



## First Summer Newsletter 27 June, 2010

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### **New President's Council Members**

Denis Laflamme, Director – Ottawa / ONT quartet Rep and Aileen Carney

John Wilkie, A/Director – Guelph / ONT quartet Rep and June Wilkie



Both Denis and John are demonstrating leadership in so many ways. Sing Canada Harmony is proud to announce that Denis and John became two of our now 21 President's Council Members. These Ontario District Directors, quarteters, and great models of what Barbershop should be at all constituency levels are leading the way and demonstrating their love of Barbershop Harmony. Over 40

Canadians will benefit from President's Council membership at the International Convention of the Barbershop Harmony Society in Philadelphia next week. Thank you Denis and Aileen; Thank you John and June for helping to spread the joy of Barbershop Harmony to Canadian youth and children, and the men and women who like you share a passion for Barbershop.

### **WALL OF HONOUR IN PHILADELPHIA WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO THESE CANADIANS:2010 – 2011 SING CANADA PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**

#### Congratulations to:

MACDOUGALL J.R Digger , Nancy  
MARTENS Larry, Lise  
TOWNER Barry, Sharon  
ERNST Trinda  
MCTAGGART Doran  
BORDEN Gerry, Linda  
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TAMBLYN Paul ( deceased), Doreen Hartley  
WILKIE John, June  
GORDON Macklin, Jean Bohatkiewicz  
SPERRY Lee  
WOODGATE Roger ,Darlene Weger

CRAIG Don, Barbara  
SOUTHAM Joanne, Lyle  
PETERS Randy, Leslie Cooke  
MATSCHE Larry, Debbie  
DEVONSHIRE Ted, Joyce  
RUSSELL Naomi  
DUNBAR Beverly, Rob  
LAFLAMME Denis. Aileen

These Canadian President's Council Members will join the American President's Council Members in a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harmony Foundation in Philadelphia.

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS REALTIME**

Sing Canada President's Council Members received the gift of a lifetime through International Quartet Champions "Realtime". Each President's Council Member received a gift of Realtime's latest CD release "**Take 5**"

**WOW!!** Thank you Tim, Doug, Mark and Tom for sharing the joy and sharing your success with the men and women who have made a leadership commitment to support vocal music in Canadian schools and communities. We invite all our readership to listen to some excerpts from Realtime's CDs by visiting Realtime's website at:

<http://www.realtimequartet.com>

### **Music Monday 3 May, 2010**

Thanks have been extended to all Barbershoppers who helped make Music Monday a RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS. 750,000 joined in song in the largest choral presentation ever. Voices rang out all across Canada, the USA, Bermuda and several other countries. This initiative of the Coalition for Music Education in Canada is spreading like wildfire around the globe. Now is the time to put 2 May 2011 in your Chapter and Chorus plans to sing at least one song with a local youth, children's, school or community choir or vocal ensemble. As Rob Arnold (Ontario District Past President) says: "JUST DO IT!!!"

### **Sing Canada Harmony Ambassadors of Song 2010-2011**

We believe the world is a better place when there is singing. Singing brings enjoyment for a lifetime, both to the singer and the listener. You can do a whole lot of good for only a few dollars a month. Singing can start young people in a lifetime hobby that will give them and others more than they could ever imagine. It can be difficult to find words that describe the truly special times in our lives and the special people in our lives.

Please join these 2010-2011 Ambassadors of Song to sponsor someone to Harmony Camp with a gift of \$120:

**Coach \$30 per month or \$360 - \$588 annually**

Ken Fisher

**Sponsor \$10 per month or \$120 - 348 annually**

Rob Arnold

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David MacEachern  
Ronald Brown  
Howard Simpson  
Rick Rowan  
Keith McEwen

**Champions of Tomorrow**

**\$10 per month per member or \$480 + annually for Quartet**

**In-Four-Mation Quartet**

Bob Young  
Steve Hall  
John Mistern  
Boyd Moorcroft

**Every Ambassador of Song helps support:**

- o music camps and workshops for youth and teachers
- o youth chorus and quartet sponsorship
- o adult leadership training, choral director and performance programs for our members
- o donations of barbershop sheet music to schools nationwide

**Together, we can change lives.** We can inspire interest in young singers. We can turn interest into skill, skill into aspiration, aspiration into achievement. What will your gift to Sing Canada Harmony mean?

