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1995

Member of
Ontario
District

"Home of the
Vocal Federation
Chorus"

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

Off to Portland Oregon Next year



by **Jim McDougall**
Past President

Sylvia and I had the pleasure of enjoying a full 8 days of music in Nashville this year and none of it was country. The Society sponsored an additional 3 days of acappella music at the beginning of the convention this year. Something new that went over very well simply called SING. They had performers literally from all over the world including Barbershop Sweet Adeline and Harmony Inc. Each performance and workshop was an experience in itself. Wonderful entertainment from all over including a public school quartet from Russia. The convention itself was perfect in all respects and the singing just continues to get better each and every year.

Congratulations to Michigan Jake who after placing in the medals many times finally won gold. After that it was much more youth and even younger. Riptide placing second includes an Ontario lad, Jeff Selano singing bass. Four Voices were third, a former College Quartet winner. And of course, our favourite Power Play from Detroit placing fifth.

The chorus contest was a spectacle in itself. After placing second for eight years consecutively, the New Tradition from Chicago won gold. But the best part of all was witnessing our own Northern Lights place silver right behind them. A feat never experienced before was an overwhelming standing ovation after each song. Everyone in the whole society was buzzing about their outstanding selections. Take in a convention some year. You won't be sorry.

Vocal Majority & Acoustix Entertain. by **Jim McDougall** Past President

As I start to write, I reminisce of a wonderful summer packed full of exciting barbershop events. Most recently on Aug. 18, seventeen of Strathroy members, including family and friends, joined with St. Thomas members and family to fill a bus and travel to Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto. In this spectacular and acoustically perfect facility, we experienced the "greatest show on earth".

The Ontario District sponsored this wonderful show that featured none other than both the Vocal Majority, 140 strong, who are touted to be the best choral acappella chorus in the world and they did not let us down. Their renditions of Danny Boy, Somewhere Medley, I'm The Music Man and One Voice Medley are truly, emotionally fantastically moving. Acoustix do the same thing to you. Their broad vowel singing is the mark of champions. Of course, what makes it dear to us is hearing our own Ontario born Joel T. Rutherford singing bass with them.

Annual Horseshoe Pitch

Recently we had a real swell evening of fun and singing at our annual horseshoe pitch. Thanks to the hospitality of **Donna and Les Campbell** for hosting the event in their "wonderland" back yard. Congratulations to **Bill Gough and Blake Hughes** our new champions and to **John Gough and Ernie McEwen** as runners up.

Farewell to Don Pyper

As we bid farewell to **Don Pyper**, we have had a lot of fond experiences with him over the last couple of years. We thank him a bunch and we will miss him. Don has transferred membership to the St. Thomas Chapter

Editor's Report

by *John King,
Fanfare Editor.*



Change

It's hard to believe that the summer will be over in about 4 weeks. The Western Fair is just over two weeks away and that is a sure sign of the forthcoming change in our weather. The hot dry days of summer will soon be over.

With fall coming, change is in the air. Don Pyper, our chorus director for the past two years, has moved on to the St. Thomas Chapter. Our chapter has two new members and a busy schedule is planned over the next few months.

Orval Allen, as chair of the 2002 annual show committee, has got the beginnings of the show well organized with the license, committee, show location, music and some of the performers already determined. This is excellent since there is a lot to do and the fall is likely to be quite busy with performances (Glencoe and Parkhill), the Big Band Dance, the Christmas Concert, the Christmas Party and our usual activities. Once these events are over we must prepare as hosts for the Western Division Novice Contest in February, the retreat in March and of course the annual show in early April. All of this is to take place over the next 8 months so get out of your summer lawn chairs, dust off your action duds and get ready for an exciting fall of barbershop activity.

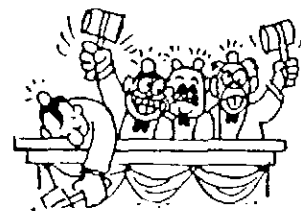
(P.S. if you really want to be ahead of things, get the long underwear out, your snow shovel and ice scraper. All of this winter activity may make you feel cool on these hot summer days. With these cooling thoughts, you may not need to use your air conditioner so think of the money you'll save).

Annual Horseshoe Event

The chapter's annual horseshoe tournament was held once again at **Les and Donna Campbell's** home in Strathroy on Wednesday August 15. There was the usual good turn out, lots of singing, jokes, laughter and most importantly, we were all glad to see Les doing so well. At this rate of recovery, I'm sure Les will soon be back to his usual form. Our thanks go to Les and Donna for hosting the event again this year. Everyone had a good time, the food was great, the weather cooperated and the **Campbell's** demonstrated their usual generosity as great hosts.

