

Greetings to all of you, from my wife Diny and myself.

I must say that it was a full year, with most happenings enjoyable, while others were sad.

The highlight was our program "Ready, Set, Sing", not only was a learning experience for all of us, but also brought us 4 new members. Our annual show went over well with our show named "Southward Bound".

As always a took a lot of practice, selling tickets and set up work, but it was all worth it and we can all be very proud of it.

With our new members, came also a return of several existing members. A delightful event.

We lost Ernie McEwen, who sadly past away after having been a Chapter Charter Member.

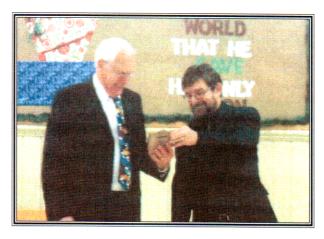
We lost 2 members through retirement and gained 4 new members. For upcoming events we'll soon have our annual Singing Valentines, the annual Western Division Novice Concert and in April our annual Show to be held, this year, at the Strathroy District Collegiate. I hope that we will hold another "Ready, Set, Sing" program.

With many thanks for giving us a wonderful year, I look forward to a very pleasant 2015.

Your Fanfare Editor

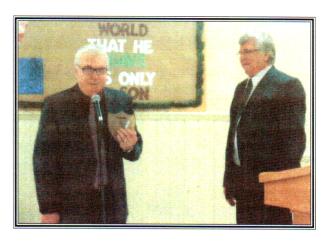
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Jim Thompson,

Rookie Of The Year



Doug Morley, awarded Membership Achievement



Bob Fennell, ... awarded Achievement Of The Year



Gil Craenen,
... awarded 2014 Hall of Fame



The Vocal Federation's 2015 officers and directors after their installation by Bruce Green, Western Division Coordinator of Ontario

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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## **Section Leaders**

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Baritone - John Gough
Bass - Craig Bycraft

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Vocal Federation: www.strathroyvocalfederation.com

Ontario District: 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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