



Here's a special newsletter for Barbershoppers and other singers. There's lots of news, some views, some photos and some names of special people who are helping us build a better Canada through singing:

### **A SPECIAL VALENTINE FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE**

Many Canadians have discovered a special way to say "Happy Valentine" to the significant other in their lives. Simply go to [www.singcanadaharmony.ca/donate](http://www.singcanadaharmony.ca/donate) and click on "On Line Donation" and follow instructions to send a gift to your Valentine Sweetheart. Make your donation to the general scholarship fund and let Sing Canada know the address of the person for whom you are making this tribute of honour. Sing Canada will send you an acknowledgement and thanks for your gift via email, Sing Canada will send a special email to "Your Valentine" to let him/her know that you are honouring him/her with a special tribute AND you will receive an income tax receipt before you sign off from the donor site.

There is no better way to honour a "special someone" and support singing in the schools and communities of Canada. Make it REALLY SPECIAL – donate now.

### **NEW ADDRESS for SING CANADA HARMONY**

Please ensure that the new address is passed on to all Chorus and Chapter members. Sing Canada Harmony will remain in the National Capital Region but at a new location. The new permanent address is:

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Website (No change) [www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca](http://www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca)

### **CHAPTER LIAISON BADGES**

A special badge to identify Sing Canada Harmony Chapter Liaisons is available for mailing.

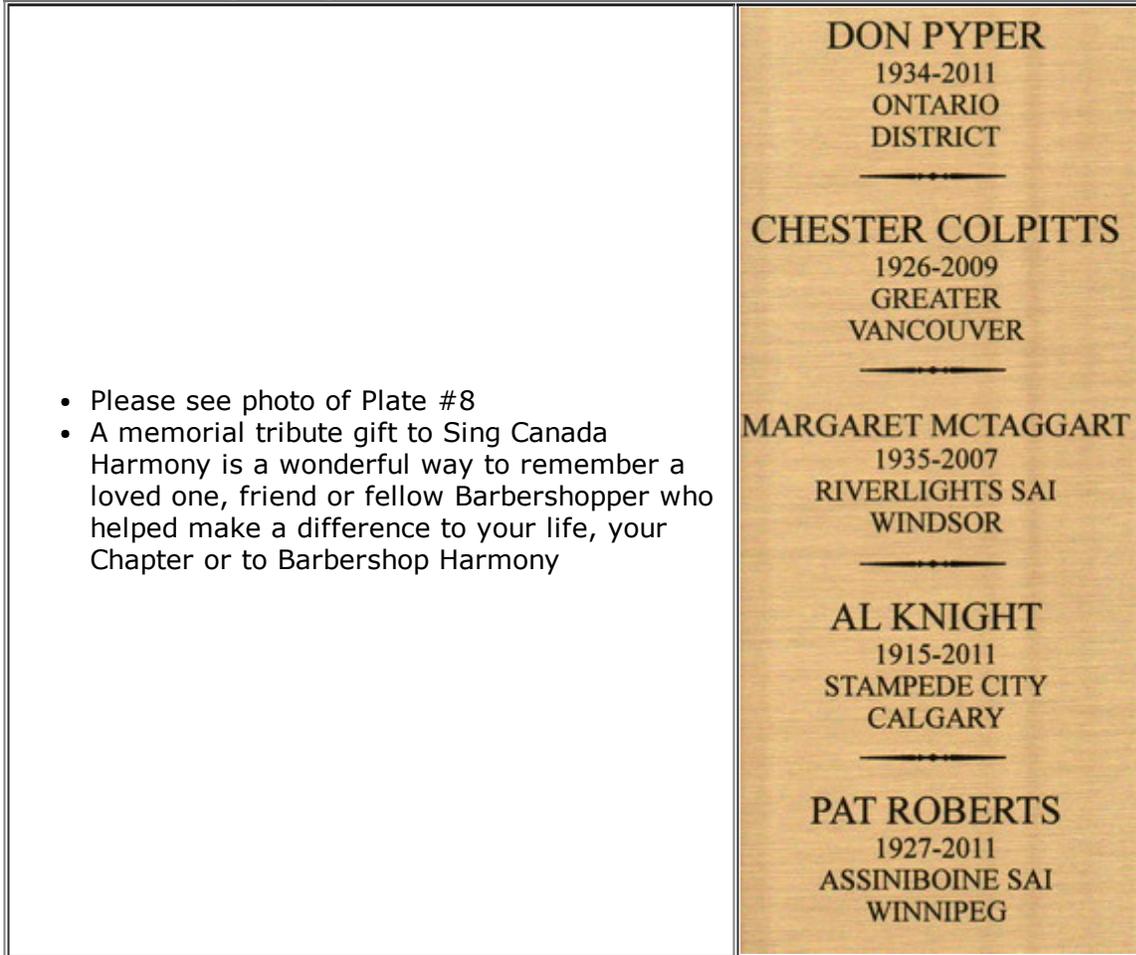
Chapter, Chorus and Choir Presidents are requested to forward name of their Chapter Liaison and mailing address to [info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca](mailto:info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca). The badge will be mailed the same day.

