

Dee DeFrank



Dee DeFrank is a long-time member of the region and has played a unique role in the region's development as a premier provider of education, especially to our regional quartets. She is, herself, a fine quartet bass, and earned a quartet gold medal in 1982 with "**Sounds Great.**" Her love of quarteting grew into a deep desire to recognize the achievements of our regional quartet champions and medalists. As a result, she and her quartet created the recognition celebration for our quartet medalists and donated the traveling plaque that is presented annually to our Region 21 quartet champions. But for this woman, that was not enough. A fine administrator, she served for many years on the Regional Board of Directors. She also used these administrative skills to help found Club 21, our region's association of quartet champions. Dedicated to providing education and financial support to our regional quartets, Club 21 has played a strategic role in the development of the countless award-winning quartets this region regularly produces, and Club 21 would not exist, and in fact thrive, if it weren't for the efforts of this Hall of Fame recipient.

The woman who holds the Club's purse strings for as long as one can remember, she has ensured that there would always be significant financial support provided to every International quartet competitor from Region 21. In addition, as a member of the Club's management team, she has been instrumental in developing the education events that have benefited so many of us through the years. As one regional member said, "the many rewarding Club 21 educational experiences we've shared would not have happened without her, and without them, there would be a hole in the fabric of Region 21."

It is for these efforts and impacts that Region 21 presents its Hall of Fame Award to Dee De Frank.