



# Fanfare

Strathroy, Ont.  
Chapter  
Established  
1995  
Member of  
Ontario  
District

"Home of the  
Vocal Federation  
Chorus"

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

## Highlight of the Year

### Vocal Federation sings at I.P.M.

The Vocal Federation sang several songs at the Church service for the International Plowing Match on Sunday night September 15 at the Glencoe Arena in Glencoe Ontario. An estimated 2400 people were in the audience and for the first time in my experience with barbershop, we received a standing ovation, on our rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", before we had totally completed the song. The feedback from this performance clearly indicated that it was one of our best performances. This is a credit to the singers, our Music Director, **John Gough** and of course, the sound system. Even though this was an arena, where sound acoustics are generally not known to be great, the sound system supplied was excellent. The following excerpt from the Sarnia Chapter's bulletin says it all:

**"STRATHROY-A PRESENTATION WELL DONE**  
On Sunday evening, September 15 an interdenominational Church Service was held at the Glencoe Arena to open the International Ploughing Match. Among different musical groups participating was the Strathroy Vocal Federation with twenty-eight singers on stage. They did a marvelous presentation and was enjoyed by all the twenty-four hundred persons in the audience.

Don Crosbie, Editor, Sarnia Chapter"

The Vocal Federation also performed at the International Plowing Match on the platinum stage at the official opening of the match on Tuesday, September 17. A one-half hour performance was given by the chorus



prior to the opening ceremonies, on the platinum stage, before a crowd of about 300. This was followed by the official opening ceremonies where the Vocal Federation sang the United States and Canadian national anthems.

These performances were great exposure for the Vocal Federation and for barbershop in this part of the Ontario District as people travel considerable distances to attend IPM events. There are a lot of singing groups in Middlesex County who would love to have had the chance to sing at the IPM. In my opinion, we can thank **Bill Galbraith** for this opportunity.



Changing music directors on IPM'S platinum stage  
( photograph's courtesy of Pat Dixon

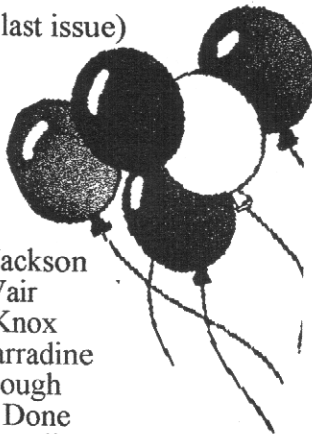
## Coming Events

- Oct. 18-20.....Ontario District Convention.
- Nov. 9.....St. Charles Catholic Church,  
Glencoe, 7:00 p.m. ..performance.
- Dec. 1....Divisional Christmas concert..Sarnia
- Dec. 13.....Christmas party..Legion, Strathroy

## Celebrations (since last issue)

### Chapter Birthdays

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| October 5  | Stella Jackson   |
| October 9  | Gord Vair        |
| October 3  | Grant Knox       |
| October 7  | Ron Carradine    |
| 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 2 | Dianne Carradine |
| November 5 | Lillian Cooper   |



### 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   |

## Harold's Angels

by Marilyn McPherson

**CARD PARTY** – Thank you everyone for your support. After a delicious dessert a full house enjoyed the games.

**Cheese Orders** –Contact Mary Vair for forms or phone your order to Sylvia McDougall. The next order will be Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Cookies, Muffins** etc – Order forms have gone out for muffins and cookie batters, tortellini, pizzas, poultry products, jams and more. Please hand in your orders by October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the product will be delivered at the next meeting Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at Sylvia's home.

**Beans** – This successful project will be repeated again so watch for them starting in January 2003.

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

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**Next Meeting** –7:45 p.m., October 16th at Sylvia's

### 2003 Officers Elected (at October 2 Meeting.)

- Frank Knoll..... ..President
- Jim McDougall.... ..Past President.
- Orval Allen.....Secretary
- Les Campbell..... Treasurer
- Bob Fennell..... V.P. Chapter Development
- John Gough ..... V.P. Music
- John King..... V.P. Communications
- Bill Gough..... V.P. Program
- Arnold Dixon..... V.P. Performance
- Roswell McPherson..Board Member at Large
- Bill Robertson.....Board Member at Large..

