



Fanfare

Strathroy, Ont.
Chapter
Established
1995
Member of
Ontario
District

"Home of the
Vocal Federation
Chorus"

"Trumpeting the Federation's news to its borders & beyond"

Thank You All



by Orval Allen
2004 Show Committee Chairman

According to the Chapter records, I became a member of the Show Committee in October 1997 and at that time "agreed to serve as Liaison between the Chapter and Harold's Angels with regard to the Afterglow arrangements and ticket sales, etc.". I held that position for two consecutive years and since then I have either been Chairman or Co-Chairman of five annual show committees.

Overall, this has been a very rewarding experience. However, it is my opinion that longevity can sometimes breed complacency and lead to missed opportunities or changes and, I also believe that new leadership can bring fresh ideas to the table. Accordingly, I decided it was time to relinquish the Chairman or Co-Chairman position and, I am very pleased that Bill Robertson agreed to assume my position.

To each person that has served on the last five annual show committees, a very sincere thank you for the very strong support you gave me

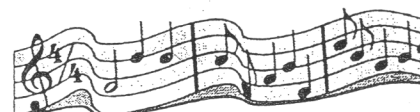
personally. I also want to thank all other chapter members as well as the Harold's Angels ladies for your commitment to support the decisions made by the committees under my stewardship. Your help in so many ways was greatly appreciated and resulted in consistently successful shows. I know you will continue to do the same for Bill.

(Editor's note: Isn't it vintage Orval Allen to be thanking the rest of us for the work he did for the Chapter, while it would appear to me that we should be thanking him.

"Accordingly, I say It has been a pleasure to serve on the Show Committee with Orval Allen during his tenure as Show Committee Chairman. He was patient, courteous, conscientious and dedicated and his leadership skills will certainly be missed. Thanks Orval for doing an outstanding job.

By the way, I agree with Orval that "longevity can breed complacency" and that a new face can "bring fresh ideas" so if any member would like to take over the marketing component for the 2005 show, please let me know. Thank you, John King").

Next Fanfare Deadline: June 16,



To: **Strathroy Chapter of Barbershoppers**

by **Mary Vair**

Wow, what a great response to the Spring Show! Two great shows were enjoyed by all. The comments from the people that I talked to after the show were all VERY positive. Frequently, I see folks around town who were at the show, & they have all said that they thoroughly enjoyed the show - several said that this was the best show yet. Some are saying that next year they are bringing all their family & friends with them. If they all come back next year, as they have said that they will, the place will be over-packed.

A lot of people mentioned the art work in the background scenery - they thought it was very appropriate & well done. Thanks Blake for the great work that you do every year in preparing the scenery for the set - it really enhances the show.

Folks love to have a good laugh & there was lots of good clean humour in the show - we all need to laugh more. Bill Robertson did a great job with hard hearted Hanna - Bill, thanks for playing the part & giving us all a good laugh. The MC once again did a great job - he is very good in that role.

The chorus sounded very good. Both quartets did a fine job. Brian McDougall & his group, with very little notice, stepped in & did a fine job. They deserve to be congratulated for that.

I'm sure that all of your wives are saying with me "You did us proud". Well done - keep up the good work. You will never know how many people's lives you have touched in a positive way.

I know that it is no easy task to put on a show such as this. John & Jim, your directors & all of you deserve a hearty pat on the back. Give yourselves one for me.

Thanks for another great show.



(Editor's Note: In my opinion, no one contributed more to the comedy in this year's show than the Mary and Gord Vair's ventriloquist act but Mary is far too modest to mention this in her letter to the Chapter).

Harold's Angels

by Marilyn McPherson

Dates to mark on your calendar-

May 19th - Home & Gift Show -

This show will take place at our next meeting May 19th @ Sylvia's. You are welcome to bring a friend.

The men are having a barbeque at Zehrs again on May 29th.

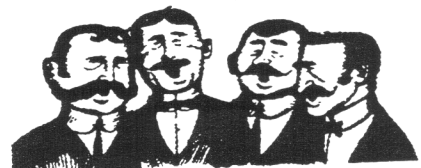
Thanks Diny for having your yard sale in spite of the weather. The proceeds went to our group and we appreciate her help.

