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# HARMONY ROUND-UP

September 14, 15, 16



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As of June 30, 1979, \$6,197.56 has been contributed to the Institute of Logopedics from the Pioneer District in 1979. This puts us right on target as far as projecting a 12-month total of \$12,000.00. I am happy that several chapters are getting their contributions in early. The \$1,714.97 contributed by Grand Rapids and the \$950.00 by Grosse Pointe are real "boosts" to the total.

We have also had a good response from quartets thus far, with their contributions amounting to \$443.29 of the total. The following is a breakdown of contributions:

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CHAPTERS: Battle Creek Detroit #1 Flint Grand Rapids Gratiot County	SEE	\$ 354.00 125.00 250.00 1714,97 320.00
Grosse Pointe Holland Jackson Kalamazoo Lansing Livingston County Niles-Buchanan		950.00 345.00 60.00 180.00 168.00 57.70 50.00
Port Huron Saginaw-Bay Wayne	The	216.00 450.00 154.60

Individual contributions by members and non-members, memorials, etc. =\$361.00.

#### QUARTETS:

Bankers Choice The Common Bond		\$ 50.00
The Crosstown Exchange	a	25.00
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Smokey and the Bandits		40.00
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	Fran D	urnam,

Logopedics Chairman Pioneer District

# Opportunity Knocked!

Did You Answer?

Every member of the Pioneer District has received his personal invitation from Bill Butler to attend the up-coming Harmony Round-Up in September.

Response has been very good from those who have attended in the past, but we want this to be the Biggest and Best we have ever had in the Pioneer District and it all depends on YOU.

Your Music Education Committee will guarantee you the finest teaching staff our Society has to offer. Plus the biggest return in value you have ever received.

You owe it to your Chapter, your Chorus, your Quartet and, most of all, to YOURSELF, to become the best contributing Barbershopper you can possibly be.

It's a lot of fun to be a Barbershopper, but it's a lot more fun to be a BETTER BARBERSHOPPER.

So, get off dead center and improve your skills. We have got something you need in any category you choose. Is your bag Basic Knowledge of Barbershopping, Quartet Coaching, Chorus or Community-Sing irecting, Arranging or what?

Get your chapter group together right now and be a leader instead of a follower. Just a reminder on the vital informa-

tion:

DATE: September 14, 15, & 16, 1979

PLACE: Eastern Mich. University, Ypsilanti TIME: From 8:00 Friday Evening 'till 12:00 Noon on Sunday.

PROVIDED: Two Nights Lodging, FOUR Meals and All The Musical Education You Can Absorb.

COST: Just \$38.00 includes everything.

Register with Bill Butler, NOW. I'll see you on campus.

Yours For Better Harmony

Tom Pollard, Music Ed. Comm.

Checks for Logopedics should be made payable to "Harmony Foundation" and sent directly to:

D. William Fitzgerald, SPEBSQSA Inc. 6315 Third Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53141

Acknowledgements will be sent to contributors and a record of the contribution sent to me.

# THE PRESIDENT'S PITCH!



Doran McTaggart



International President Ernie Hill's motto, Music Is The Way To Grow, certainly puts the emphasis on the reason that we joined our great Society in the first place -- singing. It's even more fun when we sing better.

Your District Board has budgeted almost one-quarter of the budget to support the Music Education program. This money enables us to bring in the finest instructors that we have to our schools.

Some of the schools are specifically for quartets, chorus directors, etc., but the Harmony Round-Up on September 14-16 at Eastern Michigan University is for everyone. Classes in Basic Craft, Introduction to Barbershop Harmony, Arranging, Beginning and Advanced Directing, a Quartet Clinic and Quartet Coaching will be offered. YOU can fit in there somewhere, but you must register quickly!

The most common problem that faces every chapter at one time or another is the loss of their musical director. What would happen to your chapter if your chorus director dropped dead tomorrow? After the cheering stopped, you would have to find a replacement immediately. It would be cheap insurance for each chapter to send a couple of interested men to the be-

ginning Director's course. Train men from

within your chapter.

