



# *Fanfare*

Strathroy, Ont.  
Chapter  
Established  
1995  
Member of  
Ontario  
District

"Home of the  
Vocal Federation  
Chorus"

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

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## 2002 Vocal Federation Show Huge Success

by Jim McDougall  
Show Ticket Chairman

From the ticket sales summary and the advertising recruitment, you can tell we had another wonderful successful show.

As show ticket chairman, I want to congratulate and thank Bob Fennell for his superior ticket sales job in topping the list with 63. Honourable mention also to Les Campbell, Bill Galbraith and Gil Craenen each selling 43. Thanks also to the rest of the chapter members for all their sales.

The sales incentive draw for tickets to choice of theatres of surrounding area included 20 members. The lucky guy that won the draw was Bob Howlett.

Top advertising recruiter was Gord Nisbet. Way to go Gord. I think you were in the wrong profession?

Ain't singin' sweet and It's great to be a Barbershopper!

## 2002 Annual Show Update

by Orval Allen  
Show Committee Chair

Those of you in attendance at our Wednesday May 29th rehearsal heard the financial part of this report. However, I think it is worthwhile repeating and putting in print for all members to know the results of their hard work.

Our 2002 Annual Show was a definite financial success.

Both ticket sales and program advertising sales revenues were greater than for any of the previous six annual shows and this produced a record profit. I gave a detailed breakdown of revenues and expenditures at the rehearsal.

Regarding the Sales Incentive Awards Program, sixteen members qualified for free show tickets or the cash equivalent and twenty members qualified for the draw prize.

Congratulations to lucky Bob Howlett, the draw prize winner.

I know it is not necessarily prudent to recognize individual achievements but, in spite of that, I extend special congratulations to Gord Nisbet and Bob Fennell. Both repeated as top seller for program advertisements and ticket sales respectively. Honourable mention also to Jim McDougall who finished second to Gord in total combined sales revenues.

From the feedback I have received, through the hard work of all members, our recent annual show successfully achieved our most important objective by providing our audiences with good entertainment value.

My sincere thanks to each member of the show committee. As well, personally and on behalf of the committee a sincere thank you to each chapter member because without your strong commitment in this and previous years, our annual shows would not be as consistently successful as they have been from inception.

Finally, to all Chapter members (new or old or in between) I take the opportunity to encourage you to volunteer to become a member of the show committee. I can tell you from five years experience that it is a hard working, fun and rewarding committee to be part of. We need new people and new ideas to ensure our annual show and major fund raiser continues to earn the support of individuals and businesses in our respective communities. I welcome your call.

# Annual Show Sales

by **Jim McDougall**

The following is a report of Show Ticket Sales Receipts for the April 6<sup>th</sup> 2002 annual show of the Strathroy Chapter SPEBSQSA.

Total ticket sales receipts = \$6630.00

Total ticket sales sold by members:

Bob Fennell	63
Jim McDougall	45
Les Campbell	43
Bill Galbraith	43
Gil Craenen	43 (2xfamily of 4 +2 children)
Arnold Dixon	34 (1xfamily of 4)
Ernie McEwen	32 (2 children)
Ted Gough	25
Ros McPherson	22 (2xfamily of 4)
Blake Hughes	21
Bob Howlett	20
Bill Gough	19 (1xfamily of 4)
Orval Allen	18
Gord Vair	17 (1xfamily of 4)
John King	16 (2xfamily of 5)
Grant Knox	16 (1xfamily of 5)
John Gough	14
Bill Robertson	13
Hugh Nisbet	8 (1xfamily of 3)
Doug Simpson	8
Craig Bycraft	6
Don Nisbet	6
Ian Cooper	5 (1xfamily of 3)
Gord Nisbet	5
Walt DeRuitter	4 (2 children)
Hugh McCutcheon	4
Dan Schieman	2
Frank Knoll	1
Keith Campbell	0
Ron Carradine	0
Bob Day	0
Mario DeLuca	0
Barry Done	0
Larry Driessens	0
Bud Jackson	0
Tom Linden	0
Brian McDougall	0
Blair Mott	0
Garn Snelgrove	0
Tickets sold at the door	22
Complimentary tickets	12

Advertising Sales ( in order of most sales and starting with the member with the highest dollar sales):-

- Gord Nisbet
- Jim McDougall
- Orval Allen
- Frank Knoll
- Hugh McCutcheon
- Les Campbell
- Ernie McEwen
- Hugh Nisbet
- Ted Gough
- Bill Robertson
- Blake Hughes



Total Tickets Sold = 575  
 Afternoon tickets turned in = 186  
 Evening tickets turned in = 354  
 = 540



Hello people,

My name is Bob Wright and I sing Bass with the Seaforth Harmony Kings.