### **KEEP A MELODY RINGING**

Sing Canada Harmony thanks family, friends and fellow Barbershoppers who have ensured that the following names will be engraved on the Sing Canada Harmony KEEP A MELODY RINGING plaque in Barbershop Headquarters, Nashville. These names, with others already engraved, will be read aloud at a service of remembrance annually and will be posted to the Sing Canada website.

- **Norman Shelswell, Charter Member Barrie Chapter**
- **Donald McCrea Duncan, Charter Member Halifax Chapter**

## Most recent engraving



## IN MEMORIAM

To date in 2012, tribute gifts have been received to honour the memories of the following men and women .

- Edith Arnold (Niagara Falls, ON)
- Marlen Vincent, Chapter President Seaforth ON
- Barbara Haesen (London ON)
- Bryan Green (London ON)
- Malcolm E. (Mac) Baker, Calgary AB
- Robert (Bob) Berry, Red Deer AB

### **In Memoriam Notice (from Calgary) Malcolm E. Baker – 1921 to 2011**

*Mac Baker joined Calgary's Stampede City Chorus and the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA) in the 1960's and was a very active member until the early 1980's when he and his wife, Trudy, retired and lived abroad, and commitment to chorus and quartet became impossible. Mac's ear for the tenor harmonies was impeccable and he never needed to be coached in matters of tuning. Mac Baker was intelligent, diligent, generous, and a wonderful ambassador in all the good things about the barbershop style. Woodshedding was one of his greatest loves in the genre, and despite being expected to sing all the "spots" on the paper for the greater good, Mac would always reserve a few little notes for his own discriminating ear in The Calgarians quartet arrangements. Mac has already been roundly missed for years as a singer; he will also be missed as an appreciative, knowledgeable, member of the audience.*

## LIVING TRIBUTES

Barbershoppers, their families and their friends can honour an individual or group for a contribution that the honouree has made in any circumstance, but particularly in the field

of vocal music. Living tributes have been received by Sing Canada to honour:

**Ken Fisher**

Gift from: "Classic Blend" Ladies Barbershop Chorus, Hamilton ON Harmony, Inc.

**Wild Rose Harmonizers of Red Deer**

Gift from: Notre Dame High School Jazz Ensemble and Concert Choir

**Nancy MacDougall** Gift from Digger to say Happy Valentine to his wife, partner and best friend on the occasion of their first meeting Valentine's Day 1982.

Congratulations to Ken Fisher (Guelph ONT ) for outstanding chorus coaching of "Classic Blend"; to the Red Deer Chapter "Wild Rose Harmonizers" for sharing the performance stage with musicians and singers of Notre Dame High School and to Nancy for 30 years of love and support.

**CONGRATULATIONS 2012 "AMBASSADORS OF SONG"**

- Frank Belchamber
- Barry Munro
- **Airborne Quartet**
  - Rick Ackerman
  - Bruce Marchant
  - David Streeter
  - Murray Warne



**OYA CHORUS PERFORMS AT YOUTH FESTIVAL in TUCSON AZ**

**And gets two standing ovations**

A Big Cheer for the Ontario Youth A cappella (O YA) Chorus who on Saturday gave an outstanding performance at the Youth Chorus Festival earning a SUPERIOR rating (festival ratings are good, excellent, and superior with superior being the highest rating). The chorus was entered into the festival for RATING ONLY, and hence the specific score that the chorus

achieved does not appear on the scoring analysis and the chorus is not in competition with any other choruses, hence not eligible to win any competition related awards. Based on the tremendous response of the audience and the large number of extremely glowing comments from attendees, the O YA Chorus gave one of the top performances of the festival.