We have a lot of good, capable directors doing a satisfactory job out there, but you too could do a better job for your chapter if you took Joe Lile's Advanced Director's course. I would like to see every current director in Joe's class. He will help you regardless of your level of excellence. Please don't fall into the trap of thinking that because you are the director, you know it all. You may be cheating yourself and your chapter. I'd like to see 30 directors in the Advanced Class and 60 men in the Beginning Class. We have space for you.

I know of no other District that has the facilities, the staff and the reasonable price that DME Bill Butler has assembled for us this fall. Two nights lodging, four meals and many hours of instruction,

all for only \$38.00 per man.

There you have it. The choice is yours. Will you join me at our Harmony Round-Up? Music <u>Is</u> The Way To Grow!

# Niles-Buchanan

### A WHALE OF AN IDEA . .

You may remember my mention, in the last issue, of the Quartet Jamboree which was being hosted by the Niles-Buchanan Chapter. Well, there was another part of that weekend which I thought novel and perhaps could be of use to YOUR chapter. They sponsored A NOVICE CHORUS CONTEST for SERVICE CLUBS and FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS. The idea was to have a chorus contest between service clubs which would support our Society's purpose of encouraging harmony; expose men to our hobby; and provide a community service by uniting men's clubs for a common purpose while giving the clubs a chance to win monies for their own charity.

This sounds like a great way expose more men to the joys of Barbershopping, raise money for Logopedics, and maybe even

get a few new members.

Want more details? Write or call

Ronald W. Neff 118 Forest Niles, MI 49120

Ph: 684-4127

# Musical Notes from the Big Bear

W. D. 'Bill' Butler, D.M.E. 33748 Pawnee Drive Westland, Michigan 48185 Phone 313/721-4747



# Special Message To CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Hardly a week goes by that we (the Music Education Committee) don't receive a cry for help from some Chapter in the District. It will usually be along these lines -- and to many of you it will no doubt sound very familiar -- "Bill, we are losing our Chorus Director, he guit on us: he was transfered out of town; his new job doesn't leave him the time or he's out of town a lot; he's a great guy but he just doesn't have the knowhow and the guys are losing interest and not turning out for meetings; the members are losing interest because all we do is pound out a couple of songs; we don't have anyone that can help him, and even if we get four guys that want to sing around home, we don't have anyone in the chapter able to help them; if our director can't make it, we can't have a meeting because there isn't anyone else that can take over, either for a per-formance or a rehearsal." "Can you give us the name of someone we could contact to help us out?" I"m sure that some of the above statements and requests are very familiar to a lot of you.

Now let me ask you a question. How many of you have announced, to your members, that there is a 2nd annual Pioneer "Harmony Round-Up" (Mini-Hep), and that you are looking for men that will attend, with subsidy from the chapter (Harmony Round-Up is a legitimate Chapter expense for all or part of the tuition and/or mileage costs), and increase their Barbershop knowhow by taking a class in Directing either beginning or advanced, (there's more to directing a chorus than just waving your arms) or in arranging, or coaching, or in Basic Craft, and then share that knowledge with the Chapter. There is nothing wrong in having several men learn

the art of Chorus Directing. When you do this, you will not have men losing interest, but rather creating more interest.

The school is for the membership and you are missing the boat if you don't take advantage of the opportunity. We have some chapters that have already registered from sixteen to thirty members for the school, and watch their Chapters grow because, More Knowledgeable Members just Automatically Make Better Chapters. Talk it up with the Board and membership and try to send at least one man for each subject, if possible.

TRY IT, YOU"LL LIKE IT

and I'll guarantee you it will be money well-spent, and time well-invested to make yours a better Chapter. SURE HOPE I SEE YOU AT

"HARMONY ROUND-UP"
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, YPSILANTI
SEPTEMBER 14, 15, & 16

Check with the men that attended last year, and I'll bet if it's possible, they are planning on returning this year.

