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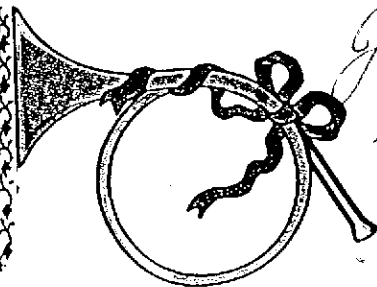


Fanfare

Strathroy, Ont.
Chapter
Established
1995
Member of
Ontario
District

"Home of the
Vocal Federation
Chorus"

"Trumpeting the Federation's news to its borders"



from Frank Knoll

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Don Shultz

Bob Linden

John De Luca

Walt De Luca

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Opie & Evelyn McLean

Bob & Betty

Frank Knoll

John De Luca

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John De Luca

"Keep the light of hope glowing at Christmas for those in need... give to the Harmonize For Speech Foundation so that barbershoppers can help those with speech and hearing difficulties".

Another Great Year



by **Dr. Frank Knoll,**
President.

Here we are, already nearing the end of November 2001. It's amazing how time flies when you're having fun. The Strathroy Vocal Federation has a lot to be proud of since we first started singing together over six hears ago, and especially in this last year.

Under the great leadership every Wednesday night of our directors, John Gough and Jim McDougall, and with the tremendous planning ability of our music, show, membership and performance committees, we can already feel the enthusiasm building for the many great events coming up in 2002. If you need evidence of this growing energy in the chorus, just look at the faces, on Wednesday nights, of all the new members who have joined us this year so far ... and what a great bunch of gentlemen they are!

Again, I have to point a finger at Gord Vair, who in spite of his jokes, (he also supplies Bill Gough with jokes) has certainly been instrumental part of getting new members singing in quartets and making them feel like part of the group within a short time of joining the chapter. Hats off again to Gord!

With the help of a tremendous Board of Directors, tireless committee members and directors, and of course, John King, the guy who puts this Fanfare together (and whose talents are possibly sometimes taken for granted), I'm very proud to be starting another year soon as President of this great group of singers.

Let our love of barbershop singing put a big smile on our faces as we plan and practice for upcoming events and especially our show and District contest in the spring of 2002.

I wish everyone a great Christmas season and the best of health and happiness in the new year. Keep singing and keep smiling.

Quartet Activity

by **Gord Vair,**
Quartet Chairman.

Great to see our new fellows moving through the Polecat songs. Bill Robertson and Gil Craenen are moving right along, ticking off the songs in grand style. We even had a record of four quartets performed in one night this November!

Congratulations to Barry Done who has completed all the new Harmony Classic songs. Barry is an individual who sets himself a goal and then fulfils it. Well done.

The overall purpose of the Polecat selections is to introduce men to the quartet experience. It is not easy to get up in front of the group and perform but it is an opportunity that challenges us, breaks down barriers that hold us back and provides for gains in our ability to perform.

The overall goal is a better performing chorus.



Parkhill United Church

On Sunday October 28, the Vocal Federation was requested to provide special music for the Parkhill United Church anniversary service.

We had a good turn out and with the usual excellent direction of John Gough, we did six numbers during the church service.

Afterwards, a delicious lunch was served while we entertained with several more songs, trying to earn our lunch.

Excellent job guys and thanks again for coming out.

Arnold Dixon
Performance V.P.

*All the best of the Holiday
season from all the members of the
Vocal Federation and Harold's Angels*



Harold's Angels

by Marilyn McPherson

The Big Band Dance was well attended in September and a good time was had by all.

Cheese Orders – The cheese order has been placed and will be in on Nov. 30th.

Christmas Show – The Vocal Federation will present a Christmas Show on Sunday Dec 2nd at 2 o'clock at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Strathroy. Harold's Angels will provide refreshments following the show. Please bring 4 dozen cookies or a 9" X 13" pan of squares precut in bite size pieces.

Christmas Party – Dec 15th at the Legion.

Future Events will include such fund raisers as selling bean bags of soup, and possibly cookie dough, helping the Vocal Federation on February 23rd when they host the Southwestern Ontario Novice Competition as well as the Spring Show April 6th, then later in the fall of 2002, watch for news of a Bridge & Euchre party.

Executive for 2002 –

President –	Mary Vair
Vice President –	Jill Day
Secretary –	Donna Campbell
Fund Raising –	Sylvia McDougall & Patti Bycraft
Phone Coordinator –	Audrey Gough
Production / Supplies –	Patti Bycraft & Sylvia McDougall
Reporter –	Marilyn McPherson

Next Meeting – 7:45 p.m. Jan 23rd at Mary Vair's, 194 Pannell Lane

Merry Christmas everyone! May you and yours have a blessed holiday time!



Yuletide Harmony



Sunday, December 2, 2001, 2:00 pm
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
at the corner of Albert and Richmond Streets in Strathroy
Tickets: \$ 10.00

COME AND ENJOY THE SONGS OF THE SEASON AS THESE CHORUSES AND QUARTETS SERENADE YOU WITH A MIXTURE OF TRADITIONAL AND MODERN CHRISTMAS SONGS, INCLUDING ALL YOUR FAVOURITES!



BARBERSHOP Christmas Party
December 15, 2001
Cocktails 5-6 PM

Dinner and Dance to a DJ

\$15.00 per person
\$30.00 per couple
One ticket per person



Strathroy Legion Hall 266 Metcalfe St. W



Coming Events

Dec. 2.....2:00 p.m.....Christmas Concert-
Presbyterian Church- Strathroy.

