

Barbershoppers say thank you

By Sean Bradford, Simcoe Chapter editor

My name is **Sean Bradford**. I live in Brantford and sing with the *Gentlemen of Harmony*, a barbershop chorus that sings out of Simcoe.

We had the distinct pleasure of partaking in the fall convention of the *Barbershop Harmony Society* held in Brantford. More than 1,000 Barbershoppers descended upon our fair city to meet and compete.

In the fall competition the best choruses in Ontario compete. The winner is selected to represent our district in the international convention in Salt Lake City in July.

We in Ontario are lucky to have one of the very best choruses in the world. They are the *Toronto Northern Lights* and have represented Ontario for the past several years, winning the Silver medal three years straight.

This past weekend, the Northern Lights won convincingly, with the *Greater Toronto MegaCity Chorus* and the large Ottawa Chorus rounding out the top three. The surprise of the day was little old Simcoe and there Gentlemen of Harmony. They came fourth overall, edging out choruses from London, Kitchener-Waterloo, Hamilton and Scarborough. They gained the honour of most improved chorus and won as Plateau 3 champions.

The Sanderson Centre is a most amazing place to perform and to see people perform. Once inside the centre this weekend, it was obvious that the staff and contractors had worked tirelessly to bring the Sanderson back to it's impeccable form. I know 1,100 men and there families who want to thank the Sanderson for an outstanding weekend. ✨

In Memoriam

Leo McKenna

1922—2004

By Al Spence - V.P. Music, Oshawa Chapter

We regret to advise of the sudden passing of 32-year member of the *Oshawa Chapter*, **Leo McKenna**, in his 85th year. Not only was Leo involved with the Oshawa Chapter, but he also was a member of *Harmony Ranch* and *The Suburbanaires*.

His funeral took place October 18, 2004 at the chapel of Oshawa Funeral Service in Oshawa. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife, Helen, and their children.

Leo's enthusiasm for our special four-part harmony sound will be sorely missed. ✨

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