**Next Fanfare Deadline:  
November 12, 2002.**

**Dispose of this paper  
properly: Take it home to  
your wife.**

## DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

Well unfortunately the news on the membership front is not good at all. I would love to put a nice cute positive spin on the current status however that would just be lying to you all. The current membership in Ontario is 1470 members that is down 13 members in the past quarter and down 33 members over the past 12 months or a loss of 2.2% of our total membership. Our recruitment numbers for June was 11, July was 8 and August was 7 new/reinstated members. Remember we needed 16 new members per month to keep pace with our annual target, after 66.6% of the year is completed we are at 41.75% of our target.

OK enough of the doom and gloom already, there are some chapters that have been working very hard and have already reached their annual targets, they include Oakville, Kingston, Nepean, Midland, Huntsville, and Cornwall.

Other chapters that are on pace for their annual targets include Stoney Creek, Quinte, St. Catherines, Mount Forest, Newmarket, Ottawa, Burlington, and Barrie.

There are other chapters that are doing a lot of work and have not seen the results of their efforts, yet. Please keep at it, if a program was followed and did not work, figure out some reasons why, make the adjustments and try again.

There will be a membership class at the Fall Convention, details are to follow, however it will probably be Saturday morning at 8:30 for about an hour and a half. This should give everyone time to be with their choruses (including Joe Barbershop) for practice. Due to the numbers I mentioned earlier I am EXPECTING every chapter to have at least one person in this class, either the Chapter Development VP, President or preferably both.

Remember September and October are very good months for recruitment, all those people you asked out to chapter in April and May but said they didn't have time, well they may have some time right now so it couldn't hurt to ask again.

Regards,

**Rob Arnold**  
VP Member Services



## DIRECTORY CHANGES

(Changes in address only, telephone and email remain the same)

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## Golf Day

The chapter's annual golf day was hosted again this year at the Wardsville Golf and Country Club by **Tom Linden** on September 21. The weather was beautiful and the usual good time was had by all.

There were about 5 teams of 4 golfers with a good mix of ladies and gentlemen. I believe they call the game "Texas Scramble" where the foursome uses the best ball. I was on Tom Linden's team and he seemed to know the rules. I know I didn't. I'm fairly confident that if our "foursome" had followed my rules, we would have had a better score.

The golf was followed by a few refreshments and some singing. Tom provided unanticipated entertainment. I think they were from Windsor.

This entertainment was followed by a roast beef dinner and more singing. Well done Tom and keep up the good work! I'm already looking forward to next year.

## Card Party

On Wednesday, September 25, Harold's Angels hosted a fund raising card party at the United Church in Strathroy. I believe they had about 140 people in attendance. It was a lot of fun and they made several hundred dollars profit. Well done ladies! Where would this chapter be without you.



## SOCIETY Update

**Grants or sponsorships mean extra revenue** It's fair to say that most chapters are looking for new sources of income. Your chapter might be well positioned to apply for a public grant or a local sponsorship. But how does one go about that?

Many districts are already busy scheduling grant seeking workshops within the next six months. This stems from a highly successful seminar conducted by the Society's Grants Subcommittee.

Contact your district representative if you are curious about your district's plans for a seminar. In the meantime, Harmony Foundation has published a new tool titled **Grant and Sponsorship Seeking Guidelines for Barbershoppers**. You can find this 17-page booklet on the Society's website at [www.spebsqsa.org/Docs/grantsponsorshipguide.pdf](http://www.spebsqsa.org/Docs/grantsponsorshipguide.pdf). This booklet gives the basics of grant research and preparation, and sponsorship preparation. It was assembled by Barbershopper Jack Greenfield, a successful grant writer in the Tampa, Florida Chapter and Harmony Foundation Executive Director Gary Stamm.

### **Grant application deadline nears**

The next application deadline for Harmony Foundation grants is November 1. Download the guidelines and application from the Foundation website at <http://www.harmonyfoundation.org/grants.html> or contact the Foundation office at 800-876-SING x8447. Grants are for projects that strengthen vocal music education in schools and keep singing alive in communities. They also include chapter projects that are youth outreach oriented. Decisions on the applications will be made the last week of January 2003.

Keep using the 2000 Arrangements Catalog

The SPEBSQSA Music Catalog 2000 will continue to be the source document for barbershop arrangements. Each chapter should have at least one copy (and as many as three copies) on file.

