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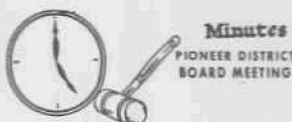


Dan Waselchuk
Past Int'l President



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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT HARRISVILLE SEPTEMBER 4, 1971

Meeting was called to order by President TOM DAMM at 12:30 P.M. All officers were present as well as Troubadour Editor Roger Lewis, C & J Chairman MERLE CLAYTON, District Photographer BILL PASCHER, International Convention PR Chairman BOB MC DERMOTT from OCC and a delegation from Traverse City that included MIKE OWEKKEK, MORRIS ALLEN and DEAN FISHER.

President DAMM asked that all other business be deferred to allow the Traverse City delegation to report on the Spring Convention. The committee reported that the convention gross revenue was \$9,138.13 with expenses of \$5,745.73 for a net revenue of \$2,392.40.

The committee pointed out that the district share was less than 1/2 since the cost of the new interpretation judge test judging was deducted from the district share as previously authorized, making net proceeds to the district \$1,004.75.

A motion was made by DON FUNK, seconded by DICK SIMPSON, that the report be accepted and the Traverse City Chapter and particularly the convention committee be commended for a job well done.

Minutes of the June 12, 1971 Board of Directors meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurers report was read and approved as read, showing a balance in the bank as of August 31, 1971 of \$5,864.33.

President DAMM advised the board that the following four people have been appointed to go to Kenosha to the COTS orientation on Sept. 17-19 to act as instructors at COTS in November as authorized at the last board meeting: VP's DON FUNK, NOEL CARPENTER, TOM POLLARD and Secy. BILL WARNER.

IBM GENE GILLEN reported on the proceedings of the International Board meeting at New Orleans.

A discussion ensued relative to the use of International COTS in 1972 as directed by the International Board.

The 1971 Pioneer District COTS was confirmed to be on November 14, 1971 to be held at the Olds Plaza Hotel in Lansing, Mich.

ZONE REPORTS:

ZONE I: V.P. TOM POLLARD reported several successful outdoor meetings during the summer. OCC is planning an auditions night for late October, being held in planning by Grosse Pointe. He also reported on the invitation extended to Pioneer District Chapters by the Ontario District to an international night to be held in Sarnia on September 25, 1971.

ZONE II: V.P. DICK SIMPSON reported he having problems. Hudson is going strong. Jackson's new chorus director is shaking things up and looks like great things coming. We need an area counselor for center of state. St. Joseph County (Three Rivers) is coming fine. DAVE STEVENS visit will help them. Battle Creek is strong with four registered quartets. Chorus will compete. Kalamazoo at 50 members planning on A.F.A. this fall.

ZONE III: V.P. DON FUNK reported that Big Rapids is having real trouble bringing membership up. Grand Rapids, Holland, Lansing all going well. Muskegon down but now has a new chorus director in AL BURGESS.

ZONE IV: V.P. CLIFF MAC LEAN reports that summer is actively slow. Boyne City and Traverse City strong. Cadillac had a lot of activity but down to 24 members. Les Cheneaux is down to 23. Canceled their show and are not going to compete. Sault Ste. Marie hasn't been meeting all summer. Summer outing at Kalkaska was poorly attended primarily due to lack of communications. Au Sable Chapter is having real problems getting enough to charter. Pres. DAMM reminded that time was running out and that pressure should be brought to bear to finalize a charter date.

Pres. DAMM discussed a letter received from JOHN CAIRNS saying he had not received a reply from either Sault Ste. Marie or Windsor regarding the ground work he set up for the incorporation of the 2 Canadian Chapters. V.P.'s TOM POLLARD and CLIFF MAC LEAN will follow up on this immediately.

ZONE V: V.P. NOEL CARPENTER reports things look great. An increase of 53 members over last year. Gratiot county is going strong - looking forward to their anniversary show on Sept. 25th. Plan A.F.A. this fall. Saginaw Bay is coming along fine now - will compete with BOB GLOVER directing. Flint and Pontiac both strong.

Pres. DAMM discussed a copy of a letter received from International addressed to the Saginaw Bay Chapter in reply to their request to change their name to the MIDLAND-SAGINAW-BAY CITY CHAPTER with the chorus name to be changed to the TRI-CITY CHORUS, in which Kenosha advised that any name change must be cleared through the district. It was the consensus of the board that the name change is unnecessary and probably not in the best interest of barbershop singing in the area not withstanding that men from all 3 cities belong to the chapter.

Exec. Vice Pres. RON GILLES discussed the coming visit of DAVE STEVENS. There will be a basic arrangers school on Saturday, Sept. 25th at Lansing at the Olds Plaza Hotel.

Exec. V.P. GILLES presented the tentative schedule for the Nov. - Dec. visit of MAC HUFF and asked each Zone V.P. to check and confirm dates within his zone. A quartet clinic and coaches workshop is being planned for the December 4th week-end, tentatively scheduled for Alma.

Exec. Vice Pres. GILLIES explained that he has used several factors in determining the location of the visits of the music men - attempting to get them to attend a regular meeting night when possible and also to those chapters who have not had them last.

ROGER LEWIS was introduced to the board as the new Troubadour Editor. Roy repeated the schedule for copy - 1st of month for regular articles, 5th of month for chapter reports. Material will be in the printers hands by the 12th each month with delivery before the end of the month for the ensuing month issue. Plans are being formulated to include some craft information from the International Music Men.

Pres. TOM DAMM advised that LOWELL WOLFE has been appointed Logopedics Chairman, succeeding ROGER LEWIS, effective immediately. All contributions should be mailed to him at RR #2 Delton, Michigan.

