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# Fanfare

Strathroy, Ont.  
Chapter  
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1995  
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"Home of the  
Vocal Federation  
Chorus"

*"Trumpeting the Federation's news to its borders"*



## Barbershoppers' spring concert packs the house

by **John King.**

The Strathroy barbershoppers sang to a packed house on Saturday evening at their seventh annual spring concert held at the Strathroy Community Christian School.

The theme of this year's concert was the Melody Lingers On and showcased the life and several of the favorite songs of the famous American composer Irving Berlin. The setting for the show was an artistic backdrop designed by Blake Hughes.

During the first half of the show, the Vocal Federation (the 39 member chorus of the Strathroy Chapter of The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America SPEBSQSA) sang eight songs, directed by the talented John Gough, interspersed with the life story of Irving Berlin and of course, plenty of humour. In addition, there were several songs by the quartets of Rural Roots, Fourthwith Sound and the show's guest quartet, Four Reasons Y.

The second half of the show featured performances by

the talented Courtney Fox who appeared in last year's shows and who is now studying music at the University of Windsor. To the delight of the audience, the School Board quartet of Michael Coe, Mark Gough, Andrew Kennedy and Trevor Gray, did their entire "Music Man" repertoire, a recent success at SDCI. Other quartets included Rural Roots and Fourthwith Sound, where Jim McDougall displayed his exceptional versatility by performing in both quartets.

The show's featured guest quartet 4 Reasons Y from London, with local tenor Brian Dixon, rounded out the evening by singing eight of their favorite songs. The closing for the show was done by the Vocal Federation chorus.

Both of this year's matinee and evening shows were tremendous successes. The Strathroy Chapter takes pride in being able to provide an opportunity for young talent to showcase their abilities and thank the community for its support.

## Coming Events

- May 11 .....Garage Sale at Barry & Candis Done's, 370 Riverview Dr. Strathroy.
- June 30 -July 7...Int . Convention-Portland, Oregon.
- Sept 15....International Plowing Match (IPM), 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 Anniversaries

- |          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| April 6  | Bill & Mary Robertson  |
| April 8  | Walt & Lydia DeRuiter  |
| April 17 | Jim & Sylvia McDougall |
| May 4    | Gord & Mary Vair       |

## Chapter Birthdays

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|----------|------------------|
| April 22 | Mary Robertson   |
| April 28 | Hugh McCutcheon  |
| May 14   | Garnet Snelgrove |
| May 19   | Enid Gough       |
| May 27   | Frank Knoll      |
| June 3   | Alison McNeil    |

## Congratulations

by **Gord Vair**  
Quartet Activity Chairman

Congratulations to **Don Nisbet, Bill Robertson** and **Larry Driessens** for completion of the Barberpole Cat program.



**Next Fanfare Deadline:**  
**May 29, 2002.**

## Harold's Angels

by **Marilyn McPherson**  
Way to go fellows! Another great show!  
And thank you Ladies for all your hard work.

### FUND RAISERS

**Cheese Orders** – Orders are expected back by May 1st for May 17th delivery. Contact Mary Vair for forms or phone your order to Sylvia McDougall. The next orders will be Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Garage Sale** – This year it will be at the home of Candis Done, 370 Riverview Dr. on **May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 8 a.m. until approx. noon. Items for sale can be delivered the evenings of Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Helpers are needed on Friday evening for pricing – time 7 p.m. Helpers are also needed for Saturday during the sale. Come at 7 a.m. if you can help at that time.

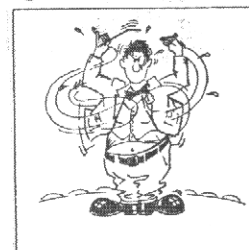
**Card Party** – To be held Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at Strathroy United Church. Watch for more details.

**Announcements** –Don't forget Harold's Angels meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from January through May, and September through November and everyone is welcome.

**Next Meeting** – 7:45 p.m., May 15th at Sylvia's  
**Directory Additions/Corrections**

from **Mary Vair**

- Barry /Candis Done - Tel. #, 246-1605
- Bob & Eunice Fennell Fax # 693-1210
- Bill & Fran Galbraith - Fax # 289-0681
- John & Enid Gough- Fax # 264-9203.





**Rural Roots, with Jim McDougall substituting for Craig Bycraft, entertains at the Chapter's seventh annual spring concert in Strathroy**

**(Ros McPherson, baritone; Bob Howlett, lead; Jim McDougall, bass; and Ernie McEwen, tenor.)**

### THANK YOU

by  **Blake Hughes**  
V.P. Music

Another year has passed . A year of hard work and dedication by both the members of the Vocal Federation and our directing team. **John Gough** put us through our paces and the end result was well worth it. I would like to thank the members for their work in soliciting for ads. and monetary sponsorships. Their work helped create the program and bring in financial backing need to pay for the guests etc.