The Chorus performed Shenandoah, You're Sixteen; You're Beautiful and You're Mine, and Make Them Hear You. You could hear a pin drop in the auditorium during the tag of Shenandoah followed by thunderous applause. Following You're Sixteen, which demonstrated great energy and choreography, the audience rose for a standing ovation. After the third song many people, while giving a second standing ovation to the chorus, could be seen wiping their eyes. No other chorus received two standing ovations. It was a wonderful performance and we are very proud of the 45 young men who represented Ontario. There was an unfortunate communication of the results of the festival as the choruses who were participating in the festival for rating only were not identified with

their rating following the completion of the festival and so the O YA Chorus was not initially identified as having earned a superior rating. That was corrected during the evaluation sessions and the young men received their Superior pins, and then an announcement was made during the Saturday night show correcting the oversight and formally recognizing the choruses involved. part of the O YA Team.

Thank you to Chorus Director Jordan Travis, Assistant Director Shawn Oakes, and Education Coordinator and District VP Youth in Harmony Dan Austin for their roles in bringing out the best in the young men. Rob Ross, while participating in his final festival due to aging out (maximum age 30 as of the date of the festival) was a tremendous help in working the choreography package with the chorus and we look forward to his continued support as part of the O YA Team.

Thank you to all of the chapters, quartets, and individuals who provided financial support to the chorus and a special thanks to Sing Canada Harmony. The chorus could NOT have participated in the festival without this support. You are investing in the future of Barbershopping as the O YA Program is not a recruiting program, but a barbershopping awareness program for young men who we hope will learn to love this hobby as much as we all do.

Why not plan on joining the O YA Chorus in Orlando next January?

### **ALAN BRIAND IS MAKING IT HAPPEN IN MONTREAL**

Alan Briand was paid a high tribute by Members of the St Lambert Chapter "South Shore Saints" of North Eastern District when the Chorus presented him with the Ambassador of Song (COACH) 2012 ribbon and framed congratulatory letter. Not only has Alan been working with high school choirs and quartets during his lunch hours, he ensured that two quartets and 35 youth were featured on the South Shore Saints annual public performance. Alan reported that school music teacher and his wife were also featured artists on the show.

Sing Canada Harmony has provided funding to assist Alan in his coaching and mentoring tasks with the two schools. In this successful venture Alan received support from a local hotel that provided accommodation for the visiting youth and got the youth chorus members involved in a charitable project to help the Children's Hospital.

Well done Alan – Sing Canada Harmony congratulates you as an Ambassador of Song (Coach) and on your efforts to bring Barbershop Harmony into the schools of Montreal.



### **MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH CHORUS HAPPENINGS: *Barbershop Singing Youth Are "Making It Happen" Teaching The Teachers Turned Out To Be A Sweet Gig!***

It was a beautiful sunny and warm November Friday. A school bus load and several car loads of O YA (Ontario Youth A Cappella) Chorus members headed two and one half hours north of Toronto to the lovely Deerhurst Resort where there were 1000 plus Music Educators conferring at the OMEA (Ontario Music Educators Association) Annual

Conference. Dan Austin- Ontario

District YIH VP (a Music Educator himself) Education Coordinator for the OYA Chorus and Shawn Oakes - Assistant Director of the O YA Chorus (also a Music Educator with a vibrant Barbershop program in his school Brantford Collegiate Institute) applied to and were accepted to present a workshop called "BOYS CAN SING TOO ! A Cappella Boys Singing in Your Classroom". Dan and Shawn designed the workshop around showcasing the O YA CHORUS and their Director and Vocal Clinician Jordan Travis.

There was a teaser show at lunch time in the grand lobby of the resort, where the O YA Chorus performed six of their favourite songs to a very appreciative lunch crowd. The O YA Chorus Program in a nutshell was distributed (see bottom of this article) and all were invited to attend the "workshop" later that afternoon.

The O YA boys were pumped, they had something they wanted to share their love of a cappella music in four part harmony barbershop style! Jordan took the boys through the warm ups and some of the teachers even found that impressive. Dan and Shawn delivered an effective power point presentation, hitting all of the hotspots, interspersed with the O YA CHORUS performing.

Sharon spoke to the ensemble about the goals of SING CANADA HARMONY, potential benefits to Music Educators and the O YA program. Jordan demonstrated the teaching of a "tag" that the O YA boys had not been privy to before. The teachers were sitting up taller now and paying close attention. Now it was the teachers' turn! Jordan had the boys sing another "tag" and then it happened - the boys joined the music educators on the floor and taught the teachers to "tag".