BOB MC DERMOTT reported on the Probe booth at New Orleans and that it had placed 4th. An attempt will be made to set the booth up at Grand Rapids so that everyone in the district may see it. Pres. DAMM advised that our costs were higher than anticipated. While the booth costs were less than the amount authorized by the board, the costs involved in the hospital room were excessive. While Oakland County Chapter budgeted \$350.00 of their own money to cover the costs, the hotel charges were \$550.00. GENE GILLEN advised that other districts pick up the tab on the hospital room.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that future hospitality rooms of this sort should be at District expense. It was moved by DON FUNK and seconded by DICK SIMPSON that the district reimburse Oakland County in the amount of \$200.00 as partial payment for the hospitality room costs, bringing cost down to OCC's budgeted \$350.00. Motion carried.

A delegation from Grand Rapids consisting of chapter President TOM HEGLE and convention chairman JACK SIDOR presented a run down on planning for the October convention. The Pantlind Hotel is reserving 700 rooms so that housing should be no problem. It was suggested that, since the mike-tester quartet plays such an important part in readying things for the judges, the retiring championship quartet be requested to serve as mike testers before the quartet prelims Saturday A.M. and the Finals Saturday P.M. It was moved by BILL WARNER, seconded by CLIFF MAC LEAN that an amount equal to the single room rate per person at the place the quartet is housed be paid to the quartet to reimburse them for their Friday night housing. Motion carried.

V.P. DON FUNK, as chairman of the convention committee, reported that the Spring 1972 convention has been awarded to the Saginaw Bay Chapter, to be held in Midland. Holiday Inn in Midland will be convention headquarters. Contest will be held in the Midland Arts Theatre and will be held on the week-end of the 28-30th of April, 1972.

The next meeting of the Board will be at the Pantlind Hotel, Friday, October 8th at 6: P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mn. C. Warner
District Secretary



I certainly hope you all enjoyed the summer and your vacations, and now for news-news.

New Orleans is a pleasant memory now, those that flew on the chartered flight sure had a ball, food and beverages served all the way, plenty of singing and real fun trip. District President TOM DAMM needs to be complimented for all the details of this trip that were so excellently handled. Ladies aboard were presented red roses compliments of O.C.C. Chapter, plus miniature straw hats with boasting signs on them for O.C.C. Chorus. Flight bags were given to all aboard by Eastern Airlines. Ladies hospitality room at the convention was beautifully decorated with flowers, coffee was served, goodies of Pralines and La. syrup were given to each registrant in the hospitality room, plus many prizes daily given to lucky number holders. New Orleans chapter member wives did a fine job helping at the registration desk. Our "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" quartet (Onams) did us proud, those beautiful black and red velvet coats suited them well. O.C.C. chorus did a commendable job too on that stage, directed by CARL DAHLKE. The Pioneer District & O.C.C. Chapter jointly had a fine hospitality room at the Roosevelt Hotel "Gold Room". FRANK DURHAM and his wife MARGUERITE hosted the affair.

MARSHALL WELLS, well known radio broadcaster from Monroe chapter attended the New Orleans convention and obtained many barbershop records to be played on his program.

A champagne cocktail party was held at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans for Pioneer District members and

the wives. Much singing and visiting was enjoyed after visiting famous French Quarters and Bourbon St. It was an interesting sight to see.

Congratulations to RALPH and AUDREY PALMGREN who were recently married.

A Wedding Anniversary was celebrated by BOB and JANE DRABIK recently.

NORM SOHRAM is now retired, he and his wife MARY ELLEN spend six months of the year traveling about the country and the other six in Mexico.

MARK and ISABEL ROBERTS who now reside in Florida, recently visited relatives and friends here, Mark visited his Grosse Pointe chapter meeting.

Get Well wishes go to Mrs. (B111) FAVINGER who suffered a broken hip in a fall and is recuperating at home. Detroit Chapter's Moonlight Cruise was enjoyed by all that were aboard, the night was beautiful and the time for singing was right and dancing to fine music. The MOTOR CITY CHORUS sang and looked (dapper) in their new red and white striped (barbershop) shirts that were purchased for them by the Motor City Chorus wives out of their money making projects. BILL BUTLER directed the Chorus, many quartets entertained including the VAGABONDS, NIGHTWORTHIES, FINAL DECISIONS, CAR TUNES, LAW CHORUS, (Sons of the Pioneers), a quartet from Utica High School, coached by STAN SALTER, and a feminine quartet the TRI-ADS, Region Sweet Adeline Champions.

JOHN FLYNNMORE O.C.C. Chapter is on a U.S.O. tour in south Vietnam with the Don Large Chorus from the University of Detroit.

I'm sorry to report that Mrs. MEL HOLDERNESS died recently, Mel passed away in 1968, served as President of O.C.C. and sang with the CHORDUROY QUARTET.

Motor City, Detroit Chapter held their (family) picnic at Beautiful Camp Dearborn. Games for all and many prizes for the children. The children are thinking of next years picnic already and singing was enjoyed by all.

Sometime next year the Motor City Chorus wives plan a joint card party with Grosse Pointe Chapter wives as a getting to know you occasion.

"CAMPIN' OUT" by ARDY JELTEMA

(ED. NOTE: At every camp-out I attended this summer, Bob and Ardy Jeltema of Grand Rapids were there singing, golfing and whatever; so I asked Ardy to write about what was going on in their area this summer.)

