

# The Pitch

## Greater Montreal Chapter



## The Little Chorus that could!

2005 Mountain Division Champions  
2005 NED Great Small Chorus Champions  
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### COMING UP - ROB'S REQUIRED EVENTS\*

**Saturday April 22, 2006, Mountain Division Contest** Colchester High School, 131 Laker Lane, Colchester VT [5 weeks to go!]

**Saturday, June 3, 2006 Annual Show with Vocal Spectrum**, Salle Pierre Mercure [11 weeks to go!]

**October 13-14, 2006 Fall Forward 2006** Church of St. Augustine, 176 Westcliffe, Pointe Claire ← REVISÉD

**October 20-22, 2006 60<sup>th</sup> District Convention and Contest** Providence, RI

**April 13-15, 2007 Western Regional Convention** Albany NY area [Location to be determined]

**October 12-14, 2007 Fall Forward 2007** Ermitage St-Croix, Pierrefonds

**October 19-21, 2007 District Convention and Contest** Montreal, Quebec

\*NOTE: It is your duty to inform Rob as soon as you know you will miss any rehearsal or event.

### COMING UP - OPTIONAL, BUT FUN and EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

**July 2-9, 2006 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention** Indianapolis, IN

**July 1-8, 2007 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention** Denver, CO

**June 29-July 6, 2008 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention** Nashville, TN

## I'm so far behind, I think I'm first.

### Happy Birthday, Chapter K-045!

Tonight is our 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Montreal Chapter was one of the first in the Northeast, and we are the parents of Chapters in Nova Scotia, Quebec and grandparents of several others.

The Greater Montreal Chapter (K-045) is the result of a merger in 1995 and we are now on a growth track to bring us back to a Chapter of 50+ members on stage.

We can celebrate some good singing and great camaraderie over the past 56 years, and we can look forward to many more years, if we all work on renewing our Chapter.

### Performance March 8, 2006

We performed at the **Manoir Montefiore**, last Wednesday evening. We had a balanced chorus, an appreciative audience, and a critic to keep us on our toes.

This is the residence where Howard Zingboim's father, Saul, lives. He was obviously pleased to have us there, and enjoyed our performance.

We started with a nine-song repertoire, but ended up with eleven in total. It is nice when the audience demands an encore.

### Hush-a-Bye Mountain.

William "Billy" Mitchell was a NED barbershopper who sang in several quartets.

One day his daughter called him to say that she was watching a movie with her kids, and she had a song that he would like to arrange for his quartet. He listened to it, and agreed that it was a great song, and as they say, the rest is history.

The movie was Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and the song was Hush-a-Bye Mountain. Billy was a bass, and arranged it so he got to sing the melody. Our bass section is glad that he did.

Billy moved to Minnesota in 1997, and has apparently dropped out of barbershop, but his arrangement lives on.

### Membership Scoreboard

**Last week:** Guests = 2   Returning = 2   Follow ups = 0

We will have 2 new members signing up this week, and we have some promising guests.

Talk to somebody about barbershop this week! Our target for members this year is for a 7 member NET INCREASE by the end of 2006.

To get the Mini-Pitch by email, send your email address to  
[imphillips@videotron.ca](mailto:imphillips@videotron.ca)

We sing every Monday at Église St-Sixte  
1895, rue de l'Église, St. Laurent, Quebec

## Show advertising.

The show is only 11 weeks away! That means we have a bunch of new music to learn, tickets to sell and advertising to sell for the show program. We have budgeted to make a profit on this year's show – something we haven't done for the past four years. One way we can do that is to sell enough advertising that we pay for the costs of the show.

It can be done, and there is no time like the present to start. See **Murray** or **Steve!** We will be taking orders for tickets at the same time. So, start to talk up our show with your friends and acquaintances. The price of the tickets will be \$25.00 CDN or \$21.00 US.

## Chapter fund raising ideas.

### Coffee and Hot Chocolate, anyone?

**Alan Kenley** has a supplier that has sent us coffee and hot chocolate on consignment. We sell the units at \$5.00 each and we make \$2.50 per unit for the Chapter. It is good quality coffee and hot chocolate, too! A bunch of members already took some, and If you can, take some to sell at your work, or church, or ...

### Computer printer cartridge recycling.

**Alan Mackenzie** reports that we are registered in the ThinkGreen printer cartridge-recycling program. We should be receiving shipping boxes within two weeks and can get started on this easy fundraiser.

If you want to learn more about the program, you can find a lot of information on their web site ThinkGreen.com.

A list of eligible cartridges is available on the ThinkGreen.com web site.

This is free and there is no cost to the Chapter, so a little effort on the part of each of us can reap some good

financial gain for the group. There is also promotional material available (posters, etc), so you can advertise our program at work, church, bowling league... you get the picture.

Your goal in all of this is to keep Alan busy packing and shipping cartridges!

### FundScrip has new outlets!

The chapter can benefit from your car repairs, your groceries, your clothes, even lunch and coffee! [Harvey's and Second Cup]... all you have to do is get the cards to buy at the outlets from FundScrip.

The weekly deadline to order is on Monday and you receive the cards or certificates the next Monday. It is easy to sign up, and now you can charge the orders to your credit card, although the Chapter only gets half the amount, but it is still better than nothing!

### Now that is a good idea!

If you have a project that would raise funds for the Chapter, please let one of the members of the Board know. It may be the one that makes our budget sing for 2006.

All ideas will be examined, and even if they aren't implemented right away, they may be later in the year.

## Contest entry for Division.

The CJ-20 form is one that must be completed for every competing unit, whether chorus or quartet. The BHS has taken a more proactive approach to ensuring that only legally approved music is used in competitions, and has modified the form to require the unit to identify the music it will sing, and our entry includes *Beautiful Dreamer* and *Exactly Like You*. We will be singing in Colchester in 5 weeks.

### Here is our current repertoire list:

[mp3] means that the mp3 file is on the *Members' Only* web site

Beautiful Dreamer [mp3]	Orange Coloured Sky [mp3]
Before The Parade Passes By [mp3]	Overture [mp3]
Chances Are [mp3]	Que reste-t-il de nos amours [mp3]
Exactly Like You [mp3]	Sixteen Tons [mp3]
Give My Regards To Broadway [mp3]	The Impossible Dream [mp3]
Hello [mp3]	The Star Spangled Banner
Hello Mary Lou [mp3]	Tonight [mp3]
It Don't Mean A Thing [mp3]	Witchcraft [mp3]
Keep The Whole World Singing [mp3]	You'll Never Walk Alone [mp3]
O Canada	Secret Love ..... 8-part. [mp3]
Let There Be Peace On Earth..... 8-part. [mp3]	And So To Sleep Again ..... 8-part. [mp3]
Hush-a-Bye Mountain [mp3]	

**Practice** is something we do at home, every day, between rehearsals!

**Rehearsal** is what we do Monday evenings, where we reinforce what we have been practising every day!