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BARBERSHOP  
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SOCIETY



Strathroy, Ontario Chapter Established 1995  
Member of Ontario District  
"Home of the Vocal Federation Chorus"

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## " I LOVE A PARADE "

*Alexander's Ragtime Band performing  
During The Vocal Federation's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Show*



Operation HAROLD III

2 This is a rather interesting and clever adaptation of Society Music Educator Greg Lyne's part characterization, to give everyone an idea as to how their part, and their role, fits into the total scheme of things.

## ***THE PRESS SAYS. . . . .***

Our annual show "I Love A Parade" gave us pride and satisfaction. We heard from many of our loyal followers that this was our best show ever.

**What a reward for us all after all the hard work that went into this show and our conviction that we could do it.**

Without any doubt, the Beach Boys Medley was our greatest achievement as we heard from the loud cheers and applause.

I must admit that I had my doubts, when it was introduced to us by Adrian, that we would be able to learn it and make it such a joy for us all.

As always, we owe many thanks to our show committee chairman Roswell McPherson and his teacher Orval Allen, to Blake Hughes for his hard work on our show program, the choreography which makes our shows so special and, once again, surprising everyone with his stage back drop To Adrian Smith and John Gough for patiently teaching us and directing our challenging songs.

Last, but not least, our thanks go out to our Harold's Angels for cheerfully welcoming our audience up on arrival and making sure they were seated comfortably, keeping our show on its time track and serving us a delicious meal between the shows.

It's hard to believe that we are already learning or songs for next year April 4th show. That will be our 18<sup>th</sup> annual show. That is a much better date than this year's. Meanwhile, this is going to be our year of learning as we'll find out at the upcoming "West-Side-of -Province Training School"

Gil

### **Lead**

**The Personality.** You bring a song to life. You tell the story. The audience wants someone to guide them. Your personality will give this guidance. You also get the honor of presenting the most endearing element of a song: the melody.

*Keywords: Animated, Emotional, Leading.*

### **Bass:**

**The Engine.** You are the foundation. You are a machine. A constant. The other parts depend on you to be there, true and unwavering. Your part provides the power. A fine-tuned engine allows the other parts to work more efficiently, allowing more opportunities for emotion and style to be manifested.

*Keywords: Constant, Controlled Energy, Firm Power.*

### **Baritone:**

**The Dignity.** You bring nobility into the mix. You make the ensemble sound more resonant. You also must be the most flexible with regard to intonation, bending notes so the chords lock and ring. You are the precisionists.

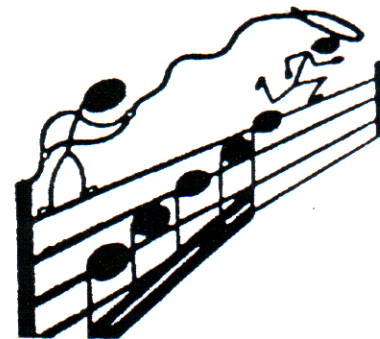
*Keywords: Dignified, Resonant, Precise yet Flexible.*

### **Tenor:**

**The Sparkle.** You create brilliance. Your embellishments draw in the listener. You are the part that, more than any other, separates Barbershop from other forms of music.

*Keywords: Pure, Brilliant, Angelic.*

*This page is a reprint from the Kentuckians Chorus web site*



**Be A Singer Bringer**



## **CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS**

June 10 – Frank Knoll  
 June 16 – Bill Galbraith  
 June 20 – Sylvia McDougall  
 June 24 – Jim McDougall  
 June 26 – Elizabeth Smith  
 June 29 – Audrey Hughes

July 02 – Betty Schieman  
 July 09 – Leigh Laughton  
 July 13 – Mary Bazely  
 July 22 – Ken Vanderheyden  
 July 31 – Dan Schieman

## **ANNIVERSARIES**



June 16 – Ernie and Eileen McEwen  
 June 20 – Henry and Gail Wiersema

July 06 – Gil and Diny Craenen  
 July 09 – Bob and Eunice Fennell  
 July 23 – Blake and Audrey Hughes  
 July 25 – Bryan and Sandy  
 McDougall

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday June 12, 2012**

Ontario District Annual Pep Rally.  
 7:30 PM start at Capital Banquet Centre,  
 6435 Dixie Road, Mississauga.

**Saturday June 16, 2012**

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Western Half of Province Training  
 School, at SCCS.

Incredible Program set up by Ken Fisher.

**Wednesday August 15, 2012**

Annual Chapter Doubles Horseshoe Pitch  
 Hosted by Leigh Laughton.

Free Beer!!!

Thanks Leigh!

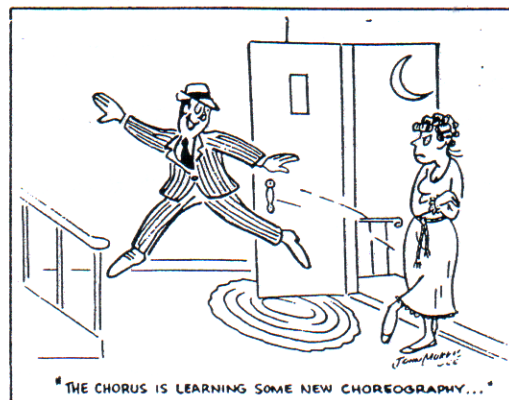
**Saturday, September 15, 2012**

Annual Chapter Golf Tournament  
 at Bear Creek in Strathroy.

Dinner and social at Gail and Henry's

**Saturday, December 8, 2012**

Annual Christmas Dinner/awards event  
 at St Andrew's Prebyterian Church.



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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Youth In Harmony Delegate	Stewart Irvine

### Music Team

Music VP – Ros McPherson  
Music Director – John Gough  
Librarian – Orval Allen  
Baritone – John Gough  
Assistant Music Director

### Section Leaders

Tenor – Ernie McEwen  
Lead – Adrian Smith  
Baritone—John Gough  
Base—Craig Bycraft  
Jim McDougall

### Websites

Vocal Federation: [www.bam.on.ca/vocalfederation](http://www.bam.on.ca/vocalfederation)  
Ontario District: [www.ont.spebsqsa.org](http://www.ont.spebsqsa.org)  
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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.

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### **Fanfare**

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