In case some of you didn't know, there were several camp-outs. There's always a first time for everyone. Borrow a tent or camper and try it. Take the kids along. Ask the teenagers if they had fun at Harrisville.

Battle Creek had two campouts at Tyler Creek Campgrounds. The oxroast was delicious and an evening potluck and show were well attended.

Grand Rapids had their annual picnic in conjunction with the Holland campout. Had a great turnout. Lots of fun and games for everyone. This was held at Goshorn Lake. Another evening show and potluck. (What a way to get to eat someone else's cooking.)

Then came Harrisville!!! The greatest of campouts. Try spending a week up there some time. You're never at a loss for something to do. Golf, swimming, games, and singing. Lots and lots of singing. I saw some more barbershoppers there this year that had never tried it before. Nothing but good comments from them. Ask CLINT BOSTICK next time you see him.

By the time you read this Grand Rapids will have had their fourth annual campout. Hope to draw some more from some chapters which have never been there before. It is held at Horsehead Lake, about ten miles east of Big Rapids. We have a big turnout there and lots of fun. Maybe next year some of you out there will join us.

The BARBER BELLES in Grand Rapids are hard at work helping do our part for Contest. Hope all of you enjoy our hospitality in Grand Rapids.

ARDY JELTEMA
2193 AIRWAY N.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49505



DAN WASELCHUK, of Green Bay, Wis., Past International President, will be the International Representative at the District Convention Oct. 8-9-10.

Dan became a barbershopper in 1950 and found himself appointed Chapter Secretary after only one month of membership. Following 18 months of service in this capacity he was elected President of the Green Bay, Wisconsin Chapter, a position he held for three consecutive terms. During this time the chapter trialed its membership.

Such talent was soon recognized by the Land O'Lakes District Organization, and Waselechuk moved up through the ranks as Assistant District Treasurer, and in 1958, District President. Two years later he was elected to the International Board of Directors, in 1962 to the Executive Committee where he served as Vice-President and First Vice President before attaining the Society's highest office in 1964.

It was during Dan's term of office that the Society adopted The Institute of Loopedics in Wichita, Kansas as its International service project. Since that time many thousands of dollars have been contributed by Society members, quartets, chapters, areas, and districts to this unique school for children and adults who have handicaps which inhibit their normal speech.

In daily life he is Assistant Superintendent, Maintenance & Construction, for the Fort Howard Paper Company of Green Bay. He is married, and his wife Patricia has blessed him with eight children.

The BAY NINETIES and the PACKERLANDERS quartets have both enjoyed the services of Waselechuk's bass voice. You'll find Dan a friendly, pleasant guy and a darn good singer, too. Say "Hi" to him while you're in Grand Rapids.

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CONTEST

GREETINGS FROM GRAND RAPIDS

The plans are made and in motion for your weekend enjoyment at the district convention. Ladies, you may enjoy meeting our Barber Belles in a special hospitality room for you--Parlor B, mezzanine level at the

Pantlind Hotel. And guys, we counted, there are over 4000 corners to woodshed, sing teas or what ever. In addition to the many fine eating and drinking establishments right in the hotel, there are many other facilities within walking distance to suit any budget. (Hate that word).

Did you know that the district's pride and joy, the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT will be on hand for the Pre-Glow kickoff on Friday night? The complete schedule goes like this:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8

Registration	5:00 - 10:00 PM	Pantlind Lobby
District Board Meeting & Supper	5:30	Room 225
Pre-Glow	9:30	Kent State Room - Mezz. Pantlind

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

Quartet Briefing	9:00 AM	West Vandenberg Room-Mezz. Pantlind
Quartet Prelims	9:30	Civic Auditorium
Chorus Contest	1:30 PM	Civic Auditorium
Chorus Directors Clinic	4:30	Judges Rooms
Quartet Finals	8:15	Civic Auditorium
After-Glow	11:00	Pantlind Cafeteria

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

Quartet Clinic	9:00 AM	Judges Rooms
Delegates Meeting	10:00 AM	West Vandenberg Room

Prices for all events tickets for contestants is \$5.00 for all others \$6.00. Single events are \$2.00 with two exceptions, the evening finals is \$2.50 and the Pre-Glow is free--but it will be great because it features you and the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT.

Have a great time in Grand Rapids.

NEWS..

A-chord-in-ly.

Jack Sidor
Gen. Chm.



ROGER'S RAMBLINGS

by ROGER J. LEWIS, EDITOR

Hope you all take the ribbing I've given you in the chapter reports as just exactly that--some good natured fun... But truthfully, the excuses we sometimes use are no more valid than those you'll see printed under your chapter name if you didn't send in a report.

Now....if you really want to get back at me, the thing to do is to send in a report next month. If I got 31 reports, one from every chapter, I'd go out of my tree. The Trough would be chapter reports from one end to the other--no President's report, no Editorial, I'd have to use more pages, I'd go over my budget, and lose my new job as Editor. (Now's your chance).

Will Wayne Chapter please put away the Moose? Don't hang MORRIS GILES. He sent me a report last month, but we and UNCLE SAM get confused, so it didn't arrive till time for this issue. Worn't his fault.

Suspect there's some misunderstanding about my last month's request to be on your bulletin mailing list. I do want to receive your chapter bulletin, BUT THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A CHAPTER REPORT. Nor will I write your chapter report for you from your bulletin. I will pick dates, info about what's going on, and numerous tidbits from your bulletin, however. I think it's fair to warn you to watch out for PONTIAC in the Contest. Let me quote from their bulletin----"Speaking of chorus rehearsals, they have really been great during the summer. We've been averaging about 25 per week".....WOW! (Sorry, Dick, I couldn't resist that).

