

Central Division heard from again

By George Selkirk, Central Division Co-ordinator

Greetings from the Central Division. It's good to be able to keep the Central Division on the map since it has been a long time since Central Division has been heard from. As I am fairly new to this division, I will try to keep everybody updated regarding our division.

We are very sorry to have lost the *Markham Chapter*. They were great guys but I guess they could not see any light at the end of the tunnel and decided to let their chapter go. It is good to see that other chapters are inviting out the members to join them and keep the interest there. I know that quite a few of the members will be joining with others chapters.

The *Central Division* had their first novice contest in five years, hosted by the *East York Chapter*, which turned out very well. A great job was done by **Greg Shields** and his helpers.

Other chapters are doing very well with the *Greater Toronto Chapter* preparing for their Russian trip.

A lot of singing valentines were sold by different chapters. It is a great way to make some money for their coffers.

I plan to be very active in the division. So far they have received me very well which makes the job not better but a joy to do. Look for big things in the future. ♣

Long Live "Uncle" Lloyd

By Darryl Flinn

When I heard **Judy Steinkamp**'s voice on the phone this morning, my heart stopped for a moment. We knew that Lloyd had been fighting an immense battle with lung cancer. Lloyd died at 6:40 this morning. He had been in the care of San Diego Hospice for just a few days.

Judy tells us that Lloyd passed peacefully and that he handled his last days with humor and dignity. She wanted to get these details to us today.

There will be a memorial service celebrating Lloyd's life and times on January 13, 2007 at 1 p.m. **Lloyd Steinkamp** was affectionately known as "Uncle Lloyd" for his great interest in, and tremendous success with, the *Youth In Harmony* program in the *Far Western District*. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given through the church. It is Judy and Lloyd's wish that a Youth In Harmony Scholarship be the result of our gifts. Those details will be handled by *Harmony Foundation*.

Lloyd was everything possible to his beloved Society. He gave as a quartetter, a chorus director, a judge, a coach, an arranger, a teacher, a writer, an emcee, a COTS instructor, a Society employee (starting up literally hundreds of chapters throughout North America), as an effective leader and an administrator. Lloyd was also well known for his gifts to our worldwide affiliates. More than all of that, Lloyd was generous with his thousands of friends whom he loved mightily — and often said so.

The memories of this magnificent man, beloved friend and extraordinary Barbershopper will live forever. ♣

Happy 90th Birthday, Roy

By Jim Doyle, Northern Division Co-ordinator

Barrie Chapter

The *County Chordsmen* are awaiting word on their Trillium Grant application. The 30th Anniversary of the current charter was a successful night, held on November 15, 2006. **Dave Daniels** presided over the Installation Banquet and Ladies Appreciation Night, held on January 20, 2007, in Wasaga Beach.

On February 12, the Chordsmen, joined by many former members of the *Scarborough Chapter*, sang at the funeral of **John MacDonald**, a long-time Barbershopper.

On February 14, the chapter celebrated the 90th birthday of **Roy Keys**, who has been a *Barrie Chapter* member for the past few years, but whom all Ontario Barbershoppers know for his contributions to the Society and district over the years.

The Barrie chorus is in the process of learning new music for their November 10, 2007 show, and plan to enter the Ontario District fall contest in October. They are looking forward to singing at the spring convention in Collingwood and giving away the trophy to the new Ontario District Champs!

The Chordsmen have paid performances lined up for June and August, in Barrie and South River, respectively.

Huntsville Chapter

The *Muskoka Music Men* held their Christmas party and installation night on December 3, 2006. **Jim Doyle** attended to officially install the new executive.

The Music Men are organizing another "Sing for Your Supper" event for St. Patrick's Day on the actual date of March 17 this year. They held a successful guest night on January 15 featuring the Barrie quartet *Four Part Junkies* (Northern Division's 2006 Big Wheel winners).

Huntsville's Annual Show is slated for Saturday, August 18 in the Algonquin Theatre.

Midland Chapter

The *Huronian Harmonizers*' incorporation is in process but needs to be nurtured every step of the way. **Tim Anderson**, a Barrie Barbershopper (and a lawyer) is assisting.

Chorus Director **Art Hemming** is once again undergoing chemotherapy and their assistant director is currently down south.

North Bay Chapter

The *Gateway Harmony Company* is working toward their show June 16, 2007. Also, I am pleased to report that North Bay has consented to host the 2007 Northern Division Big Wheel Contest. The date is yet to be confirmed, but is being planned for the fall (September or October). ♣

