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**Chapter Motto**  
"We Enrich Lives Through  
Sinaina"

# Hall of Fame Chorus

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## 12 QUALIFY FOR BIG SHOW

If you missed the spring preliminary contest in Harrison Ohio, you missed one wonderful contest. Our district has no less than 12 competing groups going to the international in Indianapolis. Three choruses (The Alliance, The Singing Buckeyes and The Southern Gateway), seven regular quartets (Matrix, Rythmix, The Allies, Hat Air Buffoons, You Bet, Odds On, Impulse) and two collegiate quartets (4 Way Stop and Seasons Pass). Our Events team, headed by Skipp Kropp, had some new ideas that were tried which allowed those of us not competing to become more involved than mere

spectators. Imagine singing in a chorus with more than 100 other voices. What a thrill! And the facilities in Harrison were top notch. There were no restaurants near the high school; so food was brought in for lunch on Saturday and the school's snack bar was open for business. At first we were skeptical about going to Harrison, since the contest had almost always been in Columbus where there is plenty to do. It was well worth the 4 hours it took to get there. We would definitely go there again!

*Squawker Deadline June 23, 2006*

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### Directorially Speaking:

Hello to all of the Canton Hall Of Fame Chorus:

The last few months have been quite productive and successful. I want to thank everyone for so much hard work and effort that has been brought forth during this period. Since the first of the year, we have put together a great show, to be presented on May 6. We have learned two new songs for the show, "How Deep Is The Ocean?" and "America." At this point in our continuing adventure, it is my thought to use "How Deep Is The Ocean?" as one of our contest pieces. This would be complemented by "You Make Me Feel So Young". Remember,

Divisional convention is in September and District convention is in October.

We have not sat idle for the gospel performance either. We have introduced two more numbers, "Ain't A That Good News" and "Sweet Sweet Spirit". We will be performing those two In August at our own gospel performance and at Lakeside in September. So mark your calendar and plan on singing your heart out at all of these great performances. And don't forget, there are several summer performances at which we need your presence also.

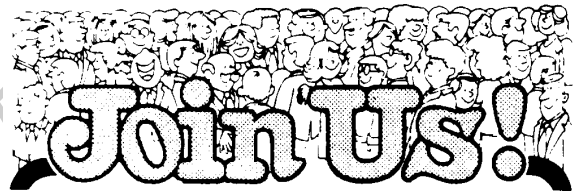
**We need new blood!** Although none of us like to admit it, we are growing older. So to keep our great art form alive we need that younger singer. Get out there and beat the bushes. Be brave like Dick Dudash. Ask the guy at the drive-thru if he sings and would he like to join our group of singers. He just may say, YES! Bring a GUEST May 10, 2006 to our special guest night.

On that note, the Canton Hall of Fame Chorus in conjunction with the Arts In Stark grant group is sponsoring a barbershop workshop for the Canton City Schools. This will consist of grade 8 through 12 and include both male and female singers. That workshop will be October 5 at McKinley High School and will go all day and culminate with a performance in the evening. The CHOF chorus will perform as well as the students strutting their stuff they learned that day. We are here to make music and if no one hears it, what is the use of doing so? So talk up all of these performances to your friends, neighbors and people you don't even know. Let's fill the seats with barbershop fans!

If you have not been joining us on the risers lately, consider yourself invited back to help our chorus grow and flourish. What a great way to reduce stress and to forget all of the problems of the world for an evening. Did you know that singing has all sorts of benefits, such as better breathing, better posture will develop, over-all more energy, your heart beat will improve, blood pressure will drop, and talk about a better mental attitude. I can't think of a better way to grow happy and healthy. Come Sing!

Directfully yours,  
Larry

**We're having lots of fun!**



## HOF Calendar of Events

*(Mark Your Calendars)*

Annual Show .....	May 6
South High.....	June 17
Lincoln Theater .....	June 18
International.....	July 2-8
Annual Picnic .....	July 16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Gospel Show .....	Aug 4
Lakeside Show .....	Sept 2
Divisionals .....	Sept 16
District Contest .....	October 20-22
Amish Door.....	October 28
Chapter Board Meeting... 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7 PM	
MAC Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 6 PM

## LUCKY 7 GOING TO INDY!

What a fantastic moment it was when the District VP C&J, Bill Ray, announced on Saturday night: "How many quartets do you want to send to International competition? How about **SEVEN**? Yes! Seven out of the top ten quartets are going to represent our great Johnny Appleseed District in Indianapolis this July, and each and every one deserves the honor. It was obvious that they and their coaches worked very hard for every point. We know that they are going to spend the next two months working even harder to represent us in the manner we've come to expect in this District of Champion Quartets, and we know you'll join us in congratulating all of them and supporting their efforts.

So let's take a look at the prospects for JAD in Indy: seven great quartets, three wonderful choruses, and 2 college quartets that also qualified for the Collegiate Quartet Contest: 4 Way Stop and Seasons Pass, who also will be wonderful representatives of what JAD can offer. That gives us no less than 12 groups to cheer for and support!

