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Sweet Adelines Stories: Sing with the Queens

My most memorable moment was in the fall of 1993. I was attending my very first International competition in Indianapolis. In those days, the Coronet Club sponsored "Sing with the Queens." I happened to know one of the songs Ginger 'n Jazz sang, so I signed up!

After attending the Mass Sing and competing on Saturday, I found myself hoarse! I was so upset. I went down to the area where they were holding "Sing with the Queens" and Ginger 'n Jazz was up. The person standing in line was also a bass, and so I had the joy of standing next to Peggy Gram! We started talking and I told her I wasn't sure if I could do it since I had laryngitis. She encouraged me to do it anyway - so I did!

What a blast singing "Operator" with those beautiful voices! Even with laryngitis, I was able to sing my part and even step out for the bass melody! To this day, Peggy is one of my favorite people. I've had the opportunity to speak with her several times over the years and she always remembers my name. She's a classy lady and a first rate bass!

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