**Music**

You can help supply licensed barbershop music free to school music programs.

**Exposure**

You can support barbershop harmony singing demonstrations in schools. You can even keep your impact local, because Donor Choice allows you to direct up to 30 percent of your gift toward your home chapter.

**Excitement**

You can help underwrite Youth Harmony Workshops (one-day festivals) and Harmony Explosion Camps (multi-day events), bringing students and educators together to meet new friends, hear demonstrations, and learn to produce thrilling harmonies.

**Development**

You can help turn raw talent and enthusiasm into competition-ready skill and lifelong enjoyment for young people. Youth chorus competitions, collegiate quarter contests, and Director's College training for chorus directors are just some of the ways your gifts can support tomorrow's barbershoppers.

**Donors to Ambassadors of Song...**

...can arrange for automatic monthly deductions at any level, starting at just \$10 per month. It's easy to begin investing in the future of barbershop—and surprisingly rewarding. Join others to "Help Build a

*Better Canada Through Singing*” Why not help Sing Canada and the singing organization of which you are a member by setting up a monthly donation plan right now at: <http://SingCanadaHarmony.ca>



### **Harmony Explosion Camps for boys and girls or young women and young men**

If you are interested in establishing and setting up a one to three day Harmony Explosion Camp or a single day Harmony Event, please contact a Sing Canada Harmony Board Member.

### **Vernon Simkins, protégé of the late Paul Tamblyn wins Scholarship**

It doesn't get any better than this: Barbershoppers are his heroes

I am a 26 year old Barbershopper in the Kingston Townsman Chorus, who recently got some great news from Sing Canada Harmony. My comment in the email contained just one word- “Yippee!”

I am grateful to Sing Canada Harmony, because without their funding, I would never have been able to afford the trip to Missouri, to have the music educational experience of a lifetime. Having started singing barbershop since I was 18, I have learned since then a great deal about our style of music. It has benefited me as a person, in more ways than just musically, and is an important part of my “off-work” life. With the opportunity to go to Harmony University, I hope to enhance my skills as a quartet singer, and in turn, share this information with others so that they may also have the opportunity to enhance theirs.

I am a Barbershopper for life, and it will be my lifelong goal to share the benefits of singing A Capella Harmony with children and youth as I continue to grow and with this great art form. I feel I am the luckiest guy in the world. **Thank you Sing Canada Harmony! And a Special thanks to all Barbershoppers, Family Members, and Friends- without YOUR encouragement and generosity, this would never have been possible! You are my Heroes!**

I will be a better person and a better Barbershopper for this experience. I will write a short article on my return to tell you my experiences at Harmony University. This is an incredible honour, of which I am proud to have received. Wow!

### **Sing Canada Scholarships Being Considered for Canadian Music Festivals**

Several Canadian men and women Barbershoppers and Music Educators have asked Sing Canada to consider the possibility of sponsoring a Barbershop Harmony category at a local or national level of the Kiwanis Music Festival, MusicFest Canada or other music festivals. There are over 500 community music festivals held across Canada every year. If there is a festival in your city or town and you are a Barbershopper who wants to help us get involved, present



scholarships to singers and music educators, and act as a liaison to a local festival, please contact us at [info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca](mailto:info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca) You can be a leader in helping Sing Canada Harmony and our singing organizations across the nation **“build a better Canada through singing”**

NO OTHER CANADIAN CHARITY “MAKE IT HAPPEN” – NONE!!! SHARE THIS LETTER WITH EVERY BARBERSHOP SINGER POWERFUL WORDS FOLLOW: In a Letter from a Canadian High School Music Educator who recently started singing Barbershop:

Dear Sing Canada Harmony,

I'd like to thank the generous support from Sing Canada Harmony for their scholarship award allowing me to participate in the professional development offered at Harmony University in St. Joseph, MO this Summer. I will be attending the one week intensive course offered to music educators. As a vocal major in university and now a music educator in the public high school system I have the opportunity to enrich the lives of many young students. I have always loved and been passionate about singing many styles of vocal music but have been particularly fond of a cappella singing. I have recently been introduced to barbershop singing and instantly fell in love with the style and how it makes you feel while engaging in this unique art form. There is nothing else quite like it. The feeling you get when singing close harmony can only be experience by doing it (and this is what got me hooked).