Tapes - Regal - Doll Cloths

Please save your tapes from A&P, Dominion and Zehrs, also Campbell soup labels. These can be given to Gil Craenen. Orders for Regal can be given to Sylvia McDougal and Diny Craenen has added crocheted dish cloths and matching towels to her other craft items that are for sale.

Next Meeting - 7:30, May 19th at McDougall's

"SHE WAS ONLY THE PREACHER'S DAUGHTER BUT I WOULDN'T PUT ANYTHING PASTOR"



Quotation

Contributed by **Gil Craenen**

"Use what talents you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there, except those who sang best"

Henry Van Dyke

SOCIETY NEWS

by **Sampson Reed**
2004 International convention

REGISTRATIONS

Register for the Louisville international convention

Join us in "Derby Town" for the barbershop run for the roses. Louisville, Kentucky is the site of the 2004 international convention. To register, go to www.spebsqsa.org/louisville or call 800.876.7464 x8462. The international convention runs from June 27 to July 4, 2004.

Note: Online registration closes June 15.

Register for the Jacksonville midwinter convention

Take a trip to the Sunshine district and state for a great week of barbershop harmony. Midwinter runs January 23-30, 2005. To register, use the form in *The Harmonizer* or call 800.876.7464 x8462.

Convention registrations:

The following figures are registrations as of April 30, 2004

Louisville: 7,060

Jacksonville: 79

Register for Harmony College 2004

Harmony College is a week of great fun and total immersion in the barbershop style. Dates are August 1-8, 2004 at Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, Mo. To register, go to www.spebsqsa.org/hcdc or call Linda Neuenfeld at 800.876.7464 x8591.



Hot Dog /Hamburger Fund raiser.

Thanks to **Bill Robertson** for arranging a fund raiser at Zehrs grocery store in Strathroy on Saturday May 8. Also thanks to all those members who helped with this event. A second date for this event is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 and volunteers will be needed for this date as well. Proceeds from these fund raising events are to go to the Strathroy Fire Department.

OOPS!

Apparently, Dini and Gil Craenen also helped staff the Barbershop display at the Arts day at the Town Hall in Strathroy on March 27. Fanfare apologizes for this omission in the last issue. Please keep your editor advised on any errors or omissions in Fanfare.

Even better, where ever possible, please advise your editor, in advance of each issue, of your barbershop activities so that errors and omissions can be minimized...don't be bashful, a simple e-mail will do it.

Thank you, John King, Fanfare Editor).

New Member

Welcome **Douglas Langs** as the newest member of the Strathroy Chapter of the SPEBSQSA . Please update your membership directory with the following:

Douglas Langs; 20 Locke Heights, Strathroy, ON. N7G 3X1, 519- 245-3635, Fax 519-245-2577, email doug@langsbus.com

Significant other: Nancy.

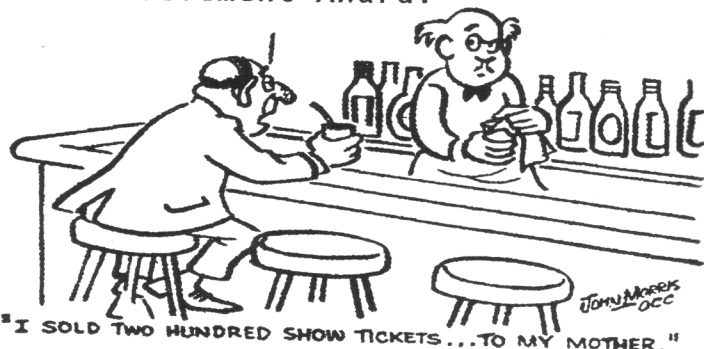
Business- Owner, Langs Bus Lines.

Available during work at the above email and fax numbers and business telephone 519-245-2350 - ext.242.

Sings lead.

Congratulations to Les Campbell

for winning the Chapter's 2003 Member Achievement Award.



Strathroy Chapter Web page update

Thanks to Bill Robertson for updating the Chapter's web page. It looks very comprehensive and would give a stranger and perhaps some of our members useful information. Don't hesitate to visit the Chapter's web page and advise of your comments or suggestions if any.

