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We've Been Expecting
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Monday, July 1, 2013

On July 1, 1867 the British North American Act (Constitution Act, 1867) was enacted joining three colonies into one country, Canada.

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Daily Bulletin of the 75th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society Convention



Today's Weather

Sunny today with a slight chance of snow flurries.



Temperature: H26C/78.8F Humidity: 75%
Feels Like: 31C/87.8F P.O.P. 10%
Wind: None Rain: or snow

Today's Events

Event	Time	Location
DP Council Meeting	8:00am-12:00pm	Fairmont - Manitoba
Society Board Meeting	8:00am-12:00pm	Fairmont - Ballroom
SCJC Meeting	8:00am-10:00pm	Fairmont - Board Room
AHSOW Room	9:00am-midnight	Fairmont - Algonquin
Ontario Welcomes the World	1:00pm-3:00pm	Global Kingdom Ministries Church
Convention Office	1:00pm-6:00pm	Westin - Queen's Quay
C&J VP Meeting	7:00pm-10:00pm	Fairmont - New Brunswick



Win this historical Myrtlewood clock from Sing Canada Harmony. Get tickets at the Sing Canada Harmony booth.
\$5 each or 3 for \$10

What's the Buzz?

Barber-Tots Room

Do your little ones need a break in the long sessions of convention? Just follow the signs to find toys, games and crafts for the kids, a quiet room for sleeping and feeding and monitors for the parents so you won't miss the contest. A nice break for our cutest members to have some fun and make some friends too. Open during all contest sessions. Parents are required to supervise and stay with their children at all times.

Canadian Back Bacon Breakfast

Saturday, July 6th at 8:00 am, The East York Barbershoppers are inviting everyone who attended the Silver Convention in Toronto back in 1963 to a Canadian Back Bacon Breakfast and a tour of Harmony Hall.

Transportation will be available for the 15-minute trip from downtown Toronto and we promise to get you back in time for the Big Sing and the Blue Jays' Game.

All past members of the International Board are also invited, along with spouses of eligible attendees.

We would like confirmation from everyone who is planning to be with us. The information should include who will be coming with you (and if that person also attended in 1963), and if you

competed and if so, with which Quartet or Chorus. In the case of Past Int'l Board Members, please state approximately when you served and whether or not your spouse will be attending.

To sign up for this event, please visit the Ontario District Booth at the Weston Harbour Castle or email Steve Bangham at

Ladies Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with great entertainment

Date: Thursday, July 4th, 2013

Location: the Beautiful, Historic Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto

Guest Quartet: Current International Champs - **RINGMASTERS**

Special Guest Speaker -

[Lynette Jenkins](#) from

Sleeping Children Around the World
a charity that provides bedkits for children in 34 countries around the world. In 2009, the one millionth child received a bedkit.

[Click](#) To Order Tickets



Welcome to Toronto

Greetings to all of our Barbershop Family that have travelled from near and far to come and celebrate the best that Barbershop has to offer here in Toronto during the Society's 75th Anniversary.

We hope you enjoy the convention and our city. Take some time to enjoy the sights of the city and if you need any help or any information feel free to ask anyone in one of the blue Volunteer Hockey Jersey's. They will all be happy to help you enjoy your convention as much as possible.

Enjoy your time here - We've been expecting you!

Rob Arnold - Convention Chairman

Barry Towner - Convention Co-Chairman

As President of the Ontario District, your hosts for the 2013 Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Toronto. If this is your first time visiting Toronto we hope you will take some time to enjoy the city and perhaps take in an excursion to nearby areas of Ontario, such as Niagara Falls and Ontario's wine region. If you've been to Toronto before, welcome back. Enjoy the sights and sounds of our great city. We know the convention and the celebration of the Society's 75th Anniversary will leave lasting memories, and some wonderful barbershop moments. Enjoy your week here - We've been expecting you! Barry Towner Ontario District President

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“The Past” 75 Years (1938-1950)

First meeting of what would soon become the Barbershop Harmony Society

Owen C. Cash, Rupert Hall and 24 other men met on the top of the Tulsa Club's Roof Garden / Sky Terrace and harmonized some old songs; Down Mobile was said to be the first. Everyone agreed that this was something they wanted to continue so they scheduled another meeting. News of their third meeting hit the news wires. The story went national and inspired other men to meet. Additional chapters formed. The Society was born. The first chapters were Tulsa, OK (April 11), Kansas City, MO (June 2), Oklahoma City, OK (July 6), Wilmington, DE (September 9) and St Louis, MO (October 8).