The winners of this year's tournament were **Blake Hughes and Bill Gough**. I'm looking forward to next year's event and one of these years I hope to make it into the second round of competition.

The Board's Business



1. Les Campbell has received a "preview" video tape of the matinee performance of the 2001 Annual Show.
2. Village Ladies interested in performing in 2001 Chapter Christmas Benefit Concert on December 2, 2001 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Strathroy.
3. Ontario District show clearance and SOCAN license for the 2002 Annual Show has been received.
4. Chapter to proceed with ordering black tuxedo jackets, red sweaters and logos. Jacket sizing to take place in Sept.
5. 4 Reasons Why quartet to perform at 2002 annual show.
6. Nominating committee will have a slate of Officers and Directors to present to Chapters members for review and alternative nominations prior to the relative election to be held in October.
7. Chapter to join the Strathroy and District Chamber of Commerce

Quartet News

Fourthwith Sound
by **Jim McDougall**



Plan to perform with Vocal Federation chorus in Glencoe on Sept. 3.

Sing at wedding in Strathroy on Sept. 29.

several Christmas performances.

Next Fanfare Deadline:
Sept. 26, 2001

Harvest Dance



To the Sweet Sounds of
The "Music Makers"

Playing for your listening
& dancing pleasure Music
of the 30's, 40's & 50's

Big
Band



Saturday, October 13th, 2001

Caradoc Community Centre (Mount Brydges)

Dancing from 8 pm to 11 pm

Refreshments

Sponsored by The Strathroy (Barbershoppers)

Chapter, SPEBSQSA & Auxiliary

Tickets \$25.00 per couple Cash
\$12.50 for singles Bar



For tickets contact
any member of the Strathroy Barbershoppers

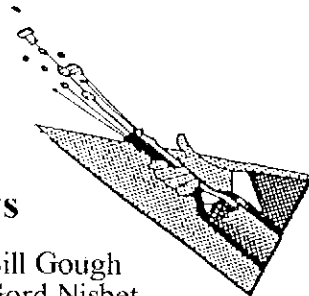
or

call Sylvia McDougall at 245-0843

Coming Events

- Sept. 3.....Chorus Performance, 4-6p.m. - Glencoe.
- Sept. 12.....Guest Night.
(Also sizing for tuxedo jackets).
- Sept. 22.....Golf Day- Wardsville-Tom
Linden, host.
- Oct. 13.....Big Band Dance, Mt. Brydges
Community Centre.
- Oct. 26-28.....Fall Convention-Brantford.
- Oct. 28.....Parkhill United Church
Anniversary 11 a.m.
- Dec. 2.....Christmas Concert-Presbyterian
Church- Strathroy.
- Dec. 15.....Christmas Party ..Strathroy
Legion Hall.
- Feb. 23, 2002.....Host ..Western Division
Novice Contest.
- March 9, 2002.....Retreat.....SCCS.
- April 6, 2002.....2002 Show...SCCS.
- April 19-21, 2002.....Ontario District Convention-
Brantford.

Celebrations



Chapter Birthdays

August 17	Bill Gough
August 17	Gord Nisbet
August 18	Mary Nisbet
Sept. 1	Les Campbell
Sept. 12	Roswell McPherson
September 26	Joan Knoll
October 5	Stella Jackson
October 9	Gord Vair
October 3	Grant Knox
October 11	John Gough
October 19	Candis Done
October 16	Bob Fennell
October 22	Donna Campbell

Chapter Anniversaries

August 17	Ian & Lillian Cooper
Sept. 3	Hugh & Dorothy Nisbet.
Sept 5	Bob & Barb Howlett
October 8	Ros & Marilyn McPherson
October 15	Frank & Joan Knoll
October 21	Bill & Fran Galbraith

Harold's Angels

by Sylvia McDougall
President.

- After a quiet summer the Angels will start the fall with a meeting on Aug. 22 to plan our fall activities.
- We are hosting a fund raising Christmas Around The World party on Sunday Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. at 8440 Pauline Crescent, Strathroy. This is a party at which you may order Christmas and household decorations. All are invited and please bring a guest or two with you.
- We have a Big Band Dance planned for Oct 13. Tickets are available now. Please help sell this out. It's a great dance.
- For further information contact Sylvia McDougall at 245-0843.



CHARITABLE MISSION MOVES FORWARD:

provided by **Orval Allen**
Chapter Secretary.