It's almost sacrilegious for an editor to suggest tearing up his magazine, but if you carefully remove the center sheet of this issue, you'll have your own personal folder on our Great International Champions, the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. On the back is their schedule, so you'll know just where you can go to see them.

See you all in Grand Rapids (& GOOD LUCK).

Roger

Wouldn't it be a good idea to send copies of the TROUB to your library each month for them to put out for public reading with their other publications? And what about sending a copy to the local newspapers, radio stations, T.V. stations, etc.? Getting the TROUB there every month might pave the way for some additional publicity, and gain you some goodwill, too. Subscription prices are on Page 1... Just send the names, addresses, and money, to THE PIONEER TROUBADOUR, P.O. Box 1502, Battle Creek, Mich. 49016

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	RENE LE BLANC	1
	DONALD ADAMS	4
	WILLIAM MC CURDY	2
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Wayne

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Grand Rapids & Holland

EVERSHARPS
Saginaw Bay

ROYAL COACHMEN
Grand Rapids

Chapter News

Wayne

by MORRIE GILES

First, we should all give a big vote of thanks to DICK VAN DYKE for doing such a splendid job as Troubadour Editor over the past three years. Next, may we offer a warm welcome to the new editor, ROGER LEWIS, with the pledge that we who concoct these little literary gems will get the reports in on time.

Enthusiasm is running high in the WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS with the rapid approach of contest time in Grand Rapids. Rehearsal attendance has stayed about 85% all during the summer vacation period.

On July 1st the Plymouth Community Band opened it's regular summer concert series before a huge outdoor audience by sharing their spotlight with the WONDERLAND CHORUS. The ovation was tremendous, with some hearing barbershop for the first time.

On July 29, THE WONDERLAND CHORUS put on a half-hour show in Westland Mall as payment for the use of their facilities for our auditions for admissions program last may.

As usual, the summer chapter meetings were held out of doors with many guests and guest quartets in attendance, including "The SHARPLIFTERS". and "The NOTE-WORTHIES" at the July meeting; and the Oakland County Chapter along with the "WOLVERINE CHORUS" and a couple of top notch quartets at our August meeting.

Chapter Secretary has just made it official: The total number of new members gained as a result of our auditions for admissions stands at 12, which we think is very good. Well try again at a future date.

Another group of new members recently inducted follows:

HARLEY (DUTCH) STADELMAN
JAMES MC LANE
JAMES BONAR
ROBERT KEEFE
ROY HEWETT
BILL LINDSAV

plus an oldtime Wayne member whom some of you may remember, AL KOTELES. Al was once president of the WAYNE chapter in the days of yore, when this reporter transferred in from the old Northville Chapter. I'm very sure that by now all these guys know they're much welcome and needed.

Did we see you in Harrisville? Will we see you in Grand Rapids? Come on now!

Boyne City

The Reporter was too busy, as his son ran off with the Circus, and they're making him take it back.

Gratiot County

Was going to have a report this month, but some relatives came over to stay with the reporter for a few days, and they're still looking for their hideaway bed.

Detroit

After getting back from Harrisville, the reporter was too busy working on his fishing line. No one believed the last one.

Saginaw Bay

by A. J. SHOWALTER

Basking in the after glow of a terrific weekend at Harrisville, one can only conclude that this has to be the crown jewel in the series of summer activities and a perfect kick-off for fall activities. Our compliments to all concerned in this terrific fun-time. The hospitality of the community is something to behold--fun--fun--fun for all. Saginaw-Bay gave Wayne a run for their money in the contest for the attendance trophy. Look out next year-- we want to bring the hardware north to stay awhile.

Music and fun have been the bywords in Bay City this summer with a happy combination of singing and chapter activities. The golf outing hosted by RAY SLATES at his Hope Golf Club was a ball. The golf was not too serious but it started things rolling for some great woodshedding. In August our auxiliary sponsored a box social to raise funds for uniforms. After bidding \$10 for a supper brought by his wife, BOB GLOVER showed the rest of the hungry crew a Sirloin Steak dinner--bidding after that was at a brisk pace but alas there were no more steaks. A tidy sum went to the uniform kitty. Thanks to our Ladies.

Now it is work, work, work. Competition at Grand Rapids is just a few weeks away and Saginaw will be there in force. With a couple of singing jobs to warm up on we will be ready for all comers. See you there!

Grosse Pointe

The reporter was busy laminating the dog, so he won't shed anymore.

Les Cheneaux

The Chapter Reporter was going to send in a report, but he was at this bargain basement sale, and they're still trying to figure out where to put the new basement.

Jackson

by DAN LA BUMBARD

Greetings from JACKSON where the action is!! GRAND RAPIDS Chapter: Batten down the hatches because the JACKSONAIRES is (am-are-were?) coming and we are out for gold (medals). The SINGING SIXTY : 2 will be there so O.C.C. and DETROIT and WAYNE, watch out!!

Our Parade featuring the SHARPLIFTERS, FOR TUNE TELLERS, NOTEABLE 4 and the CANATOR, from JACKSON is going to be great. For tickets call or write:

Geo. W. Tripp
4717 Pin Oak Trail
Jackson, Mich 49201
1-517-7832361

The show will be held on Oct. 30 at 8 P.M. in Jackson High School.

Just received the first issue for the new Troub and I would like to say - ugggh! After reading the Idioter Column I had to take to my bed for an attack of the vapors leveled me (?) before I could read the rest of the issue. (Cereal-ly, Rog, - not bad for an "old" Hound.)

