



FORTUNETELLER



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**WORKING TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP AND HARMONY, THE GENTLEMEN OF FORTUNE CHORUS ENRICHES SOCIETY
WITH EXCELLENT BARBERSHOP MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT**

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2nd Annual GoF Barbecue



By Gord Ross

On Saturday August 14th another great social gathering of the GOF was hosted by **Byron and Marg Walton** at their home in Langley. About 35 adults and 15 kids were searching out shade as the temperature was in the mid 30's. The festivities started at around 1:00pm but I didn't arrive until about 4:30 so missed seeing the kids treated to horse rides in the early afternoon.



I counted about 15 current chorus members and spouses in attendance and it was great to also see some other faces there including the **Newell family, Elie**

and Darlene Savoie, Donya Metzger and Doug & Tammy Walton. There was no shortage of food as even **Al Pinvidic** had to stop before cleaning out the salad table and BBQ.

Of course lots of singing and games in the field behind the yard. Be warned that we have a new hotshot horseshoe player in the chorus. I won't name names but if **Carl** is at Harmony Hollow, get him as a partner! I enjoyed a game of croquet with **Al Pinvidic** and **Charlie & Karen Metzger.** I also learned something new about Charlie, he shows no mercy when he has the opportunity to drive your ball out of the pitch. He nailed me about 4 times before winning the game.

Finally things cooled off a bit after sunset and the usual die-hards hung on for a few last songs. Thanks once again to Byron and Marg for opening up their home to us all.

By Byron

What a Great BBQ!! – 46 Barbershoppers, wives & children attended the “2nd Annual GOF BBQ” at the Walton’s. We had a fantastic day for the BBQ this year. Lots of games were played, some awesome singing & great fellowship. We even arranged horseback rides for the kids at the farm next door. The BBQ started off at 1:00pm & the last of the group left around 11:00pm. Byron & Marg would like to thank everyone who attended & provided the delicious “pot luck” feast. Please see pictures that Carl Gung has posted.



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When Insults Had Class

(Before English got boiled down to 4-letter words)

“He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.” Winston Churchill

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GOF Fundraising

Meat Sale

By David Jones



After an interval of two and a half years I approached Southside Foods again to participate in another fund raising project. Chorus members were provided with a list of Southside's quality meat and fish products to canvass for orders.

Ray Fallan kindly allowed the use of his basement on delivery day and together with **Don Giles** and **Gordie Ross**, assembled the various orders for pick up. Thanks to them the whole process worked like clockwork. Thanks also to those who picked up their orders on time to add to the smoothness of the operation. The financial benefit to GOF amounted to **\$916.06**, this being the result of the efforts of too few dedicated members of the chorus.

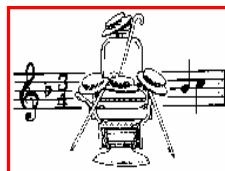
Ascent for Alzheimer's 2010

By Ed Arnold

Residents of North Vancouver's The Summerhill Retirement Residence showed their empathy for those dealing with Alzheimer's, noting that very few lives have not been touched by this terrible disease. The photo shows Elaine Wallace and Jean Gill presenting a cheque for **\$1,172.00** to **The Motones** barbershop quartet. The Motones entertained the residents with barbershop harmony to raise money for the Alzheimer Society's annual fund raiser climb of *Mount Kilimanjaro, Ascent for Alzheimer's 2010*. Following the performance an additional sum of \$160.00 was donated making the total **\$1,332.00**.



Individuals in the photo from left to right:
Moe Jones, Elaine Wallace (Summerhill resident)
Clarence Stad, Jean Gill (Summerhill resident)
Gord Ross, Ed Arnold



August 2010 Down Memory Lane

By Ross Hood

40 years ago this month (1970)

The first **Harmony Hollow** was held in 1970. It was called Harmony Hollow at the time, but was simply a camp-out held by the **Langley Chapter** with invitations going out to all chapters in the area. The first quartet contest was won by the **Good Hoods (Rob Hood, Tucker Goodwin, Ross Hood and Bill Goodwin)**. Aldergrove Lake Park was the spot where it remained for several years until moving to Cultus Lake, then to White Rock in 1987, then Squamish in 2007.

30 Years ago this month (1980)

The **Big Wheel** was held for only the second time in **Nanaimo** and was well attended by our chapter, including the **Chicago Snooze (Byron Walton, Orland Lee, Tom Bates and Martin Tucker)**. The golf tournament, sponsored by Arnie's Pizza Parlor in

Langley, was won by **Gary Korstrom**. In conjunction with the event, **Byron Walton** won a raffle. It turned out to be a car. It was parked behind the building under wraps. When the wraps came off it was revealed that it had a shot differential, only one gear and a leaking radiator. Instead Byron took a \$50.00 cash prize.