Coming Events

- **Saturday, May 15..Garage Sale at Dini and Gil Craenen's.**
- **Saturday, May 29 bbq. Hot dog, hamburger sales @ Zehrs, Strathroy.**
- **May 30 Performance, Zion Church Anniversary Service, Crediton.**
- **Friday June 11 Big Bike Ride for the Heart and Stroke Foundation (we need to draft 30 riders to make an exclusively barbershoppers ride.)**
- **June 4-5 Harmony College North, University of Guelph.**
- **June 13- 3:00 p.m. Newbury United Church Anniversary Service.**
- **June 27-July 4 International Convention.**
- **August 18 -Horseshoe Competition, new hosts- John & Jeanne King.**
- **Sept 25 -Golf Tournament.**
- **Sept. 20 Strathroy Chapter's 9th Anniversary**
- **Ontario Dstrict Fall Convention, Brantford, October 15-17, 2004**
- **December- Christmas Party.**

New Hosts for the Chapter's 2004 Horseshoe Championships

Les & Donna Campbell have been the gracious hosts of this event for many years. They have recently sold their home on Adelaide St. in Strathroy.

My wife Jeanne and I have agreed to be the new hosts for this event, scheduled for August 18, 2004, at our home at 24244 Saxton Rd., Strathroy. The usual sign-up sheet and location map will be provided as we get closer to August 18.

The Board's Business



Chapter utilizes new trailer, with identification : SPEBSQSA logo and Vocal Federation ...Barbershop Chorus etc., to store and transport risers and other chapter chattels while church is being renovated

Chapter rehearsals located at the Strathroy Seniors Center until the completion of renovations at the Presbyterian church in Strathroy, scheduled for the end of August. .

Chapter's promotional flyer awaiting Chapter incorporation.

Chapter incorporation documents resubmitted to the Province with changes suggested by the Society.

Chapter providing financial support for members attending Harmony College North at the University of Guelph in June.

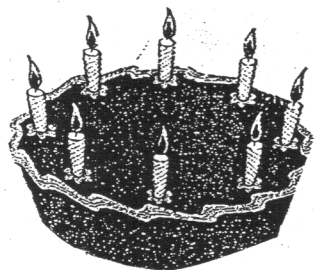
Chapter financial records for 2003 have been audited by Walter DeRuiter and Henry Weirsema and found to be in good condition.

Next meeting of Board is on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.

Dispose of this newsletter properly,

Take it home to your wife.

Celebrations



Chapter Birthdays

May 19	Enid Gough
May 14	Garnet Snelgrove
May 27	Frank Knoll
June 16	Bud Jackson
June 16	Bill Galbraith
June 20	Sylvia McDougall
June 24	Jim McDougall
June 29	Audrey Hughes



Chapter Anniversaries

June 20	John & Jeanne King
June 20	Henry & Gail Wiersema
June 21	Ted & Jiggs Gough
June 30	Bud & Stella Jackson

Society's Members Only

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.

Using Members Only is very simple. Start by logging on to the Society web site (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 a 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.

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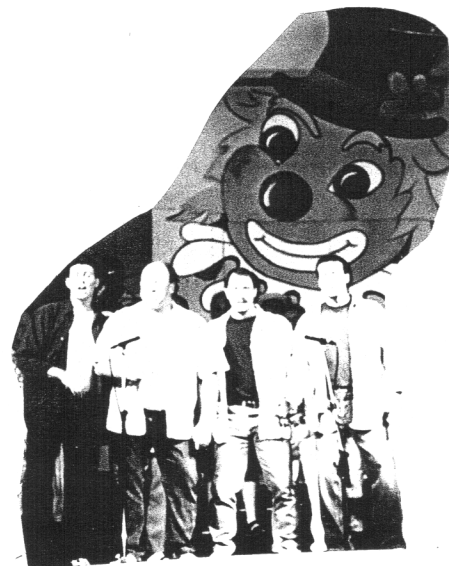
Singing really does make you feel better

Want a boost to your immune system? Sing!

