

The 2008 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 in 1972 by Chapter President Joe Alber who, at his passing, was memorialized in it.

The charge of selecting the Newyorker of the Year for 2008 falls on its past recipients. This is a responsibility they do not take lightly. This year the past awardees have chosen an individual who clearly stands out among the Newyorkers for his continued service to the chapter.

This individual has been an active member of the chorus and the chapter for over a decade, providing his consistent enthusiasm and expertise for the musical success of the chorus. His overwhelming knowledge of the mechanics and nuances of music in general and the barbershop style in particular are a great advantage to a chorus that is adamant about singing well. He is always quick to provide the director and chorus with his wisdom concerning the musicality of a song in those instances where his trained ear detects a bad note or chord.

While the past few years have seen his physical faculties cause a curtailment in his participation at actual performances with the chorus, he still finds the strength to attend regular rehearsals and provide his support for the activities of the chapter, in particular this past year's division contest and the annual show.

The honoree has painstakingly and single handedly provided the chapter with his superb editorship of the Newyorker Times over the years, never failing to encourage the membership to participate in the journalistic pursuit for the success, development and growth of the chapter.

By his independence and spirit and his never ending support of the goals of the Newyorkers, he has been, and is, an inspiration to the chapter.

At this time we present to you The 2008 Newyorker of the Year, George Trigg.

2008 Awards for Merit

The “Magistratus of the Nightus” Award to Larry Rand for installing the 2009 officers and directors.

The “Cornucopia” Award to Jack Tacinelli for providing nourishment to the performers at the Newyorkers Annual Show.

The “Men’s Wearhouse” Award to Dick Schaffer for the care and supply of uniforms and attire for the Newyorkers.

The “Marcus Welby, MD” Award to Bob Chieffo for rebounding from ill health in 2008.

The “Dr. Kildare” Award to Bill Booth for rebounding from ill health in 2008... twice!

The “What Needs Doin’?” Award to Bud Fair for his help at the Divison Contest, in moving to St. Andrew’s and with Sing for Hospice.

The “Claude Monet” Award to Bill Florie for his artistic ability and construction of the scenery for the annual show.

The “I Love U” Award to Scott Salladin for the many years of single handedly orchestrating the Singing Valentine’s program for the Newyorkers.