

## WOMAN OF NOTE AWARD

2018



The Seneca Soundwaves Chorus nominated **JoAnne Coutlee** for the 2018 Woman of Note Award.

Jo joined The Seneca Soundwaves in January 2005. She sings lead and has served as Lead Section Leader for the chorus over many months. As a certified Zumba teacher, Jo has led our chorus through physical warmups with enthusiasm and energy. Being a full-time elementary school teacher for over 20 years, Jo has a special place in her heart for young people. Over the years, she has taught barbershop to her students at St. Michael's School in Penn Yan and created school musicals using these talented young voices. She has worked on the Young Women In Harmony program in our chorus, while also serving as counselor at the Lakeside A Cappella camp in Cazenovia for the past three years.

Administratively, Jo has been co-team leader for three years. She volunteered as Show Chair for a dinner show at DiPacific's Restaurant with Phyl Contestable from "Nunsense" and coordinated a very successful show at the American Legion in Geneva, featuring The Yellow Jackets from the University of Rochester. We had the special opportunity of singing with them at the fund raising event.

As Membership Coordinator, Jo has lent her skills and creativity in putting together our annual Open Houses for the past several years. She has worked tirelessly to create a new theme for each open house event. Her hand is the first to go up when something needs to be done for the chorus. Her cheerleading spirit is to be admired.

Jo will be moving to North Carolina next year to be closer to her son and daughter-in-law. We will miss her positive attitude and hard work on behalf of the chorus and feel this is our opportunity to recognize her for her thirteen years of dedicated membership in Seneca Soundwaves Chorus.