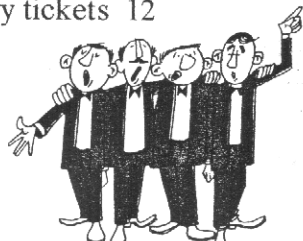
Over the past year, I have tried to form a quartet from among the members of my own chorus. After some tremendous arm twisting, I was able to coax 3 other guys to participate. (a bari and 2 other basses).

From the get go, we were at a disadvantage. We struggled along for months and were able to come up with one song which we performed for our chorus. Although they all felt that this was a worthwhile experience, they did not want to make a

commitment to continue. This brings me to the purpose of this email.

I would like to know if there are any novices from the London, Strathroy, Mount Forrest, or Seaforth chapters willing to make a commitment to be in a quartet. Some singing ability would be a definite asset. The goal is to compete at either this springs (2003) or the next years mini contest in Sarnia. Please respond directly to the email address below.

Bob Wright  
rswright@ezlink.on.ca



# WE GET E-MAIL

Subject: Spring Show

Date: Mon, 08 Apr 2002 15:14:27 -0400

From: Gordon Vair <iclipsmove@sympatico.ca>

To: Joan & Frank Knoll <fjk@sympatico.ca>



Hi Frank,

Another year, another good Spring show. Thanks to all the guys for all the time & effort that went into the show - I know that it is a mammoth task to pull off one of these shows.

I stood at the door immediately following the show. Also, the 2 quartets, the "School Board" & the "4 Reasons Why" greeted folk as they exited from the school. I really thought that was a good idea. The audience passed on a lot of positive comments. I know that the Strathroy guys circulated after the shows & that is good - I do think it would be nice if 4 guys from the Strathroy Chapter also greeted people as they left - just a suggestion.

I received a lot of positive comments from folks as they left & some suggestions as well so I will pass them on to you.

1..Breaking up the singing with something different would be a good idea - eg. someone playing an instrument, a dance routine. Personally, I agree with this suggestion & I would suggest something different early in the second half.

2..The show was a bit long - each quartet should sing a maximum of 2 numbers. The guest quartet should sing a maximum of 4 songs in each package. I tend to agree with this suggestion as well.

3..There should be more comedy songs in the show - Murphy was great. You need more of the fun stuff. I, too, think that fun is good, especially for the kids. In fact this was not a suggestion but I think it would be good to have a couple of kid fun songs for the kids - there were a lot of kids there.

Those 3 suggestions are the only ones that I received - the comments were, in general, very positive.

Just thought I would pass these on for your consideration.

Mary Vair

## King's Singers tickets now on sale

"Harmony Foundation Presents ..." will be held Tuesday night (July 2) of convention week in Portland. The world famous King's Singers will be the featured artists. These six men are considered by many to be the finest a capella ensemble entertaining today. Their repertoire ranges from classical to popular music - something for everyone.

Two very popular groups will also perform. The Toronto Northern Lights Chorus, the SPEBSQSA 2001 International Chorus Contest Silver Medallists, are superb singers and excellent showmen. And Reprise, the 2001 MBNA America Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Champion, has been wowing audiences since its impressive win last summer.

(FROM THE KING'S CLARION)

## 2003 INTERNATIONAL

The International for 2003 will be held in Montreal, PQ., from June 29 to July 6. This is probably your best opportunity to attend an International in the near future as far as proximity and cost.

International has been held in Canada on only two occasions previously; in 1963 in Toronto and in 1993 in Calgary, where the largest all-time attendance record was made.

There is a registration form on page 26 of the May/June 2002 Harmonizer.

(FROM THE TWIN CITY HI-NOTES)

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# Coming Events

June 23- Performance -Strathroy Turkey Festival.

June 30 -July 7...Int . Convention-Portland, Oregon.

August 14... Horseshoe Championship-at Les Campbell's.

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.

Sept. 21...Family Golf Day...Wardsville.

Sept. 25...Harold Angel's host card party..Strathroy United Church.

