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### Centre Stage Program

**T**he International convention in Montreal has come and gone and summer is almost over. It's time to focus on the fall district convention to be held at the Inn On The Park from October 17-19, 2003.

I'd like to remind everyone that we have an excellent program available known as *Centre Stage* whereby any chapter that wishes to participate in the fall contest can get coaching provided for them by the district.

To participate in this program, all your chapter has to do is first, register on-line for the convention and then send an e-mail to **Barrv Towner** with a copy to me requesting participation in the program. A coach will then be assigned to your chapter.

Cost to the chapter is minimal. All you have to do is pay for his mileage and food on rehearsal night. You will be guaranteed two coaching sessions and can arrange for more directly with the individual involved.

Congratulations to the *London Men of Accord* for being the first to register for the fall contest and to participate in *Centre Stage!*

### Standing Ovation Program

**H**as your chapter had their annual show yet? Is your quartet about to participated in a chapter or community show in the near future? Have you considered having a SOP Reviewer in attendance? At *Harmony College North* this past May, we had ten new reviewers certified and they are all anxious to help improve your chapter and quartet by offering their expertise.

All you have to do is contact **Dave Maw** via e-mail with a copy to me and give us your show date and time. We will then have a reviewer assigned to your show. The only cost to the chapter/quartet is two tickets to the show.

The reviewer will then compile and report his suggestions that night or within seven days following the show.

For those chapters who have participated in 2003, I thank you. We have received some great testimonials from some of the chapters. It shows that the program really does work.

Remember all comments and recommendations are kept private and confidential. There are no reports filed except to the requesting chapter or quartet. We do not judge the show but provide suggestions as to how to improve the next performance to enable the chapter or quartet to get a *Standing Ovation*. ✨



## AHSOW

Submitted by Wylie Forster

**A**ll Ontario *AHSOW* members are encouraged to join special invitee **Toban Dvoretzky** for a rip-snortin' ear-harmony room in Toronto. On Saturday afternoon, there will be either an ear-singing class, a program on how to integrate woodshedding into your chapter, or both, or something else cool. ✨

**NORTHERN DIVISION**  
**CHUCK ALEXANDER, D.C.**



### Barrie

The *Barrie Chapter* had a three week break from normal chapter activities following their attendance at the *Pep Rally*. Many attended the Montreal convention.

They saw an annual golf tourney along with a chapter BBQ. The chorus participated on the opening night of Barrie's Sesquicentennial Weekend on August 1.

They are now focused on preparing for their annual show on November 8 but before that, a performance is slated for St. Margaret's Church in Barrie on October 26 and following, a show at Trillium Manor on November 12 in Orillia.

Nearly 20 members are going to participate in the *Big Wheel Contest* in September 27 in North Bay.

A group of retired Barbershoppers and former members of the Society have been formed in Barrie who go under the name of the *Vocal Maturity*. They meet once a week and have had some performances already in the Barrie area.

### Huntsville

This chapter held a very successful annual show on June 21, which was taped by the local cable network for re-broadcast. *MegaCity* were the featured guests and did a great performance just two weeks before heading to Montreal.

Huntsville, too, was well represented in Montreal as many stayed at the RV Park in Laval. The chapter continues to have major concerns over the chapter incorporation issue that will have to be addressed at the board meeting. They too will be well represented at the *Big Wheel Contest* in North Bay.

### Midland

This small chapter continues to be active within the community by performing at many events. They were the first chapter to commit to the division's *Big Wheel Contest* and will have over 70 percent of the chapter in North Bay on September 27.

### North Bay

This chapter also had a very successful chapter show on June 7 and are now gearing up to host the *Northern Division Big Wheel Contest* on September 27. In total, over 60 have already registered to participate.

What a treat it was to have *Mirage* on stage in Montreal and what a great job they did. Congratulations, guys. You did *Northern Division* proud. And how about those lime green T-shirts. They could be seen all over downtown Montreal. ✨