

Belles and Beaus plan more entertaining trips

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It's been several months since I last brought you up to date on the comings and goings of the Belles and Beaus. In fact, we had just enjoyed our annual trip to Oktoberfest. We then took in the Glen Miller Show at Roy Thomson Hall. We surely miss the beautiful tones of the old Big Bands of yesteryear.

We put on a "mock wedding" for our part of the rally in Acton. We must surely make the Guinness Book for "whenever did you hear of the bride who was older than her 'mother' or 'father'?" Strange things can happen in the Belles and Beaus Club.

A few of us were lucky enough to get tickets for the John McDermott concert in Brampton. He certainly is a "down to earth" singer and his Danny Boy rendition (which he always dedicates to his father's memory) brought a tear to many an eye.

Christmas dinner, catered by the Ladies of Knox, was as usual a very delicious repast. Thus we ended the old and entered the new of '96.

Our first trip in the new year was to the 58th annual Beaver Show which everyone agreed was the best yet. Then along came the Irish Scream. Need I say more? Good

entertainment, great food, good fellowship are always a great attraction — why even Ernie was up — with his curly gray locks and gay Irish bows.

The Ukrainian concert in Toronto attracted some of us. I must confess, I have never heard our national anthem played and sung more beautifully. It was like a prayer.

The end of March, found us back at "The Hall" for the Best of Barbershop. This concert was the "cream of the crop." Ah! What harmony! The gold medalists of the world were there. Gee whiz! I always wanted to be able to sing — we had sopranos, altos, tenors and baritones in my family, but I sure as heck wasn't one of them. Ah me! I can at least enjoy the gifts of others.

Coming up is the Lawrence Welk show. This show is a sell-out a year ahead. We will not only enjoy the members we heard last year but will also see and hear Myron Floring and Bobby and Elaine. This group of entertainers keep alive the wonderful music of their beloved Lawrence Welk. You can almost imagine the bubbles floating around.

Early June will find us at Copps Coliseum to enjoy The Band Tattoo. Isn't it great!

Just before our meetings wind up

for the summer, comes the ever popular Geritol Follies. This is always a "must" trip. We are forever amazed at this talented group of senior citizens.

Have a great summer. Don't forget to use your sunscreen. God willing we'll see you in the fall! ... unless I hear of some good trips throughout the summer.

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