Oct. 18-20.....Ontario District Convention.

Nov. 9.....St. Charles Catholic Church, Glencoe, 7:00 p.m. ..performance.

**Next Fanfare Deadline:  
July 31,2002.**

# Harold's Angels

by Marilyn McPherson

## FUND RAISERS

### CARD PARTY-

Where - Strathroy United Church

When - September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Ladies - Don't forget your gift & dessert donations. A flyer will be sent in August with more details. Good Luck with ticket sales.

*Cheese Orders* -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>.

*Cookies, Muffins* etc - Order forms will go out in September for delivery in October.

*Beans* - This successful project will be repeated this coming year - probably in January.

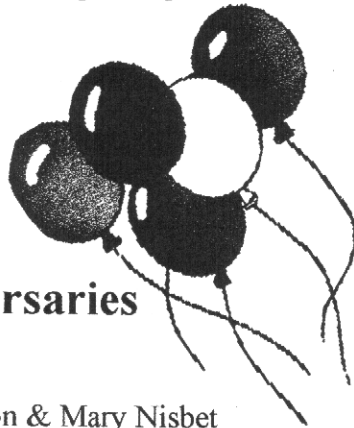
*Antique Snowman* - The draw for this attractive fellow will be in December. Tickets will be available at the September meeting

*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.

Thank you everyone for your garage sale donations and for your help.

**Next Meeting** -7:45 p.m., Sep. 18th at Sylvia's

# Celebrations



# Chapter Anniversaries

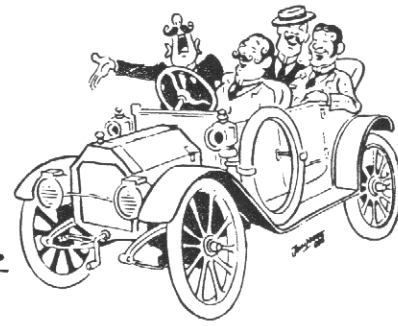
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| June 4  | Don & Mary Nisbet    |
| June 20 | John & Jeanne King   |
| June 21 | Ted & Jiggs Gough    |
| June 30 | Bud & Stella Jackson |
| July 7  | Gil & Diny Craenen   |
| July 9  | Bob & Eunice Fennell |
| July 2  | Don & Ruth Pyper     |
| July 16 | Grant & Barbara Knox |

# Chapter Birthdays

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| June 16 | Bud Jackson      |
| June 16 | Bill Galbraith   |
| June 20 | Sylvia McDougall |
| June 24 | Jim McDougall    |
| June 29 | Audrey Hughes    |
| July 1  | Hugh Nisbet      |
| July 4  | Edna Simpson     |
| July 7  | Barbara Knox     |
| July 9  | Jill Day         |
| July 14 | Barry Done       |



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(FROM THE SARNIA BLUENOTES)



## 10 Goals for Chorus Singers.

1. Commitment to excellence: Your audience deserves the best you can deliver.
2. Personal accountability: Set your own goals for improvement.
3. Away from practice study: Listen to your rehearsal tapes.
4. Section rehearsals: Have and attend them regularly.
5. Regular attendance: It makes the whole chorus better.
6. Fellowship and fun: If you're not all having a good time, something must change.
7. Common goals: strive for clear, mutual goals.
8. Recruit: The more the merrier.
9. Family involvement: Help them enjoy your hobby as much as you do.
10. Involvement in chapter activities and administration: You are needed.

*"Probably the most important thing a man can do to contribute to rehearsals is to be there each week. This can be a difficult thing at times, but when all the pieces of the puzzle are on the table, work can get done and magical things can happen."* the Harmonizer. May/June 2000.

**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
<b>Attendance Recorder</b>	Hugh McCutcheon
<b>Historian</b>	Ernie McEwen
<b>Nominating Committee Chairman</b>	Jim McDougall
<b>Service Projects &amp; Fundraising Chairman</b>	Ian Cooper
<b>Uniform Chairman</b>	Bill Galbraith
<b>Show Committee Chairman</b>	Orval Allan
<b>Fanfare Editor/Directory Publisher</b>	John King
<b>Kitchen Steward</b>	Les Campbell
<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**

**Strathroy Vocal Federation**

[www.bam.on.ca/vocalfederation/](http://www.bam.on.ca/vocalfederation/)

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

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

**Ashow**

[www.ahsow.or](http://www.ahsow.or)

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



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