Dec. 15.....Christmas Party ..Strathroy
Legion Hall.


Jan.11-13.....COTS Plus 2002..Geneva Park,
Orillia.

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.

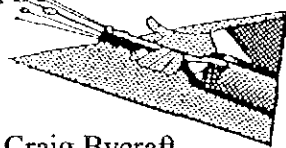


May the warmth and
happiness of the Christmas
season put a song in your
heart, a smile on your face
and a twinkle in your eye.

Celebrations

Chapter Birthdays

November 19	Craig Bycraft
November 25	Bob Howlett
December 5	Carol Stanley
December 13	Patti Bycraft
December 16	Eileen McEwen
December 24	Don Nisbet
December 29	Ian Cooper



Chapter Anniversaries

December 18	Gord & Jean Nisbet
December 25	Les & Donna Campbell
December 28	Tom & Elaine Linden

Two More New Members

Ron Carradine :-Lead.

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NOM 2L0; (519) 243-3963.

Ron is a Court Services Officer at the Middlesex
County Court House in London. Significant
Other...Dianne.

Walt DeRuiter- Lead.

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(519) 245-0070.

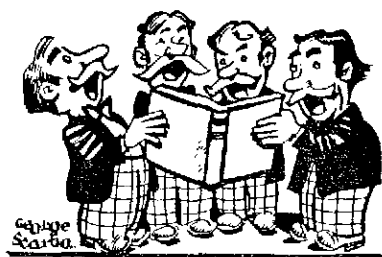
Job title: Pastor.....Licenced Mechanic.
Ron claims he is "retired but not tired".
Significant other....Lydia.

Based on the information available to me, this brings
our total membership to 38. I believe that is the
highest number of members this chapter has ever had.
In addition, I understand there is a possibility of one
or two more new members in the near future. This
could bring us to 40 and we would be getting closer
to that membership goal that Don Pyper, our former
music director, often referred.

A big Fanfare welcome to Ron and Walt!

Anyone Have a Piano They're Not Using?

The adult day care program at Trillium Village
could really use piano to entertain their clients. It
could be a long term loan or a donation. They
can't pay anything but they can arrange
transportation to pick it up. It would be a source
of great pleasure for a special group of people. If
you can help, please call Jeanne King at 245-
0762.



I plan to produce one more issue of Fanfare this year
to conform with the Society's recommendation of at
least 8 issues per year. If you have anything you want
included in this "wrap up" issue for 2001, please
advise your editor by the next deadline.

Next Fanfare Deadline:

Dec. 19, 2001

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BOARD APPROVES DUES INCREASE

At its November 3rd meeting, the Society Board approved a dues increase of \$2 (from \$70 to \$72) effective with December 31 renewals. This is in line with the projected increases that were announced in 1998. Projected increases are 2003--\$4 (\$76), 2004--\$2 (\$78) and 2005--\$2 (\$80) and no projected increase in 2006.

Please address any questions to Frank Santarelli,

Director of Finance and Administration.

BARBERSHOPPERS SING FOR NFL

Two NFL games will be opened by Barbershoppers singing The Star Spangled Banner.

November 11

ACOSTIX will sing at the San Francisco 49ers game in San Francisco. They'll perform "Stars And Stripes Forever" in the pre-game show, sing "The Star Spangled Banner" to open the game, and perform "God Bless America" at halftime.

November 19

Great Northern Union for Monday Night Football before Minnesota Vikings game

DOWNLOAD FREE 'N EASY MUSIC ON THE WEB

Check it out at

<http://www.spebsqsa.org/Arrangements/Free/default.htm> In addition to the downloadable sheet music, you can listen to audio samples of selected songs.

HARMONY COLLEGE FEATURE TO AIR ON PBS

"Egg: the arts show" will feature barbershop harmony in an upcoming program, titled "Paint By Numbers." The highly acclaimed show had a crew filming at this year's Harmony College. The show features interviews with students and faculty members and captures the great Harmony College experience.

The New York City premiere date is November 23. Viewers should check listings for local times and stations. Additional information about air dates and times for EGG is available at

www.thirteen.org/egg
<http://www.thirteen.org/egg>

There's a section called Air Dates that will give you the information you need.

REGISTER FOR THE MIDWINTER AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

It's not too early to think about registering for the midwinter convention in Riverside, California, January 20-27, 2002 and the international convention in Portland, Oregon, June 30-July 7, 2002.

To register, call 800-876-7464 x8462 or online at www.spebsqsa.org/midwinter <http://www.spebsqsa.org/midwinter> and www.spebsqsa.org/Portland <http://www.spebsqsa.org/Portland>.

REQUEST THIS INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO EVERY CHAPTER MEMBER

While we certainly do not anticipate circumstances that would put any of the headquarters staff at risk, we must accept and acknowledge the reality of the times in which we live. Therefore, we feel it is prudent for the headquarters to publish some basic guidelines for mail sent to Harmony Hall.

* All mail sent to Harmony Hall should be addressed to a specific individual or at least to a specific department.

* Return addresses should clearly identify the sender as a SPEBSQSA chapter, Society member or member of an affiliate organization.

* It is presumed that other businesses and organizations would use stationery bearing a corporate logo.

* Any suspicious mail or packages will be dealt with according to U.S. Postal Service directives.

Again, although there have been no threats nor do we anticipate any problems, we must, in the interest of safety, exercise caution to protect the staff.

We appreciate your assistance in providing this information to every member of your chapter.

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 The performing chorus of the Strathroy Chapter

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 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

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