

The Pitch

Greater Montreal Chapter



The Little Chorus that could!

2005 Mountain Division Champions
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COMING UP - ROB'S REQUIRED EVENTS*

April 8, 2006 West Island Chorus Show Loyola High School Auditorium, 8:00 PM (Singing 8 parters) ← **Reminder**
Wednesday, April 19, 2006 Montreal City Voices Family & Friends Location to be confirmed ← **NOTE**
Saturday April 22, 2006 Mountain Division Contest Colchester High School, 131 Laker Lane, Colchester VT [3 weeks to go!]
Saturday, June 3, 2006 Annual Show with Vocal Spectrum, Salle Pierre Mercure [9 weeks to go!]
Monday, June 12, 2006 Guest Night Église St-Sixte ← **NEW**
Monday, September 11, 2006 Guest Night Église St-Sixte ← **NEW**
October 13-14, 2006 Fall Forward 2006 Church of St. Augustine, 176 Westcliffe, Pointe Claire
October 20-22, 2006 60th 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 68th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Indianapolis, IN
January 21-28, 2007 Mid Winter Convention Albuquerque, NM
July 1-8, 2007 69th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Denver, CO
June 29-July 6, 2008 70th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Nashville, TN

You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

Membership Scoreboard

New members in process = 2

Last week: Guests = 1 Returning = 0 Follow ups = 1

We welcomed **Archie Fineberg**, a member from the early '90s who came out last Monday.

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.

Remember: If you recruit 5 members this year, your International, District and Chapter dues for 2007 are **100% fully paid!**

Guest nights coming.

On June 12, 2006 and September 11, 2006 we are going to have Guest Nights, where we will be making an effort of attract a larger group of guests than usual. We will learn a new song, and try to make our evening unforgettable.

Start thinking about people that you might want to invite. Past members are a good source of ideas. Either they are still interested, or they know people who might be.

We have fun every week, so let's share!

“A Night to Remember” is June 3.

This years show is only 9 weeks away! That means we have some 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. Flyers are available.

It can be done, and there is no time like the present to start. See **Murray** or **Steve!** We will have tickets available by the beginning of April. Talk up our show with your friends and acquaintances. The price of the tickets will be \$25.00 CDN or \$21.00 US.

To get the Mini-Pitch by email, send your email address to imphillips@videotron.ca

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

Travel for Division.

There are only 3 more Mondays until Division, and we need to organise carpooling to get us to the contest and back.

Please let **Murray Phillips** know how you plan to travel, and how many others you can take with you, so we can make sure we all have a ride to Colchester VT and back.

Dues are due! Pay them now!

Those who owe Chapter Dues, please pay them tonight. We need the cash to operate the Chapter. If you aren't sure if you owe, you probably do. You can check with **Murray** or **Ray Watkins** if you want to get the exact figure.

Those with **March 31** renewal dates for their International and District Dues must pay them before Friday to avoid a late fee. You can pay online, or you can send a cheque by mail to Headquarters. The amounts are \$87.00 US (\$100.55 CDN) for International and \$25.00 US (\$28.89 CDN) for District. If your dues are not paid, you will not be able to sing at Division.

Chapter fund raising ideas.

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.

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

Do you have an old cell phone?

It may be worth some money to the Chapter. **Alan Mackenzie** has a list of eligible brands and phones, and there is a box to put them in. Clear out the junk, and help the Chapter. What a deal!

Computer printer cartridge recycling.

We are registered in the ThinkGreen printer cartridge-recycling program. We have shipping boxes and all you have to do is make sure the cartridge you are bringing is eligible, and then put it in the box.

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, and lost one!

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

Loblaw's and its associated store, **Maxi & Cie** are back. They were inundated with emails, and revised their position, and you can buy cards through 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!

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!