



Fanfare

Strathroy, Ont.
Chapter
Established
1995
Member of
Ontario
District

"Home of the
Vocal Federation
Chorus"

"Trumpeting the Federation's news to its borders"

All Aboard forGlencoe Annual Golf Tournament.

by **Arnold Dixon**
Performance V.P.

At 2.10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 1854 the first train passed through a village by the name of Glencoe.

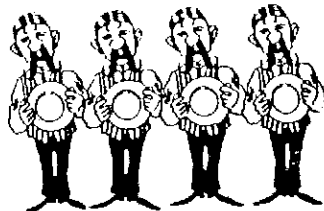
The railroad helped Glencoe grow into the thriving agricultural based village and community it is today. The train still stops in Glencoe but some things have changed. The station which was built by the Grand Trunk and Wabash railways was closed in the late 1980's. In 1990 it was purchased by the Village for the sum of \$1.00.

With the help of the Rotary Club, the District Historical Society, the Station Restoration Committee and donated labour, the station was moved to a new location, a basement was dug and the building was completely renovated and restored.

On Monday, September 3, 2001 the Village had the official opening and dedication of the new building and our Vocal Federation was invited to take part in the ceremony. The Vocal Federation chorus was very well represented and did a fine job of entertaining by performing half a dozen musical numbers.

From all reports we were well received. We were pleased to be asked and proud to be a part of Glencoe's celebrations.

Thank you Glencoe !



by **Tom Linden**

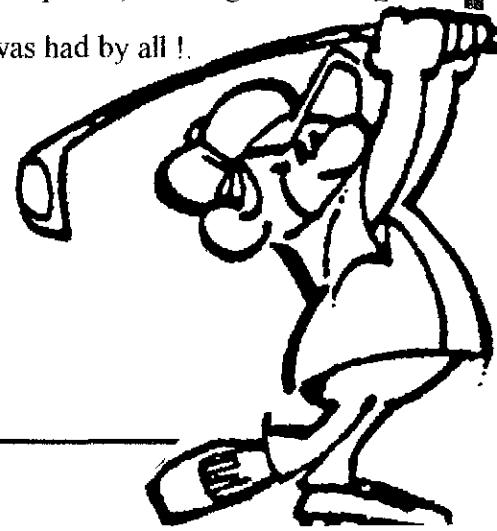
After four days of steady rain, Saturday, Sept. 22, turned out to be beautiful day. I guess the weather gods knew that was the day of our annual golf tournament. Everyone showed up on time and at one o'clock the first foursome teed off.

Twenty-two golfers (three teams of four and two teams of five) enjoyed a great afternoon of golf without any accidents. By four o'clock all the teams were in and we had time for a refreshment and a little singing.

At five p.m., thirty-two people gathered for a delicious roast beef dinner, complete with cherry and blueberry cream cheese pie. Following dinner, gala prizes (thanks to donors) were awarded. The winning team members of this eventful day were: Norma Allen, Blake Hughes, Brian McDougall and Tom Linden.

This team of fantastic golfers will have their names inscribed on the lovely golf trophy donated by Gil and Diny Craenen. I would like to thank this couple for their kind generosity. When the awards were completed, we sang a few songs for the staff.

A good time was had by all !



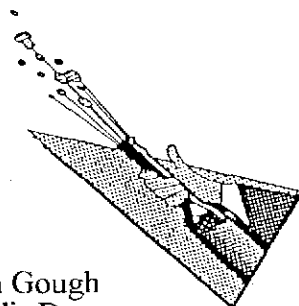
Coming Events

- 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

October 11	John Gough
October 19	Candis Done
October 16	Bob Fennell
October 22	Donna Campbell
October 27	Ernie McEwen
October 28	Brian McDougall
October 30	Sandy McDougall
November 5	Lillian Cooper
November 9	Ruth Pyper
November 13	Dorothy Nisbet
November 16	Jean Nisbet



Chapter Anniversaries

October 8	Ros & Marilyn McPherson
October 15	Frank & Joan Knoll
October 21	Bill & Fran Galbraith
October 31	Orval & Norma Allen
November 2	Craig & Patti Bycraft
November 11	Doug & Edna Simpson

Harold's Angels

by Marilyn McPherson.

Dance- The Big Band Dance is just around the corner-October 13th. Tickets are available so remind your friends to save the date and be ready with your tickets.

Cheese orders- There will be another cheese order in time for Christmas.

Meeting and Fund Raising Party- The next meeting of Harold's Angels will be at Sylvia's on October 17 with guest Lynn Hamilton presenting her ceramics. Everyone is welcome . We would love to see you there.

