

THE HARMONY HOLLER

EAST YORK BARBERSHOPPERS
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC & GREAT FELLOWSHIP IN FOUR PART HARMONY



President's Message **THE ART OF POSITIVE THINKING**

At COTS in Orillia five years ago, we had a chance to view a movie entitled “The Art of Possibilities”. The basic premise was that with effective leadership, an individual or a group could accomplish almost anything it set its mind to. I will strive to be a good leader for the Chapter in my role as President, but I have to profess that I’ll likely never have the leadership style portrayed in that movie. It got me to thinking, however, that while the leader in the film, an orchestra conductor, had ultra dynamic leadership talents, the individuals he was working with also displayed positive attitudes in making the changes the leader suggested to accomplish the ultimate goal. Yes, while a group usually needs a leader to reach a common objective, I believe that the most crucial element that will determine its success is the overall attitude of the members and the teamwork they display. Hence, the art of positive thinking. Together, I believe we can accomplish whatever we set our mind to.

I think this can be a great year for East York Chapter. A hugely successful show in November with the Eastside Harmony Sweet Adelines, increased membership throughout the year, continuing improvement in Chorus performances, renewed bonds of fellowship through working together on projects like hosting the District Spring Convention and our annual Spring Auction, and compellingly enjoyable weekly meetings, are all within our grasp, if we stay positive. I’d like to list what I think are some necessary ingredients to “The Art of Positive Thinking”:

- Be positive. Positive people attract others ... negative people repel others.
- Be enthusiastic. Nothing significant was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
- Do things to make other members of the group feel important ... praise, encourage, support, cooperate.
- Don’t be afraid to think “outside of the box” when faced with a challenge.
- Be genuinely interested in the opinions, ideas, and viewpoints of others.

Have a great year and a richly rewarding Barbershop experience in 2010!

Al Spence – Chapter President

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VP Communications Message

I would like to wish all my fellow Barbershoppers a very prosperous New Year! First, I want to thank you for your choice in having me take on the role of VP Communications for my new home, the East York Barbershoppers. This is my first year with East York and about 5 years with the Society.

As many of you know, I have lots of ideas and plenty of energy to support both my singing and my communications role. I am a big advocate of efficiency and speed. I wanted to share with each of you some of the things that are on my mind in order of importance. You will find that I am the type of person who will throw ideas out on the table in hopes that they will stick or at least make for productive and constructive conversation. I am a cup half full, not half empty person. I believe that in anything you do, if you are not part of the solution than you are part of the problem.

Newsletter

- Open for names (my other choice was “The Dipthong”)
- limited to 3 pages maximum, delivered in pdf format via email, downloaded from the web or print for those that do not have computers or internet access.
- Formal Sections will include: Executive Messaging, Singer of the Month Player Card, Monthly Smile, Events, Photographs, Music Directors Corner, accomplishments, reminders, practice drills, new repertoire, homework assignments
- *please provide me with any other ideas you might have*

Website

- Our new website will be launched before the end of the month
- The website will evolve over time
- Sections will include: About Us, Ask Us, See Us, Join Us, Hire Us, Links, Feedback, Guestbook, Newsletters, EYB Family Album, Event Calendar, Harmony Hall Tribute, Quartets, EYB Executive contacts, member login, EYB Harmony University for learning, (music pdf files, music mp3 files, video for choreography),
- *provide me with any ideas on what should be included as each of you will be responsible for supplying me with content for the site*

Yahoo EYB Group

- Already established but not published
- provide tools for collaboration, voting, member surveys, communications, attracting new members, calendars

Photography

- a hobby of mine and you will see me capturing great moments in EYB Barbershop for the Newsletter and the website – Christmas party pics will be available on the website for viewing.

Recordings

- High quality recordings of key rehearsal segments, tips from Pat and our Vocal Coaches will be posted in the members section of the website

Barry Tripp – VP Communications

About The Harmony Holler

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