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## Peninsula Division supporting U Can Sing Too

**O**ur prayers and thoughts are with Bill McKiemon, a strong supporter of the Peninsula Division, as he recovers from his accident. The next Peninsula Division meeting is scheduled for September 15 at the Calder School in Grimsby.

### Burlington

July 13 - Annual sing out at the Burlington Bandshell. Guests were *Classic Blend*, *Silver Threads* and *Four Old Friends*.

Aug. 12-14 - Festival of Friends fundraiser.

Sept. 13 - Practices will resume after summer break.

**Paul Greer** will chair membership for *U Can Sing Too* program. Advertising for this program will go to local media (print and radio).

Dec. 14 - Annual Christmas Party.

### Grimsby

June 25 - 2nd Annual Strawberry Social was another successful event.

July, August - Beer and Bug Nights were held at member's homes.

Oct. 1 - Sing out at the Jordan Historical Society.

### Hamilton

Aug. 20 - Chapter Golf and BBQ.

Sept. 14 - *U Can Sing Too* will be held through three guest nights, September 14, 21, and 28, with vocal lessons classes offered each night at 6:30 before chorus rehearsal. Advertising will go to local media (print and radio). The guest night will be followed by a chapter social event.

Oct. 15 - Will compete in fall convention.

Nov. 9 - 13 - Will volunteer to act as an assisting chorus at Harmony Inc. International Convention in Hamilton.

Dec. 9 - Tentative date for *The Sound* Christmas Concert.

Dec. 16 - Guest performers for Burlington Concert Band Show Sounds of Christmas.

### Niagara Falls

Meetings resume in August.

*U Can Sing Too* evening is planned for September.13

Have contributed to the district promotions in media and radio.

Two quartets *Forward Motion* and *Vintage* plan to compete in the fall convention.

Annual show November 5, at 2:00 p.m.

### Oakville

Plans are well underway to insure the Nationwide Wide Membership Drive is processed and will be the focus for the chapter.

Plan to have their election for the 2006 officers completed by October 31.

A marketing plan has been issued for a review and forecast for the year.

### St. Catharines

Aug. 13 - Successful Corn Roast.

Plans are underway on the *U Can Sing Too* program with advertising on the radio and newspaper.

Have supported the district radio-advertising on AM 740.

December - Annual sing outs at Niagara-On-The Lake, Candlelight Walk and sing outs at seniors homes.

### Simcoe

Aug. 20 - Sing out in Port Rowan.

Sept. 13,20,27 - Guest nights are planned for their membership drive.

Sept. 24 - River of Lights chorus performance.

Oct. 4 - Performance by chorus and guests for family and friends.

Oct. 8 - Performance at Norfolk County Fair

Oct. 14- 16 - Will be host chorus for fall convention.

Nov. 12 - Annual Show Lighthouse Theatre.

Nov. 17 - Sing out North Shore Fire Safety Committee.

Dec. 11 - Christmas Concert, St. James United Church, Simcoe. ★



## Preserving history

By Waldo Redekop, editor

**A**s some of you who have read my editorials over the years will recall, I am often mentioning that we must preserve our history, chapter, district or Society. I have mentioned many reasons in the past and a lot of you have given me collections of barbershop memorabilia (mainly old *Northern' Hi-Lites* and *Harmonizers*).

I recently received a publication from **Doug Doull**, the historian for the *Sarnia Chapter* who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Doug had taken the information that he printed for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and added a section on the last ten years.

As well as the history, there also were lists of all of the chapter presidents and music directors, quartets and their members, chorus uniform descriptions through the years, chapter recognition to individuals (as well as who won district recognition from the Sarnia Chapter).

A very impressive page listing the various schools, individuals and groups in the community that the chapter has given awards to caught my eye. There were four awards — *Honorary Members of the Chordsmen*, *Junior Youth Award*, *Senior Youth Award* and *Note of Thanks*. Great to see a barbershop chapter giving recognition to community groups and members for their work in the field of music.

All this in a small coil-bound book. They are selling copies (I believe for \$2 each), but unless someone was preserving the chapter's history, this book likely would not have been possible. Sometimes you shouldn't just throw it out! ★