Members of Note Honorees
& Golden Members!





Upcoming Events

- ▶ Ask The Judges - Friday, November 19
- ▶ Holiday Glow (Hosted by VOCE) - Friday, December 17
- ▶ *More to come in 2022!*