Yours for more enjoyment of our hobby, Bill 'Big Bear' Butler, DME

(Registration form on page 11)

# **Announcing a New Staff Member**

On August 1, ROBB OLLETT joined the Communications department of the International Office. Robb is a member of the Dallas-Metro Chapter (Vocal Majority Chorus) and is editor of the District's SWD Roundup. He'll be handling COTS and field work for the Fall season and then moving into some new activities with heavy emphasis on Society Public Relations Programs, including the "Award Of Harmony" Program for Fall, 1979.

I've read and enjoyed Robb's work and this is a real good move for our Society. We hope Robb and his wife Katy enjoy a long and mutually-rewarding association with the 'front office."

Also on the subject of Staff Members, Tom Cogan, our hard-working field representative, has just been awarded his 30th Man of Note Award. Nice going, Tom.

### Wayne Chapter

The Minneapolis story, I am sure, will be covered in detail elsewhere in this issue by Roger Morris. So I'll touch upon it briefly only to say that the Wayne Wonderland Chorus was proud to have been chosen to represent the Pioneer District. The fact that we tied for 11th place, we believe, is not indicative of anything other than that the competition and "professionalism" today is much keener than ever before. We have no quarrel with the scores returned by the judges, except that we did expect somewhat higher in stage presence.

We sincerely wish to express our appreciation for the support given us by the District as a whole and by individual Chapters, both financially and of a moral nature. We shall try again in October.

I'm not too sure, but the Wonderland Chorus may have the distinction of having the youngest member ever to appear in an International Contest. Jimmy McLane is 13 years old and earned the privilege while just 12 years old in the Fall contest. Like his father, Jim Sr., Jimmy sings Tenor, - not soprano -! and since we sing in shotgun formation, he has to hold his own with no one else to lean on. This he does admirably. At Chapter Meetings he can boondoggle with the best of them -- 'nuff sed.

Our meeting hall in Livonia has been sold and is slated to be torn down, so, at present we are looking for a new site. During the Summer months, our meetings are held out-of-doors anyway.

Now comes, for me, the difficult part of this report. It will be my last. For the past 12 years I have been Chapter Reporter to the Troubadour, a job I've generally considered a pleasure, and even an honor. Now my wife, Tillie, and I are moving to Seminole, Fla., so someone else will have to take over, starting with the October issue. The larger part of my 34 years as a Barbershopper have been spent in the Wayne Chapter, which I have come to lovingly call, "the spoiler chapter" because of the high feeling of comradship among it's members and the utmost of efficiency in administration. I'm very much afraid I'll have to look a long way to find a chapter in Florida that will anywhere near match Wayne. You see, I've been spoiled.

As of this writing, I have not made any formal announcement of my retiring, so please consider this as such. My address as of October 1st will be:

Maurice S. Giles 218 Aspen Circle Seminole, FL 33543

If any of you get down that way, do look me up. I don't have a telephone number yet, but do try anyway. We're right off Park Blvd. between A-19 and Starry Rd. in a condominium complex known as 'The Gardens 101.'

Yours In Harmony Mauri Giles

# WAYNE CHAPTER HAD A PICNIC IN MINNEAPOLIS

That's right, there was a picnic, and it was held on Wednesday afternoon, July 4, in Pearl Park, in the south part of Minneapolis.

Wayne members, wives, kids and guests

totalled about 175 bodies.

The weather was perfect. Almost everyone got involved in games of one type or another...Tennis, Softball, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Jarts...etc...and singing...of course there was singing! There was a "formal" program, frantically M.C.'d by Bob Miquelon, featuring Wayne's Cadence Counts, the Crosstown Exchange, the Wonderland Chorus, and the 1977 Pioneer District Champs, the Motor City Music Company. The 'captive' audience was augmented by many residents of the area - who obviously enjoyed the entertainment.

