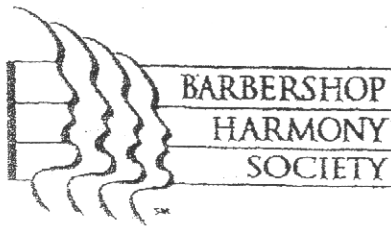


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# *Fanfare*

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Ontario  
District

"Home of the  
Vocal Federation  
Chorus"

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*"Trumpeting the Federation's news to its borders and beyond"*

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## Annual Vocal Federation (Barbershop) Golf Tournament:

### Tournament Aftermath

First of all I would like to thank all of the participants and those who attended the dinner, for making the day a success.

Our winners Enid Gough, Henry Wiersema, Jim McDougall, & Bill Robertson managed to be humble, even with the unfounded accusations of improper scoring flying about them. The Organizers of this annual event have managed to keep the PGA rules committee from interfering in the running of our tournament and intend to keep it that way.

As often happens in this type of format two teams Audrey Gough, John Gough, Sylvia McDougall, and Leigh Laughton were tied for third place at the end of nine holes with Gail Wiersema, Brian McDougall, Ray Mason, and Blake Hughes. Ray Mason proved to be the ringer on their team with his high priced clubs performing well above even his own expectations.

I had the good fortune of playing with a stellar team again this year. Sandy McDougall, Bill Galbraith, Bob Fennell and myself, came close to taking home the coveted trophy again this year. Even with many distractions we pulled off a second place, only three strokes behind the highly stacked team that came in first. Sandy felt that certain parts of her game needed to be watched closely, but this was difficult for her teammates to oblige even though it was said that there were SOME similarities between her game and that of Michelle Wee. The jury is still out on that opinion!!!!!!

I don't want you to get the idea that I'm bitter about the loss again this year, but next year I plan to let my dog choose the teams and see if that works out any better.

Regards  
Bill Gough



## IN MEMORIAM

**Thomas Howard Tom Linden of St. Thomas passed away on Sunday September 17, 2006. Dearly loved husband for over 57 years of Elaine (Mistele) Linden.**

**Tom will be sadly missed by both the London and Strathroy Chapters.**

Tom came into Barbershop in the '70s and he much wondered after "What took me so long"? He loved music as does his son whom Tom introduced Barbershop to when he was in high school. Tom was a leader. He served as president of the London Chapter in 1982 and went to be Area Councilor in 1986-1987.

Tom could really hear the baritone part as to whether it needed to be sharp or flat. Tom won the prestigious "JOE BARBERSHOPPER" award in 1987 with the London Chapter.

Tom was a charter member of the Strathroy Chapter and even though his snowbird years kept him away in the winter, he was always back in spring. Tom organized our chapter golf tournament right from the start.

I don't know to this day where his passion lay; Singing, golf, horse races or Detroit Tigers.

**Jim McDougall**

### Why is it that so few of you sing in the car?

Over one week in mid-July, 2006, 1,000 drivers across the country were asked if they sing in the car while driving,

The poll was conducted by Decima Research and the results are accurate within 3.1 percent, 19 times out of 20.

The poll reported that 66 percent of the respondents sing in the car and, of those, 73 percent are women.

By the way, the nostalgic Bryan Adams track *Summer of '69* is the favourite driving song.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Barbershop Harmony really begins at the end, and works backwards. If a quartet is well equipped with 'wicked' endings, the body of the song may be fairly conventional.

It is the close that leaves the final fragrance of barbershop, and if this be beautifully flavoured with nostalgic aroma, it matters little what has gone before. The most obvious harmonies are forgotten in a really subtle finish."

Dr. Sigmund Spaeth, 1925

*With thanks to "The Clipper", the Official Publication of the London Chapter - the Editor*

## "THE OLD SONGS"

"The old songs, the old songs, the good old song for me.....", was composed by Geoffrey O'Hara, who was born in Ontario in 1882. O'Hara was a banker and professional musician. He received an honorary doctorate from Huron College.

O'Hara composed songs for Al Jolson and Enrico Caruso. Two of his better known popular compositions were "K-K-K-Katy" and "Your Eyes Told Me So". He also composed many spirituals, including "There Is No Death" and "I Walked Today Where Jesus Is".

It isn't known whether he wrote barbershop songs, although he was the founder of the Manhattan Chapter.

"The Old Songs" is really an introduction to a more complete work of 14 pages, "A Little Close Harmony". It's a glee club type song with banjo and other instrumental background.

