

## Well attended novice contest

By George Staples, Peninsula Division Co-ordinator

**O**n March 8 the *Hamilton Chapter* hosted the Peninsula Division Novice Contest. We had 122 members in attendance and a record of 30 entries for the contest. The *Hamilton Chapter* did a great job in organizing this event. Our judges for this contest were our district quartet champions, *The Authentics*, who did an excellent job and thrilled our members with a great performance.

### Grimsby

Apr. 8 — A very successful show was held at St. Mary's Hall in Grimsby. Their guest quartets were *Chameleon* who wowed the crowd and *Cornerstone* who were absolute professionals with impeccably timed humor. They held their first afterglow in many years.

May 17 — Sing out for the Grimsby Historical Society.

The Grimsby Chapter will be organizing a planning session to review the best ways to recruit and retain members. Beer and Bug nights will start in July.

### Hamilton

Feb. 14 — Had a very successful Singing Valentines program with 57 sing outs.

Apr. 30 — Performing show in Dundas with guest quartet *Chameleon*.

May 13 — Annual show at Compass Point Bible Church with Juno Nominated voice group *Cadence*.

In June they will perform the national anthem at Ti-Cats game home opener.

June 14 — Sing out Ontario Seniors games BBQ.

June 20 — Will attend Pep Rally.

Have successfully launched the afternoon chorus for recreational singing with over 30 members. Three new members have joined in the first quarter.

### Niagara Falls

Apr. 8 — Retreat held to prepare for spring convention contest.

June 10 — Performance at Peace Park 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

June 20 — Plan to attend Pep Rally.

Sept. 30 — Annual show at Kingston College 2 p.m..

Summer Meetings are being planned.

Application has been made for a Trillium Grant 2006.

### Oakville

Apr. 24 — Proposed ladies night at Syl Aps Hall.

June 23 — Oakville Waterfront Festival- Fund Raising.

June 25 — Sing out at Waterfront Festival.

Fund raising committee is being established to layout plans to help with the financial position.

A committee has been established to find sing out opportunities. **Stan Clarke** will chair this committee.

### St. Catharines

Apr. 5 — Sing out at library for a group of seniors.

May 6 — Rudy's breakfast for newer neighbors.



## Doing Anything Wednesday Afternoons ?

If you're a senior barbershopper in the BHS, and you'd like to get in some more singing, come join a bunch of friends your age and sing with the

## SUBURBANAIRES Barbershop Chorus.

We practice every Wednesday afternoon from 12:00 noon 'til 3:00 pm. in Markham. (Bring a lunch!)

We practice **Sitting Down!**

We have **no Upper Age Limit!**

We have singers from six chapters and Frank Thome. Many of our members sing in their regular chapter choruses as well as the Suburbanaires. And you can keep on singing with us long after the thrill of competing and standing on the risers for three hours is gone!

**A true hobby chorus for senior singers!**

Want more info? Drop in any Wednesday.

St. Patrick's Church Hall, 5633 Hwy 7, Markham, (park in the lot behind the church)

Or phone **Ross Sutherland**, 905-294-1095 or **Bob Burrell**, 905-471-1018

Email:

May 7 — Sing out at White Oaks for General Hospital Foundation.

May 13 — Annual show at Laura Secondary School 2 p.m..

June 20 — Plan to attend Pep Rally.

Aug. 12 — Annual Corn Roast at Wilson farm.

Oct. 27 — Hosting 2006 Can Am night.

### Simcoe

Congratulations to **Cliff Whitehead** a very active charter member and former director who received his fifty year membership card.

May 19 — Fiftieth anniversary ladies night at Renton.

June 17 — Spring show at Old Windham Church Simcoe.

Sept. 24 — Fiftieth anniversary for present and former members.

Nov. 11 — Anniversary show featuring *FRED* will be held at the new Simcoe Comp School gymnasium. ♣