

**VP Eastern Div
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Eastern Division a very active division

Brockville

Brockville's new, very enthusiastic executive is working hard at moving forward. They are still searching for a permanent director and have one possible candidate for later this spring. In the interim, **Paul Sheppard** and **Bob Panter** are handling the musical programs. *The Melodymen* have 10-14 men attending rehearsals on a regular basis.

While they were not able to field a quartet to do singing valentines, there is a good possibility that they will have a quartet entered in the spring contest.

Cornwall

The C-Way Sound is busily preparing for their show on May 6. The Ottawa chorus and quartets will provide about half of the entertainment and there are several joint numbers planned. A group from Ottawa will travel to Cornwall for three rehearsals in March and April to help them prepare. Then, Cornwall will travel to Ottawa for a joint rehearsal on May 2.

With their numbers more than doubling since this time last year, we are hoping to follow the show up with another recruiting drive.

Kingston

The Townsman managed to build three quartets to participate in singing valentines and did 20 valentines.

They are planning to compete in the spring at Niagara Falls and have started to focus on that goal. As well, they have chosen a show date of October 21, although details are still being worked out.

On the membership front, they recently brought in two new men and have a member from Quinte (dual member) singing with them as well.

Nepean

The Northern Stars are working hard towards competing in the spring and their show on June 11. To this end, they recently had a coaching weekend with **Sandi Nason**, which I am told was very well received by all.

The chapter music committee has instituted a quartet encouragement program whereby men who wish to quartet come to rehearsals early. Rather than being left to their own designs, they are placed in quartets and regular coaching is provided. At the moment it appears as though they will have one quartet competing in Niagara Falls as well.

Ottawa

The Capital City Chorus has just finished a very successful February with their singing valentine program and annual show. Valentines were sold on both Sunday and Monday at \$50 each. At one point on Monday, the chapter had seven quartets on the go. *Polaris* appeared on CFRA radio in the morning and *Play it Again!* appeared on the New RO (Ottawa's version of BT). Both of these generated a huge amount of activity. Final tally showed 134 valentines being sold with profits in the

**VP Heartland Div
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Heartland Division having exciting times

Happy New Year to all from the *Heartland Division*. All chapters attended COTS and came away with many new ideas for the coming year. The *Heartland Division* presidents met over lunch on Saturday for their first divisional meeting. At the end of January they had their second meeting. Here are some of the activities that are planned.

Guelph

Working on new members with several new ideas being tried. Working on annual show music coming up April 8 and 9. They have had one coaching session and are preparing for spring competition in Niagara Falls. New officers have been installed at their annual Christmas party.

Kitchener-Waterloo

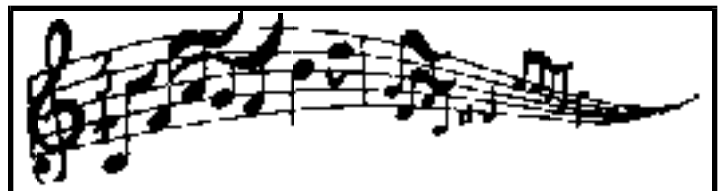
It is always good to start the year off by treating our ladies to a night out. This was a big hit at their dinner and dance on February 12. They continue to work on attracting new members with their new web page. The chapter is looking forward to a new rehearsal hall, starting March 1 at The Schwaben Club. Many new projects can be seen happening from this venue. Show arrangements on April 30 are well underway.

Mount Forest

Ladies and guests were well entertained at the installation night when *Family Ties* (**Rick and Gail Snoultten, George and Gayle Shields**) along with former member **John Paul Hohenadel** provided a good evening. Rick Snoultten installed the new members of the executive. The chapter has already done some sing outs including the 90 birthday party of the still active charter president **John Laughlin**. Plans are nearly complete for their annual show in the fall.

Owen Sound

With their new name (*Encore*) and new uniforms (complements of the *Stoney Creek Chapter*) this chapter is looking forward to the additions of a number of new members (six so far this year). They are working hard on their annual show May 28.



neighbourhood of \$6,000.

Ottawa's annual show, "That Heavenly Sound" was very successful with near sell out audiences both Friday and Saturday nights. During the show they also made presentations of \$4,500 to *Speech Pathology* and \$10,000 to the *Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa*.

The CCC is also geared up to help the *Cornwall Chapter* put on their show on May 6, 2005.