

CHRISTMAS FANFARE

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Seasons Greetings

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ERNEST & EILEEN McEWEN

Jack & Betty Scheiner

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Don Bazel





**(R-L) Adrian Smith (Hall of Fame),
Bob Howlett (Barbershopper of the Year)
Frank Knoll (Achievement Award),
Jim McDougall (50 Years)
Absent: Rob Gee (Rookie of the Year)**



**Jim McDougall
Barbershopping for 50 Years**

THANK YOU

To all the members of Strathroy Vocal Federation, I want to sincerely thank you for your generous gift of tickets to the Grand Theater and Dinner at the Keg. This is a great way for us to celebrate 50 years of barbershopping.

When I joined the London Chapter in 1960 becoming a life long member was the last thing I ever dreamed of doing. At that time I was already in a quartet. I joined the chapter and shortly thereafter the tenor and baritone also joined. The rest is history.

To each and every member of Strathroy Chapter, THANK YOU for your support of the chapter. THANK YOU to those who accept the responsibility for all the positions on the board that are so necessary to keep a chapter running. THANK YOU to John Gough for his dedication to directing the chorus for all this time. Thank You to those who set up risers every week and do all the things to make our meeting night successful. THANK YOU to those who have done the bulletin over the years, it is not an easy task, THANK YOU to those who have done all the necessary work to make our yearly shows such a success. ALL of you have made Strathroy Chapter a fun place to enjoy our hobby. Keep up the great work and THANK YOU for helping me celebrate my 50 years of barbershopping.

Sing-cerely, Jim

A Christmas Harmony Season

At the East Christian Reform Church the Strathroy Chapter hosted the first annual benefit Christmas Concert on December 18th, 2010. Frank Knoll, the western division co-ordinator welcomed everyone for coming and the show was underway. Entertaining for the 1 ½ hour of music was London Fog, Alainna Tugwell, Back in Time, Rural Roots, Loose Ends, The Starting Pitchers and Vocal Federation. A check for \$912.75 was presented to Major Ed Heydon of the Salvation Army, also approximately 150 pounds of food for the food bank was collected.

Several pick up quartets and the chorus have manned the Salvation Army collection buckets at CTC, Walmart and Giant Tiger this season, thank you to all that participated.



Vocal Federation Sings "O Canada" at the JLC

It was with great pride that the Vocal Federation sang O Canada November 11th at the JLC in London. We were honoured to be in the company of hockey legend Vladislav Tretiak and the Silver Cross Mother.

It was fun being back-stage warming-up and preparing mentally for our big moment. Then we were warned that the carpet would slip under our feet on the ice and told to pick our feet up high when we walked. I think the handler had told a lot of public school kids that same warning every week before the Knights games. However, we quickly formed into 2 rows instead of the 3 rows that we had anticipated and then stood for quite a while, while the Russian anthem was fiddled and other ceremonies took place. I didn't think that a single microphone could pick up a full chorus but as soon as we hit our first chord I knew we were in business. We sang really well according to plan and finished on a great, in tune, major chord. It was a real thrill for me and I think for many of you too. OHL even won the game as an afterthought.

Thanks so much to Henry for just "making it happen"

Carpe diem (Seize the day).

John Gough



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
 At the corner of Albert and Richmond Streets
 In Strathroy – Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM

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Tenor – Ernie McEwen
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 Baritone – John Gough
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Websites

Vocal Federation: www.bam.on.ca/vocalfederation
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 Share the joy of singing.*

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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 member's 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, which will benefit the Ontario District's barbershop charities.

The Vocal Federation's **Fanfare**

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