In the early days of our Society, O'Hara gave permission to use the introduction as our theme song.

--Author unknown, most recently seen in the "Ballyhoo", La Crescenta Chapter.

--Submitted to PROBE site by Wm. Grant Carson



The Strathroy ON Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc., of Barbershop Harmony singers is very proud to announce the receipt of a grant of \$29,100.00 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The funds received will be used for the purchase of new uniforms, vocal, sound, and stage equipment to enhance chorus quality and encourage membership among local male singers to participate with the group in the barbershop harmony style for community and Ontario District functions.

Shown above, proudly receiving the grant cheque from Lambton-Kent-Middlesex M.P.P. Maria Van Bommel, is Chapter Treasurer, Les Campbell. Also shown is Frank Knoll, Strathroy Chapter President, and Sheila Simpson, Program Manager with the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ontario Ministry of Culture receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and non-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human, and social services, and sports and recreation sectors. For more information, please visit [www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org).

## The joy and benefits of singing

Let me start by admitting that I'm not the best singer. Then also, let me further state that I really enjoy singing and that I feel very good about it.

I recently read an article in the Reader's Digest. The title read "Choir Girl". It was written by Anne Mullens and she told me about the benefit of singing.

Her first statement read, "Raise your voice in song and live a healthier, happy life".

She then went on telling me about her love for singing. "Singing saved me from dying once".

Her story told me that at age 22, she was sailing in Georgian Bay, Ontario, one evening. High off shore winds blew her out of her boat into the water, where she luckily caught hold of a racing buoy and tied herself to it.

Realizing that she could easily succumb to hypothermia, she concluded that yelling "I'm here" above the wind into the blackness only made her panic at the dangerous pickle she was in.

"I needed to keep calm to survive", she wrote in her story, "and so, instead, I sang.

I sang at the top of my lungs. I sang hymns and spirituals. I sang campfire songs and Broadway hits. I sang nonstop for three hours. My singing was my companion in that dangerous dark and kept me optimistic and alive as I clung to the buoy. Around 11 p.m. searchers spotted me and hauled me aboard. I was numb and cold but other than a hoarse voice, none the worse for my watery trial, thanks to the positive power of song"

She went on to tell about the benefit of singing. "I would not want to miss a Monday night choir practice. For three hours my mind is mercifully free of any must-do list and completely centred on the music and the sound.

These days, thousands of people across Canada - children, teenagers, adults, senior citizens - are finding joy and fulfilment, and yes, even better health, in singing in choirs.

**Gil Craenen**

## Chapter Birthdays



- November 2 – Dianna Caradine
- November 8 – Don Bazely
- November 11 – Larry Driessens
- November 16 – Jean Nisbet
- November 19 – Craig Bycraft
- November 25 – Bob Howlett
- November 27 – Gail Wiersema
- December 2 – Deb Boekhoven
- December 3 – Bill Bowron
- December 12 – Doug Langs
- December 13 – Patti Bycraft
- December 16 – Eileen McEwen
- December 26 – Arnold Dixon

## Chapter Anniversaries



- November 2 – Craig and Patty Bycraft
- December 18 – Gord and Jean Nisbet
- December 25 – Les and Donna Campbell
- December 31 – Ron and Dianne Caradine

## MUSIC IS

- Music is a higher revelation than philosophy -  
Ludwig von Beethoven
- People who make music together cannot be  
enemies, at least not while the music lasts.  
Paul Hindesmith
- God respects me when I work, but he loves  
me when I sing.  
Robindranath Tagore
- Learning music by reading about it is like  
making love by mail.  
Luciano Pavarotti
- Ecstasy is a thing that will not go into words.  
It just feels like music.  
Mark Twain

## Editor's Report

By *Gil Craenen,*  
*Fanfare Editor*



### Fall is here

With a busy summer behind us, it's now time to concentrate on a very exciting fall season. I'm looking forward to a lot of input from you fellows and our Harold's Angels..

Please note that this month's Fanfare is thicker than it has been over the summer months.

Many thanks to Bill Gough, Jim McDougall, Marilyn McPherson, Ray Mason and Orval Allen for their Contributions.

Please note the smiling faces of our prez and our treasurer in the picture on page # 3.

A rare occasion to receive a picture for the Fanfare. Please take a lot of pictures to lighten up our news letter, for I'm not a good photographer. (you can't be good at everything).