20 Years ago this month (1990)

The Chorus sang in **Chilliwack** to help radio CHWK celebrate their 53rd birthday. Membership certificates were presented to 25 new members. The only one still active is **Bob Bradley**. We were the recipients of first place honours in the Society for the **International Achievement Award**, and we'd just become a **Century Chapter** with a membership of 101.

New Member



Paul Peachey

I was born and raised in Cornwall, Ontario, a medium sized, bilingual city about 20 miles from the Quebec border on the St. Lawrence River. In 1974 I joined the Canadian Armed Forces (Navy) as a Sonar Operator; progressed up through the ranks, was eventually commissioned as a Combat Systems Engineer and retired from the Navy in 1994 as a Naval Lieutenant. From there, I found employment for what is really my "second" career working for a company in Port Coquitlam that builds "sonars" (imagine that).

My lovely wife Barbara and I have been married for 30 years, have one daughter Cassandra who works in the Athletic Department at SFU and a son Mark who proudly serves in the Strathconas (Lord Strathcona's Horse [Royal Canadian] Armoured Regiment) based out of Edmonton. He just returned recently from a seven month tour in Afghanistan.

From a musical perspective, I have had no formal voice training and this is my first kick at singing in a group. I am however musically inclined, having played several reed instruments in high school, always having played the guitar and I took a stab at bagpipes while posted to Halifax.

Barbara has been a member of **West Coast Harmony Chorus** for 9 years and has been after me for most of that time to engage in a "similar activity". Seeing how much enjoyment she gets out of it, I finally decided to see what it was all about. I regret not having done it a lot sooner because I've certainly been well "hooked" after

the first time out with the **Gentlemen of Fortune**. I want to express what a pleasure it is being associated with such a fine group of gentlemen and singers. I hope to make a contribution to our success over the coming years.

Dilbert's Rules of Order

#12: Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons, because you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.

Puns for Educated Minds:

#3. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

Happenings & Reminders

Chorus Retreat: September 10 & 11, 2010

Byron Walton, Music VP

This year's retreat will be held at the Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver. The retreat begins **Friday** – Sept. 10 at **7:30pm** sharp until 10:00pm. On **Saturday** – Sept. 11 we begin at **9:00am** sharp until 5:00pm. Don't forget we are performing at the church on Saturday evening at 7:30 for a 60/40 show for the church.

Please pack your own lunch, snacks & refreshments for Saturday. We are planning a dinner for the chorus Saturday evening at 5:00pm so don't plan to leave the church, as we will be putting the finishing touches on our show performance before the show.

Show Set for September 11 North Vancouver Show

Overture
Nevertheless
There Goes My Heart
Bring Him Home
Do You Hear The People Sing?
Only You
Beach Boys Medley
You May Be My Used-To-Be
Freddie Feel Good And His Funky Little 4-Piece Band
O Canada

2010 District Convention Registration

Registration Forms for the 2010 Portland District Convention on September 24-26 are available from **Ray Fallan**. Deadline for the \$100 All Events registration has been extended to September 10th. After that it is \$125 until September 23rd and \$150 at the door. Remember that **you are now responsible** for doing your own convention registration; ie you have to send the completed form and money **direct to the Host chapter**. Everybody competing on stage **must** have purchased an All Events registration.

Portland Convention Hotels

Phone direct to get the Convention rate (all are \$95),
1-800 numbers go to central reservations.

- **Red Lion** Convention Center (**Conv HQ**), 1021 NE Grand Ave, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 235-2100
- **La Quinta Inn**-Convention Center, 431 NE Multnomah Ave, Portland, OR 97232. (503) 233-7933
- **Courtyard** Portland/Lloyd Center (Marriott), 434 NE Wasco St, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 234-3200

UNDERSTANDING TOOLS

Vise-grips: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

Comment #129 by Bill Gibbons

“Bring me a guy with absolute pitch and I’ll cure him for you.”

Deadline for the next issue is September 28, 2010

CALENDAR

2010

- Sept 3-5 Harmony Hollow
- Sept 6 Labour Day
- Sept 10-11 **Retreat & Show** N Vancouver
- Sept 24-26 **District Convention** Portland, OR
- Oct 2 **50/50 Show** St Laurence, Coquitlam
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving
- Oct 12(?) Election of GoF Board of Directors
- Oct 19-23 SAI International, Seattle, WA
- Dec 4 **Christmas Shows** MJ Fox Theatre

2011

- Jan 14-15 QCED Show, Seaside OR
- Jan 18-23 Midwinter International, Las Vegas
- Feb 14 **Valentine’s Day**
- April 1-2 **Division I Convention** Abbotsford
- April 22 Easter
- July 3-10 International, Kansas City, MO
- July 22-24 HCNW Tacoma, WA
- Sept 28-Oct 2 PanPacific Convention, Brisbane
- Oct 10 Thanksgiving

2012

- Jan 17-22 Midwinter International, Tucson
- July 1-8 International, Portland OR

Internationals

- 2013 Toronto, Ontario
- 2014 TBD
- 2015 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Seen at the Annual BBQ