I want to give my students the opportunities in music that I have had. I want to share my passion and expose them to the wonderful world of barbershop singing. The support from individuals, local chapters, districts and the Barbershop Harmony towards young male singing is incredible! What I have experienced and seen over this past year is inspiring. It excites me to know that there are so many others out there that want to perpetuate vocal music as well as support and inspire young musicians.

I am honoured to have received this generous support as it will further educate and enrich my knowledge of barbershop singing. I will use this knowledge as I teach barbershop music to many young students throughout my career.

You have permission to quote me in any material you may wish to use.

With greatest thanks,

Shawn Oakes  
Music Dept.  
Brantford Collegiate Institute

### **In Memoriam: Flory Ward to be memorialized in Nashville**

There is no better way to honour the memory of a Canadian Barbershopper than to pay tribute through the Sing Canada Harmony “KEEP A MELODY RINGING” plaque

in Nashville TN "Music City". When a man or woman Barbershopper, or someone they love is so honoured the benefits are pervasive and lasting. Memorial donations help youth and children to sing and be better Canadians through song. The gifts to Sing Canada also recognize the Chapter or Chorus and benefit your community and its schools. The benefits spread across the entire world of Barbershop Harmony so that all Barbershoppers across Canada benefit in some way.

Toronto North Metro Chapter of Sweet Adelines International has ensured that the memory of Flory Ward will live on forever. The following will be added to the Sing Canada Harmony "KEEP A MELODY RINGING" plaque in Nashville TN "Music City":

**FLORY WARD**  
**March 3, 1911 - April 20, 2010**  
**North Metro SAI**

Anyone wishing to honour the memory of Flory Ward may make a donation to Sing Canada Harmony at our [DONATIONS page](#) (When the "name box" appears just enter Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund. Please make donations to the "General Scholarship Fund" in honour of Flory Ward.)

### **Capital City Chorus holds 4th Annual High School Barbershop Quartet Competition**

By Ken Lantier, V.P. Youth Outreach; Capital City Chorus Ottawa Chapter



The Capital City Chorus has sponsored a high school quartet competition, every spring for the past four years. This year, 5 quartets from Ottawa area schools competed and wowed the crowd with their musical renditions of some old classics as well as contemporary renderings in the barbershop style. Some of the competitors



had competed in the previous three competitions and have had incredible growth in their barbershop experience and singing ability. We even see the 9th graders really excited about creating harmonies together. The competitors are asked to register 2-3 months before the competition date so that they can select music and be provided with learning tracks. From the wide variety of songs to choose from, quartets select 2 songs to compete with. Some of the first timers

start off very timid and we wonder if they will be able to carry off a performance in front of an audience of 150 people. With the encouragement of music teachers Laurie Hamilton from Canterbury High School and Brad Mills from Carleton Place High

School, the singers and their performances reach levels that peak at just the right moment. Learning the barbershop art form would be a more arduous task if it were not for some very keen Capital City Chorus members, all who sing in registered quartets. Special thanks go to Denis Laflamme, (Director and member of Common Interest), Ken Lantier, Rob Dunbar, Peter Bishop and Larry Martens, all members of Wellington St. Quartet. Honourable mention is given to Kaitlin Dunbar for her work with the Carleton Place Barbershoppers. It should be noted, that the Barbershoppers donated their winnings to the music program at Carleton Place High School.



The competition was outstanding. The nerves, from all appearances, were checked at the door. It was, and is, an evening that all Capital City Chorus members look forward to, while celebrating young barbershoppers. Several standing ovations and wild applause rewarded the eager entertainers. First place was awarded to Infinity and Beyond from Canterbury High. Their performance was outstanding and worthy of Ontario District stage. The members are Jamie MacDonald, Kieran Foss, Michael



Bergeron and Xander Galbreath. They performed I Will Go Sailing No More from Toy Story and Sitting on Top of the World, and had a composite score of 416 points or 69.3%. Lead singer, Kieran Foss, plans on forming a collegiate quartet with Nathan Ball, former winner and now music major at Ottawa U. "Infinity and Beyond" also received \$600 for their first place finish, gold medals and the Wellington St. Quartet Trophy. The Trophy, along with a \$500 bursary,

will be welcomed additions to the music department at Canterbury High.

