

CENTRAL DIVISION
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Awesome summer of activities

We've had an awesome summer. Lots of great participation in shows performances and singouts and membership drives. So far though, we have been unable to get together for the Presidents Council meeting, perhaps due to the busy summer schedule. A Presidents Council dinner meeting is planned for October 30 6 to 8 p.m..

Our division objectives still include: having every chapter compete at least once a year, holding regular membership drives and having a coordinated effort for YMIH.

Scarborough Chapter

Sounds like a new director from outside the Barbershopper's community will be joining the Dukes soon. In the meantime, **Jim Rehill** and **Mac Dallman** are heading up the chorus. Jim has been keeping the men in good form and new songs have been introduced to add to their repertoire. New members have been recruited — some golden oldies have retired from active singing. The chorus is now rehearsing for a double performance on October 26 in Stouffville and another performance at the Civic Centre on November 3.

Newmarket Chapter

Had a successful membership drive recently. Some great new voices joined the chorus.

Puff our chests — **Chris Bowman** is on his way to the states. He's the only Canadian chosen to attend *Harmony College* in St. Joe's. Good luck Chris!

Great turnout at Fairy Lake this summer for their performance of *Music in the Park*. Full chorus participation!

Etobicoke Chapter

It's been a slow summer for Etobicoke — not many chapter meetings held, but good involvement with the chorus in other ventures.

Board member **John Rybuck** has been very involved with the *Young Men of Harmony*.

Inclination did a great job this summer when they sang at Roy Thomson Hall in August, part of the Seniors' Jubilee.

Successful singout at the Evans Avenue retirement home in June.

And by the way, made the move to their new location is the Franklin Community Centre on Horner Avenue in Etobicoke.

Markham Chapter

They're 'coming up roses' — again! Delighted to hear that **Carol Appleton**, a very energetic and accomplished chorus director, has joined Markham. Carol comes to the chorus with many years experience and has worked with the *Sweet Adelines* as well as the male choruses. All the best gents!

Markham is working very hard toward a September membership drive. Great perk being offered — will be

providing free singing lessons for all those who want to be Barbershoppers. Good strategy!

East York Chapter

Oakville visited their chapter June 4 — so where's the bell? June 11 there was an open rehearsal. Some twenty-five plus attended and four new voices joined the chorus. Chorus sang and was well represented at the pre-Portland Pep Rally.

Greater Toronto Chapter

The *Mega City Chorus* had a lot of fun when they visited the *Guelph Chapter* and *Niagara Falls Chapter* — great harmony and socializing.

Busy show schedule for *Mega City* — performances in Owen Sound and Huntsville just to mention a couple. We understand these shows have resulted in several new members for these chapters.

Chapter show planned for April 5, 2003, with the two-time international champions *North Metro Chorus*. Performance at Hammerson Hall in the Mississauga Centre for the Performing Arts.

Toronto Chapter

Congratulations to the *Toronto Northern Lights* and *T.K.O.* for a super representation in Portland. Great performances! ✨



HEARTLAND DIVISION
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Heartland Novice competition planned

Owen Sound Chapter and Mount Forest Chapter held an inter-chapter meeting on July 29 in Mount Forest. The interesting feature of the program was that both chapters had separate meetings and chorus rehearsals from 8 until 9 p.m.. We then combined forces and had a fun-filled singing/social program. It worked so well we'll likely be doing it again.

Owen Sound Chapter had a great evening with our spouses in Clarksburg on August 6. The fun, singing and socializing was just fine but the food was spectacular. (Don't you love pot lucks!!)

Owen Sound, Mount Forest, Kitchener/Waterloo and Guelph all held summer practices. This was a break in tradition for Owen Sound who met throughout the summer for the first time ever. It worked out quite well.

Mount Forest is working hard for a fall show and Orangeville will resume practices in September.

Planning is well underway for the Heartland novice competition on November 18 in Mount Forest with Owen Sound Chapter as hosts. Earlier indicators are that all chapters will be participating. This should be a dandy. ✨