We are always happy to see visitors at the Hayes. Every Friday we sing and swing. If you are ever in the area stop in and see us.

Windsor

Would have sent a report in, but he was busy putting starch in the bourbon so he could have a good stiff drink.

Holly - Fenton

The reporter got caught up in the rat race, and the rats are ahead right now.

Au Sable Valley

Was going to send in a report, but one of the boys had a birthday party, and EVERYBODY aged a year.

1971**International****Champions**

The Gentlemen's Agreement

They sang together for seven months and WHAM - they became International 4th Place Medallists. Another four months later, they won the Pioneer (Michigan) District Championship. The following June, in New Orleans, they won it all. They were crowned International Champions in 1971. Overnight success, you say. Well perhaps but here is a quartet whose combined years of membership in S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. (The Barbershop Quartet Society) number more than sixty. Most of those years have been spent with these men singing in quartets. Three of them have been chorus directors. Two are highly qualified arrangers. One is a Judge-Candidate in the Society's Contest & Judging Program. The tenor, Al Rehkop, and the baritone, Glenn Van Tassell, sang together with the 1966 International Champion Quartet, The Auto Tonniers; Glenn sang lead that time around. Theirs has been an obsession with the Barbershop Quartet style of singing that rivals the dedication this writer has seen in any bowler or golfer. What is it all about? Simply this - these are four gentlemen who love to sing. Go ahead, someone--drop a hat!



AL REHKOP - the tenor is a twenty-year veteran of the quartet society. Al has sung tenor with a number of quartets from the Detroit area. Perhaps you will remember The Wolverines, The Sharpkeepers, The Noteries, and of course, The Auto Towners. Al's talent for arranging music in the barbershop style has made a significant contribution to the success of all of the quartets with which he has been associated. Al has also written several original songs, among them, "You're Not Walking Beside Me", and "In My Brand New Automobile". Most of the songs currently performed by The Gentlemen's Agreement are products of Al's fine arranging talent. He is a long-time employee of Great Lakes Steel Corporation, where he is head of the Audit Department, reporting to National Steel Corporation, the parent organization. A willing worker, Al is always ready to give of his time to help other quartets on points of arrangement or expression of their songs.



DOUG DENIS
DONNA ANN GLENN

GLENN VAN TASSELL sings baritone with The Gentlemen's Agreement. Glenn was introduced to the quartet society in Binghamton, New York, and migrated to Detroit after touring with a professional concert chorus for two seasons as a baritone soloist. Upon settling in Detroit, Glenn almost immediately became associated with the quartet society again. He sang with Al Rehkop in the Wolverines, The Auto Towners, and now The Gentlemen's Agreement. Through the twenty years of Glenn's association with the society, he has also sung with other quartets: The Excelsior Four, Treble-Makers, and The Combust-A-Chords. Glenn has sung with the Dearborn Chapter Chorus in International and District Contests and has directed the chorus in District Competition. He has spent many hours in coaching other quartets. Among them are The Sharplifters, The Brothers 3 and Me, and many others. He has held the offices of President of the Dearborn Chapter and Co-chairman of Quartet Promotion for the Pioneer District and is also a Candidate Judoe in the Interpretation category. Glenn lives in Allen Park, Michigan, with his wife, Donna, and their three children. Donna, a former member of Sweet Adelines, is one of the biggest supporters of The Gentlemen's Agreement. Much of the load of correspondence for the quartet is handled by Donna. Glenn is employed as a sales representative with the American Express Company.



BOB
LORI DOROTHY JOHN VICKIE

BOB WHITLEDGE, the gentle giant of The Gentlemen's Agreement, sings bass. A twelve-year member of S.P.E.R. S.O.S.A., Bob has sung with The Treble Shooters, The Chordials, and sang with an early version of The Sharplifters. Bob has served as Recording Secretary and Quartet Promotion Chairman of Detroit #1 Chapter and is currently Director of the Monroe, Michigan Chapter Chorus. He has been known to help other quartets to brush up some of the rough spots, and never tires of encouraging others. He is employed as an Assistant Foreman with the Detroit Edison Company, where he has been employed for nineteen years. Bob and his wife, Dorothy, live in Monroe, Michigan, with their four children. They are both deeply involved in community music and theater groups. Dorothy, a very talented former Sweet Adeline, is ever willing to pitch in to help the Gentlemen in any way. Dorothy has taken on the job of being the quartet's Historian with vim and vigor.



DRAYTON JUSTUS sings lead with The Gentlemen's Agreement. He began his formal association with the quartet society only ten years ago, but his experience goes much deeper. Drayton is a graduate of Duke University with a major in--you guessed it--Music. He continued with a year of graduate work at the University of Michigan. No small time musical family, Drayton's wife, Judy, holds two degrees in Music Education, and is Band Director at Perrysburg High School near Toledo, Ohio. Drayton and Judy and their four children live in Perrysburg, which is seven miles from the Detroit area. Drayton is employed as a Personnel Director at Toledo University. Drayton gained his first quartet experience with a fraternity quartet which toured with the Duke University Glee Club for three years. He joined S.P.E.R.S.O.S.A. in 1960 in Cumberland County, New Jersey, where he served two years as Chorus Director and sang in an unregistered quartet. He transferred to Livingston, New Jersey, in 1963 where he sang with the "Dapper Dans" Chorus and served as Assistant Director. The "Dapper Dans" have since been named International Chorus Champions on two separate occasions, currently reigning as 1970 Chorus Champions. Drayton transferred to Toledo, Ohio, in 1964 where he has been director for two years. He is currently a member of the Monroe, Michigan Chapter. He has been the lead singer with The 1890 Four, The Chordials, and The Gentlemen's Agreement. Few people love to sing more than Drayton, and it shows.