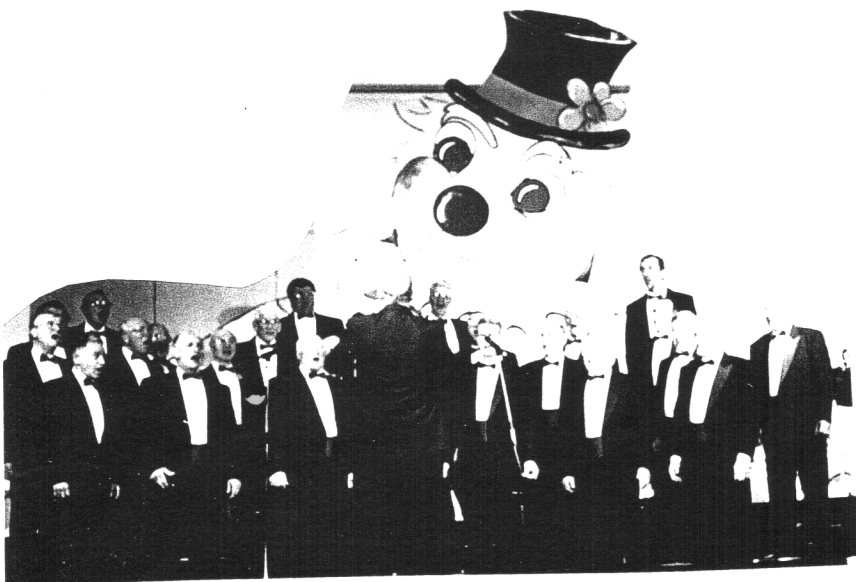
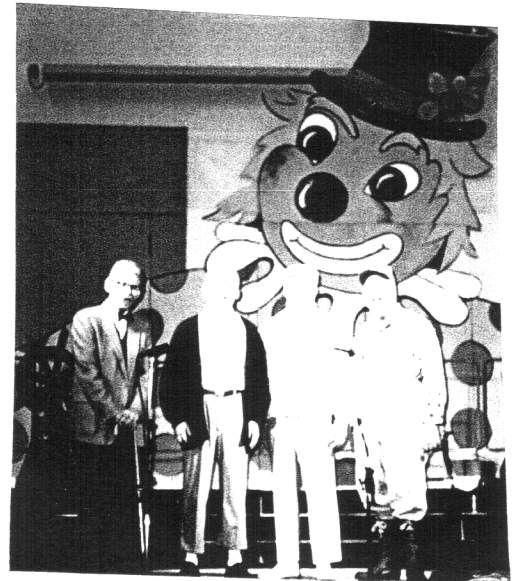
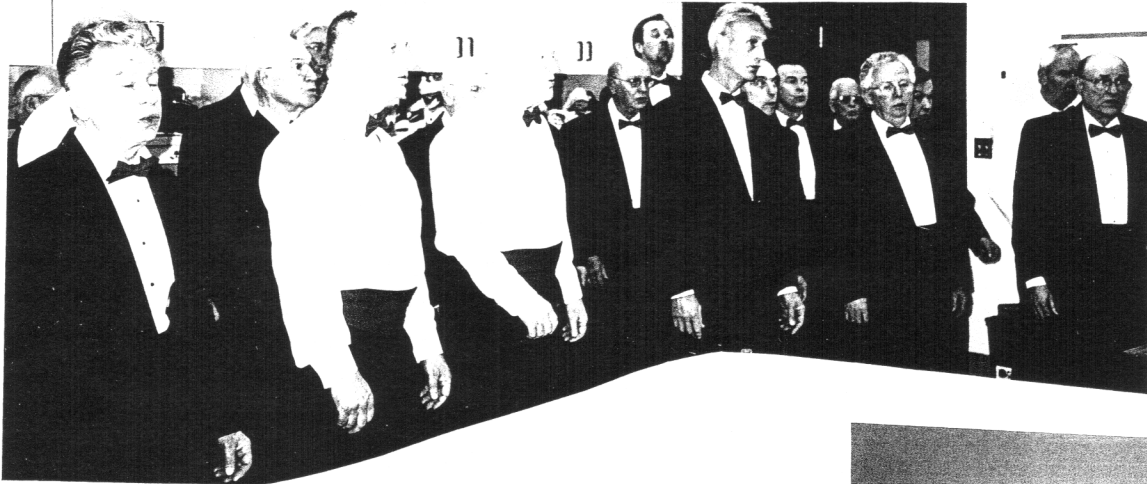
It's not just in your head—the high you get during a performance is usually accompanied by a boost to your immune system. Researchers from the University of California at Irvine recently showed that a protein called Immunoglobulin A, which your immune system uses to fight disease, increased by at least 150 percent during rehearsals of choirs they were monitoring and by 240 percent during the groups' performances. "The more passionate you feel while singing, the greater the effect," said Education Professor Robert Beck, co-author of the study along with Thomas Cesario, Dean of UC-Irvine's College of Medicine