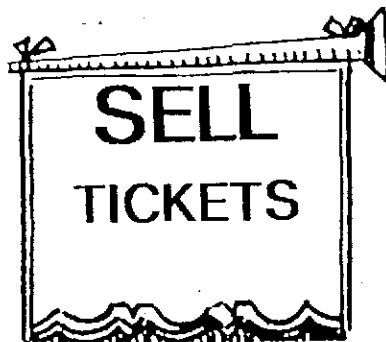
Social Evening- a social evening is being planned by the Vocal Federation. A Court Whist Party will be held a Jim and Sylvia's on Nov. 17th.

Christmas Show - the Vocal Federation will present a Christmas show on Sunday Dec. 2, at 2 O'clock at the Presbyterian Church. Harold's Angels will provide refreshments following the show.

Christmas Party - Mark your calendar for the annual Christmas Party to be held at he Legion on Dec. 16.

Village ladies- Nov. 25 at Petrolia Playhouse (Eunice Fennell's choir). Tickets available in Sept.

A special welcome to new members of Harold's angels and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.



Next Fanfare Deadline:

Nov. 14, 2001

ONTARIO DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION QUARTET AND CHORUS ENTRIES TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

Listed below are the entries received to date for the quartet and chorus contests to be held at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford October 26-28, 2001. Please check the list to make sure you are entered. If you have not entered yet, **GET YOUR ENTRY IN NOW!**

To enter your quartet or chorus go to the Society Web page

<<http://www.spebsqsa.org>>www.spebsqsa.org and click on the Contest and Judging.

When you get to that page click on contest entry for quartet (or chorus).

Complete the form (being careful to indicate you are entering the ONT contest and submit it. It is automatically sent to me. I will respond to you confirming your entry.

ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL FRIDAY OCTOBER 12th ONLY. The draw for singing position will be held that weekend.

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO GET YOUR ENTRY IN!!!!!!

Quartets

1. Mirage
2. Union Station
3. Still Under Warranty
4. Sound Association
5. STOP the CLOCK
6. TheTomcats
7. of Chords we are
8. For the Love of Pete
9. ENCORE
10. 4 Reasons Y
11. Tickety-Boo
12. Out of the Woods

Choruses

1. Toronto
2. Kitchener-Waterloo
3. Barrie
4. East York
5. Ottawa
6. London
7. Seaforth
8. Guelph
9. Greater Toronto
10. Scarborough

Barry Towner
ONT VP Contest & Judging

Barbershop Giving

by

Gord Vair.
Quartet Activity Chairman.

I read a statement which said this-"One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others."

I was thinking that applies, in a number of ways, to our Barbershop activities. Our songs and presentations are for others.

John Gough had us singing in the Town & Country restaurant which we ate in on our return from the fantastic Vocal Majority concert in Toronto.

While we sang it was obvious that the restaurant patrons were enjoying the music. When we sang, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", John saw a waitress passing near us and took her by the arm, sat her in a chair and then one of the St. Thomas fellows held her hand as we sang to her. She was, of course, appropriately embarrassed. Can you imagine the story she would have had to tell her friends and parents--"You won't believe what happened to me!"

We were also approached to sing to a couple having an anniversary. Our group provided a quartet which sang, "Heart of My Heart" to them.

Well, Barbershop giving is no deep secret. Doing for others is our mandate.

It's great to be a Barbershopper!



We Get E-Mail

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE VICE PRESIDENTS, CHORUS DIRECTORS, ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, SECTION LEADERS, WARM UP LEADERS AND ALL BARBERSHOPPERS.

Director of the Future Day

Harmony Hall
2 Gower Ave
Toronto Ontario
Sept 22 2001.
9:00 am- 4:00

Announcing The Teaching Faculty
The Ontario District is pleased to announce that Bob Pyper and Chris Arnold will be the instruction team for the Director of the Future Day on Sept 22 in Toronto.

Bob is former Director of the North Bay Chorus for more years than he cares to admit and now lives in Grimsby. A former member of the quartet Mirage and on the path to becoming certified by the society as a leader of Chorus Director

Workshop Intensives. Bob brings a career of teaching experience at the college level and is a graduate of the Coaching Assistant Program at Harmony College. Bob has served on the faculty of Harmony College North as quartet coach.

Chris is the co director of the Northern Lights Chorus, silver medalists at International in Nashville 2001. He has a music degree from Sir Wilfred Laurier University and is creator of Quick Start Vocal Productions. He is a member of the Intrigue quartet and is on leave from the CDWI program where he is a certified instructor. He has conducted director and vocal workshops across North America. Chris is a certified judge in the music category.

