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Strathroy, Ont.
Chapter
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1995
Member of
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District

"Home of the
Vocal Federation
Chorus"

"Trumpeting the Federation's news to its borders"

Late Date takes Two Golds

From Left: Ros McPherson, baritone; Bob Howlett, Lead; Jim McDougall, bass; and Ernie McEwen, tenor. (Photograph and article courtesy of Strathroy Age Dispatch)

Late Date, a barbershop quartet of the Strathroy chapter of SPEBSQSA, won gold in both Novice and Senior categories on Feb. 23, 2002 in at the Western Division competition.

The annual Western Division competition was hosted by the Strathroy Chapter at the Strathroy Community Christian School. In the evening, a show of Champions was enjoyed by all which featured a judging quartet call Crossfire. Brian McDougall sings lead with this quartet.

It just so happened that due to age Late Date was eligible for both the Novice and Senior parts of the quartet contests and they took gold in both. Ros McPherson, Bob Howlett, Jim Mc Dougall and Ernie McEwen are all charter members of the Strathroy Chapter. The quartet Let It Be, from the Sarnia Chapter, was second in the Novice category and the

quartet Sounds Smooth, also from Sarnia, was second in the senior category. There were other quartets from Strathroy and St. Thomas in the contests.

In the Very Large Quartet competition (five to 11 members). Entries from London and St. Thomas squared off. Time Well Spent from the London was the winner. The chorus contest was another highlight of the day in which London, Sarnia, St. Thomas and Strathroy participated. London's Men of Accord, with Gord Miller directing, won gold. Sarnia's Bluewater Chordsmen, with Dave Crosbie directing, was second. The Vocal Federation of Strathroy, under the direction of John Gough, placed third.

Coming Events

- April 6, 2002.....2002 Show...SCCS.
- April 19-21, 2002.....Ontario District
Convention- Brantford.
- May 4.....Garage Sale at Barry & Candis
Done's-Strathroy.
- June 30 -July 7...Int . Convention-Portland,
Oregon.
- Sept 15....International Plowing, Sunday-7:30
p.m. Church Service.
- Sept 17....I.P.M. -Glencoe-11:00 a.m. Opening
Ceremonies- 1:30 p.m. performance.
- Oct. 18-20.....Ontario District Convention.

Celebrations

Chapter Birthdays

February 20	Blair Mott
February 22	Doug Simpson
February 27	Mario DeLuca
March 9	Audrey Gough
March 20	Jeanne King
March 23	Fran Galbraith
March 29	Ted Gough
March 31	Jiggs Gough
April 3	Orval Allen
April 12	Barb Howlett

Chapter Anniversaries

March 12	Bob & Jill Day
March 28	Bill & Audrey Gough
April 6	Bill & Mary Robertson
April 8	Walt & Lydia DeRuiter



Harold's Angels

by Marilyn McPherson

- Next cheese order will be for April 17th, Sept. 18th and Nov. 20th.
- Raffle tickets for "Fairy Tale Garden" and H. J. Hugs" are out. Please turn in the money by March 20.
- Lunch and dinner will be served at the Spring Show.
- Garage Sale to be at the home of Candis Done at 370 Riverview Dr. on May 4th.
- Card party at Strathroy United Church on Sept. 25th
- Bags of beans will be sold for \$3.00.
- Harold's Angels will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month from January through May and Sept. through November.

Executive for 2002 –

President –	Mary Vair
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Next Fanfare Deadline:
April 17, 2002.



We Get E-Mail

Dear friends

I am the Public Relations Officer for the UK ladies chorus, The Cheshire Chord Company and I would like to invite any SPEBSQSA members who may be visiting Manchester for the Commonwealth Games this summer to spend some time with us.

We have over 70 enthusiastic members of all ages and backgrounds who rehearse in a pretty village to the west of Manchester on Thursday evenings.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet you and share in the Games' "Spirit of Friendship" with fellow Barbershoppers from the Commonwealth.

In Harmony
Eryl Prytherch
e-mail address: eryl@iclway.co.uk.

Singing Valentines from Bill Robertson

On February 14th, armed with red roses and pink valentine cards, Forthwith Sound and Rural Roots did their annual deliveries of Singing Valentines.