To **Jim McDougall**, thank you. Your lectures about tickets produced results. I think we surprised even you.

**Orval allen** deserves a very special "Thank you". He organized the Show Committee and assigned jobs. He dealt with contracts with our guests, discussed programming and finalized members for the show.

When our sound and lighting person informed us he would not be doing our show, Orval spent hours dealing with various companies and finally secured what turned out to be an excellent sound and lighting team. He helped me organize and bring out our program outline. His diligence kept me on track and helped me get things done that needed doing. Those who worked with us realized how much time and effort he put into the show.

A special thank you goes out to **Bob Fennell**. The workshop provided an excellent place to work on sets. Bob's painting efforts and time helping me was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to **Bill Gough** for his computer skills and assisting me in changing ads.

To **Bob Howlett**, thanks for your efforts in directing "Always". Well done!

To the general membership, thank you for putting up with my "SP" routines and me in general. All of your efforts produced what I think was the best show yet!

A special thank you goes out to **Harold's Angels**. Thank you for working at our show, feeding us and making possible our new uniforms. As we stood on the stage during the show, we felt special.

### Answers To The Quiz

1. 116 years
2. Ecuador
3. Sheep and Horses
4. November
5. Squirrel fur
6. Dogs
7. Albert
8. Crimson
9. New Zealand



# We Get E-Mail

from **Gord Vair**

## Quiz

1. How long did the Hundred Years War Last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What colour is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

(Answers to quiz located in this bulletin).

## Update -- April 2002

from

**Reed A. Sampson**

SPEBSQSA Public Relations Manager

6315 Harmony Lane

Kenosha, WI 53143-5199

Portland convention news you can use 1. We have arranged for special discounts if you rent a car from Budget Car Rental in Portland. Be sure to use this *discount group identifier* -- U061322 -- when you make your reservation. Full size car daily rate is \$39 a day and \$179 per week.

2. Remember there is no sales tax in Oregon and there are no self-service gas stations.

3. We are offering a post-convention trip to Seattle and Victoria, British Columbia.

Call 1-800-876-7464 x8462 to sign up for this fantastic trip.

4. Please review the January/February and March/April issues of *The Harmonizer* for other tours and events, and sign up before the convention. There are lots of great things to see and do in the Portland area.

### **EARL MOON SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HARMONY COLLEGE**

*Attention chapter presidents and secretaries:* The Whittier Chapter of the Far Western District is now accepting application letters for deserving Barbershoppers, selected by their respective Board of Directors, to attend Harmony College in the name of Earl Moon. A limited number of paid tuitions will be available through the Earl Moon Memorial Endowment Fund.

For information about how to apply, visit their web site at <http://www.choralaires.org> and click on the

"Scholarship" button in the left sidebar. Applications may be sent via e-mail or you can download the application form and submit it by U.S. mail.

*All application must be received no later than June 1, 2002.*

To receive an application packet by mail, contact the chapter secretary:

Pat Boyle  
527 Papyrus Drive  
La Habra, CA 90631  
(562) 908-3420  
[patboyle@choralaires.org](mailto:patboyle@choralaires.org)



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We use travel wholesalers to get you group rates on tours, cruises, and special convention airfares. Any revenue generated through Harmony Travel stays in the Society to help our programs.

Check out the Harmony Travel website. Just click on the Harmony Travel logo on the SPEBSQSA website or go to [www.harmony-travel.com](http://www.harmony-travel.com).

### **Want to sing better? Don't give up!**

The Society has recently produced a basic vocal production video tape that is suitable for both the novice singer and the experienced Barbershopper.

Joel Rutherford, bass of *Acoustix*, and Tim Brooks, one of the tenors of *Joker's Wild*, help you with the fundamentals of good vocal production. Joel and Tim demonstrate the fundamentals of good singing, in an easy-to-understand style that is just right for the novice singer. This interactive video will help you learn how to stand properly, breath correctly and sing a freely produced, well-supported, resonant tone.

If you are a more advanced singer, this tape has something for you as well. Joel and Tim each demonstrate four voice-building exercises in the areas of breathing, resonance, vocal flexibility and range extension. The video will also serve as a visual reminder of what a singer should do to sing his very best.

There is no question, this video will become one of the most important vocal production resources in your library. You can order the video "Basic Vocal Production for Barbershoppers," Stock no. 4013, \$20 VHS, (PAL 4028/\$25 USD). Call the Harmony Marketplace at 800-876-7464 x8410.

**Update personal information on Members Only --**  
*Please give this information the widest possible distribution*

Members Only is a tremendously useful tool for all Barbershoppers to update personal information -- especially an e-mail address -- as well as other information such as mailing address, phone number, etc.