### Shoes

When you're angry with someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes....then you'll be a mile away from them and....you'll have their shoes

**"Midlife crisis** is that moment when you realize your children and your clothes are about the same age"

*Bill Tammeus*

**"It's easy to identify those people who can't count to ten.** They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane"

*Nashville Banner*

**Our pitchman was good and he knew it,  
His pipe broke and he had to unscrew it,  
He tightened it wrong**

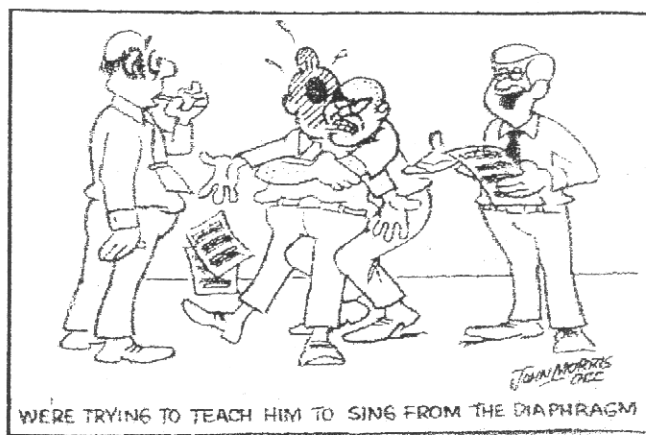
**When we started the song**

**It's sufficient to say that he blew it!**

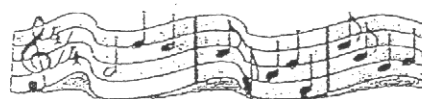
*Johnny Goebel*



- **Saturday November 18**  
Middlesex County Warden's Banquet.  
Caradoc Community Centre  
565 Lions Park Drive, Mt. Brydges
- **Saturday November 25**  
Strathroy Santa Claus Parade
- **Sunday November 26**  
Western Division Annual Christmas  
Concert in Seaforth
- **Saturday December 2**  
Christmas Sing out at McNaughton  
Home Centre in Newbury, 2:15 PM
- **Saturday December 9**  
Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner  
St. Andrew's Church Basement
- **Saturday February 24, 2007**  
Western Division Novice Contest.  
S.D.C.I.



*Next Fanfare Deadline: November 22*



**SUMMARY**

Ontario District Fall 2006 Convention  
 October 20-22,2006  
 Kingston Gospel Temple  
 Kingston, Ont.

**Total registrations** for the convention: 858

**Ontario District Novice Quartet Champions:**

“What A Blast” from Napean Chapter.

**Ontario District Quartet Champions Contest:** [26 quartets competed].

Quartet	Total Points	Avg.
Chameleon	1,801	75.0
Common Interest	1,689	70.4
Fusion	1,625	67.7

**Ontario District International Seniors Representative Contest:** [9 quartets competed].

Quartet	Total Points	Avg.
Sound Association	776	64.7
Silver Threads	752	62.7
Play It Again	751	62.6

**Ontario District International Chorus Representatives Contest:** [9 choruses competed]

CHORUS	Total Points	Avg.	Count
The Northern Lights	1,089	90.8	47
Mega City Chorus	972	81.0	44
Capital City Chorus	898	74.8	60

*Harold's Angels*

The cheese order is ready to go in and will be ready to be picked up in December.  
 Keep Diny's knitted articles in mind when you are Christmas shopping.

Dates to remember –

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Concert will be in Seaforth.  
 Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Vocal Federation Christmas Party will be held at St. Andrew's Pres. Church.

**Next Meeting –**

November 15<sup>th</sup> at Sylvia's – 7:30 sharp

- President – Norma Allen
- Vice-President – Eunice Fennell
- Secretary – Pat Dixon
- Treasurer – Jean Nisbet
- Press Reporter – Marilyn McPherson
- E-mail Co-ordinator – Mary Vair
- Telephone Co-ordinator- Eileen McEwen
- Sunshine Reporter – Audrey Hughes
- Fund Raisers – Sylvia McDougal
- Diny Craenen

**Quotes:**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful people can change the world – it is the only thing that ever has.”  
 Margaret Mead.



