

Peninsula Division planning summer activities

By George Staples, Peninsula Division co-ordinator

The *Peninsula Division* thanks the *Ontario District* for having the spring convention in Collingwood. A great selection. We also thank the *Barrie Chapter* for being a great host.

The Peninsula Division was well represented at the convention. We had three choruses competing Simcoe, Niagara Falls, Oakville. We also had three quartets.

Grimsby Chapter

The chapter hosted the Peninsula Division's annual Big Wheel Contest which was a big success. The Peninsula Division chapters had 102 members in attendance.

Bob's Yer Uncle and the 20-member Grimsby Secondary School vocal ensemble helped the chorus stage Grimsby's 40th anniversary show. The Grimsby chorus began life as a Centennial project in 1967.

The annual Strawberry Social is planned for Saturday June 23 in conjunction with the Town's Canada Day celebration. Free entertainment and tasty ice cream and strawberry treats at the Old Pump House in Grimsby.

Plans are in the works for Outreach 2007 which will run for three weeks from mid-September to early October. Outreach 2006 was a good success as they had seven new members on stage in this year's show.

Hamilton Chapter

May 7 Planning to be part of McMaster Children Hospital Telethon. A financial contribution will be made to the Speech Pathology Department.

Jun 2 Annual show with *Spring Rosie*.

Sep 21-23 A retreat weekend is being planned for membership fellowship with singing and some outside coaching.

Current Membership is 44 with three potential members in the audition phase.

Niagara Falls Chapter

The chapter has relocated and now meets at the St. John Ambulance Building, 5734 Glenholme Ave. (corner of High St.) at 7:30 p.m..

Planning a Tag and Gag Contest after convention.

Mar 15 Participated in Big Wheel Contest.

Chorus competed at spring convention. They also had two quartets, *Vintage* and *Forward Motion* competing.

June 23 Annual show at the Oh Canada Eh Dinner Theatre on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls at 1 p.m.. Featured Guests are *The Timbretones*.

Jun 24 Grand River Sunset Cruise Dinner Party.

Two of their members will compete with TNL in Denver.

Oakville Chapter

Mar 15 Attended the Big Wheel Contest and won the Mini Chorus Trophy.

Apr 24 Sing out at Wellington Square United Church for the Skyway Club.

Apr 28 Annual show titled "Thanks for the Memories" was held at the Glen Abbey United Church Oakville. Our featured guest were the Canadian recording artists *The Essentials*.

May 16 Bowling for Barbershop with all proceeds going to *Harmonize For Speech*. The chorus will entertain.

Jun 11 Oakville barbecue will be held at the home of **John and Doris Hart**.

Jun 22-24 Will assist at the Oakville Waterfront Festival.

Jun 27 Sing out at Burlington Central Park.

St. Catharines Chapter

May 5 Informal sing out at Newark Neighbours Breakfast.

May 12 Annual show titled "Sentimental Journey" with *Bob's Yer Uncle* as their quest quartet.

Jul 18 Sing out at "Variety Night by the Canal" in Welland.

Aug 11 Annual corn roast at Wilson Farm.

Simcoe Chapter


Apr 20-22 **Ray Danley** and the *Gentlemen of Harmony* rode into town dressed as cowboys and won the Ontario District chorus championship in Collingwood.

Apr 25 A partial chorus entertained volunteers at Simcoe's largest retirement home.

May 2 Sing out for 350 women at the District Lioness Dinner.

May 12 Annual Ladies Night at the Norfolk Country Club.

Jun 16 Spring show at Old Windham Church in Simcoe.

Nov 10 Annual show featuring *OC Times* at Simcoe Composite School Auditorium. 

Peninsula Division Big Wheel Novice Contest results

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The 2007 Big Wheel Novice Contest was hosted by the *Grimsby Chapter* at St. Johns Presbyterian Church in Grimsby on March 15, 2007. **George Wallace** and **Jim Brown** were co-chairmen for this event. A big thank you to the Grimsby Chapter and their members for a job well done.

I would like to thank the chapters and their members for supporting this event. In summary, we had a total of 102 members and guests in attendance. The following is the list by chapter of who signed in.

Grimsby-20, St. Catharines-15, Niagara Falls-13, Simcoe-27, Oakville-18, Hamilton-5, Golden Horseshoe area-2, Guests-2.

Congratulations to the winners!

Super Novice

The new Fours — Grimsby

Senior Novice

1st *Latamano* — Oakville

2nd *Conclusion* — Simcoe

Novice

1st *Going Going Eh* — Niagara Falls

2nd *Bob Eh* — Niagara Falls

3rd *On Your Mark Eh* — Niagara Falls

VLQ

1st *Simcoe # 1* — Simcoe

Mini Chorus — Oakville

Our judges for the contest were the Ontario District Quartet Champions *Chameleon*, who did an excellent job and thrilled our members with their entertainment after the contest.

Next year's host is the *St. Catharines Chapter*. 