Both have attended Director's college in St Joe and bring a wealth of quartetting, chorus directing, and teaching experience to this workshop.

All Choruses will benefit by having at least one member of the music leadership team attend this workshop. Every member attending will back to your chorus clearer direction, more focused instructions, better singing technique, more enthusiasm, a more positive chorus rehearsal, more singing time and a renewed enthusiasm about being in front of the chorus.

Plan to attend this outstanding event and benefit your chorus.

Send your registration to Paul Tamblyn , 1658 Daylan Ave, Kingston K7L 4V3 or email Paul.tamblyn@sympatico.ca or call 613 547 2920.

**Paul Tamblyn
Vice President Chorus Director Development
Ontario District**

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Greetings to The Ontario District.

I am currently in discussions with our Society head office in arranging a trip from either Ev Nau or Dick Bek our society membership specialists.

To make this potential trip a success I need YOUR assistance. The dates are still to be determined, however the plan is for sometime in November.

Some of the items that may happen could be the following.

- 1) Chapter Assistance
- 2) Area meetings for local membership VP's
- 3) Extension visits.

What I need from YOU is, are you or is your chapter in receiving any help from either of these individuals. This is your opportunity to have these people come right to your front door to provide assistance. So let me know right away.

The best way to get a hold of me is through email. So if your chapter membership v.p. is not on this list please let him know and have someone else on the board respond to me.

Area Counselors, if you are interested in putting together a Membership meeting for your area, let me know so we can set that up as well.

The first to respond will be given first consideration, who wants to "DO SOMETHING" about membership.

Rob Arnold



To: Ontario District

from: Joe Ingham

Are you interested in becoming a barbershop coach?

On November 10th in Oshawa and November 24th in Woodstock, the Ontario District is sponsoring the OSCaRS event for grassroot quartets.

There will also be an opportunity to observe the techniques of the many attending coaches as they work with quartets throughout the day, and a chance to receive instruction on the basics of coaching. This is an all-day event (9 to about 4:30) and there is a \$12 fee for the 'candidate' coaches' program. The fee includes a spectacular lunch.

If you are interested in this 'Candidate' coaches opportunity please contact Joe Ingham at 905 789 1239 (Brampton) or Joe_ingham@yahoo.com

Please put this on your chapter's bulletin board or announce it as a news item on your next chapter night.
thanks
Joe

2002 Annual Show Committee Update"

by Orval Allen
Secretary.

-SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Messrs. Allen (Chairman), Les Campbell, Dixon, Fennell, Bill Gough, Hughes, King and Jim McDougall.

-CHAPTER RETREAT: -ANNUAL SHOWS:
Saturday March 9/02 Saturday April 6/02
9.00 a.m./4.00 p.m. Matinee 2.00 p.m.
 Evening 7.30 p.m.

-RETREAT and ANNUAL SHOWS LOCATION:
Strathroy Community Christian School (SCCS)
7880 Walkers Road, Strathroy, Ont.

-THEME NAME:
The Melody Lingers On

-SHOW PARTICIPANTS:
Vocal Federation chorus and quartets;- Fourthwith Sound, Rural Roots and 4 Reasons Y

-TICKET PRICES FOR BOTH SHOWS:
Adults \$12.00
Under 13 \$5.00
Family Pack, i.e. Parents and Children Under 13,
\$30.00

Chapter has three New Members

Gil Craenen, Bill Robertson and Dan Schieman are the chapter's three new members. Congratulations guys! You are in for a lot of fun.

These three new members were brought into the chapter by Gord Nisbet, Les Campbell and Bob Fennell respectively. Good work men, the chapter needs more members to enhance its singing and "to share the joy of barbershopping".

Gil Craenen is a businessman from Strathroy who I have known for many years. As some of you will remember, the chorus often sang Christmas carols in the store operated by Gil and his wife Diny, on Front St. in Strathroy. They have 3 children.

Bill Robertson is also from Strathroy. He sings lead and is married to Mary. They have 2 children.

Dan Schieman is a new member from the Glencoe area. Dan sings tenor and do we need tenors. He is married to Betty and they have two children.

A big Fanfare welcome to all three members!



Christmas Show

Yuletide Harmony is to be the theme for the Dec. 2 Christmas show to be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Strathroy. The Village Ladies are perform along with The Vocal Federation Chorus, Fourthwith Sound and Rural Roots. Bill Gough is to be the Emcee.

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

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Appointments

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Music Team

Music V.P. - Blake Hughes
 Chorus Director - John Gough
 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

Ashow
www.ahsow.or

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

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

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 "ear 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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