Why is it important? In a recent e-mail to chapter, district and Society officers, 125 or more were returned as undeliverable. As this particular mailing is a weekly item, there's a lot of information going unread by key Society leaders.

Using Members Only is very simple. Start by logging on to the Society web site ([www.spebsqsa.org](http://www.spebsqsa.org)) then click on "Members Only" at the top of the page. If you are a current user, sign in and scroll down to "Update your member information."

If you are a first-time user, you'll need to get password from the headquarters. On the sign-in page, scroll down to "Step 2: Don't have a password? Click HERE" and follow the instructions. A password will be e-mailed to you. When you receive it (normally within 24 hours), log on to Members Only, enter your password and click on the box that says "Check here to remember this login." That way, each time you sign in your password will be remembered and you will not have to re-enter it.

Then scroll down to "Update your member information."

**Grant application deadline posted**

The next application deadline for Harmony Foundation grants is May 1, 2002. Download an information packet and application from the Foundation website at [www.harmonyfoundation.org](http://www.harmonyfoundation.org)

**Convention update**

Here are the registration figures as of March 31 for To register for the Portland convention, call 800-876-7464 x8462 or go online at <http://www.spebsqsa.org/Portland>

**Good Advice**

How to Impress .... a Woman

- Compliment her, cuddle her,
- Kiss her, caress her,
- Love her, stroke her,
- Tease her, comfort her,
- Protect her, hug her,
- Hold her, spend money on her,
- Wine and dine her, buy things for her,
- Dance with her, listen to her,
- Care for her, stand by her,
- Support her, go to the ends of the earth for her.

How to Impress .... a Man

- Show up naked.
- Bring Beer.

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**Strathroy Vocal Federation Committees**

(Jan /2002).

by

**Frank Knoll**  
President.

**Uniform Committee**

- Bill Galbraith -Chair
- Les Campbell
- Blake Hughes

**Show Committee**

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- Bob Fennell
- Arnold Dixon
- Bill Gough
- Blake Hughes
- John King
- Jim McDougall

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- Gord Nisbet
- Hugh Nisbet
- Dan Schieman
- Hugh McCutcheon

**Music Committee**

- Blake Hughes V.P.
- Gord Vair
- John Gough
- Jim McDougall
- Bob Howlett
- Brian McDougall
- Craig Bycraft

**Program Committee**

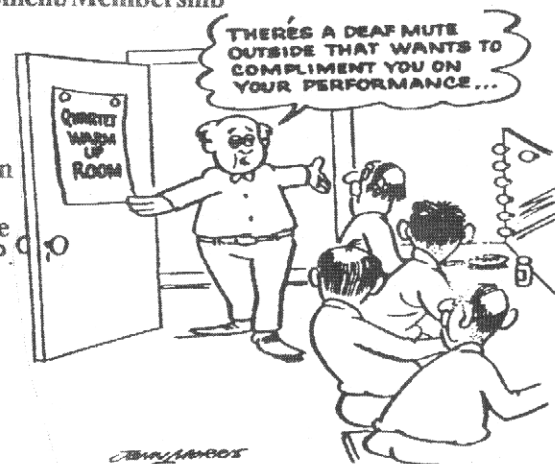
- Bill Gough V.P.
- Les Campbell
- Orval Allen
- Grant Knox
- Tom Linden
- Bill Robertson

**Communications Committee**

- Bud Jackson V.P.
- John King
- Bob Day
- Doug Simpson
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- Ted Gough
- Gil Craenen

**Performance Committee**

- Arnold Dixon V.P.
- Don Nisbet
- Bill Galbraith
- Larry Driessens
- Keith Campbell
- Ros McPherson
- Ernie McEwen
- Blair Mott
- Mario Deluca





**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**

**Board of Directors**

<b>President</b>	Frank Knoll	(519)264-2856
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**Appointments**

<b>Quartet Activity Chairman</b>	Gord Vair
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<b>Sunshine Chairman</b>	Gord Nisbet

**Music Team**

Music V.P. - Blake Hughes  
 Chorus Director - John Gough  
 Chorus Director - Jim McDougall  
 Librarian - Arnold Dixon

**Section Leaders**

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

**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.

**WEB SITES**

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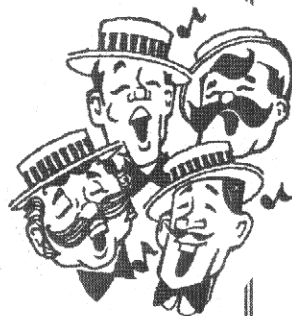
Ontario District- [www.ont.spebsqsa.org](http://www.ont.spebsqsa.org)

Barbershop International- [www.spebsqsa.org](http://www.spebsqsa.org)

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