Doesn't that make you want to go to International? How can it not? But here's more: Indianapolis is as close to home as International

is going to get for awhile, just across the beautiful state of Ohio to the next state over. You say there's not enough "real" barbershop being sung in competition any more? We heard LOTS of great barbershop the weekend of April 21 from the quartets in the Johnny Appleseed District, and it's that barbershop that's going to win contests. Come to Indy and see what we mean! We hope to see you there! br

**GREAT JOB, HARRISON!**

Not only was the competition at Prelims in Harrison, OH (WHERE???) just awesome, but Skipp Kropp and his team did a fantastic job of organizing the event, and (at least to us, the attendees), it came off without a hitch. There was an afterglow Saturday night, and a "big chorus" under the direction of Kirk Roose and coached by Jim Schisler. The chorus rehearsed Saturday afternoon and sang "Old Songs Are Just Like Old Friends" to an appreciative audience Saturday evening after the finals, as a tribute to the late Frank Buffington.

We can also be very proud of our own quartets who competed in Prelims, **CLEVELAND FLATS, TWILIGHT** and **PICTURE THIS**. Congratulations to Picture This on winning the Seniors Competition! And, since we have a "relative" connection with the Heart of Ohio Chorus, we heartily congratulate them on again winning, by many, many points, the Small Chorus contest.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Don Sprankle ..... May 01  
 Art Boring ..... May 02

Tom Remark ..... May 09  
 Tim Billheimer ..... May 12  
 Steve Libby ..... May 16  
 Bob Binkley ..... May 19  
 Mark Isler ..... May 23  
 Tom Gentry ..... May 23  
 Denny Price ..... May 30  
 Harlan Sussman ..... May 31  
 Bob McCullough..... June 07  
 Allen Hanft ..... June 08  
 Bob Friedmann ..... June 22  
 Jack Merzweiler ..... June 26  
 George Cheetham ..... June 27  
 George Alcorn..... June 30

I'd like to add something new. Sweetheart's birthdays. Please give me your Sweetheart's name and month and day of birth. No years please. Some of us are very sensitive about others knowing our age. I'm almost as old as dirt and some of you... well you've been around since before dirt. What can I say?

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Linda & Bob Friedmann ..... May 05  
 Bev & Bill Ray ..... May 17  
 Judy & Dick Heddleson..... May 25  
 Pat & Jake Mandator ..... May 27  
 Carolyn & Bob Reidenbach ..... June 06  
 Teresa & Mark Isler..... June 13  
 Georgia & Curt Dungan ..... June 14  
 Wilma & Sam Love ..... June 15  
 Carol & Don Isler..... June 15  
 Loretta & Ernie Jackson..... June 19  
 Mary Ann & Ben Ayling ..... June 19  
 Janet & Don Hershberger ..... June 21  
 Sheila & Tim Billheimer..... June 26  
 Joannae & Robert Steinfurth ..... July 01

If I've missed your anniversary, please write it down and give it to me; so I can include it in the future. I check birthdays on the society's Members only page; so I feel confident that I'm not missing any of those, but I would like to have all anniversary dates and I can only get them from YOU.



## Cookie's Corner

### Boneless Chicken Breast with Tarragon Cream Sauce

- 4 boneless chicken breasts
  - 1 cup of chicken stock
  - 1/2 cup of dry white wine (optional)
  - 1/4 cup chopped shallot or onions (my preference is onions)
  - 1 tablespoon of coarse Dijon mustard
  - 1 tablespoon fresh tarragon
  - 1 tablespoon heavy cream
1. Optional: dredge each chicken breast in flour so it has a thin coating. This will increase the brown bits in the pan for sauce making.
  2. Heat the pan to medium; add some olive oil and let it heat for a few moments. Heat the oven to 170°.
  3. Put in the chicken and fry for 5 minutes.
  4. Then turn and fry for 5 minutes. After 10 minutes, the breast should be golden brown and done. With a paring knife, in the underside of a thick breast, make a little cut in the thickest part and pull open to check for doneness; it should be white in the interior. If done, remove the breasts to a platter and place in the oven to keep warm.
  5. If a chicken breast is not done, turn the heat down a bit; turn the breast and fry for 5 more minutes. The breasts should definitely be done in 15 minutes.

Making the sauce:

1. Add a little olive oil to the pan and let it heat.
2. Add 1/4 cup of finely cut chopped shallots or onions, and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. (If you

are using onions and they are not sweet, chop them, put them in a strainer, and rinse them under cold water; then use them.)

3. Add about 1 cup of chicken stock to the pan and deglaze; that is to say, rub the bottom of the pan to get up all the brown bits. You can also use the following in the deglazing: 1/2 cup of dry white wine; if so, use less chicken stock.

4. Let the stock simmer for a few minutes to reduce. Now stir in the Dijon Mustard and chopped tarragon. Simmer for a minute or two. You now have a *jus* to serve on the chicken.

5. To enrich the sauce, add the heavy cream. Place a breast on each plate and spoon some of the sauce over each; if you are serving rice, spoon some over the rice too. To reduce the fat content, use light cream instead of heavy cream. Remove the pan from the heat before adding the light cream so it will not curdle.

For those watching their cholesterol, do the frying in a non-stick pan with a little grapeseed oil. Do not add cream. Just reduce the *jus* to a nice syrupy thickness.