The fellows had a very lucrative day bringing in \$400.00

Then the next evening at the S.C.C.S show, Rural Roots collected another \$45.00 from two audience members by doing a couple of valentines to their wives right down on the floor of the auditorium.

Thanks Guys and Good Work!!

ONTARIO DISTRICT WEB SITE

Ontario District S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. has a very interesting "public" web site and you can log on to <http://ont.spebsqsa.org> or <http://www.ontariodistrict.com> to take a look.

There is also a "Members Only" section of this web site which contains the Ontario District Directory For 2002, the Bylaws, Operations and Policies Handbook

and the Operations Manual. However, in order to access this section you will need the private "Chapter User ID" and "Password" and, if you want the aforementioned as well as the relative log on instructions, please ask me.

Also, the new "public" Harmonize For Speech web site is up and running and it too provides a great deal of interesting information. Log on to www.harmonize4speech.org to take a look at it.

Orval,
Chapter Secretary

Society UPDATE February 2002

Multi-Cultural Task Force Formed

The Society Board, at its meeting in Riverside, California, January 25, authorized the creation of a Multi-Cultural Task Force. The Task Force is charged with studying the Society's current situation and recommending policies and initiatives that may lead to greater cultural participation and diversity in the Society's membership profile.

Chapter Harmony Foundation chairmen needed. Just over half the Society's chapters have reported the names of their 2002 chapter Harmony Foundation chairmen to Society headquarters. Have you appointed a chairman? Maybe you've just forgotten to call us with the name. The job is not very time consuming, is well supported and very rewarding. This would be an excellent position for your chapter's immediate past president or a board member at large. Make your appointment right now and call in the name to the Harmony Foundation office at 800-876-7464 x8447.

Get answers about licensing on the web
Are you interested in making your own learning tapes? Does your quartet or chorus plan to make a tape or CD? You'll find answers to many questions about proper licensing on the web at
<<http://www.nmpa.org/hfa/licensing.html>><http://www.nmpa.org/hfa/licensing.html>

Coming events
June 30-July 7, 2002
International Convention, Portland, Oregon
800-876-SING x8462,
convention@spebsqsa.org

Reed Sampson
SPEBSQSA Public Relations Manager
6315 Harmony Lane
Kenosha, WI 53143-5199



Chapter's Annual Concert on April 6.

News Release

The Strathroy Barbershop Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) proudly presents "The Melody Lingers On" at its seventh annual spring concert on Saturday April 6, 2002. The concert will be held at the Strathroy Community Christian School, located on Highway 81, about 3 kilometers south of Strathroy. The matinee performance will be at 2:00 p.m. and the evening performance will be at 7:30 p.m. This year's theme "The Melody Lingers On" showcases some of the favorite songs of the renowned composer, Irving Berlin.

The matinee and evening performances will feature guest appearances by "4 Reasons Y", one of the top barbershop harmony quartets in Ontario (well known Strathroy native Brian Dixon sings tenor with this quartet); the very talented musician and singer "Courtney Fox" from Parkhill and, fresh from their exceptional performance in the S.D.C.I. presentation of The Music Man, the "School Board" quartet of Mike Coe, Mark Gough, Trevor Gray and Andrew Kennedy. Both performances will also feature the Strathroy Chapter quartets "Rural Roots" and "Fourthwith Sound" as well as Strathroy's own "Vocal Federation" chorus.

Ticket prices are \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 for those under age 13 and a \$30.00 family package (parents and their children under age 13). Tickets are available in advance by contacting Ernie McEwen at (519) 245-1051, Jim McDougall at (519) 245-0843 or John King at (519) 245-0762. Tickets can also be purchased at The Treasure House, 19 Front St. W., Strathroy (519) 245-4230. Tickets may be available at the door but you are encouraged to obtain your tickets in advance as both of last years's show were sold out.

General Advertisement

(for small papers ...coming events)

Strathroy Barbershop Chapter proudly presents

The Melody Lingers On at the Strathroy Community Christian School (on Hwy. 81, 2miles south of Strathroy) on April 6, 2002-Matinee

Performance 2:00 p.m. Evening Performance 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adult \$ 12.00, Under 13- \$5.00. Family Package \$30.00. Tickets available at The Treasure House, 19 Front St. W. Strathroy (519) 245-4230 or by calling (519) 245-1051 or (519) 245-0843.