The chapter music librarian or other responsible individual should run a copy of the 2000 catalog at <http://www.spebsqsa.org/Arrangements/> and also get the updates to the catalog at <http://www.spebsqsa.org/Arrangements/additions.htm>.

Lastly, publicize to your chapter members that the catalog is available online and tell them how to access it.

### **Get your show on the net**

We know there's great barbershop everywhere, and fans always look for shows to see at home or while they're on the road. The Show Lookup on the Society web site is a great way for people to find a show and for chapters to advertise. It's easy, it's quick, and it can draw a lot of attention.

Once you have received your show clearance from your District Secretary, chapter officers can register

shows by going to the Members Only page and clicking on "Register a Show" (it's under the "Chapter Info" heading). The program will walk you through the process. You'll need to have all pertinent information, including the name, address, phone number, email address, etc. of the person who will be the ticket contact, and the name and address of the show site.

If you find you need to edit the information, it's easily done. Just go back to the Register a Show page, enter your chapter number, and click on "yes" below the line that reads "Edit a Previously Registered Show."

Getting your chapter's show on the website can really boost attendance and is a great public service as well. If you have any questions, contact Julie Siepler at [jsiepler@spebsqsa.org](mailto:jsiepler@spebsqsa.org) or 800-876-7464 x8552.

### **Harmony College -- Mark your 2003 calendar**

As you plan your barbershop activities for next year, be sure to mark the dates July 27 - August 3, 2003 for Harmony College / Directors College. It's important for chapter boards to consider it as they plan the budget for the coming year. Perhaps 2003 is the year you'll send your music to director to Directors College.

Harmony College / Directors College is held at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri. Keynote speaker will be Barbershopper extraordinaire, Dave Middlestadt.

Tuition will remain the same for next year: \$475 for regular students; \$300 for Next Generation students ages 17-23; and \$250 for Next Generation students ages 11-16.

Registration forms will be available after January 1, 2003.

### **Keep the Whole World Singing**

How important is singing to our culture? How important is it to each of us? You know the answers to these questions. Barbershoppers, perhaps above all others, understand the rewards of recreational singing.

We are desperately in danger of losing this important aspect of our North American culture. Of course, the contributions Barbershoppers provide to the Harmony Foundation General Fund will provide grants for projects that help

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keep singing alive for young and old alike.

But another way we can keep the flame of recreational singing alive is to promote community singing when and wherever we perform. We can also encourage community singing in other organizations we belong to.

Take a look at the SPEBSQSA Community Song Leading Guide. It contains advice and ideas from Joe Liles, Burt Szabo, Val Hicks and Bill Biffle. It can be downloaded at:

<http://www.spebsqsa.org/Arrangements/Free/communitysinging.htm>. Please use it to help accomplish the important task of keeping singing alive in our communities.

### Convention update

Here are the registration figures as of August 31 for the upcoming midwinter and international conventions:

• Albuquerque: 266

• Montreal: 5,063

### Coming events

**January 18-26 2003**

Midwinter Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
800-876-7464 x8462,  
<http://www.spebsqsa.org/midwinter/>

**June 29-July 6, 2003**

International Convention, Montreal, Quebec  
800-876-SING x8462,  
<http://www.spebsqsa.org/montreal/>

**July 27-August 3, 2003**

Harmony/Directors College, St. Joe, Missouri  
800-876-7464 x8551, [hcdc@spebsqsa.org](mailto:hcdc@spebsqsa.org)

**Reed A. Sampson** SPEBSQSA Public Relations Manager

## READ THIS FIRST!

### "How to survive a heart attack when you're alone"

*As seen in the Stool Pigeon. Newsletter of the Quinte Chapter, Rick Casson, Editor.*

If everyone who gets this sends it to ten people, you can bet we will save at least one life.

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day on the job. (Pick your own scenario). You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest to your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

What can you do? You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course neglected to tell you how to perform it on yourself. Since many people are alone, when they have a heart attack, this article seems in order.

Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these people can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough. The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A cough must be repeated about every two seconds without letup until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and the coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain its normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

*Taken from "Health Cares", Rochester General Hospital (reprint from "The Mended Hearts", Inc. publication, Heart Response)*



**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**

|                            |                   |                |
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| <b>Board Mem. At Large</b> | Bob Fennell       | (519) 693-4280 |

**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   |
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| <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 "car 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)

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

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