We did not need electricity in that room...the room was lit with the smiles of the newly indoctrinated to "barbershop" music educators and the O YA boys that were sharing their barbershop with them.

The 90 minute workshop came to an end in what seemed like a very short time and Dan invited those with questions to stay and talk with himself, Shawn, Jordan, and Sharon as well as any of the O YA Chorus members. They stayed, they asked questions and they wanted to sing more tags! As our loyal webmaster/photographer/friend Lyle Southam said "as an old barbershopper it was a thrill to witness the look of ecstasy and enjoyment on the music educators faces as they rang a tag with the O YA boys and of course vice versa"!!!

#### **FOUNDER'S CLUB**

Charlie and Karen Metzger, Co-Chairs of the Sing Canada Harmony Founder's Club acknowledge the following members who have made a commitment "to ensure someone will sing tomorrow" through Legacy Gifts to Sing Canada Harmony:

- **Ian Smith**
- **Larry and Lise Martens (Ottawa ON)**
- **J.R. Digger and Nancy MacDougall**
- **Doran McTaggart**
- **Charlie and Karen Metzger**

#### ***SING CANADA HARMONY SALUTES "BORDER PATROL" QUARTET Senior 's Quartet Silver Medalists; Mid-Winter Convention – Tucson AZ Barbershop Harmony Society,***

In a stunning performance and only SEVEN POINTS out of first place the Canadian/American quartet Border Patrol was awarded the second place Silver Medal at the Barbershop Harmony Society's Mid Winter Senior's Quartet Finals.

#### **Meet Border Patrol**

The members of this Can-Am quartet, Border Patrol, have persevered to have regular rehearsals despite coming from two Districts to win Silver Medals at the 2012 Senior's International Contest held in Tucson, Arizona, and 2nd place medals in the Ontario District Contest in the fall of 2011.

**Ron Mason** (bari) is Director of Batavia, N.Y., men's Vocal Agenda chorus and Niagara Frontier Chord Authority women's Harmony, Inc. chorus from Buffalo, N.Y

**Bob Fuest** (lead) is Director of the Warsaw, N.Y., Chordbusters Chorus (the oldest chapter in the society east of the Mississippi), and founding member and team leader of Batavia, N.Y., Vocal Agenda chorus.

**Al Baker** (bass) has been competing and performing in quartets since 1969, some 20 times at the International level He is a Judge Emeritus and very active singing coach who served for 25 years as faculty at the Society's Harmony College, as well as numerous District-level schools.

**Bob Gibson** (tenor) a repeat Ontario District Quartet Champ, occasional International quartet competitor, and also tenor section leader of the Toronto Northern Lights Chorus. Bobby also sang tenor with the Scarborough Dukes of Harmony in all of its numerous medalist performances (including two silvers and two golds).



## **BARBERSHOP HARMONY AND CHARITY**

### **How can Barbershoppers help Barbershop and singing in Canada?**

More and more men and women Barbershoppers who believe in youth, the power of song and the future of Canada are supporting the excellent work that is being done by Sing Canada Harmony across the country. Outreach to young men and young women in schools and communities is being facilitated by funding from Sing Canada. It is no small wonder that Barbershop Chapters, communities and schools are seeing the benefits of gifts to Sing Canada through the growth of singing and Barbershop Harmony in areas where that support has occurred.

For years Barbershoppers have supported a variety of charities that have supported the many areas of healthcare, environment, education, religion and the arts. Many Barbershoppers still believe they are supporting vocal music in their communities and schools when they donate to charities that their Chapters support in the name of Barbershop. That is not true unless you know that the donations are going to Sing Canada. The only way for Barbershoppers to support Barbershop Harmony, the three Barbershop singing organizations (BHS, HI, SAI ), the training these organizations conduct and vocal music in schools and communities, in and across Canada, is through the support of Sing Canada Harmony.

What organization does your Chapter support?

Is that organization a registered charity within the laws of Canada? How do you know?

The Canada Revenue Agency provides a means for you to check.

Do not make assumptions and do give yourself peace of mind right now by visiting <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/lstngs> . At the bottom of the page on this CRA website place the name of any charity that you or your Chapter support in the box "by charity name" then click on "Search".