The researchers used volunteers from the 160-member Pacific Chorale to obtain saliva samples on cotton swabs to calculate the presence of Immunoglobulin A before and after singing. The scientists theorized that the difference in the higher levels of the disease-fighting proteins between a rehearsal and a performance night might have resulted from the singers' thrill of the performance itself.

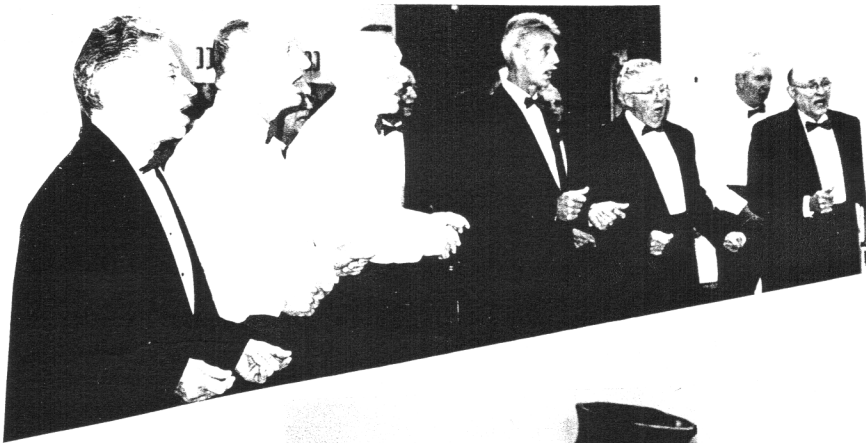
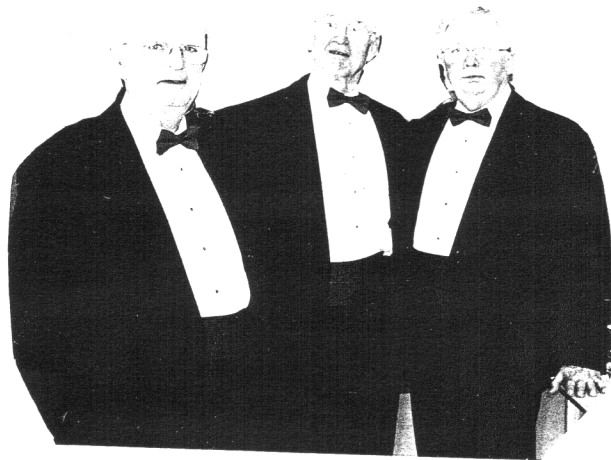
(As seen in the St Thomas Chapter bulletin-Dick Steele, Editor.)



2004 Show Memories



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The performing chorus of the Strathroy Chapter

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Appointments

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Historian	Ernie McEwen
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Service Projects & Fundraising Chairman	Bill Robertson
Uniform Chairman	Bill Galbraith
Show Committee Co-Chairman	Orval Allan
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Sunshine Chairman	Gord Nisbet

Music Team

Music V.P. - Arnold Dixon
 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

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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P . R . O . B . E .

The Fraternity of
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS AND BULLETIN EDITORS.

Meeting at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 the corner of Albert and Richmond Streets in
 Strathroy - Wednesday Evenings at 8:00 pm

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 charities.

The Federation's Fanfare

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