

Harmony Foundation Drawing

Presentation of Awards

College Quartet Representative Announced

District International Quartet Representatives Announced

2007 Senior Quartet Champions Announced

Singing Valentine Quartet Contest Winner Announced

Each Announced Quartet sings one song

2007 District Champion Chorus - two songs

Finale

“Keep the Whole World Singing”

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say! Can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True Patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

TO THE FINE PEOPLE AT:

Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

**Traverse City Convention
and Visitors Bureau**

Macomb County Chapter

PIONEER DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

April 17-19, 2009



Bill Biffle
Society President



Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

Acme, Michigan

Hosts:

Macomb County Chapter



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BILL BIFFLE

Bill is our Society President! He joined the Society in 1976 and since then has been a long-time quartet man and chorus director, having won the Rocky Mountain District quartet contest with two foursomes and directed the Albuquerque Chapter chorus, the New MexiChords, to four district championships. Bill was a contest judge for 22 years, served on the Society's Chorus Director Development Committee from 1997 to 2002, has taught and coached barbershop harmony throughout North America and Europe, and is currently a Certified Master Director.

So again we have a Society Rep who can say, "Been there, done that!" to all things barbershop in both the administrative side and the musical side of our hobby.

As President, Bill's motto is "Together in Hrmony," reflecting his deep belief in the value of musical harmony, which brings us together, and social harmony which keeps us together.

Bill has managed all types of construction projects over the past forty years. Since 1987 he has been President/CEO of a commercial construction company in Albuquerque, N.M. where he and his wife Lillian currently reside.

Be sure to give Bill and Lillian a big Pioneer District welcome when you meet them, and come sing under this Certified Master Director in the Joe Babershop Chorus!

2009 PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2009 MANAGEMENT TEAM DIRECTORS:

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 Chorus Director Development Jim Ryan
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 Youth in Harmony Jeff Pierson
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CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT	POSITION	HOST CHAPTER
Jerry Ditto	Chairman	Mike Jaissle
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Jerry Ditto	Hospitality	Dale & Kathy Hanson
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Robb & Patti Smith	Tickets	
Robb & Patti Smith	Registration	Bruce Hipple
Roger Lewis	District Raffle	Floyd McDaniel
Rick Anderson	Publicity	Karen Schaffer
	Worship Service	Dave Anderson & Dave Walker
	Barbershoppers Shop	Dale & Kathy Hanson

Ron Eubank Joe Barbershop Chorus

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**All events take Place at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
 100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme, Michigan 49610**

FRIDAY - April 17

11:00am - 5:45pm Registration
 Tower Desk

11:00am Management Team Meeting and Board Meeting
 Council Room

12:00 noon - on Barbershoppers' Shop
 Peninsula Rooms B & C

1:30pm House of Delegates Meeting
 Directors Room

3:00pm (approx) Quartet Champions Association Meeting
 Council Room

3:30-5:00pm "Ring Chords Like Never Before"
 Taught by Music Category Judge Ron Black
 Tower A

3:30 -5:00pm "Vocal Production and the Singing Category"
 Taught by Singing Category Judge James Estes
 Mackinaw A

6:00pm Registration at Contest Site

7:00pm District Quartet Contest; Seniors Quartet Contest
 Governor's Hall C, D, E, F

10:00pm (approx) Evaluations and Coaching for eliminated
 quartets; Judges' Rooms, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

10:00pm (approx) Mt. Pleasant Chapter
 Travel Fund Quartet Show, Governor's Hall

SATURDAY - April 18

9:00am - 10:45am Registration
 Tower Desk

9:00am - on Barbershoppers' Shop
 Peninsula Rooms B & C

10:00am Joe Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal
 Tower Ballroom C

10:30am - 3:00pm Registration at Contest Site

11:00am Pioneer District Chorus Contest
 Governor's Hall C D E F

2:30pm (approx) Chorus Evaluation and Coaching Sessions

4:00pm (approx) Singing Valentine Quartet Contest
Brian Dunckel, Tower Ballroom A

6:45pm Guardians of Harmony, Macomb County Chapter
Retiring 2008 Pioneer District Chorus Champions
Governor's Hall C D E F

7:00pm College Quarter Contest
District Quartet Finals

10:30pm (approx) Evaluation & Coaching for finalist quartets
Judges' Rooms, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

10:30pm Chapter Hospitality Rooms
Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

SUNDAY - April 19

9:00 - 9:45am Worship Service
Tower Ballroom A

10:00 - 11:30am Post Convention Recap Meeting
Council Room

JUDGES

Administrator Jack Edgerton LOL
Assistant Administrator Jack Ryback LOL

Music Ron Black SWD
Adam Reimnitz RMD

Presentation Don Challman LOL
Mark Magness LOL

Singing James Estes DIX
Rik Johnson CSD

GUEST JUDGES

Singing Glen Hipple PIO

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PIONEER DISTRICT

CHORUS CONTEST

11:00 am, Saturday, April 18, 2009
Governor's Hall, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme, Michigan 49610

Welcome..... **Brian Dunckel**
Pioneer District President, Lansing Chapter

Presenter **Bill Biffle**
Society President

Mike Tester Chorus **Joe Barbershop Chorus**
Directed by Society President **Bill Biffle**

CHORUS/CHAPTER DIRECTOR

1. **Guardians of Harmony** Glen Hipple
Macomb County Chapter, Plateau 1
(Unpublished score - Singing for eval only)