Numerous Barbershoppers have already been surprised at what they found. Some have found that the charity that their Chapter supports is not recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency ( CRA ).

Once you have finished searching for other charities enter the name "Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund" without the quotes and verify for yourself that Sing Canada Harmony is in fact a registered Canadian charity and operates within the laws of Canada under the "Charity Type" and "Category" of "Education" and "Cultural activities and promotion of the arts".

Another revealing exercise that all Barbershoppers can try is to enter this statement into your web browser: "Canadian charities that support Barbershop Harmony" There should be no surprise that the only charity that appears is "Sing Canada Harmony" !!!

If your Chapter supports a bona fide Canadian Charity, such support should be reflected in the charitable mission of the Chapter and (FOR MEN'S CHAPTERS) that should be aligned with the charitable mission of the Barbershop Harmony Society which states "The international charitable mission of the Barbershop Harmony Society through its official charities Harmony Foundation International Inc. and Sing Canada Harmony is to preserve our musical legacy through support of vocal music education in our schools and communities".

Every choir and singing group in Canada operates as a not-for-profit entity or corporation and in most cases balances their performing with charitable work. Most are either a charity or are directly or indirectly supported by a charity. Sing Canada Harmony provides that balanced approach to every Canadian men's and women's Barbershop Chapter (BHS, HI and SAI ).

All Barbershoppers are responsible for holding their leaders accountable for ensuring the preservation and encouragement of Barbershop Harmony. How are you and your Chapter measuring up?

### **HARMONY EXPLOSION CAMPS COMING TO ONTARIO**

Vice President of Youth in Harmony for Ontario District and Sing Canada supporter, Dan Austin has announced that a Harmony Explosion Camp will be conducted for young men in April. Chapters have been invited to support two young men each (Total = \$250)

Here is the announcement:

Friday April 27th to Sunday April 29th the Ontario District is presenting our first ever Ontario Youth Harmony Explosion Camp. This weekend retreat is open to all young men ages 14-22 from across the province and will take place at the Ontario Education Leadership Centre (OELC) on the beautiful shores of Lake Couchiching in Orillia.

Registration is now available on the Ontario District website.

<http://www.ontariodistrict.com/OHEC>



**MANITOBA**

**TO HEAR ABOUT BARBERSHOP HARMONY** Gordon Billows, Sing Canada Board Member (LOL, Winnipeg) has been working with contacts in the Manitoba Music Educators Association to set up workshops and introductions to Youth in Harmony for October, 2012. The organizers are learning that Sing Canada can assist with funding clinicians and teaching youth quartets to enhance the event. Assistance has already been offered from other areas of Canada. More information will be made available as details are finalized.

### **MUSIC MONDAY 2012**

Music Monday is on May 7, the first Monday in May.

Sing Canada Harmony recommends your Chapter teams up with a community or school choir to celebrate the event. Music Monday is a wonderful way to share the gift of song, promote singing in schools and communities and fulfill the mission of Barbershop by encouraging Barbershop Harmony. Plan to sing the song available through <http://musicmakesus.ca/musicmonday> then enjoy the choir you have teamed with before you demonstrate four part a cappella harmony in the Barbershop style. Everyone will be richer for the experience and you will develop new fans of Barbershop Harmony

### **PRINCIPALS OF MUSIC AWARDS**

Celebrate music excellence in your community by nominating a school principal for the Principals of Music Award. Details, information and the nomination form is available at <http://musicmakesus.ca/celebrate/principals-of-music-award>

When you nominate a school principal, please advise Sing Canada Harmony so your nomination can receive our support and so Sing Canada can acknowledge the Principal and the school for their dedication to music

**NEWCANEWENG Tribe donates to Sing Canada Harmony** The honour society of the Barbershop Harmony Society's Northeastern District, NEWCANEWENG, has a membership composed of well known and respected members of the District, elected to the "Tribe" in recognition of their many accomplishments. The District is composed of Chapters from the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, New England and Eastern New York, and is one of several Can-Am Districts.

Each year, the Tribe members meet to transact business, enjoy each other's company, sing many songs, play bocce or golf and contribute to worthy charities. In recognition of the Canadian members of the Tribe, this year, at the annual powwow, NEWCANEWENG has added Sing Canada Harmony to the charities it supports. The Harmony Foundation is a recipient in the United States.

