**2015 WOMEN OF NOTE**

Calumet Corner - CLARA LOPEZ-URIBE - Clara came to the chorus in the fall of 2011.  In spite of being busy as a young wife and mother of 2, she enjoys giving her time and effort for various chorus activities.  She has applied her background in Music Education as the lead section leader, participates in chorus quartets,  and is currently serving as the Team Leader.

Choral-Aires - DEBBIE FLETCHER - Debbie was a devoted member for 41 years, joining as a teen.  She was always known as a caring, supportive friend to all.  In tribute to Debbie, the Choral-Aires Chorus is here-after designating their "Woman of Note" award as the "Debbie Fletcher Woman of Note Award".  Her earthly presence is no longer with us but her joyous, loving essence will remain with us always.

Crosstown Harmony - MARLENE ZABEL - Marlene became a member in 1973, and she not only contributes her lovely bass voice, but also manages all of our travel plans with great organizational skill.  She arranges our hotel rooms, rehearsal rooms, and meals, while maintaining constant communication with the director, team coordinator, and members.  Our chorus can prepare for retreats, and regional and international conventions without a care due to Marlene's excellent attention to detail, including the related finances.

Danville - MAUREEN HINCKLE - Maureen joined SAI in 1983, and is truly a Cheerleader for Sweet Adelines!  No matter what her current office is, she treats Membership as top priority.  She encourages all of us in the Danville Chapter to be positive, to promote SAI, and to enjoy our membership.  She tirelessly promotes us in the community keeping us visible and audible.  She is a 5-time past chorus President, a many time Show Chairman, and a writer of witty, entertaining show scripts.

Great Lake Sound - RUTH JOHNSTON - Ruth is a member since September of 2013.  She is organized and forward thinking and is always asking "What else can we do to move GLS Chorus forward?"  She makes suggestions about marketing activities and helps with efforts to attract new people.  She has a beautiful voice, whether she is singing in the lead section or advocating for the chorus, and is always enthusiastic and infectious!

Heart of Illinois - JOELLYN WELCH - She has been a SAI member for 42 years, and is a Certified Director, an Associate Director and section leader.  JoEllyn has also served in administrative capacities on the chorus and Regional (5) levels.  She is always ready to step up to help wherever she is needed, whether working a shift at the bingo hall or directing a performance.

Melodeers - PAT CATENCAMP - Pat has been a member of the organization since 1973 and over the years has been involved in the startup of several small choruses.  Since coming to the Melodeers, she has served as show chair numerous times, and is a long-time member of the Melodeers costume committee machine.

Midwest Crossroad - LORELEI KERSCHBAUM - Lori has been a Sweet Adeline since 1966, and began doing great things for the organization when she gave birth to daughter Tori (Hicks) who is Master Director of this chorus!  Lori has been President, Choreographer, Membership chair, many times the Show Chairman, and is the first to help on ANY committee where she is needed.  She even hosts chorus parties and houses our out-of-town coaches!

Prairie Echoes - KRIS CONLEY - Kris has been a Prairie Echoes member since 1999, and she is a wonderful, positive asset to the chorus.  She keeps our finances in order, keeps track of our music file, and is an integral part of the team.  She's a fantastic hostess who always offers her house for chorus events.

Racine - PAT LARSON - Pat generally works quietly out of the limelight but her efforts and influence are felt throughout the chorus.  A long-time Jazzercize instructor, Pat gets the chorus' blood flowing and muscles warmed up with excercise routines.  She is typically one of the top tickets sellers for performances, and is also a fundraiser extraordinaire.

River Bend - MELODY WHIDDEN - Melody became a Sweet Adeline in 2002.  She became our assistant director in May 2014 as well as being the Showmanship Coordinator.  She continues to volunteer when there is a need.  She pushes us all to improve as chorus members, and promotes quartet singing - EVERYWHERE!

River City Sound - ANN PATEL - Ann is a 20 year member of Sweet Adelines, and has been in RCS from day one.  She became the creative costume chairman, always thinking of new and bold looks.  She also glitzes up the stage each year for chorus shows and has helped the chorus win many awards for the best decorated tent at an annual Rockford summer festival.

Riverport - LOIS BRENNAN - She joined Riverport Chorus in 1984, and has served as President and Team Manager.  Lois is the type of member who when faced with an issue thinks it's her place to find the solution!

Spirit of the Lakes - GAIL DUGHI - Gail became a member of SAI in 1972, and since the inception of this chorus in 2002 has continually served as a major factor in the success of SOTL.  She has been a lead section leader, has written most of the show/sing-out scripts, provides the major load of emcee work, and works tirelessly in fund raising projects.

Spring Valley - PAM NICPAN - Pam is a tireless worker for Spring Valley Chorus since 2011, and currently is the Marketing Coordinator, and fundraising chairman.  There is no task she is not willing to take on, including decorating parade cars and dancing in a hot dog suit.  Pam always has a positive and friendly approach to all.  When she takes on a challenge, we know it will get done and get done right!

Toast of Champaign - JAN WEBER - Jan is a 40+ year member and has risen above and beyond the chorus level on so many occasions.  She has served many terms as president, bass section leader and member of Music Staff.  She serves as the chorus photographer where she has created a memorabilia and digital library, and provides every member with a digital scrapbook at the end of the year.

Vermillion Valley Show - KIM HUGHES - She has been a bass in Sweet Adelines since 2009.  Kim serves on the Team as the Ways and Means Chairman, maintains the chorus roster, organizes fundraisers and launched the Scrip program last October.  Always a volunteer, she never hesitates to jump in and help get the job done.   She also sings in Audacity Quartet.

Westosha Lakes - MARILYN POHL - Marilyn is an active 30 year member of SAI.  She is a wonderful member who is always ready with her music, has a positive attitude and encourages other members.  She has been a bass section leader and a quartet member.  We are proud and privileged to have her as a member of WLC.

Yahara River - ANGIE WILLIAMS - Angie has been singing barbershop for 19 years.  She exemplifies what we appreciate, enjoy and strive to accomplish in our Sweet Adelines journey.  She sustains the chorus' Groupanizer site, helps guide skill building efforts among the membership, and always leads by example.  Bonus - she's the Education Coordinator for Midwest Harmony Region 3 and sings tenor in By Request Quartet!