

How can I say thanks

By Craig Carlson, Quinte Regional Chapter

The evening my wife and I were introduced to **Bob and Elaine Young**, I had one love (apart from my family that is). Up until that night I had never heard or been introduced to barbershop music. That night Bob did both.

My love was singing gospel music. One of my favorite songs is a song titled "My Tribute." The first line of that song is the title of this story.

The guys in the *Quinte Regional Chapter, The Trentones*, are something else. I have sung with the chorus now for almost nine years. They have helped me in so many ways, from paying my way to COTS when I became secretary of The Trentones and many other things. But my story is about 12 guys and what they did for me this summer.

When it came time to fill out your registration form for International, I knew deep in my heart that there was no way that I would be able to go even though it was only in Montreal. I knew that there was no chance. Well, two guys in the chorus came to me and said "Fill it out and don't worry." I filled out my form, not knowing what was going on, and I put things out of my mind.

Behind my back there was two guys spearheading the whole thing. They talked to the chorus and raised enough money to send me to my first International.


They paid for my registration, my hotel fees for five nights, my train fare from Belleville to Montreal and back, my fee for the programs at the Bell Centre, and also helped me pay for food and some spending money. And when we weren't listening to the great singing, we were site-seeing. I came to the conclusion that I would go back to Montreal in a minute.

They gave me a week that I will never ever forget. I could go on and on but for the ones who have been to International before, you know what I mean.

I had one great time listening to choruses from all over the U.S.A., England, Japan and our own *Northern Lights* and *MegaCity* choruses, along with that group from Texas, the *Vocal Majority*, plus many great quartets.

So folks, the guys of the *Quinte Regional Chapter* are very special people. I would just like to tell you the rest of the verse to "My Tribute."

"How can I say thanks for the things you've done for me? Things so undeserved yet you give to prove your love for me. The voices of a million Angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be I owe it all to thee. To God be the glory for the things He has done."

Thanks, guys. 




Submitted photo

Pictured above, the *Capital City Chorus* and guests, under director **Denis Laflamme**, Sing the National Anthem in the Official Canada Day Ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa

By **John Lawson**, VP Public Relations,
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The *Capital City Chorus* of Ottawa had the honour of singing the Canadian National Anthem on Canada Day, July 1, at the official flag-raising ceremony on Parliament Hill. With a number of local guests from *Northern Stars* and *Aged in Harmony* choruses, and others from as far as Guelph, Calgary and Vancouver, some 60 voices sang a bilingual version of "O Canada" after the Canadian flag was raised by a Canadian Forces colour-guard.

Prior to the formalities, the technical setup session was extended into a mini-concert as the chorus entertained the assembling crowd with four songs from their repertoire. 

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By **Dave Daniels**, nominating committee

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