

Memo

DATE: January 6, 2009
TO: Regional Management Teams, YWIH Coordinators
FROM: Peggy Gram, International President
RE: MENC and EMEA Award Recommendations

The International Board of Directors has requested that Regional Management Team members and the YWIH Coordinators submit recommendations for the Sweet Adelines International/Music Educators National Conference Award and for the European Music Education Association Award. At its June 2009 meeting, the Board will select the recipient of these prestigious awards, which will be presented at the International Convention.

Last year there were many qualified musicians nominated for these awards. Please do not hesitate to update the nominations of these outstanding teachers and resubmit them along with your new nominees. We frequently hear reports of other members who are also devoting their time and energy to promoting the study of music, including the Young Women in Harmony program, in their local areas. We would love to see these members recommended so they are recognized for their efforts. You may submit more than one recommendation.

Qualifications for the MENC award recipient are as follows:

- Recipient must be a music educator and a member of MENC
- Recipient must be a member of Sweet Adelines International
- In addition, through her talent and dedication, the recipient must have made outstanding contributions to the furtherance of music education in public and/or private schools by promoting the barbershop style as an American art form.

Past recipients of the award are:

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| 1992 | Lindi Bortney | 2001 | Estelle Glarborg |
| 1993 | Sharon Vitkovsky | 2002 | Judie Sharp |
| 1994 | Lorraine Barrows | 2003 | Melody Horgan |
| 1995 | Sarah Boeka | 2004 | Carol Grimmer |
| 1996 | Dede Nibler | 2005 | Kim Wonders |
| 1997 | Debbie Connelly | 2006 | Lauren Altieri |
| 1998 | Beth Bruce | 2007 | Sheila Koplitz |
| 1999 | Jan Meyer | 2008 | Jennifer E. Edwards |
| 2000 | Janice Kueppers | | |

The European Music Educators Association (EMEA) Award was established in 2001 and presented in conjunction with the MENC award. EMEA is an affiliate of MENC. The EMEA Award is presented to someone who is associated with Sweet Adelines International and who has made outstanding contributions to the music education of youth in Europe.

The first recipients of this prestigious award were Alyson Allan and Glen Chaney, who taught and directed the Sweet Adolescence Chorus of high school girls in Nottingham, England, and who have brought barbershop music through their student tours to Belgium and Germany. They coach many student quartets; three participated in the first Rising Star Contest in the USA in 1999.

The organization is seeking affiliates of MENC in all of the countries where our membership resides. Your assistance in researching those alliances is also requested. Please contact international headquarters, with information.

Please complete and return the attached recommendation form (you may duplicate as needed), along with a recent photograph of the candidate (if available), by **May 15, 2009**, to Lori Decter Wright, Director of Education, at international headquarters, P. O. Box 470168, Tulsa, OK, USA 74147-0168. Or, electronically via email: lori@sweetadelineintl.org. In addition, you may fax it to 918-665-0894. Kindly keep in mind that the International Board of Directors make their decisions based *solely* upon these submitted materials, so please be thorough in your submissions. Additional pages may be attached to the recommendation form as needed and high resolution photos are encouraged.

Thank you for taking the time and consideration to recommend possible recipients of these very special awards.

PG:ldw

Attachment

cc: International Board of Directors
Executive Management Team

**2009 SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL
MENC/EMEA AWARD RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Candidate's Name _____ Chapter _____ Region _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip/Country _____
Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ (fax) _____
Email: _____ Website: _____
Years member of Sweet Adelines International _____

MENC member? Yes No If yes, number of years
EMEA member? Yes No If yes, number of years

List Sweet Adelines International activities (past five years)

Educational Credentials

Current Occupation _____

Occupational History _____

Briefly describe the candidate's contribution to music education in schools and the promotion of barbershop harmony (continue on the back or attach additional sheet if necessary).

Submitted by: _____ Title _____ Region _____
Please attach recent photograph of candidate if available.

FAX OR MAIL THIS FORM BY MAY 15, 2009, TO:

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