



**2007 Hall of Fame
Award for
Pam Pieson**

Our next recipient continues to stretch the boundaries of barbershop music with her combination of great teaching, strong leadership, love of Sweet Adelines and for making magical moments for her audiences.

As a member of the region since its inception, she has shared her time, energy, discipline and considerable skill at many Region 21 education events. She is a much sought-after coach of choruses and quartets throughout our region and beyond, influencing countless singers in our organization with her love of barbershop music. Always a fine example of how it is done, others learn through observation as well as hands on coaching. She has a unique style of demonstrating the expertise she has developed over the years and has set new standards for the interpretation of the barbershop style. Her steadfast dedication to our art form is apparent to all those who have the privilege to work with her.

While she is committed to the continued vitality of Region 21 today, she is also working to make sure our region is strong in the future. She has mentored a number of young women to form quartets, join choruses and experience the barbershop style. Under her leadership, her chorus sponsors a Young Women in Harmony program that in its second year attracted more young singers than the stage could comfortably hold, significantly expanding the influence of women's barbershop singing in her community and around the Region.

One of the hallmarks of her leadership is her strong belief that everyone, no matter their level, can improve. She encourages every singer to perform at the highest level they are able. She has helped singers at every level, from women just trying barbershop for the first time to Queens of Harmony, hone their skills – and then, once they have achieved their lofty goals, she encourages them to set a new goal and continue to improve.

As an award winning quartet singer, she is an admired role model for up and coming lead singers. As a director, she led her chorus to set a new standard for barbershop performance which has become the benchmark for chorus performance throughout the organization. She willingly shares those winning skills and ideas with other directors and choruses throughout Region 21. A former member of her chorus stated, "Whether coaching, singing or directing, she makes us believe, not just that she can, but that we each can achieve our goals and dreams." The member went on to say, "the 'sass with class' style she and her chorus embody has changed the region and our organization forever."

Over the years, she has built a wonderful relationship throughout the larger barbershop community. The contributions she has personally made toward creating and maintaining that sense of community cannot be measured. Every member of our region benefits from strengthening the bonds between and among us. She does this with grace, integrity, discipline and humility - all for the love and joy of singing.

She is and will continue to be a shining example of what a Sweet Adeline can be and do. It is a great honor to present this 2007 Hall of Fame Award to Pam Pieson.