

Awards Acknowledgments

Harmony Foundation Drawing

College Quartet Representative Announced

District International Quartet Representatives Announced

2011 Senior Quartet Champion Announced

Each announced Quartet sings

**Pioneer District Championship Chorus Director directs
"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.

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Mt. Pleasant Chapter

**PIONEER DISTRICT
BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY
SPRING CONVENTION**

April 15-17, 2011



**Bill Biffle
Society Past President**



Soaring Eagle Hotel & Casino

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Hosts:

Mt. Pleasant Chapter

BILL BIFFLE

Bill was the Society Rep at our Pioneer District Convention two years ago and he has come back to enjoy more of that Pioneer District hospitality.

Bill has done all things barbershop. Since becoming a member of the Society in 1976 he sang in two district championship quartets in the Rocky Mountain District, directed the Albuquerque Chapter chorus, The New MexiChords, to four district championships, was a contest judge for 22 years, served on the Society's Chorus Director Development Committee for 5 years, and has taught and coached barbershop harmony throughout North America and Europe. He is currently a Certified Master Director.

Bill has managed all types of construction over the past 40 years, being President/CEO of a commercial construction company in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he and his wife Lillian currently reside.

In addition to being the MC for the Chorus Contest Bill will be directing the Joe Barbershop mic-testing chorus! So we are once again graced with a been-there, done-that guy for all things barbershop in administration, education and performance. Let's give Bill a giant Pioneer District welcome.

2011 PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	Brian Dunckel
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Roger Lewis
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Doug Weaver
SECRETARY	Joe Serwach
TREASURER	Robb Smith

2011 MANAGEMENT TEAM DIRECTORS:

Contest & Judging	Ron Eubank
Music & Performance	Toby Shaver
Chapter Support & Leadership Training	Joe McDonald
Member Services	George Doyle
Chorus Director Development	Don Slamka
Events	Jerry Ditto
Youth in Harmony	Nels Carlson
Marketing & Public Relations	Paul Ellinger
Financial Development	Brian Dunckel

CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT	POSITION	HOST
Jerry Ditto	Chairman	Barry George
Roger Lewis	Housing	
Jerry Ditto	Hospitality	
Al Zaeske	Auditorium	Dick Metz
Don Kill	Backstage	Jeff Rayburn
Ron Eubank	Judges Services	Tom Ennis
Robb Smith	Tickets	Jim McMahan
Robb Smith	Registration	Jim McMahan
Marv Skupski	District Raffle	Joe McDonald
Paul Ellinger	Publicity	
	Worship Service	John Scheide
	Barbershoppers Shop	Joel Todd
Ron Eubank	Joe Barbershop Chorus	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events take place at the Soaring Eagle Hotel and Casino
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Friday – April 15

10:30 am	Board Meeting Management Team Meeting Ojibway Room
11:00 am – 8:30 pm	Registration Grand Foyer/Registration Desk
11:00 am – On	Barbershoppers Shop Anishnabeg Room
1:30 pm	House of Delegates Meeting Three Fires Room
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Masters Class, Connie Keil Musical Interpretation – Exploring the Possibilities Fox Room
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Masters Class, Phil DeBar Baritone Greatness: Learned & Earned Porcupine Room
3:00 pm	QCA Meeting O'Jibway Room
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Singing Room - Wolf Room
7:00 pm	District Quartet International Preliminary Contest Seniors Quartet Contest Chip/Sag Ballroom
10:00 pm (approx)	Evaluations and Coaching for eliminated quartets; Judges' Rooms, Soaring Eagle Hotel
10:00 pm (approx)	Mountaintown Singers Travel Funds Show Chip/Sag Ballroom
10:30 pm (approx)	AHSOW Woodshedding Raccoon Room

Saturday – April 16

9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration Grand Foyer/Registration Desk
9:00 am – On	Barbershoppers Shop Anishnabeg Room
9:00 am	Joe Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal Three Fires Room
10:30 am	Pioneer District Chorus Contest Chip/Sag Ballroom

2:30 pm Chorus Evaluations and Coaching
Wolf, Fox, Deer, Raccoon, Bear & Porcupine Rooms

4:30 – 6:00 pm Singing Room – Wolf Room

6:45 pm 2010 District Chorus Champions Grand Rapids
Chip/Sag Ballroom

7:00 pm College Quartet Contest
District Quartet Contest Finals
Chip/Sag Ballroom

10:30 pm (approx) Evaluations and Coaching for quartets
Judges' Rooms, Soaring Eagle Hotel

10:30 pm Chapter Hospitality Rooms
AHSOW Woodshedding, Raccoon Room
Singing Room, Wolf Room

Sunday, April 17

9:00 am – 9:45 am Worship Service
Three Fires Room

10:00 am – 11:30 pm Post Convention Recap Meeting
Ojibway Room

JUDGES

Administrator	Chris Buechler	Mid-Atlantic
Associate Administrator	Steve Tremper	Carolinas
Music	John Burri Raymond Schwarzkopf	Evergreen Illinois
Presentation	Connie Keil Mark Kettner	Far Western Dixie
Singing	Phil DeBar Warren Hettinga	Far Western Far Western

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PIONEER DISTRICT CHORUS CONTEST

10:30 am, Saturday, April 17, 2011

Soaring Eagle Hotel & Casino

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Welcome **Doug Weaver**
Pioneer District Executive Vice President