1971 USO TOUR

In July of 1971, just one short and exciting week after being crowned INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS, The GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT left for a 15 day USO Tour of Viet Nam. Here, in their own words, are some of the highlights of the Tour.

"Someone asked, 'Have you ever made a USO Tour?' Bob replied, 'No, but we sure would like to.' Next thing we knew, we were waving goodbye to our families and a few close friends at Metro Airport as we lifted off for San Francisco and a rendezvous with a Pan Am 747 to Saigon.

Imagine it! One week we were crowned INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS of the world's greatest singing society, and the next week we were on our way to the other side of the world.



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BOB LOVE OF THE N.B.A. CHICAGO BULLS. A GROUP OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS WERE THERE ON TOUR.



TYPICAL CONSTANT TRAFFIC SCENE IN SAIGON



Many things greatly impressed us. You think you have poverty in your town? Well, you haven't seen a thing. Our worst is very plush compared to their average. We smelled the stench of rotting garbage in the streets on the day we arrived, and were never without the smell until we left. In downtown Saigon, we saw a four year old boy, methodically eating the wiggling legs, torn from a live cricket. It may have been his entire breakfast.

As a general rule, the G.I.'s were very appreciative of our musical efforts . . . they are great young men, doing a tremendous job in a lonely, strange country . . . we went to the 3rd Field Hospital in Saigon . . . sang in two large wards of 60-100 patients each. Later that day, we Video taped three separate two song "spots" for AFVN (Military TV)?

We went right up on the DMZ to Fire Base Alpha 4, from which we could look out across the DMZ and see the red flag at the North Vietnamese outpost there. To get there, we flew up the back side of the mountain in a chopper, not more than four to six feet off the ground . . . the next day, our transportation was a c-130 (Fat Albert). Suffice it to say "NEVER AGAIN". We made four passes at the Dulat air strip, before the pilot could bring her down out of the mountains and make a landing.



One performance was in a Neuro-psychiatric Ward, where (as we were told later) a man who had not communicated with anyone for months talked freely with us. That alone would have made the trip worthwhile."

AL, DRAYTON, GLENN, & BOB

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT BOOKINGS - YEAR 1971-1972

OCTOBER	1	Indianapolis Dist. Contest
	2-3	Xenia, Ohio
	8-9	Grand Rapids, Michigan
	16	Benton Harbor, Michigan
	17	Columbia City, Indiana
	23	Lansing, Michigan
NOVEMBER	6	Aurora, Illinois
	13	Binghamton, New York
	19	St. Petersburg, Florida
	20	Jacksonville, Florida
	26-27	Hartford, Connecticut
	28	Wilmington, Delaware
DECEMBER	3-4	Westchester County, New York
1972		
JANUARY	15	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	22	Chicago, Illinois (CABC)
	28-29	San Diego, California - Int'l Mid-Winter

FEBRUARY	5	Monroe, Michigan
	12	Akron, Ohio
	26	Oakland County, Michigan
MARCH	4	Dupage, Illinois
	11	Toledo, Ohio
	18	Chatham, Ontario
	25-26	Peoria, Illinois
APRIL	1	Easter Weekend - no bookings accepted
	7-8	Dallas, Texas
	15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
	22	St. Cloud, Minnesota
	29	Lansdale, Pennsylvania
MAY	6	Dundalk, Maryland
	12-13	Elyria, Ohio
	19	Muskegon, Michigan
	20	St. Paul, Minnesota

Kalamazoo

Just didn't get a report in, cause the neighborhood started on a beautification program, and the reporter had to take his son for a haircut.

Lansing

The reporter was teaching his son about the birds and bees, and was badly stung.

Muskegon

By CORB HANSEN

The MUSKEGON Chapter held it's annual picnic on the 28th of August. This was a box lunch type affair with the lunches going to the highest bidder. It gave the members a great opportunity to compare their purchased lunch with what they are accustomed to getting at home. My wife and I were unable to attend because of a previous commitment but if we had I can't help but believe that one of the members would have been quite surprised when he opened his lunch and found peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. We understand, tho, that the meeting was a big success and everyone enjoyed it.

The Port City Chorus has been active throughout the summer and its most recent appearance was for the Coast Guard Festival last month in Grand Haven.

We have changed directors and would like to welcome back AL BURGESS as our new leader. TOM DAMM has been doing a fine job and we would like to say "thanks".

One of our most dedicated members and a great guy, BOB HART, is in the hospital in Grand Rapids with quite a serious ailment. Our whole chapter is looking forward to seeing him back by the next issue of The TROUBADOR or sooner.

One final word. My wife will be reading this; "I was only kidding about the peanut butter sandwiches."

Battle Creek

They were planning on sending in a report, but the day to write it was the same day the reporter and his wife were papering the inside of the refrigerator.

Oakland County

The reporter didn't remember the date . . . the baby ate the calendar.

Traverse City

The reporter's son was traded to a Little League Team on the other side of town, and they were moving the week-end the Chapter Reports were due.

Niles - Buchanan

by DAN SHELLES

It appears to be the consensus of the group that the Gateway Chorus will compete at Grand Rapids in October! Despite the poor response to Tune Topics editor VIGANSKY'S questionnaire (only seven returned of the 50 mailed), some twenty members and twelve prospects gave a hearty response at the last rehearsal.

