

Thanks for supporting Dawg House Nite

By Bob Sockett, Kitchener-Waterloo
Harmonize For Speech Chair

A belated thank you to all that supported *Dawg House Nite* this past November.

Neil Aitchison kept things moving in his usual entertaining way in spite of a lot of late arrivals due to a severe accident on the 401. This included the *Barrie chorus*, who spent something like five hours stuck on their bus.

Special thanks to *Toronto Northern Lights* mini chorus, as well as *Vocal Ignition*, *Silver Threads* and *Fusion* for doing a little extra.

As a result of the night, K-W was able to hand over about \$4,500 to the *Harmonize For Speech Fund*.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next *Dawg House Nite* being held November 2, 2007 at the same location.

Thanks Again. ❁

[Taken from the Mount Forest Chapter's *Quotes & Notes*, Clayton Cober, editor.]

Charity donation by Rural Route Gospel Quartet

With money raised by Singing Valentines, the quartet was able to make a donation of \$680 to the Small Talk program and the Speech Pathology unit at Listowell Memorial Hospital.

The donated funds will help provide therapy for children with motor speech difficulties.

The members of *Rural Route Gospel Quartet* are Don Coughlin, Clayton Cober, Everett Surbrigg and Doug Harris. ❁

Exciting Songfest 2007 planned

By Robbie Rhodes, Songfest 2007 Registrar

When Al Davis initiated the first *Songfest*, way back in 2001, he hit on a winning format. It's an afternoon celebration of barbershopping by and for senior performers. On June 6, 2007, the seventh annual Songfest will be held, like last year, at the Milliken Mills Community Centre, Markham.

It's a great day for seniors' quartets and choruses to perform, and for any and all performers and all interested observers to enjoy about 18 groups' talents, as well as the enjoyment of singing oldies and tags, learn a new song and meet some old friends.

Last year, Al Davis stepped down as chair of the steering committee and handed it over to Joe Daybell, and this year,



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 contact Ross Sutherland, 905-294-1095

Email roskay@rogers.com

or Bob Burrell, Email

Bob Burrell stepped down as registrar, and Robbie Rhodes took over that aspect. *The Barons* and *Suburbanaires* still co-sponsor the event and both Al and Bob keep these new guys on track to make sure that Songfest 2007 meets the previous year's high standards.

Many of the groups who have performed at every *Songfest* will be on stage again, as well as several new ones. Attendance is open to all who can get the afternoon off. We seniors only have to ask our wives.

So, if you want to come, contact the new Registrar, Robbie Rhodes, at 416-266-8624, e-mail

Invitations will be mailed out to those who came in previous years and those with over 50-years of barbershopping will be especially honoured. It starts at 1 p.m. and is over by 6:30 p.m.. So, if you come from afar, it's easy to get back home in daylight while the songs still ring in your ears.

The fee covers everything, including snacks, soft-drinks, the show, souvenirs, a pin and dinner and, as in the past, it will cost you only \$20. ❁