CHORD	TITLE	FIRST LINE	TUNE UP
Ab	A Spoon full Of Sugar	When Your Work Has Got You Down	
C	After You Have Gone	Now Won't You Listen Deary	
G	Alexanders Rag Time Band	Comin Down The Street	
G	Always	Dreams Will All Come True	
G	Amazing Grace	Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound	
G	April Showers	Life Is Not A Highway Strewn With Flowers	
	B&O Line/Ride The Railroad		
A	Battle Hymn Of The Republic	Brum Brum (Bass Only)	
Bb	By The Light Of The Silvery Moon	Place Park Scene Dark	
F	Can't Help Falling In Love	Wise Men Say Only Fools Rush In	
F	Climb Every Mountain	Climb And Climb Until You Find Your	
Bb	Coney Island Baby	Oh Goodbye My Coney Island Baby	
Bb	Consider Yourself	We Like You, We Think You're Really Swell	
C	Daddy Sang Bass	I Remember When I Was A Lad	
F	Danny Boy	My Heart Is Aching As You Go Away	
Bb	Disney Medley	Have You Heard Of Disneyland	
F	Don't Fence Me In	Wild Cat Kelly Looking Mighty Pale	
Ab	Down By The Old Mill Stream	Down By The Old Mill Stream	
Bb	Down Our Way	Down Our Way Both Night And Day	
Bb	Easter Parade	I'll Be The Proudest Fellow	
Bb	Ever Since We Got That Waterbed	Who's To Say Why Ficle Fate	
Bb	Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven	There Was A Little White Church	
Ab	Girls Medley	I Never Thought That I Would Fall	
C	Give Me A Barbershop Song	When A Rainy Day Comes	
G	God Bless America	While The Storm Clouds Gather	
Eb	Happy Trails	Ooo Bum Ooo Bum	
Eb	Hard Hearted Hannah	In Old Savan-nah	
F	Heigh Ho	We, Dig, Dig, Dig	
Bb	Hello Mary Lou	Past Me By One Summer Day	
Ab	Home On The Range	Oh Give Me A Home Where The Buffalo	
Bb	Honey/Little 'Lize-Medley	Oh Honey Honey Bless Your Heart	
C	I Asked The Lord	Ooo---Oooo I Asked The Lord To Comfort .	
Eb	I Believe	I Believe For Every Drop Of Rain	
Eb	I Love To Hear That Old Barbershop Style	I'll Be The Last Guy	
Ab	I Love You Truly	I Love You Truly, Truly, Dear	
	I Wouldn't Trade The Silver In My Mothers		
Eb (C#)	If There'd Never Been An Ireland	Compared With Other Countries	Bass
G	I'll Fly Away	Glory Hallelujah (Bass Only)	
Bb	I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover	Fare Well, Ev'ry Old Familiar Face	
F	I'm Sitting On Top Of The World	Doom-Bah, Doom-Bah (Bass Only)	
F	Irish Blessing	May The Road Rise To Meet You	
	It is No Secret	The Chimes Of Time Ring Out The News	
C	it's A Great Day For The Irish	March Seventeen They'll Be Wearing	
Bb	it's The Same Old Shillelagh	Marching Along The Avenue	
Eb	Keep America Singing	Keep The Whole World Singing	
F	Lazy River	Blue Skies Up Above Ev'ry One's In Love	
Bb	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	
Eb	Let There Be Peace On Earth	Let There Be Peace On Earth	
Ab	Little Pal	Little Pal If Daddy Goes Away	
G	MacNamara's Band	Ta Ka Ta Ta, Ta Ta (Bass Only)	

**Strathroy Chapter  
Western Division-Ontario District-Barbershop Harmony Society**

Home of the "Vocal Federation",  
The performing chorus of the Strathroy Chapter.

**Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
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**Vision Statement**

The Strathroy Chapter will provide the opportunity for men of all ages to blend their voices in the unique style of barbershop harmony singing and will provide the wholesome musical entertainment to people of all ages throughout this and neighbouring communities wherever our services may be desired.

**Mission Statement**

To realize our vision, the Strathroy Chapter will:

- Provide the means for men to participate in and enjoy the singing of barbershop-style harmony, both in chorus and quartet singing.
- Provide for its membership an organized process to learn and sing barbershop-style harmony from written arrangements or by "ear-singing".
- Develop members' vocal talent and performance abilities so that each time they sing together, they perform at the best level possible.
- Provide an atmosphere and programs, which result in a high level of camaraderie and social benefits to members.
- Be a community leader in the cause of preserving and encouraging vocal music in our schools and our communities by singing barbershop music for schools, churches and social events.
- Enrich the lives of less fortunate people in our communities, by singing barbershop music for senior citizen homes, nursing homes and hospitals.
- Initiate, promote and participate in charitable projects, especially those projects which will benefit the Ontario District's barbershop charities.

The Federation's **Fanfare**

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