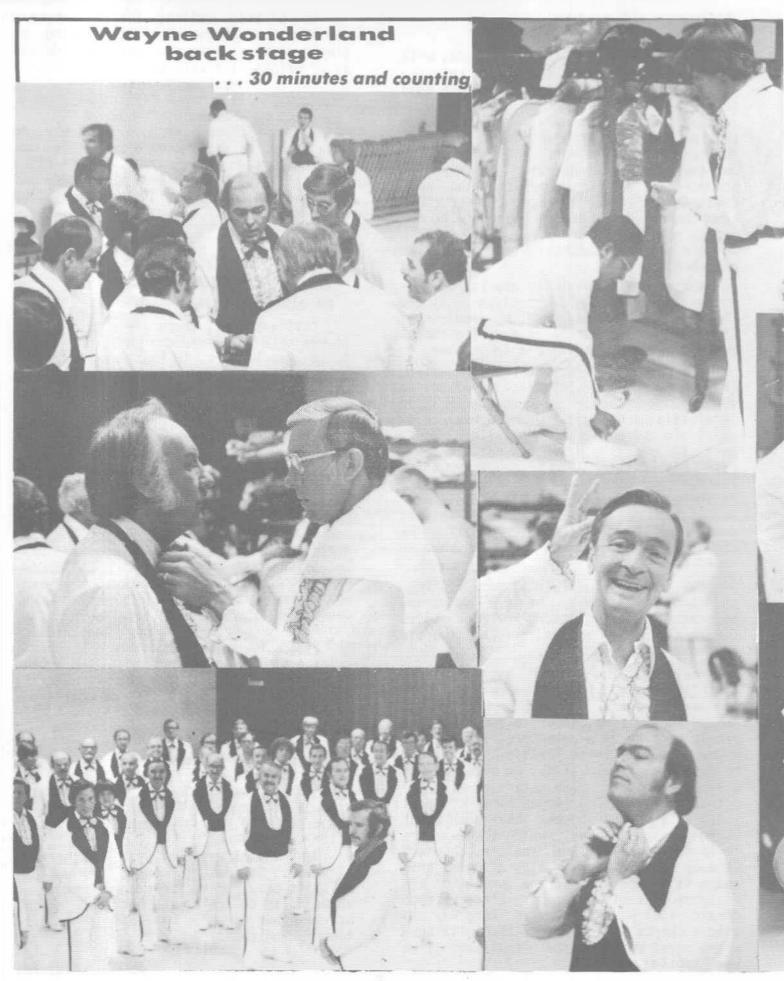
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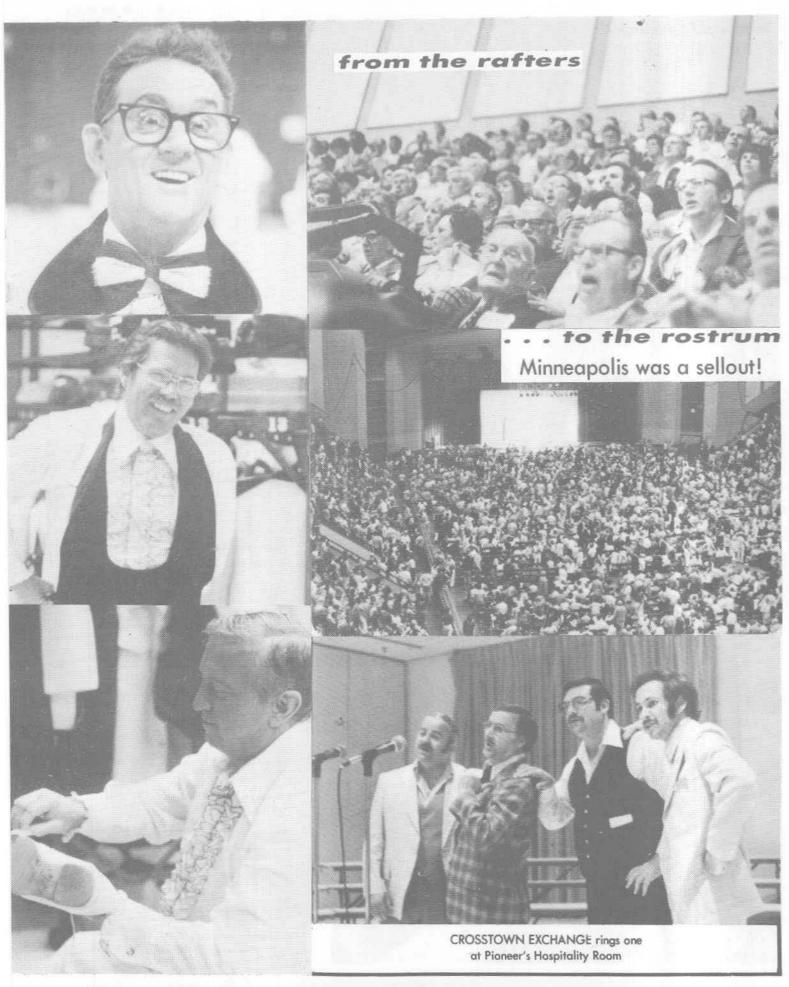
and Suds...what could be better?

