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## Locust Valley Chorus Member Honored



Mary Goess of Locust Valley was recently presented with a Longevity Award in recognition of her 25-year membership in Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performance. She has spent those 25 years as part of Greater Nassau Chorus, an award-winning chapter of Sweet Adelines International based in Baldwin, NY.

In April, 2009, Goess also received the Heart of GNC Award in acknowledgement of the commitment, generosity, helpfulness, and enthusiasm she brings to the chorus.

Kathy Sullivan, who nominated Goess for the Heart of GNC, describes her as "very kind, caring and compassionate. She even writes notes to chorus members just to let them know that she appreciates what they do."

Goess sang bass with Greater Nassau Chorus for many years and had competed with them in several Regional and International contests. Now an Associate Member, Goess

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no longer performs with Greater Nassau but continues to come to every rehearsal, greeting guests, taking attendance, and cheering for the chorus.

"It pleases me very much to do the job I'm doing," says Goess. "It keeps me occupied and happy, and I get to hear all that good singing! All of us get along so beautifully."

Greater Nassau Chorus will be singing some of their finest musical selections at Church of St. Rocco, 18 Third Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542 on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM as part of St. Rocco's Fall Concert Series. This will be one of GNC's final public performances before they head to Nashville, Tennessee for their 9<sup>th</sup> Sweet Adelines International contest. Greater Nassau Chorus and other International-level chorus and quartet competitors can be viewed live on the Web October 20-24 at http://www.sweetadelineintl.org/webcast.cfm.

Women of all ages are invited to discover the joy of singing chord-ringing, fun-filled music a cappella-style with Greater Nassau Chorus. For more information, visit <u>www.greaternassauchorus.org</u>.