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Outstanding Roslyn Heights Singer Honored



Picture caption: *Baritone Section Leader, Amy Cordero of Roslyn Heights (bottom left) performing with Greater Nassau Chorus of Sweet Adelines International.*

Amy Cordero of Roslyn Heights, a member of the award-winning Greater Nassau Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, was recently honored with the Heart of GNC award. This is a monthly award presented to outstanding chorus members in acknowledgement of the commitment, generosity, helpfulness, and enthusiasm they bring to the chorus.

Cordero has been a member of Greater Nassau Chorus since 1998 and has spent the last few years serving on the Music Staff as the baritone section leader. (In barbershop, music is sung a cappella-style with four parts: tenor, lead, baritone, and bass.) Cordero runs section rehearsals, gives baritones personalized feedback about their singing, and



motivates the section. She leads physical warm-ups at the beginning of rehearsals to help Greater Nassau's 85 members energize their bodies for singing. She has also held small "acting" roles as part of contest performance packages, which consist of four songs strung together with acting and narration.

"Amy is a chorus member who helps keep the 'great' in Greater Nassau Chorus," said Sandy Adams, who nominated Cordero for the award. "She's an excellent musician, working with the baritone section to make them the best they can be. Her showmanship technique shines no matter where she's placed in the chorus – in the front row or anywhere on the risers – and she brings life to every song, every part she plays."

Cordero recently performed with Greater Nassau Chorus at their ninth International-level contest, where they placed 4th among 32 other Regional championship choruses from around the world.

"I love being part of this organization," Cordero says. "Greater Nassau Chorus has given me so many opportunities for personal growth, friendship, travel, and the excitement that comes from being part of such an excellent chorus. Our recent success is just one more step on an incredible journey. I can't wait to see what comes next!"

In addition to harmonizing with Greater Nassau Chorus, Cordero sings baritone with her quartet, Pitchcraft. This quartet, which also includes Rebecca Rihn (Lead), Joan Katinas (Tenor), and Lori Schnipper-Nastasi (Bass), has been competing on the Regional level and is available for hire locally.

Cordero is currently preparing herself and the Baritone section for Greater Nassau Chorus' upcoming show, "Come Celebrate Our Sound! 50 Years of Sweet Harmony." In addition to featuring the chorus, this show will include performances from several top-notch quartets including the 2009 Region 15 Quartet Champions, a.k.a., the 2009 Atlantic Region Barbershop Quartet Champions, Hudson Chronicles, and Regional competitors, Pitchcraft and Drive! The show is scheduled for Sunday, 12/06/09 at 3:00 PM at West Hempstead High School, 400 Nassau Boulevard, West Hempstead, NY 11552.

Women are invited to discover the joy of singing chord-ringing, fun-filled music a cappella-style with Greater Nassau Chorus. For information about membership and upcoming performances, visit www.greaternassauchorus.org.