Annual Show Retreat at SCCS

This year's annual show retreat was held at SCCS on Sat. Mar. 9 and the 6 hours of rehearsal went well.

About 24 members were present for both the morning and afternoon sessions. It was very worthwhile and very necessary if we are to put on a quality show. I believe this year's show could be one of our best but there is still lots of work to do.

I am in the process of implementing our advertising program with help from several other members. News releases will go to about 10 different media and paid advertising to about 6 media. Our budget for advertising is small so we rely heavily on free advertising. Grant Knox will help with the London Free Press and CFPL T.V. Jim McDougall will help with paid advertising with the Age Dispatch and a free Rogers Cable Ad. Still several other members help in distributing flyers. In addition, this year we hope to get the show on the big SCCS roadside sign and possibly in the School's news letter....Orval is working on this. Many thanks to all those helping me with the show's advertising. I understand that a great job has already been done by those people involved in advertng sales.... "way to go guys!"

If anyone has any brilliant ideas on promoting our show to the public don't keep it to yourself, let me know. The advertising program is only a prelude to the big task which is to sell about 800 ticketsso "lets get cracking".

Order of Show Songs

There's No Bus.....Chorus
Alexanders Rag.....Chorus
Easter Parade.....Chorus
When I Lost You.....Forthwith Sound
When The Midnight.....Chorus
Mandy.....Rural Roots

4 Reasons Why

When It's Night.....Rural Roots
Always.....Chorus
White Christmas.....Forthwith Sound
God Bless America.....Chorus
Play A Simple Melody.....Chorus
The song is Ended.....Chorus

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It is No Secret.....
I Believe
There's No Bus.....



STRATHROY VOCAL FEDERATION

presents

THE MELODY LINGERS ON

COURTNEY FOX
4 REASONS WHY
SCHOOL BOARD

RURAL ROOTS
FOURTH WITH SOUND
VOCAL FEDERATION

WHEN:

April 6, 2002

SHOW TIMES:

2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

WHERE:

Strathroy Community Christian School

\$12.00 per Adult \$30.00 Family Package (parents & children under 13)
\$5.00 under 13

Comment Upon The New SPEBSQSA Charitable Mission

(Liberation is Coming).



by **Gord Nisbet**
Retired Lawyer.

All members of the Vocal Federation should be grateful to Les Campbell for contributing an article from the Society to Fanfare (Dec. Issue) which explained the new charitable mission of the Society.

I'm sure it revealed to most of us a number of facts that we had not previously heard of concerning the evolution of the Society's Harmony Foundation. We had been vaguely aware that Canadians annually make hefty donations to the Harmony Foundation. That money was channeled directly to Kenosha and that (in theory, at least), part of it would be "reinvested" in charitable works on the Canadian side of the border.

This, however, left hanging certain unanswered questions:

- a) What really happened to the money? I don't recall ever seeing an audit.
- b) If it was re-expended in Canada, where and on what was it spent? Certainly not in Strathroy.
- c) Where did Harmonize for Speech fit into the whole charitable picture?

Well the Society's article (contributed by Les) provided some of the answers.

It turns out the money from the Harmony Foundation went to "The Institute of Logopedics"! Whoever heard of it?

Thereafter (by a process described as evolution), it went to Heartspring". It also seems that Heartspring became a "loose cannon"! By a series of clever solicitations and some heavy lobbying of the U.S. Congress, Heartspring acquired a net worth of \$24,442,848 (That's U.S. dollars, friends).

Not content with this kind of success (and probably because Heartspring did not think that Harmony Foundation was generous enough), Heartspring began to directly solicit society members! It's no wonder that the Society's Board eventually became curious. They did the correct thing in reviewing its charitable mission and making some changes. The Society's article contributed by Les, discloses what

they have done. In my opinion, the new mission incidentally is probably not charitable in the legal sense.

