

**2007 Hall of Fame Award  
for  
Sally Briner**

It is rare in any organization to find someone who is both a public figure and one who works tirelessly behind the scenes to help others. Our first recipient of the Hall of Fame Award is just that person.

A Sweet Adeline for 40 years, she is well known around the barbershop world as a great baritone in both award winning choruses and quartets. She is and continues to be an example and an inspiration for singers at every level. But it is not just her "public" side that makes her an outstanding candidate for the Hall of Fame Award; it is her years of service to the Region and Sweet Adelines.

Her service began when many of us were all part of Region 11. She was an active member of the Board of Directors and served as secretary for the Region. After the regions split, she was elected to the Region 21 Board of Directors and served for six years. When the organization adopted the Regional Management Team form of government, she was the obvious choice for Chapter Coordinator. She helped define that new role and set the standard for future Chapter Coordinators to come. As moderator of the President's Forum, she willingly shared her strong administrative skills with chapter presidents across the region, mentoring them in their role as chapter leaders and offering ongoing support throughout their terms of office. One of her fellow RMT members recalled, "On the management team, she was the champion for the individual members of the region, making sure they were well represented". Her colleague added that "she always demonstrated patience, perseverance and a positive attitude".

Never forgetting that we are a singing organization, she has mentored and encouraged singers young and old, leading some to greatness. As an accomplished quartet singer, she has won not one but two crowns as an International Quartet Champion. Whether teaching skills to quartets or coaching individual singers, she has shared her musical expertise in Region 21, Region 11 and other regions across the nation. Her impact extends to every singer in Region 21.

Her warmth, her charm and her unique personality are all evidence of why she is so successful as both a team member and a performer. Her love of life and genuine interest in all people make her a perfect ambassador for our region and the organization. To know her is to love her and we proudly present the Hall of Fame Award to Sally Briner.