Presenter **Bill Biffle**
International Society Past President

Mike Tester Chorus **Joe Barbershopper Chorus**
Directed by Bill Biffle

CHORUS/CHAPTER DIRECTOR

1. **Floral City Harmonizers** Chris Berry
Monroe North Chapter, Plateau 3
 2. **Lakeshore Chorus** Steve Pauling
Grosse Pointe Chapter, Plateau 3
 3. **Lighthouse Chorus** Brother Giles Hanover FSD
Michiana Metro Chapter, Plateau 2
 4. **Cereal City Chorus** Dorn Burrill
Battle Creek Chapter, Plateau 2
 5. **Sun Parlour Chorus** Dan Bezaire
Windsor Chapter, Plateau 2
 6. **Windmill Chorus** Michael Oonk
Holland Chapter, Plateau 2
 7. **Arrowhead Chorus** David Longroy
Flint Chapter, Plateau 3
- INTERMISSION**
8. **Huron Valley Harmonizers** Robb Pettigrew
Huron Valley Chapter, Plateau 3
 9. **Capitol City Chordsmen** Steven Warnaar
Lansing Chapter, Plateau 2
 10. **Gentlemen Songsters** Stephen Sutherland
Detroit-Oakland Chapter, Plateau 2
 11. **Town and Country Chorus** Don Slamka
Hillsdale Chapter, Plateau 2
 12. **Motor City Singers** Glen Hipple
Motor City Metro Chapter, Plateau 1
 13. **Kalamazoo Barbershop Chorus** Dave Woolf
Kalamazoo Chapter, Plateau 2
 14. **Cherry Capitol** Carleen McCall
Traverse City Chapter, Plateau 2
 15. **Big Chief Chorus** Thomas Blue
Pontiac-Waterford Chapter, Plateau 2
 16. **Guardians of Harmony Chorus** Matthew Tipton
Macomb County Chapter, Plateau 2

DISTRICT QUARTET PRELIMINARIES
AND SENIOR'S QUARTET CONTEST

7:00 pm, Friday, April 15, 2011

Soaring Eagle Hotel & Casino

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Welcome..... **Barry George, Convention Chairman**

Mt. Pleasant Chapter

Master of Ceremonies..... **Joe McDonald**

Mt. Pleasant Chapter

Mike Tester Quartet..... **Carte Blanche**

2010 Pioneer District Seniors Quartet Champions

1. **Chordiology** – Huron Valley, Motor City Metro

* Tenor – Cliff Dake Bari – Rob Pettigrew
Lead – Paul Ellinger Bass – David Spizarny

2. **Quad Pro Quo** – Mt. Pleasant, Traverse City

* Tenor – Aaron Gramza Bari – Jabin Reinhold
Lead – Chad Hall Bass – Jason Lynch

3. **Old Thyme Harmony Quartet** – Lansing

* Tenor – Jacob Welty Bari – Timothy Oliver
Lead – Donald Horton Bass – Jim McKay

4. **Showtime** – Grand Rapids, Muskegon

** Tenor – Jim Johnson Bari – Alan Coombs
Lead – Douglas Weaver Bass – Al Smith

5. **Singers Local #4** – Frank Thorne, Grosse Pointe,

**** Macomb County
Tenor – James Edwards Bari – Stephen Pauling
Lead – Joseph Queen Bass – Pete Burns

6. **Souled Out** - Hillsdale, Frank Thorne

* Tenor – Cory Richmond Bari – James Hartman
Lead – Cameron Bible Bass – William Horvath

7. **Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir** – Englewood (FL),
Gratiot County, Mt. Pleasant, Traverse City, Frank Thorne

* Tenor – Mark Wilson Bari – Tracy Ulrich
Lead – Kurt Busman Bass – Neil Nugent

8. **Ebb N' Flow** – Mt. Pleasant, Frank Thorne

*** Tenor – Nathan Masterson Bari – Ben Krinke
Lead – Garrett Gillingham Bass – Dave Bechard

9. **Moxxy** – Macomb County, Motor City Metro

* Tenor – Dave Ebersole Bari – Jeff Woodruff
Lead – Glen Hipple Bass – Mike Foner

10. **Singing With Dad** – Macomb County, Motor City Metro

* Tenor – David Walker Bari – Richard Anderson
Lead – Roger Walker Bass – David Anderson

11. **Right on Q** – Macomb County, Motor City Metro,
* Windsor

Tenor – Matthew Tipton Bari – Jim Troeger
Lead – Kenneth Klein Bass – Ed Bax

*District Quartet Competitor only

**District and Seniors Competitor

***Collegiate and District Competitor

****Scores for evaluation only

COLLEGE QUARTET CONTEST
DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS

6:45 pm, Saturday, April 16, 2011

Soaring Eagle Hotel & Casino

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Welcome..... **Brian Dunckel**

Pioneer District President, Lansing Chapter

Master of Ceremonies..... **Doran McTaggart**

Windsor Chapter

2010 District Chorus Champions **Great Lakes Chorus**

Directed by Aaron Bouwman and Peter Westers

Mike Tester Quartet_____

COLLEGE QUARTET CONTEST

1. **Easily Amused** - Grand Blanc High School

Tenor – John Hank Bari – Brandon Smith
Lead – Tyler Wells Bass – Cody Harrell

(College Quartet **Ebb N' Flow** from Central Michigan U sang Friday Night in the District Contest, and their score from that performance will also be their score for this contest.)

DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS

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