



Peninsula Division Report

April 12, 2015



The Peninsula Division has been very busy over the last few months. From CAN's Tag and Gag night to Simcoe preparing to host our Big Wheel event to Hamilton hosting the convention. I spent the period travelling to each chorus to install officers and advertise the Big Wheel. I am happy to provide a brief summary for the chapters as provided by the President's.

Simcoe Gentlemen of Harmony

- Jan 8-18 about 20 members plus spouses travelled to New Orleans to attend the *MidWinter Convention* and *Harmony at Sea Cruise*. We sang in the airports, hotel lounges, and a couple of hours each day while on ship with the Musical Island Boys and Tim Waurick. On ship we performed in an afternoon concert as well. Many great memories from that trip although some are still recovering 3 weeks later.
- Feb 17th we have a Little Wheels competition within our chapter
- Mar 3rd Simcoe is hosting the Peninsula Division Big Wheels event in Simcoe
- Mar 22nd we deliver a concert in Tillsonburg
- Apr 11th we are performing at an open house for an agency in Simcoe
- Apr 17th we return the trophy and perform at the Spring Convention in Toronto
- May 3rd we deliver a concert in Burford (near Brantford)
- May 10th we deliver a concert in conjunction with the Simcoe Alumni Band

Oakville Entertainers

- The Entertainers held their annual general meeting this past Saturday and had an excellent attendance despite the early morning weather. The focus of the session centered around chapter growth, with emphasis on reducing the average age in the chorus.
- In January one of the chapter's founding member Grant Goodfellow passed away. In February we provided a memorial performance for the Long Term Care facility where he was a resident.
- We are promoting singing Valentines and in doing so found that the society web site did not support Canadian chapters.
- It is our intention to have a good turnout for the Big Wheel contest, and will be setting up car pool arrangements. Likewise we are heavily promoting attendance at the spring convention.
- A lot of work is being done for our annual show which is scheduled for April 25th.
- Work has started on re-Generation of our web site which has become outdated as backup resources had not been identified and so we essentially lost access to site maintenance.

Grimsby – Niagara Gateway Harmony

- Chapter growth continues to be a focus of NGH.
- We started using auditions for new members to show we take our craft seriously.
- Our director Joy Brunel is educating all members in music lessons each week to help strengthen our performances.
- We will not be hosting an annual show this year.



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St. Catharine's Singing Saints

- No report as of this writing

Niagara Falls – A Cappella Niagara

A Cappella Niagara like many choruses is focused on preparing for the spring convention. Today our quartets JAQ and Vintage Blend are doing Singing Valentines.

We will be at the Big Wheel in Simcoe.

We will be working on boosting our membership and looking to run a barbershop workshop in the spring with local high schools.

And most importantly we will be just enjoying the opportunity to sing and enjoy the music.

Hamilton Harbortown Sound

The Sound has been very busy for the last few months:

- We had a very successful virtually sold out, 2 show Christmas season in November. sharing our stage with the lovely ladies of A Cappella Showcase.
- Also in November we were honoured to be asked to sing in Koerner Hall at the Telus Centre for Performance and Learning, being one act of a musical guest line-up as part of "One - in - Seven" a concert in support of Prostate Cancer Canada. Although it was a very snowy night we were proud to put 54 men on stage to entertain a brand new very appreciative audience.
- We performed a community sing out at the Royal Botanical Gardens just prior to Christmas to a very attentive audience on a Sunday afternoon. In mid December we had our annual Christmas party with 120 in attendance enjoying a wonderful evening of pot luck meals, a little singing and a tremendous amount of good fun.
- January arrived and we were fortunate enough to have our bid accepted to again host the Ontario District Spring Convention "Spring is in the Air" in Scarborough this April 10 - 12. January also marked the start of work in earnest on our competition set for our trip to International this July.
- February has us working on Singing Valentines and will undoubtedly proudly see the induction of the 100th current member of "The Sound".
- March signals the first of 3 visits from our creative coach Steve Tramack as he will be here for two sessions putting us through our preparatory paces for Pittsburgh.

We look forward to seeing everyone in April at "Spring is in the Air".

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