At the recent SPEBSQSA Board Of Directors meeting in Nashville, several items were passed to further strengthen the SPEBSQSA Charitable mission;
"To preserve our musical legacy through support of vocal music education in our schools and communities."

One item was to make "Teach The Children To Sing" the official motto song of our charitable mission. This beautiful song written by Joe Liles in 1995 puts into music our charitable quest to get our culture singing again. It replaces all motto songs of previous service projects including "We Sing That They Shall Speak". The Board urges all choruses and quartets to learn the song and sing it at chapter meetings, shows and other appropriate venues.

This change does not impact the SPEBSQSA mandate that, Every SPEBSQSA chapter meeting should open with "The Old Songs", the SPEBSQSA theme song, and close with "Keep The Whole World Singing", the SPEBSQSA motto song.

We Get E-Mail

ENTRIES NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR FALL COMPETITIONS!

from **Barry Towner**

ONT VP Contest & Judging

The Fall Convention is fast approaching. It will be held at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford Oct. 26-28, 2001

The following contests will be held:

International Preliminary Chorus Contest
(to select the chorus(es) to represent Ontario District in Portland in July 2002)

International Preliminary Seniors Quartet Contest
(to select the Seniors Quartet to represent Ontario District at the Mid-Winter Convention in Riverside California in January 2002) Ontario District Quartet Contest Ontario District Novice Quartet Contest

The following choruses are eligible to enter the International Preliminary Chorus Contest

Toronto, Greater Toronto, Ottawa, Barrie, East York, Burlington, Brockville, Oshawa, Scarborough, Guelph, Newmarket, Seaforth, Kitchener-Waterloo, Sarnia, Oakville, and London.

All quartets who have not previously won the Ontario District Quartet Championship and contain no more than 2 members of a previous District Champion are eligible. Note that a quartet may consist of up to four past District champions but no more than two can have won from the same combination.

All quartets with at least two members who have never competed in a registered quartet are eligible for the Ontario Novice Quartet Championship. All quartets having all four members 55 years or older and where the sum of ages of the four members totals 240 are eligible for the International Preliminary Seniors Quartet competition. Quartets entering the Seniors competition may also enter the District Quartet Competition (subject to the eligibility rules for District Quartet Champion).

To enter the competitions, log onto the Society or District Web pages and go to the Contest & Judging page. From there you can click on entering the quartet or chorus competition. Complete the information and submit the form.

By indicating you are entering an ONT contest, the form will be automatically forwarded to me. Upon receipt of the form, I will confirm back to you that you are entered. Starting in September I will send an updated list each week to the Ontario Mailing List of entries to date.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY

OCTOBER 12, 2001

The draw for singing position will be made on SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th and will be posted to the Ontario Mailing List and the Ontario District Web Page.

Get your entries in NOW!!

"Annual Show Trivia"

from **Orval Allen.**
Secretary.

The theme names for the chapter annual shows are as follows:

1996--Barbershop Comes To Strathroy
1997--Springtime Harmony
1998--Barbershop Extravaganza
1999--A Song Comin On
2000--Sentimental Journey
2001--Salute To Disn



JOKE

from **Bud Jackson**
Communications V.P.

Recently Julie Andrews is reported to have done a concert for AARP, at which she sang her hit from the Sound of Music, but the words were changed. Here are the new words to this tune:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in strings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak, When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.
Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of 'simm'n',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning,
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
If we can remember our friends and their names.
When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Strathroy Chapter
 Western Division - Ontario District - SPEBSQSA
 Home of the "Vocal Federation"
 The performing chorus of the Strathroy Chapter

Meeting at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 the corner of Albert and Richmond Streets in
 Strathroy - **Wednesday Evenings at 8:00 pm**

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Appointments

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Nominating Committee Chairman	Jim McDougall
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Music Team

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 Chorus Director - Jim McDougall
 Chorus Director - Don Pyper
 Librarian - Arnold Dixon

Section Leaders

Tenor - Ernie McEwen
 Lead - Bob Howlett
 Baritone - John Gough
 Bass - Jim McDougall

We Sing.....That They Shall Speak--- Speech, like song,
 unites the voices of children and men in common
 understanding. Like singing, speech is easily learned by some;
 for others special effort is required.

WEB SITES

Strathroy Vocal Federation
www.bam.on.ca/vocalfederation/

Ontario District- www.ont.spebsqsa.org

Barbershop International- www.spebsqsa.org

Ahsow
www.ahsow.or

*Remember to share your Fanfare with all of
 your family, friends and neighbours.
 Share the joy of singing.*

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 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 "car singing".
- Develop members vocal talents 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 benefit 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 the 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 charity, Harmonize For Speech.

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