The whole caper was organized by Peg and Bob Miquelon, their daughter Steffi, and her husband Craig Eiler (who live a block from the park), and Charlie & Maureen Banter.

Although there was no charge as such, donations were requested for Logopedics, which amounted to \$110.00. This sum was matched by Charlie Benter, who presented a check to Wayne's Al Fricker in the amount of \$220.00 for Logopedics. That's quite a donation!

Many say it was the best Chapter Picnic ever. Besides the boost for Logopedics, it provided a timely opportunity for Wayne Folks to relax and get their mental act together for the disciplined activities facing them.











EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE — From all over the Pioneer District, they came to sing and enjoy a great convention.



PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Holiday Inn East, Saginaw, Michigan April 27, 1979

The meeting was called to order by President McTaggart at 2:14 p.m.

Directors Present: All Directors were pre-

Also Present: Committee Chairmen Butler and Durham; Parliamentarian Darrah; Area Counselors Oregory and Lehmkuhle; Past Presidents Funk and Warner; Probe Editor Morris; and Past International President Roger Thomas.

DVF Hime led in the singing of "The Old Songs."

The minutes, which had previously been sent to all members, were accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4,129.45 as of March 31, 1979.

President McTaggart indicated that the District was in eleventh place in Achievement. He congratulated the officers on the fact that the District was in first place in new-member gain for the year 1978, a 4.55 percent gain. The District was fourth in retention.

President McTaggart appointed BYP Gougeon to chair a committee to investigate themes for a District logo with the intent that something be developed in time for the 1983 International Convention in Detroit.

IBM Gillespie in his written report, summerized action taken at the Mid-Winter International Board Meeting in January. As Ethics Committee Chairsan, be indicated there were no violations since the last report.

EVP LaBumbard indicated that a chapter in the Coldwater area looked very promising with 13 men signed up as the nucleus for a licensed chapter.

All DVP's presented written reports on the status of chapters within their respective jurisdiction.

DVP Hins reported on the International Send-Off Show to be held in Windsor on June 8th and the Pine Knob Barbershop Spectacular to be presented on May 19th. He also outlined the premise of the Southeast Michigan Association of Chapters which is being formed to include the mine chapters in Division I.

The Logopedics report was presented by Chairman Durham which showed that \$12,266.47 was raised by the District in 1978. Thirteen chapters will recieve the Harmony Foundation Award for 1976 contributions. A montage with a barbershop theme was donated to the District to be used as the District's contribution to the Logopedics Auction at International Convention in Minneapolis.

A letter was read from Bud Deunk of the Johnny Appleseed District in regard to a reading service of the Harmonizer for blind Society members. DVP's were instructed to inform the District Secretary if this service was requested for any members under their jurisdiction.

