

Joe Alber Memorial
Newyorker of the Year



The Newyorker of the Year is a member of the Poughkeepsie, NY Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society who has exhibited sustained, unselfish service to the chapter, usually but not necessarily peaking in the award year. He or she epitomizes the spirit of the Newyorkers by cheerfully assuming and discharging many chapter responsibilities resulting in the short and long term health and success of the chapter. The award was founded by 1972 Chapter President Joe Alber who, at his passing, was memorialized in it.

December 2006

Memo To: Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I am writing for the Awards Committee of the Poughkeepsie, NY Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. We need your help in choosing our special annual honoree, our...

2006 Newyorker of the Year.

Santa, we have been VERY GOOD this past year so I believe you'll look favorably upon this request.

In 2006, our **Newyorkers** chorus and quartets sang and entertained young and old alike. We sang for veterans, nursing home residents and at a 9-11 memorial service. But that's not all. We sang for JOYful seniors, business people and the developmentally disabled. Our Singing Valentines helped express love between family members and friends. We made a special birthday Valentine video for Matt Schaffer on duty in Iraq. But we must say our best "love" concert was our annual benefit performance for Hospice's Tree of Life campaign.

Now, to stimulate your thinking about our **Newyorker of the Year**, we want to share with you our list of special...

AWARDS OF MERIT

The "**Always There With Good Cheer**" Award goes to **Renee Silverstein**
...for being our dedicated Music Director and a source of encouragement to our chorus and quartets.

The "**The High Or Mighty**" Award goes to **Chris Schulze**
...for being the Bass Section Leader and promoting quarteting by singing Tenor in *Four To The Power Of One* quartet.

The "**Loyal Patriot**" Award goes to **Dick Schaffer**
...for his Chapter loyalty and organizing a special birthday / Singing Valentine video to his grandson, 1st Lt. Matt Schaffer stationed in Baghdad.

The "**Power Of Persuasion**" Award goes to **George Trigg**
...for continued editing/publishing of the Newyorker Times, selling the highest number of Show Program ads and sustained Chapter activity support.

The "**Dizzy Gillespie**" Award goes to **Joe O'Neill**
...for "tooting our own horn" in the local media as Chapter Marketing and Public Relations VP plus selling the 2nd highest number of Show Program ads.

The "**Eveready Tenor**" Award goes to **Ralph Harlow**
...for being an available Tenor for special events/step-out quartets, radio promotion quartets and his own *Hudson Valley Edition*.

The **“Man Of Too Many Hats”** Award goes to **Scott Salladin**
...for being the chorus pitch piper, Chapter Secretary, Singing Valentines chair, Chorus Mgr, Show ads and public ticket sales coordinator and the NED Shed co-chair.

So Santa, you see the kind of members we have... really good people. We look for our **Newyorker of the Year** to be **principled and have integrity**, to be **true to his word**, to **take on the jobs and get them done on time**. And he has to...

Demonstrate Leadership

- on Board of Directors, Nominating Committee chair, Housing Committee chair and 2007 Music & Performance VP

Preserve and Encourage Barbershop Harmony

- sings Lead in two quartets, *Hudson Valley Edition* and *Paradox*, Lead Section leader, active at our HarmonyFests

Be Energetic and Versatile

- handles risers and equipment transportation/setup, and Show staging and sets



January 2007

Memo From: Santa

Dear Awards Committee,

Sorry I couldn't get back to you sooner but you caught me at a very busy time. However you did write a very convincing "Dear Santa" letter. So I'm going to grant your request in a manner consistent with the honoree himself... straight-forward and to the point! No BS!

Your ...

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Steve Miller