This year, the competition was supported by a \$500 scholarship made possible by Sing Canada Harmony. It was very much appreciated. Digger MacDougall spoke about the scholarship program offered by Sing Canada Harmony and about the Cross Canada Youth Chorus

On June 1st, To Infinity and Beyond once again performed in front of a large barbershop audience and received a standing ovation and lots of praise. The occasion was in celebration of Dennis Laflamme's 10th anniversary as director of the Capital City Chorus.

One of the most important factors, relating to the growth and preservation of barbershop harmony singing, is the infusion of new young talent into the Society. I am pleased to report at the time that of this article, two of the young men who competed in the competition, along with their dads, have been singing with the Capital City Chorus and have indicated their desire to join the chorus. These young people are special, they bring vibrancy to our art form, and we at the Capital City Chorus have embraced them. They think



we're special too, and the competition is the culmination of their school year's music program.



This Barbershopper was fortunate to have coached most of the competing quartets. I was immensely impressed with their eagerness to learn and of the appreciation for the help they'd received from all the barbershoppers. Their enthusiasm is truly infectious. For me to be able to witness the joy they've found, and see how they embrace our love of "singing the old songs", at their young ages, is an indescribable feeling. I'm also pleased to report that three of the

young barbershoppers and one of the fathers have expressed strong interest in joining the Capital City Chorus. We're already looking forward to next year's competition when ear to ear smiles will be etched across our faces.

### **A Mother's Pride - To Infinity and Beyond By**

*Toy Story*? Well not quite. But an epic story certainly: for the fourth time in as many years, Xander Galbreath led his Barbershop quartet of Grade 12 boys from Canterbury High School to victory at the Capital City Chorus High School Quartet Competition on May 10. The winning quartet "To Infinity and Beyond," won with a particularly difficult piece taken from *Toy Story*, "I Will Go Sailing No More," arranged for four-part male voices. Barbershop work is all about blending the voices. The challenge for the boys from high school quartets is that each year generally presents new students and four new voices to combine to one harmonic sound. Xander was invited to join a quartet in Grade 9 and he has loved the work of providing the 'glue' to a new set of voices each year.

There were four quartets from Canterbury this year and a fifth quartet from Carleton Place High School. Canterbury High School's Art's Program is well known for its excellence in many fields and the music program, under the direction of Laurie Hamilton, is no different. The students practice "small ensemble" singing in the vocal program beginning in Grade 9 and they are fortunate to have a group like Capital City Chorus to support an event for them to show their stuff at the end of the year.

The Capital City Chorus, under the direction of Denis Laflamme, is an all-male chorus of over 75 voices, dedicated to the preservation of the uniquely American style of music known as "Barbershop." They started the High School Quartet Competition in 2006, supporting youth in the region with an opportunity to learn and perform. They also provide scholarships for youth wanting to continue their studies in music-related fields. [www.capitalcitychorus.org](http://www.capitalcitychorus.org).

### **Scholarships to train Barbershoppers of the Capital Chordettes awarded**

Nancy MacGregor Chapter Sing Canada Harmony Chair applied for a scholarship to assist with the cost of a major training day for local HI Chapters which will be hosted by the Capital Chordettes and...Voila !!! Director Carolyn Henderson is on her way to Harmony University under full tuition scholarship as well.



**Bonnie Morton, Sing Niagara, Harmony, Inc. writes:**

Once again this year we had the privilege of having talented Laura Secord students join us as guest artists on our annual show, "Love, Peace and Eternal Grooviness". Both the Laura Secord Jazz Choir and the Laura Secord Drum line I've attached some pictures...

**BELLEVILLE MUSIC EDUCATOR RECEIVES \$2000 SCHOLARSHIP**

On June 2nd, Steve Hall, the Quinte Chapter Chair of the Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund (right) presented a scholarship award of \$2000.00 to Dave Reed, music teacher at Centennial Secondary School (centre). Centennial Principal Ian Press and Dave's vocal music class were also present for the occasion. The funds were to assist with a Youth Choral Workshop in the Quinte region that took place on May 11th. The workshop culminated that evening with performances from a number of youth choruses and choirs plus the Trentones and the Sweet Adelines. The success of this event, including its multi-generational participation, has led to plans for an annual Quinte Choral Festival scheduled for May each year. The organizers hope to see this Festival grow into a major cultural event.