### **BARBERSHOP HARMONY GROWTH IN CANADA**

As stated in earlier correspondence to all Canadian Barbershoppers, their families, friends and fans, Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund has become a viable force on the Canadian charity scene. Why? – Because no one else in the world does what Sing Canada does and the Canadian Barbershop Choruses are joining in the effort to build a better Canada through singing.

Through the efforts of Canadian men and women Barbershoppers, the cooperation of Music Educators and the support of Sing Canada Harmony, the face of Barbershop Harmony is changing across the nation. We are working together to make vocal music happen in places where previously voices had been silent; we are seeing music educators get excited about Barbershop Harmony as they learn how they can fund singing programs with the help of Sing Canada and the financial support that comes through Chapters and Members who value Barbershop Harmony and what we are doing for youth and children.

If you are a Canadian man or woman Barbershopper, Sing Canada wants to share the pride with you for the growth of singing and Barbershop Harmony that is happening in your community and its schools. Sing Canada wants Canadian Barbershop Chapter and District leaders to help present the scholarship awards, the leadership certificates to music educators, choir conductors and schools and the community awards to municipal leaders.

Imagine yourself awarding a Sing Canada Harmony scholarship to a deserving young

woman or young man who you have invited to an annual performance or even a Chorus rehearsal; imagine yourself presenting a cheque to a community or school choir so that they can do more for their members; and, imagine yourself presenting scholarship cheques to a group of teenagers to attend a Harmony Explosion Camp run by leaders in your District or Chapter. WOW!!!

All of this and more can become a reality for individual Canadian Barbershoppers, for Quartets and for Choruses. Visit [www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca](http://www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca) for more information about Sing Canada and ways to help make singing happen for youth and children and their adult leaders.

Sing Canada Harmony is encouraging every Quartet and Chorus Member in Canada to throw their support behind Sing Canada and help us ensure someone will sing tomorrow. One of the best ways to do this is to become a "Sing Canada Harmony 'Ambassador of Song' ". Ambassadors of Song are recognized as supporters of: Barbershop Harmony, the singing organizations to which they belong, singing for youth and children, vocal music in schools and communities and the learning of vocal music and the support elements for singing groups, including musical and administrative leadership, judging, arranging, composing. etc.

Gifts to Sing Canada Harmony are tax deductible. For as little as \$10.00 per month you can become an Ambassador of Song. Your donation will help grow singing and Barbershop in your community and the schools and communities of Canada. If you are a Quartet member, encourage the other three to become Ambassadors of Song as well and for a quartet gift of \$40.00 per month gets the Quartet recognized.

Become an "AMBASSADOR OF SONG" today – Do it now – Click here  
<http://www.singcanadaharmony.ca/donate>

### **CONVENTIONS and CONTESTS**

Districts, Areas and Regions of our great Barbershop Singing Organizations, The Barbershop Harmony Society, Harmony, Inc., and Sweet Adelines International will be holding their spring conventions and contests in the near future.

Be sure to support your singing organization by attending these events. While you are there talk to a Barbershop leader about Sing Canada Harmony and make a donation to help Sing Canada build a better nation through singing. We will all appreciate your commitment and you will feel just great for giving your support

### **PHOTOS (This issue)**

The following photos are published below:

Not to be outdone by the Ontario O YA Chorus who serenaded Sing Canada Harmony Board Members in Las Vegas 2011, here in Tucson, 2012, the members of "505" sing to Sing Canada Board Member Dave Pearce and the District President of Mid-Atlantic District Dick Powell and wife Roxanne and M-AD EVP Bill Colosimo, Nancy MacDougall and Doran McTaggart.

In a demonstration of generational transcending fellowship, Doran McTaggart and Digger MacDougall got a chance to "ring one" with "505". It was AWESOME !!!

After organizing an evening of fellowship for 60+ Canadians who attended the BHS Mid-Winter Convention, the Toronto based quartet "AIRBORNE" performed for their dinner guests at a cool outdoor restaurant courtyard in Tucson. Sing Canada Harmony congratulates "AIRBORNE" on becoming Ambassadors of Song for 2012 (Champions of Tomorrow level)

O YA Chorus photos from a recent performance. These young men thrilled audiences in Canada and the United States with their performances. In Tucson they received a standing ovation after each of three songs they performed and transformed an audience of 2000+ into believers in "the power of song" as the audience was moved to tears as the young

men of O YA sang "Let Them Hear You". WOW !!



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