



Celebrating 75 years of Sweet Adelines

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Sweet Adelines Stories: Sweet Adelines... A Unity of Purpose, Love, and Friendship.

Time passes all too quickly, but lifelong memories of Sweet Adelines International events, friendships and musical joy are always alive in my heart! Though difficult to choose the most special occasion in my almost 40 years to date as a Sweet Adelines member, the most poignant event occurred in 1977.

The year before in 1976, both my chorus (YankeeMaid Chapter, Region #1) and my quartet (Fine & Dandy) received first place awards at our regional competition in Boston, Massachusetts (USA)! We were eligible to compete at the International Competition to be held in London, England, at Royal Albert Hall. Billed as the Command Performance, it was a once in-a-lifetime opportunity and achievement!

My quartet was prepared for just one contest appearance and brought only one costume! To our great pleasure, we made the first cut! Our chorus scrambled to remake part of the chorus travel costume into an outfit for the next day's contest (see photo in red)! That coming together best describes Sweet Adelines: a sisterhood with a unity of purpose, love and friendship. Fine & Dandy was so blessed and proud of achieving 17th place in the world, for us a gift extraordinaire!

– Kathy Bachand, Spirit of the Gulf Chorus



Pictured:

Stamford YankeeMaids Chorus
(now Harmony on the Sound)
with Director Gordon Barnes

Fine & Dandy Quartet:
Tenor - Sandy Taylor
Lead - Pamela Marks
Baritone - Kathy Bachand
Bass - Ann Chapman