EVP LeBumbard's report outlined the Convention sites selected and submitted three bids for the 1980 Fall Convention from the Jackson, Lansing, and Port Huron Chapters. After considerable discussion, the Board elected to recommend the bid of the Jackson chapter to the House of Delegates.

EVP LaBumbard announced that Joel Mills of the Grand Bapids would be the recipient of the 1979 A.I.C. Scholarship.

The Secretary reported on the cost of additional trophies for all the finalist quartet nembers in the District Quartet Contest. Due to the cost involved, it was agreed to maintain the current policy in regard to same, trophies to the first three places plus novice quartet.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday July 29, 1979 at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at  $4:55\ p.m.$ 

Respectfully submitted,

John M. McClinchey Secretary, Pioneer District

### IT'S TIME - -

# to be thinking (and acting upon) the FALL CONVENTION

by John T. Gillespie

Summer is going fast, and Fall will soon be here - and when we think of Fall, our thought processes automatically switch to another great Pioneer Convention; that twice-a-year adventure that starts on Friday, jumps to Sunday much too quickly, but sends us on our way back home harmonizing to the hum of our radial tires.

Believe me, the Kalamazoo Chapter has been thinking about the Fall Convention and acting on it too! Committees have been formed and are meeting on a regular basis to assure a great time for all of our Barbershop guests on October 19 to 21.

Headquarters for the Convention will be the Sheraton Inn, located east of the city at Sprinkle Road and I-94 (Exit 80). The registration desk will be located in the lobby. Directly across the expressway from the Sheraton, within chord-hearing distance, is the Holiday Inn Expressway. Rounding out the cluster are three additional motels in the immediate area. But don't wait too long to make your reservation. Many barbershoppers have already reserved their rooms by use of the reservation forms that were available in Saginaw last Spring. So why not get your room reservation in, right now, using the form included in this issue of the Troubadour?

And while we're on the subject of room reservations, just a note to chapter officers to follow the instructions on the form if you are block-reserving rooms for

your members. It's imperative that you submit, on a separate sheet, all of the information called for on the form for each member to whom the room is assigned. The Housing Bureau will confirm the reservations to the person assigned the room.

One more thing on rooms that we're not too happy about - but over which we have no control. If anyone is arriving after 6:00 P.M, a room deposit will be required. This deposit should be sent directly to the motel after you receive your reservation confirmation. The Motel Management Association is adamant on this point, so be sure to send in your deposit to the motel if you are going to be a late arrival. We don't want anyone sleeping in the parking lot!

All contests will be held at Western Michigan University's Miller Auditorium. Those of you who attended our 1977 convention - contestants and listeners alike - are sure to remember the marvelous acoustics of this entertainment facility.

Maybe through these few words I have gotten you to think about the Fall Convention. So why not act on it? Complete the room reservation request first, and while you have the old ball point out, complete and mail in your pre-registration form, also included in this issue of the Troub.

Registrations are \$9.00 until October 5th, and \$11.00 thereafter. Your check must accompany the advance registration forms. As always, competitors must have an all-events badge.

So act on it! Get your room reservation and convention registration forms in the mail today. We in Kalamazoo are acting on it. All we need is YOU to have another great Pioneer District Convention.

#### FALL CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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I'm acting on it,	John! Enclosed is	my check for \$
for	registrations.	



John T. Gillespie 712 Newgate Road Kalamazoo, MI 49007

## **Grand Rapids**

We wish to congratulate the Wayne Wonderland Chorus, The Great Lakes Express and the Motor City Music Company for the fine job they all did in Minneapolis.

As for Grand Rapids, we qualified out of 80 amateur acts to be one of twelve to perform on the Lowell Showboat. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed it. When we finished singing, the audience kept

screaming for more.

