

## Seneca Soundwaves

### Member of Note

2021

This year, the winner goes to someone who personifies everything a Sweet Adeline represents. Elaine Macrillo and three other women founded Seneca Soundwaves Chorus in 1995, which was chartered in 1998. Prior to that, she sang with Kanandaarque Chorus from 1982 to 1995 and was a lead singer in a quartet, *Jubilee*.

Elaine served Seneca Soundwaves 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 served on the Management Team of Region 16 as DCP program coordinator, and Ways and Means coordinator. Elaine has worn many hats in her 39 years of service to Sweet Adelines.

Elaine won the Regional Award for Leadership (Nancy Field Leadership Award) and the Jackie Kraft Assistant Director Award. She served the International Organization in the position of Membership Development Representative, assisting with the growth of nine new regional choruses in a span of eight years.

The Seneca Soundwaves Chorus has flourished, winning "Most Improved Chorus" award at the competition in 2000 and 2004 and third place award for "Small Chorus" in 2005.

In addition to all of her accomplishments, 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 remains a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her family means the world to her. They are very blessed to have such a wonderful matriarch of the family.

We are also lucky to have Elaine in our chorus. She is a gem and we are pleased to be able to honor her with this well-deserved award.

Here's to many more years of singing together in harmony!