Since the last time, things have settled down some with many of the Gateway group doing the vacation thing during August. Despite chorus director ED JAMES'S three-week hiatus, the chorus rehearsals and meetings continued with President DAVE HIBINGER doing a rehearsal specializing in new music, yours truly as assistant director having a serious "go" at notes on the contest possibilities, and our annual fun night at the miniature golf course. Playing in threesomes makes the tags sound weird!

Program Vice-President RON NEFF and KATHY were the recipients (victims?) of a house warming (breaking? wrecking?) party on August 21. Ron and Kathy were com-

pletely surprised, and Ron said that he "had never had a surprise party before." Some of the neighbors (and some friendly raccoons) were observed, and they (the neighbors, not the raccoons) admitted to listening. Guess we must have done some singing, too. Right??

The chapter octet, the GATEWAY 8, sang out two nights for the Globestar travel trailer people in Elkhart. Tenor DICK HEMPHILL'S oldest son is Sales Manager for them, and they wanted something unusual (but good) to entertain dealers visiting the Travel Trailer and Recreational Vehicle show at the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center. The dealers set up "hospitality rooms" at their factories, and that's where there was barbershop by the Gateway 8 from 7 to 10 P.M.

The chapter welcomes back Lea' and board member CECIL ROBERTS, who (we guess) decided that life is empty without a little fun and harmony. Also, we give a hearty Gateway welcome to bass ROGER ANDERSON who finally decided to let chapter secretary Dan (me) do the paper work on his transfer from the Green Bay, Wisconsin chapter. Roger and family moved to the area some time ago, and he'll be a fine addition to our "anchor men".

See you in Grand Rapids! *Til then, keep smiling-- it makes folks wonder what you've been up to....

Holland

Planned to send in some news, but he had to oil the hamster's exercise wheel.

Milford

Didn't get a report in, cause the reporter couldn't get the coffee stains out of the postage stamp.

Hudson

The reporter just didn't get a report in. He was helping his wife with the cooking, and went stir crazy.

The reporter was going to send in a report but his Yoda teacher left before he got untangled.

Pontiac

Would have sent in a report, but was busy studying for his blood test.

Sault Ste. Marie

The deadline day was the day the reporter and his wife were taking the kids to the Zoo. They offered them \$300 apiece for them, and they just couldn't resist.

Grand Rapids

by DICK WILLIAMS

Only a few more days before the big convention so don't delay - plan to join the fun.

We are looking forward to seeing you all here and to make this one District Convention you won't forget. After all, how many District Conventions are there where the reigning District Champions are also the current International Champions and beside that, BOB WHITLEDGE has promised we all could touch his gold medal and if that's not worth a trip to Grand Rapids - well, nothing is.

This past month our Chapter has been working towards your enjoyment, making ready to see that you all have one grand time here in ol' G.R.

By the response we have been getting so far this is looking more like a "Little International Convention" WOW! - Hush my mouth - just keep those quartets and chorus's accumulating in by golly. So for the time of your life Bucky, throw away your cares and meet here in Grand Rapids Oct. 8, 9 & 10, and settle back for some just plain good ol' Barbershopp'n.

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NEW ORLEANS observations by PASCHER the PICTURE PACKER

There is nothing like a Barbershopper's Convention for thrills and excitement, as evidenced by the expressions on the faces of the Pioneer District participants shown in these few candid shots. Those that had the most fun were those that were in New Orleans the longest. For example, the "VAGABONDS" (Pic 1) took a great part in the Mississippi River Cruise on Monday night, where NORM, DENNY, and KEN were joined by DON WARE, former Utica-Rochester member, now living in Florida.

Wednesday was the day to erect our PROBE display booth, and the Pioneer committee of BOB MC DERMOTT, BILL PASCHER, and CHUCK DEMERLY (Pic 2) are shown unpacking the material that finally blossomed into the handsome display (Pics 3,8,9) that won fourth place in the judging. Not bad, considering the fine competition exhibited by the 14 other districts. Committee men not shown include JACK SIDOR, JOHN MORRIS, and DEL RADGLEY. This enthusiastic gang has already promised an even better showing in Atlanta, come 1972. By the way, if you don't see YOUR Chapter credits in Pic 8, it's because your officers couldn't find anything to brag about - maybe they would like to hear from you!

By Thursday there were familiar faces everywhere, such as the HARRINGTON'S and FARRINGTON (Pic 10). LOU, long time District Secretary and Past District President was showing off his beautiful wife MADELINE, and BOB was showing his appreciation. It was a perfect setting for TED VERWAY (Pic 11), who was busy introducing his Louisiana daughter to everyone in sight. OTTO VOGEL is marvelling at the family resemblance.

There were so many interesting things to do in N.O. that friends were scattered all over town, and we were glad when the time came to start the Quarter Final Contest so that we could get to the auditorium early and watch the conventioners gather from all over town. This was a good place too, for DORA VOGEL (Pic 7), "FEMININE OBSERVER", to pick up a little news for her column, from EVELYN PASCHER.

All too soon the exciting Finals were over, and groups everywhere were intent on comparing notes and personal judging methods. The traveling gang from Jackson Chapter (Pic 6), the LA BUMBARD'S, the RUDLOFF'S, and the DYER'S were busy deciding who besides the "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT", were going to be the five Medalists, so that they could break the spell of the perennial "POOL" winner. Sorry, Jackson, better luck next time. The success story of the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT (The "Sweetest Story Ever Told") has been covered in a previous issue.

Four former Pioneer greats (Pic 4) were members of the very excellent Judges Panel, BOB CRAIG, WES MEIER (Past Int'l. Pres.), BURT STAFFEN, and BURT SZABO. It was good to see these guys again, one of them had the key to the wash room.

