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To those of you who attended the *Vocal Majority* show at Roy Thomson Hall on August 18th, you know that those words can only begin to describe the incredible performance that the VM presented to the audience on the afternoon and evening.

While the audience was limited in numbers, they were totally unlimited in their appreciation for “the best barbershop show I’ve ever seen.” (Just one of many such quotes from long time members of *Ontario District*).

The Vocal Majority is truly a class above. Words of praise and appreciation from the VM for the hospitality that we in Ontario afforded them during their whirlwind trip continue to arrive daily. The professionalism and attention to detail that your district show committee demonstrated overwhelmed them.

So, kudos to **Dave (Wally) Wallace**, chairman and his committee: **Paul Greer, Rodger McTaggart, Craig MacPherson, Steve Coulter, Paul Goodwin, Al Mardon, Sam Sloane** and **Wylie Forster**. Thank you from the district for a super job.

For those of you who did not get to the show, for whatever reason, you missed the greatest show this district has seen in many, many years, (at least 15 years, since the VM was last here). This was the kind of happening experience we belong to this wonderful Society for!

The really good news is that we have our own budding VM quality chorus right here in Ontario in the form of the *Toronto Chapter Northern Lights*!

Most of you have probably heard by now of the absolutely show-stopping performance that they put on at the International

convention in Nashville in July. Boy was I proud to be from Ontario and sitting in the audience to witness it.

The only chorus to receive a standing ovation and they got two! Are the other past champion choruses in the Society, that are traditional representatives to the International, worried? You bet they are! Our boys took a well deserved second place, and I think they were only beaten out of first place by a sentimental vote for the seven-time second-place finishers, the *Northbrook Illinois New Tradition*.

So, watch out, there’s another storm heading out of the North Country intent on burying the other competitors from around the world under a layer of excellence. Even the VM is seriously impressed with our Northern Lights! Just goes to prove — you don’t have to be a big chorus to be a great chorus.

See y’all at convention in Brantford. (Picked up that bit of the South in Tennessee!) 



Photo - Waldo Redekop

Bill Robertson (R) proudly displaying his **Jeff Pritchard Award** plaque and trophy that he received at the *Pep Rally* in June from **Ken Buttery** (L), last year’s award winner. 