The Sing Canada Harmony scholarships are made possible through the generous support of men and women Barbershoppers and their friends from all across Canada. Financial assistance is focused on youth, music educators and other deserving men and women applicants who support vocal music. The Trentones are members of the international Barbershop Harmony Society. Guests and the curious are always welcome at their weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Calvary Temple on Dundas Street West, Belleville.  
Steve Armstrong

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The Sing Canada Harmony grant made the event possible, along with the generous support of the Trentones and the Hastings Prince Edward learning Foundation. I was thrilled with the workshops, the expert clinicians, and the culminating concert. I

intend to make this an annual event. We brought the community together for an evening of music, and I was proud to have played a part in making it happen.

Dave Reed

## **GROUPANIZER**

**If you are an officer in a women's or men's Barbershop Chapter or Chorus – you need to check out [www.groupanizer.com](http://www.groupanizer.com)** the online management system for your chorus, choir or group.

This is “a must” for choruses and chapters that want to organize, achieve and grow. Groupanizer is a web-based system designed to help you run your chorus or choir. It tracks members, calendar events, attendance, repertoire, learning status, documents and projects. It gives you communication tools like blogs and mailing lists. It's simple enough for non-technical users, and it's on the internet so everybody can work together. Groupanizer SING will simplify your life and save you time, so you can have more fun singing.

If you have not visited [groupanizer](http://www.groupanizer.com) to see how your singing group's management and administration can be simplified, please do it now – you will not be disappointed.

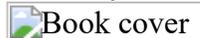
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## **CREATIVE COACHING GROUP**

Barbershoppers and other singing leaders have access to a great coaching resource. Learn more about Author and Barbershopper, Jan Carley, of Region 26 of Sweet Adelines International. If you want to learn more about Certified Executive Coach Jan Carley plus how she can help and inspire you and your leaders to create and live your greatest possibilities, check out her website at [www.creativecoachinggroup.com](http://www.creativecoachinggroup.com). You would do well to read her book too.

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***Thanks to photographers Trinda Ernst (Harmony Inc. and Sing Canada Harmony Board, Nova Scotia) Ryan Lindsey Ottawa and Nepean) and George Hendry (Nepean) for sharing some of their photos which featured youth in action and on stage with Barbershop Singers.***

## **New Scholarship Recipient**



Ryan Lindsey was selected by the Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Selection Committee to replace Shaun Richards of Ottawa after Shaun announced that he would not be able to attend Harmony University. Shaun returned his scholarship award for full tuition. This generous act allowed Ryan to attend in his stead. Thank you Shaun. Congratulations Ryan.

### **NEXT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE** **– OCTOBER 1, 2010**

Anyone wishing to apply for scholarships for SAI, HI or BHS training events or vocal music courses, seminars, workshops, must apply by Oct 1, 2010.

This deadline will be for courses and programs through to February 2011. Applications are available on line at [www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca](http://www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca)

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To see photos of scholarship presentations

### **WEBSITE AND LINKS**

The Sing Canada Harmony website is being upgraded and will feature links to HI, SAI, and BHS Districts and Chapters plus numerous singing and Barbershop resources. In memoriam lists will be included as well as the names of Barbershoppers who receive (living) tributes in their honour.

Because many youth, men and women visit the Sing Canada Harmony Website for scholarship information, an important feature of the website will be a contact list for Canadian Barbershop Chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Harmony, Inc. and Sweet Adelines International. Sing Canada wants to help those who wish to sing find a local chapter or chorus. This is a complementary service to all Canadian Barbershop Chapters, Choruses and Quartets. To ensure your Chorus is linked, Sing Canada invites all Canadian Barbershop Chapters and Choruses to submit contact information to [info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca](mailto:info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca)

**It is a wholesome value to support the organization of which you are a member, support its training programs or other programs that improve who you are and what you do. It is not wrong to advocate growth and success. Every not-for-profit and charity does it. Sing Canada Harmony wants to help you, your Risermates, your directors and**



**conductors, and anyone in Canada who sings or wants to sing. To do this Sing Canada needs your support.**

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