Well, it was time to celebrate and parties broke out everywhere, not the least of which was the afternoon gathering of the "WOLVERINE CHORUS", and friends, in BIG JIM LEKANDER'S room (Pic's 12, 13 & 14). Our Pioneer District Hospitality Room rana 'til the wee hours of the morning with the chords of all the great quartets (Pic 5 "THE WESTERN CONTINENTALS" 1968 Champs) as Oakland County played host and put the final touches to one of the most memorable conventions in history.

Pioneer representation exceeded expectations - district badges were everywhere - and if we didn't capture YOUR image on these pages, don't fret, and keep smiling - your turn will come. If I didn't spell your name right, please accept my apologies--but you can't have my memories.

'Til the next time I see you through the lens----'Bye.

BILL

GRAND RAPIDS, Cont'd

For everyone that is staying at the Pantlind Hotel we have tried to have all Chapters and guests reasonably close together.

I want to thank everyone now, for their co-operation in pre-registering and for getting their room reservations in early and a special thanks to all the choruses and quartets that are participating in the contest. Next month this Convention will be history so to all of you - Good Luck and God Bless You - everyone a true winner - even the Judges. Don't miss the pre-glow Friday nite, Pantlind Hotel.

Cadillac

The Reporter was too busy, as his son ran off with the Circus, and they're making him take it back.

Fruit Belt

When he licked the envelope shut, the glue tasted so good, the reporter ate the whole report before he could stop himself.

Big Rapids

The reporter was going to send in a report, but a fuse blew, and the electric pencil sharpener wouldn't work.

St. Joe Valley

by GEORGE DIEFFENDERFER

Everytime the Troub has an editorial crisis, I promise myself to do a better job of reporting the news. A great magazine like this needs support so here is my first small contribution.

We have changed our name from the Three Rivers Chapter to the St. Joe Valley Chapter; as our members come from six (6) different towns, three (3) counties, meet in Centreville and hold our Annual Show in Sturgis, we felt this was a good enough reason for the name change.

We have A Guest Night planned for September 13th; DAVE STEVENS is coming on September 23rd, and a Ladies' Night is planned for October. These activities should keep us busy for a while.

We have set a goal of a minimum of ten (10) new members by January 1, 1972, and we feel confident that we will reach, or surpass, this goal.

Our Annual Show is lined up for April 15, 1972 at the Sturgis-Young Auditorium in Sturgis, Michigan. We will feature the Four-in-Legion from Defiance, Ohio and The Nu-Tones from Gary, Indiana.

Thanks and good luck Rog from the St. Joe Valley Chapter.

Tecumseh

The reporter usually writes his report on the backs of old envelopes, and this month his wife used all of them for her grocery lists.

Flint

He was going to send in a report, but when he went to the Health Club for a workout, the masseuse rubbed him the wrong way.



FOUND A NOTE floating by that said there's going to be a Quad-Chapter meeting in Pontiac on Nov. 12, and bet you'd be welcomed if you're in the area. (Think meebie some of the rest of us could learn quite a bit from attending one of these - Zone V does a darn good job on them - and Zone V membership is also increasing at a good rate. Mebbie there's some connection??)

Keep America Singing

HOLD NOV. 5

for LOGOPEDICS

Logopedics Chairman, LOWELL WOLFE says there's Big Fun in the wind for Nov. 5 and it will be all for Logopedics. Mark the date on your calendar now-----details in GRAND RAPIDS!!!



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Oct. 8-10 1971	DISTRICT CONV. GRAND RAPIDS
Oct. 16, 1971	FRUIT BELT PARADE
Oct. 23, 1971	LANSING PARADE
Oct. 30, 1971	JACKSON PARADE
Nov. 6, 1971	DETROIT PARADE
Feb. 12, 1972	PONTIAC PARADE
Feb. 26, 1972	OAKLAND COUNTY
Mar. 11, 1972	BATTLE CREEK PARADE
Mar. 18, 1972	KALAMAZOO PARADE
Apr. 8, 1972	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
Apr. 8, 1972	FLINT PARADE
Apr. 15, 1972	BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE
Apr. 28-30 1972	SPRING CONV. MIDLAND
July 21, 1972	DETROIT MOONLIGHT CRUISE
Oct. 13-15 1972	FALL CONV. FLINT
Nov. 4, 1972	DETROIT PARADE
Apr. 7, 1973	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 27-29 1973	DISTRICT CONV. LANSING
May 5, 1973	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
July 20, 1973	DETROIT MOONLIGHT CRUISE
Oct. 12-14 1973	DISTRICT CONV. BATTLE CREEK
Nov. 3, 1973	DETROIT PARADE
Apr. 20, 1974	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
May 4, 1974	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 12, 1975	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 3, 1976	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY

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Proposed slate of officers for 1972, to be voted upon at the Fall Convention in Grand Rapids.

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***** NEXT MONTH *****

Jack Sidor has sent me a really great report on "HARMONY COLLEGE", that I just didn't have room for this month. It's almost like an hour by hour report on the HEP school this year, and is interesting as the dickens.

Also, I've got some excellent "craft" material (didn't think I should say dope) from MAC HUFF, DAVE STEVENS, AND BOB JOHNSON. It will give you something you can really get your teeth into - - hope I can throw at least one full page at you next issue.

And if you Chapter Reporters will promise to send in your Reports immediately after the Contest is over, I'll "hold" long enough on next issue to get in the contest news. Let's make the deadline for Chapter Reports Oct. 13, O.K.? Everything else the same, though.