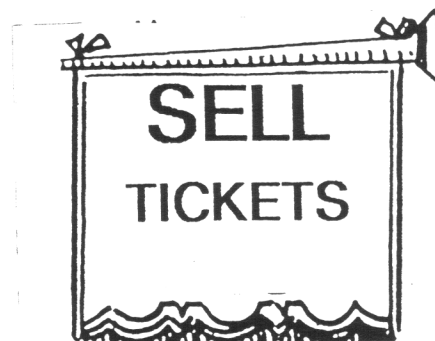
Its principal target seems to be the schools; but education, both in Canada and the U.S. is publicly funded. Its source of revenue is the tax base and presumably, it is in no need of charity. Charity has been defined, by courts on both sides of the border, as the relief of poverty, the support of religion or the supply of aid and comfort to the handicapped and deprived.

But how does this change confer any benefits on Canadians and Canadian chapters? In search of an answer, I went to our Canadian representative of the Society's Board. (yes, we have one, and he has been active!). It turns out that this question of "What is in it for Canada?" has been recently rather warmly debated and more changes are in process of being made.

J. R. "Digger" McDougall, of Ottawa, has been the Canadian representative on the Board of Trustees of Harmony Foundation. Mr. McDougall has been authorized to establish a Canadian Harmony Foundation, into which Canadian contributions shall be directed and out of which disbursements will be made exclusively in Canada. Presumably, the Board of this new organization will be exclusively Canadian. The new Foundation will cover all of Canada.

Our true charitable mission "Harmonize for Speech" was established by the Ontario District. It has always been administered by the District and it will continue to exist. One wonders how the money raised by Harmonize for Speech escaped the clutches of Heartspring" I suspect it was probably because they didn't know about it!

We should keep track of developments to make sure that this promising beginning is followed up and becomes reality. Meanwhile, we all owe a warm thanks to Les Campbell, our treasurer, for contributing the article which raised the window and let in some air!



You May Be a Farmer If ?

contributed by

Cargill Ltd.

- Your dog rides in the truck more than your wife
- You convince your wife that an overnight, out of province trip for equipment parts is a vacation
- You wear specific hats to farm sales, livestock auctions, customer appreciation suppers, and vacations
- You have ever had to wash off in the back yard with a garden hose before your wife would let you in the house
- You've never thrown away a 5 gallon bucket
- You have used baling wire to attach a license plate
- You have used a chain saw to remodel your house
- You can remember the fertilizer rate, seed population, herbicide rate and yields on a farm you rented 10 years ago, but cannot recall your wife's birthday
- You have fibbed to a mechanic about how often you greased a peace of equipment
- You have driven off the road while examining your neighbors crops
- You have borrowed gravel from the county road to fill potholes in your driveway
- You have buried a dog and cried like a baby
- You have used a tractor front-end loader as scaffolding for roof repairs
- You've used the same knife to make bull calves steers, and peel apples.
- You wave at every vehicle whether you know them or not.
- You always look when a vehicle passes your house, even at night.
- You have used something other than paper as a toilet tissue.
- You refer to farms by who owned them 50 or more years ago
- You give directions to your farm by using area landmarks, not road numbers
- Your wife agrees to observe Mothers' Day after the beans are planted
- You have animals living in buildings more expensive than your house
- Over 50% of your clothing came from feed or seed dealers
- Family weddings and special events are planned around spring planting and fall harvest
- You've been stopped by the police for a cluttered dashboard
- The rusted out areas of your truck are sealed off with old T-shirts
- You know checkoff is not a Russian diplomat
- Your family instantly becomes silent when the weather comes on the news
- You pick up all the free stuff at the State Fair.
- You'll skip your cousin's funeral for the first day of deer season.
- You can eat an ear of sweet corn with no utensils in under 20 seconds.
- You don't bother to clean up the dog's mess because it's just fertilizer, and the dog knows
- The meaning of true love is that you'll ride in the tractor with him.
- You go to Wal-Mart for your Saturday shopping.
- Your main drag in town is two blocks long.
- You defend the beauty of being able to see the next town which is 20 miles away.
- And finally, if given \$1,000,000 you would keep right on farming. You'd farm differently, but you'd keep farming because that is who and what you are.



REMINDER!

PLEASE come out for practice. Time is short!
We need **YOU!**

SMILE!

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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Lead - Bob Howlett
Baritone - John Gough
Bass - Jim McDougall

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.***



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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