2. **Great Lakes Chorus** Curt Struyk
Grand Rapids Chapter, Plateau 2

3. **Heart of the Hills** Michael Hartrick
Rochester Chapter, Plateau 3

4. **Cherry Capitol Chorus** Jeff Cobb
Traverse City Chapter, Plateau 2

5. **Sun Parlour Chorus** Dan Bezaire
Windsor Chapter, Plateau 3

6. **Kalamazoo Barbershop Chorus** Dave Woolf
Kalamazoo Chapter, Plateau 2

INTERMISSION

7. **Big Chief Chorus** Tom Blue
Pontiac-Waterford Chapter, Plateau 3

8. **Mountaintown Singers** David Gillingham
Mount Pleasant Chapter, Plateau 1

9. **Shoreline Chorus** Mike O'Donnell
Muskegon Chapter, Plateau 4

10. **Huron Valley Harmonizers** Robb Pettigrew
Huron Valley Chapter, Plateau 3

11. **Lakeshore Chorus** Steve Pauling
Grosse Pointe Chapter, Plateau 2

12. **Gentlemen Songsters** Steve Sutherland
Detroit-Oakland Chapter, Plateau 2

13. **Cereal City Chorus** Rob Halsey
Battle Creek Chapter, Plateau 3

14. **Town & Country Chorus** Don Slamka
Hillsdale Chapter, Plateau 2

15. **Midstatesmen Chorus** Jan Northup
Gratiot County Chapter, Plateau 3

DISTRICT QUARTET PRELIMINARIES AND SENIOR'S QUARTET CONTEST

7:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2009
Governor's Hall, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme, Michigan 49610

Welcome **Mike Jaissle, Convention Chairman**
Macomb County Chapter

Master of Ceremonies **Mike Jaissle**
Macomb County Chapter

Mike Tester Quartet.....**Resisting-A-Rest**
2008 Seniors Quartet Champion

1. **A Perfect Fit (Awesome Quartet)** - Grosse Pointe
Tenor - John Waring Bari - Scott Houghton
Lead - Matt Seely Bass - Marvin Burke
(Unpublished score - Singing for eval only)

2. **Four To Go** - Flint, Macomb County, Pontiac-Waterford
Tenor - FredMcFadyen Bari - Ron Gillies
Lead - Doug Lynn Bass - Dave Lonsbury
(Seniors Quartet Contest only.)

3. **Moxy** - Battle Creek, Lansing, Motor City Metro
Tenor - David Ebersole Bari - Jeff Woodruff
Lead - Rob Halsey Bass - Mike Foner

4. **Meta-4** - Huron Valley, Motor City Metro
Tenor - Timothy Johnson Bari - William Stutts
Lead - James O'Dell Bass - Aaron Wolf

5. **Right on Q** - Detroit-Oakland, Macomb County, Windsor
Tenor - Matthew Tipton Bari - Richard Lauzon
Lead - Kenneth Klein Bass - Ed Bax

6. **Today's Special** - Detroit-Oakland
Tenor - John Blanchard Bari - Joseph DeSantis
Lead - Douglas Joppie Bass - Jack Day
(Seniors Quartet Contest only.)

7. **Interstate Chord Company**-Michiana Metro, South Bend, Mishawaka
Tenor - Bernard Worden Bari - Dick Jordan
Lead - Brian Andrews Bass - Kerry Foley

8. **Something Big!!** - Lansing, Motor City Metro & Mt. Pleasant
Tenor - Donald Terpe Bari - Steve Warnaar
Lead - Jason Kerschke Bass - T R Gerard

INTERMISSION

9. **Go 4 it!** - Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Frank Thorne, Kalamazoo
Tenor - Thomas McCoy Bari - Craig Notz
Lead - Gary Nitz Bass - David Woolf

10. **Harmony Transfer** - Battle Creek, Grand Rapids & Muskegon
Tenor - Alan Coombs Bari - David Kutter
Lead - Michael O'Donnell Bass - Joel Prather
(Seniors Quartet Contest and Prelims)

11. **Showtime** - Grand Rapids, Frank Thorne
Tenor - Jim Johnson Bari - Wayne Hodgson
Lead - Tom Weidner Bass - Al Smith
(Seniors Quartet Contest only.)

12. **Party of Four** - Battle Creek, Frank Thorne, Kalamazoo
Tenor - Kevin Morey Bari - Mark Spear
Lead - Toby Shaver Bass - Wally Krause

13. **Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir** - Frank Thorne, Gratiot County,
Mt. Pleasant & Traverse City
Tenor - Mark Wilson Bari - Tracy Ulrich
Lead - Kurt Busman Bass - Neil Nugent

DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS COLLEGE QUARTET CONTEST

6:45 p.m., Saturday, April 18, 2009
Governor's Hall, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme, Michigan 49610

Welcome..... **Brian Dunckel**
Pioneer District President, Lansing Chapter

Master of Ceremonies **Doran McTaggart**
Windsor Chapter

Guardians of Harmony, **2008 Pioneer District Chorus Champions**
Macomb County Chapter, , Director

Mike Tester Quartet:

COLLEGE QUARTET CONTEST

1. **When in Rome** - University of Michigan
Tenor - Alex Davenport Bari - Dillon Berg
Lead - Rob Deleon Matt Traylor

2. **Augmented Fourth** - Hillsdale College
Tenor - Thomas Cox Bari - Allen Zarcone
Lead - Keaton Christiansen Bass - Nathaniel Pullman

3. **Grand Central Station** - Central Michigan University, SVSU
Tenor - Kevin L. Dunckel Bari - Mark Sprang
Lead - Ryan C. Collins Bass - Craig Johnson

4. **Fountain Street Four** - Davenport University, GRCC, MCC
Tenor - Phil Spencer Bari - Dan Winer
Lead - Drew Magnussen Bass - Owen Sharpe

5. **Ebb N' Flow** - Central Michigan University
Tenor - Nathan Masterson Bari - Dominic Calzetta
Lead - Garrett Gillingham Bass - Dave Bechard

QUARTET FINALISTS

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Awards Acknowledgement