

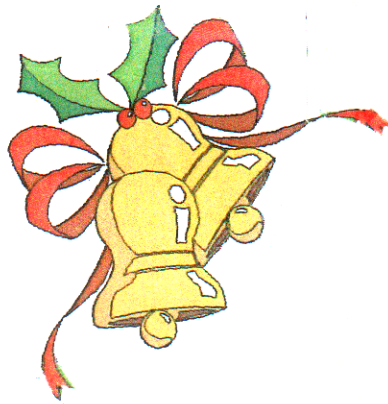
December 2012



# VOCAL FEDERATION

Jim & Sylvia McDougall  
 Bob & Eunice Francis  
 Grant Knox  
 John & Emily Sogh  
 Ernest & Eileen McEwen  
 Ron Sweet  
 Paul & Betty  
 Blake Hughes  
 Bill & Fran Gallweil  
 Joan & Frank Knell  
 Roswell & Marilyn McPherson  
 Long Marley  
 Hilary  
 Gil & Diny Craenen  
 David & Liz Smith  
 Debra Allen

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 Seasons  
 Greetings



A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you from Diny and myself. How time flies. A very busy year is about to end and, as always, an eventful one is ready to take its place. First there is the Leadership Academy in Orillia, followed by Valentine's Day. Shortly after that we'll have our Novice Quartet Contest. On April 6<sup>th</sup> we'll have our Spring Show.

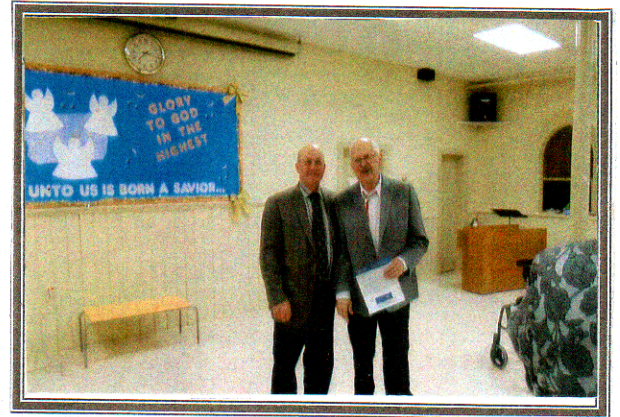
Our 18<sup>th</sup> show, named "COUNTRY FAIR", is by far the biggest challenge of the year. Time will soon arrive to put our shoulder to the wheel and sell advertising and tickets. Our second biggest challenge is, without a doubt, the need for new members. Don't ever think that we are doing just fine.

Just take a look at our average ages. Talking about age. What a great pleasure it was to see Don Bazely return and receiving his 57<sup>th</sup> Society Membership card.

Another event which took place at our Christmas/Awards social evening on December 8<sup>th</sup>, was the installation of our 2013 officers and directors by Andrew Shackelton, our provincial executive V.P.

Keep the whole world singing!

