

## Karen Ridout



Karen Ridout has had a remarkable career of service to Sweet Adelines and Region 21, spanning some 30 years. There is hardly any regional or chapter leadership position that she has not held at one time or another. Her tireless efforts in service to the Region began in 1977, when she worked as a member of the Regional Council. In 1978, she was named Council Member of the Year. When the regional Board of Directors management structure was introduced, she served as both Vice Regent and as Regent. Sweet Adelines International has called upon her to serve as Regional Competition Coordinator, and she helped run two successful competitions. She has also served on the Regional Convention Steering Committee as Chair of the Regional Convention and as Assistance Chorus Chair. In 2000, she was asked to fill the region's Education Coordinator position when it was vacated, and she completed a two-year term in that capacity. Currently, she serves as the region's Team Coordinator, doing a very adept job at keeping the rest of the Coordinators focused and on task. Though most of her activities have centered around her organizational and leadership skills, she is also a fine performer, singing baritone in the 1977 regional championship quartet, the "**Match Makers**," who went on to a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish at International that year. Quoting a colleague of hers, "she is not afraid to speak out for what she thinks is right, and she is an avid advocate for the well being of all of us "Molly Members." This recipient is always willing to go that "extra mile" to motivate and enhance the Sweet Adeline experience for everyone and for her efforts, Region 21 presents the Hall of Fame Award to Karen Ridout.