

It started 60 years ago

By Waldo Redekop

I have been fortunate to have received a number of old issues of our district newsletters. Since this is our 60th year, I thought I would ask a few questions and see how many know anything about our background.

We ran a trivia contest at a convention in Niagara Falls. It was a lot of fun. Not sure if this would qualify as it isn't trivial. I wonder how Eric will do on this one.

I won't be offering a prize. The last time I offered free tickets to **Forever PLAID** (one of the funniest shows **Donna** and I have seen), only three people sent in answers. Good thing I had three prizes as all of the answers were correct.

So, try the following.

- * 1. What was the date of the first Ontario District newsletter?
- * 2. What was the name of the newsletter?
- * 3. Who was the editor?
- * 4. Who was the district president that year?
- * 5. Who was the editor the second year of the newsletter?
- * 6. Who was the district president the second year of the newsletter?
- * 7. What was the advertising rate for a quarter-page ad in the first issue?
- * 8. What well-known person sang baritone in a registered quartet that advertised in the first issue and what was the name of the quartet?
- * 9. A quartet that won the regional contest was featured in that first issue. Which quartet and who was the baritone? (He is still actively singing in the district.)
- * 10. In that contest, there were eight quartets. There were four choruses, of which two chapters no longer exist. Can you name the four chapters?

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In the last issue, I credited **Bernie Lynch** as having been the author of the article "A Vocal Celebration" when it actually was written by **Ron Dodge**.

As explanation, nearly all people send their articles to me in the body of the e-mail (which I prefer). When messages arrive, I usually save the e-mail in the next issue folder. That then gives me the sender's name when I prepare the article.

However, if you send it as an attachment and don't put your name in the article as the author, when I save the attachment in the folder, I have to later try and figure out who wrote it. This time I guessed wrong.

While I am at it, I sometimes do not include articles that were sent as attachments because the title of the attachment is something like "Report for Trillium" or "Trillium article" or something similar. So when I save a few of these, they always write over the previous one.

Of course, there is an easy solution and that is to give your article an actual title to make it easier to include it in the next issue. Just a suggestion. Regardless, keep those fine articles and information coming and I'll try to get them in correctly.