Barflies Win First Quartet Contest

The Tulsa barbershoppers decided they should hold a contest to determine the “World's Champion”. The contest was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The headquarters was the Hotel Tulsa with the contest held at Central High School on June 3rd. All quartets were invited to enter with 23 showing up. The Bartlesville (Oklahoma) Barflies, George McCaslin (T), Harry Hall (L), Herman Kaiser (Br) and Bob Durand (Bs) won and were crowned our FIRST quartet champs. They won the grand prize of \$50 with the runners up given a box of throat lozenges and best wishes for the next convention.

First Society Publication

Our first editor was National Secretary / Treasurer Joe Stern. His four-page newsletter was called the Barber Shop Re-Chordings and it first appeared in November of 1941 (Vol. I, No. 1). A hand-written Phil Embury arrangement of Sweet Roses of Morn appeared in the issue becoming the Society's first published arrangement.

Difference of Opinion about O.C. Cash

Showing the light-hearted nature of the Society and appreciation of our Founder's famous sense of humor, Editor Carroll Adams included this in the December 1942 issue of Barbershop Re-Chordings.

A prominent attorney in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, who is a loyal member of the Chapter in that city, but who asked that his name be withheld, for obvious reasons, says this about the illustrious founder of our noble Society, O. C. Cash - Among tax attorneys throughout the United States, O. C. Cash is known as “a damned good baritone”. Among Barbershop Quarteters throughout the United States, O. C. Cash is known as “a damned good tax attorney”.

We're International

The Society became “International” when the first Canadian chapter was organized in the spring of 1944 - in Windsor, Ontario.

The Bills Begin

The Buffalo Bills held their first rehearsal on September 20th, 1947 in the home of baritone Hershel “Hersh” Smith. Other members were Al Shea (L), Vern Reed (T) and Bill Spangenberg (Bs). With a new baritone (Dick Grapes) they would win the International Quartet Championship in 1950. They would later go on to star on Broadway and in the film “The Music Man”.

*I See The PAST in Your Future
75th Anniversary Historical Display
Westin Harbour Castle—Frontenac Room*



Location of First Meeting, April 11, 1938 – Roof Garden – Tulsa Club

Past Gold Medal Quartet Champions 1938-1950

1939 Bartlesville Barflies
1940 Flat Foot Four
1941 Chordbusters
1942 Elastic Four
1943 Four Harmonizers
1944 Harmony Halls
1945 Misfits
1946 Garden State Quartet
1947 Doctors of Harmony
1948 Pittsburghers
1949 Mid States Four
1950 Buffalo Bills

Cool Facts:

How many members of the 45 quartets and 15 choruses who competed in Toronto in 1963 will be singing on stage 50 years later in 2013 in Toronto?

We know of one: Jim Richards, 1989 Society President sang baritone in 'The Men Of AChord' in 1963 and will be singing with the mike testing Westchester County Chorus this Saturday

Surely there must be others.

When are you arriving in Toronto?

Jun 28 or Earlier—6 people

Jun 29—0 people

Jun 30—15 people

July 1—9 people

July 2—11 people

July 3 or later—7 people

Already here—5 people

(We've Been Expecting More of You)

(as polled on Facebook)

Tours & Attractions

FIREWORKS & CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS! Harbourfront Centre will display a spectacular two-barge Fireworks presentation set to music on the Eve of Canada Day, Sunday June 30th at 10:30pm. You will be able to see everything from the boardwalk, the Westin Hotel or Toronto Island. This event will kick off Harbourfront Centre's Canada Day Weekend Celebrations featuring activities and live performances for the whole family. Harbourfront Centre is located at 235 Queens Quay West, a short walk from the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. Visit the Tourism Toronto Desk at Harmony Marketplace to find more fun things to do in Toronto!

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