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Elevating women singers worldwide through education, performance, and competition in barbershop harmony and a cappella music.

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Annika Christensen, Key Town Eskilstuna Chorus, Region #32

Dear Annika,

For your years of dedicated service to Sweet Adelines International, as evidenced by your commitment to Region 32 and its choruses, quartets and individuals, your International Board of Directors has chosen you to receive the 2023 Ann Gooch Award.

This award acknowledges your exemplary efforts to expand the reach of Sweet Adelines International. Your nominator praised your passion for learning, leadership, and teaching. Your love for the barbershop art form, enthusiasm, drive, commitment and warm and positive attitude have enhanced our membership's barbershop experience. Your knowledge and ability to inspire in your roles as Regional Education Coordinator, Regional Communications Coordinator and Regional Directors' Coordinator is admirable. You pursued an opportunity to spread our wonderful musical craft through the GoKeyWest merged chorus' visit to Japan, where a concert and music school was held in Tokyo in collaboration with local Sweet Adelines members.

Annika, your efforts sound a lot like the person for whom this award is named, Ann Gooch! Ann is an outstanding example of the tradition of service that you have mirrored so wonderfully.

The presentation of the Ann Gooch Award plaque will be during International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. Director of Events Vanesa Masucci will be in touch with you regarding the details of this presentation.

It is one of the highlights of my term as International President to tell you about this award! Congratulations, Annika!

In harmony.

Thérèse Antonini International President

cc: International Board of Directors

Ann Gooch

Nominator Elisabeth Mellin, Region 32 Regional Management Team, Region 32 Chief Executive Officer Tammy Talbot Director of Events Vanesa Masucci

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