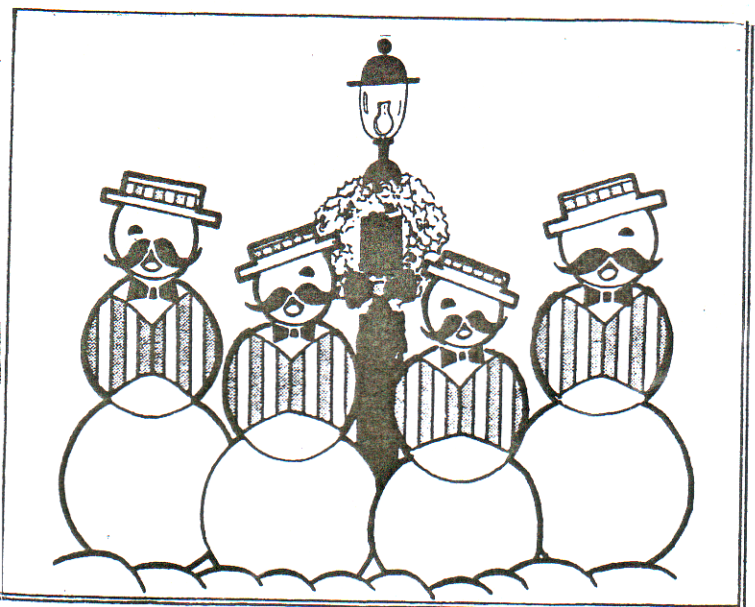
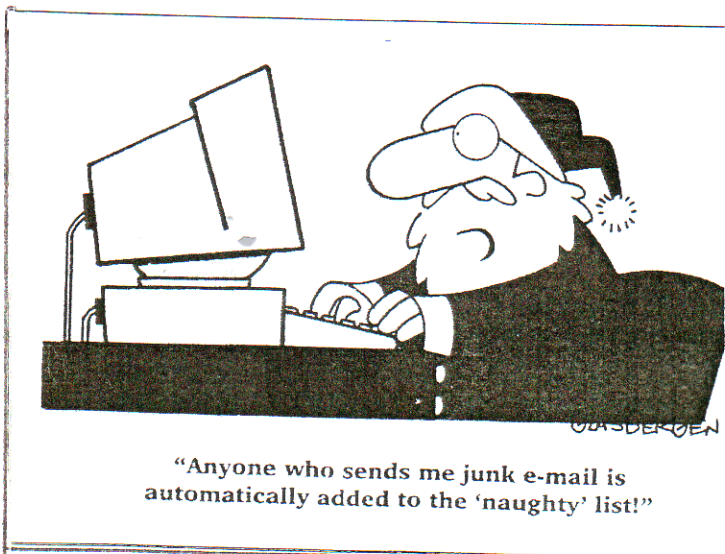
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Don Bazely is all smiles after having received his 57<sup>th</sup> year society membership card from director John Gough



The Vocal Federation's 2013 officers and directors, after their installation by Ontario District executive V.P. Andrew Shackelton



# MEMORIES OF OUR 2012 CHRISTMAS DINNER



Getting ready for the meal



So much to talk about



Quartet "Forti-fied Four"



Roswell McPherson, awarded  
2012 Hall Of Fame



Frank Knoll, awarded  
Barbershopper of the year



Roswell McPherson, awarded  
Member Achievement



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

**Board of Directors**

President	Gil Craenen	519 - 245 - 2888
Past President	Frank Knoll	519 - 264 - 2856
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Secretary	Orval Allen	519 - 246 - 1234
Treasurer	Orval Allen	519 - 246 - 1234
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Program	Ron Smith	519 - 432 - 2090
Performance	Bob Fennell	519 - 693 - 4280
Marketing & P. R.	Frank Knoll	519 - 264 - 2856
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Member at Large	Terry Morley	519 - 495 - 7758

**Appointments**

Quartet Chairman	Bob Howlett
Historian	Ernie McEwen
Service Projects & Fundraising	Gil Craenen
Uniform Chairman	Bill Galbraith
Show Committee Chairman	Ros McPherson
Fanfare Editor	Gil Craenen
Sunshine Chairman	Gil Craenen
Sing Canada Harmony Delegate	Frank Knoll
Youth In Harmony Delegate	Stewart Irvine

**Music Team**

Music VP – Ros McPherson  
 Music Director – John Gough  
 Music Director – Jim McDougall  
 Librarian Orval Allen

**Section Leaders**

Tenor – Ernie McEwen  
 Lead – Bob Howlett  
 Baritone – John Gough  
 Bass – Craig Bycraft

**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)  
 Barbershop Harmony Society: [www.spebsqsa.org](http://www.spebsqsa.org)  
 Ashow: [www.ashow.org](http://www.ashow.org)

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 Share the joy of singing.*

**PROBE – Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors**  
*The most influential fraternity in the society*

**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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