

EASTERN DIVISION BROCK SHARPE, D.C.



Greetings one and all from the fabulous Eastern Division! What a wonderful year to be a Barbershopper and be the closest group of Ontario Barbershoppers to the International contest in Montreal in early July. Wasn't that a great convention?

Well done to the Montreal guys and gals and all the volunteers. Kudos to chairman **Steve Wheaton**. I have actually lost count of the number of fellas and gals from our division that attended. Suffice it to say, "Most of us were there."

Kingston

Ron Treadgold was honored as Barbershopper of the Month for July for his efforts on behalf of the chapter to the Montreal convention. The annual summer social was held on August 16 at the home of **Ray and Vi Way**. The chapter had a Can/Am inter-chapter night on August 25 at their new meeting hall. Invited chapters were Watertown New York, Canton New York, Cornwall, Brockville and Trenton Ontario.

The chapter is in the midst of planning a *Barber Shop and Gospel Show* on October 24. A chapter quartet attended Bolton Landing and **Paul Tamblyn** attended *Harmony College* in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Nepean

The *Northern Stars Chorus* sang at the Ottawa Tulip Festival and also at the 30th anniversary of the Nepean Sportsplex Complex. They also performed at a "DO IT FOR DAD" fun run for prostate cancer research. Twenty chorus members and kin took part in a mock ship evacuation at a local research facility raising \$400 for the chapter. (I have never heard of that kind of fundraising, but way to go guys and gals).

The chapter's annual strawberry social and sing was held on June 21 with a guest appearance by Ottawa quartet *As Time Goes By* and *Uptown Jassin'* from the *Canadian Showcase Chorus* of Sweet Adelines. Notably there was a tremendous amount of support for this event from the local Ottawa chapter members. Thanks guys from *president Mark Green* and his chapter.

Brockville

David Carr has resigned from his position as music director and in the interim, directing responsibilities are being shared from within the chorus. Anyone in the Eastern Division that would like to help out with directing the musical activities of this great little chapter, should contact *president Peter Kaldeway*.

The chapter has decided to forgo any sing outs for the time being and have cancelled their November annual show.

Ottawa

The Annual "Back Porch Four Memorial Golf Tournament" took place on August 24 thanks to **Rod McGillvary's** organizing and **Bob Walker's** scoring talents. As of this writing we don't have a winner. Details to follow.

The annual chapter retreat was held on September 5-7 at Camp Smitty. The chapter repairs the facilities, re-roofing buildings and painting the cabins for the owners, The Ottawa

Boys and Girls Club, and as payment receives the use of the camp for the weekend. This is the third year for this great PR venture by the chapter.

A special workshop on Presentation occurred on September 27 leading up to the fall convention and contest.

Cornwall

The chapter is continuing to maintain its usual attendees each Wednesday evening. They did take a summer vacation and returned to the risers in mid-August. **John Hamilton** has taken over the duties of director and is doing a very good job. He has been active in attending music director training workshops and attended Harmony College in St. Joseph. *President Ron Symington* tells me that John hasn't wiped the smile off his face yet. His adrenaline pump is on fast forward and the guys in the chorus are benefitting for his attendance at the college. To you, John Hamilton, thank you for taking the time out of your summer to help your chorus.

The chorus attended the *Brockville Songfest* in May and had a great time mixing with their fellow Barbershoppers in the division. On June 21 the chorus sang to a sold out performance at a theatre production in Cornwall, put on by Glen Productions and the VON, as a tribute to late chorus director **Rick Forrester**. This evening was to raise awareness of prostate cancer and also to assist funding of a PSA clinic this fall in Cornwall. ★



Onta/Fame needs your support

By Roger Carl, Onta/Fame Chairman

You are all aware that sending extra choruses and quartets to International has resulted in an increase in expenses. We are therefore asking that you give extra support this year for the Onta/Fame draw.

We are fortunate to have as our draw prizes this fall, two numbered, signed, limited edition prints of paintings by artist **Greg Backwell**. Greg has recognized the need for more support for Onta/Fame and has generously donated the draw prizes mentioned.

Let's show our appreciation by lending our support and purchasing draw tickets.

Tickets have now been mailed to your chapter president, who in turn has been asked to assign a member to be responsible for ticket distribution. A cheque for sales are to be sent to me, made out to Onta/Fame. Should you purchase from your chapter member, and you are not attending the convention, please submit the stubs directly to me at 42 Denlow Street, Kitchener, Ontario, N2B 3S3. I will see that they are put into the draw. Tickets can still be purchased with your registration form application. ★