There is so much activity and excitement in our chapter now, that you can actually feel the electricity of it in the air. In all my 11 years with Grand Rapids, I have never seen this much enthusiasm, pride, dedication, and singleness of purpose as we have now and which we plan to show to one and all in Kalamazoo. It is fun but a little scary at times.

I might add, if you haven't guessed already, that we are eagerly looking forward to Kalamazoo, and as someone once said, "Baby, you ain't seen nothin' yet."

Dick Williams

## PINE KNOB BARBERSHOP SPECTACTULAR

Windsor, again, for the third straight year, hosted a most successful Send-Off Show to raise funds for our Pioneer District International representatives.

Almost 600 people enjoyed a spaghetti dinner followed by Barbershop at its best. MC Doran McTaggart kept the program moving by calling the Windsor Sun Parlour Chorus to open the show. They were followed by choruses from Detroit, Grosse Pointe, and Oakland County.

A brass quartet from O.C.C. pleased everyone with their instrumental versions of some Barbershop chestnuts. They brought the house down with their version of 'Lida Rose' with the counter melody played by a

violin.

A massed chorus singing some of the Pine Knob songs brought ooohs and aaahs

from the crowd.

Our alternate quartet, The Crosstown Exchange, showed everyone that, if we had an additional quartet, they too could do a respectable job on the stage at International. The Motor City Music Company and The Great Lakes Express showed why they were carrying the Pioneer banners to Minneapolis.

The Wayne Wonderland Chorus, directed skillfully by Steve Sutherland and Gordon Limberg, closed the evening in superb style with their show package.

Thanks, Windsor, for your Canadian hospitality. The District Travel Fund is \$2200. richer because of your efforts.

## Send-Off Show Successful

by Doran McTaggart

The Clarkston and Waterford/Drayton Rotary Clubs, in association with the Southeast Michigan Association of Chapters of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. (S.M.A.C.) pulled out all of the stops when they presented a Barbershop Spectacular on May 19 at the beautiful open-air Pine Knob Theater. All of the musical greats have played the prestigious Pine Knob and NOW Barbershop chords were ringing for the first time in the season opener.

Over 4100 people, half of which had never been to a Barbershop show before, gave standing ovations to every group when they had finished their presentation.

Oakland County's Wolverine Chorus, the Lakeshore Chorus from Grosse Pointe and the Detroit Motor City Chorus were super in their individual spots. They were joined by members from the Huron Valley, Milford, Livingston County, Monroe, Wayne and Windsor Chapters to form a Massed Chorus of over 240 voices under the direction of Thom Hine that opened and closed the show. When this huge chorus sang "America the Beautiful" featuring Russ Seely in a solo of the second verse, it was a musical moment that will not soon be forgotten.

The New Baltimore Exit excited the audience with their humor. The Citations, from Louisville, Kentucky, many times International Finalists, never sang better. They are true Thoroughbreds! Pioneer District's own International Medalists, the Vagabonds, in their last public performance, sang as they have never sung before. Each song was better than the one that preceded it. What a music machine!

An emotional finale had the Massed Chorus singing Auld Lang Syne as MC and District President Doran McTaggart made a presentation to the Vagabonds on behalf of S.M.A.C.

The Rotary Clubs and the Pine Knob staff were so impressed with this Spectacular that plans are being made for next year already. Yes, Barbershop chords will once again ring at Pine Knob next May.





# HOUSING RESERVATION FORM S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. 1979 FALL CONVENTION October 19 - 21, 1979





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#### TROUBADOUR DEADLINES

Some of you have expressed dismay at having just missed a deadline with the advertisement to your upcoming show. So, in order to prevent this from happening in the future, here is the schedule we will try to adhere to henceforth:

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Please check your significant upcoming dates and determine NOW when publicity must be available for inclusion in the TROUBADOUR. Remember, it is still your most economical way of telling every Barbershopper in Pioneer District about your event, -- and -- if you just happen to sneak all the information into an article and camouflage it as Chapter News -- it's FREE! Every Chapter budget should be able to handle that.

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#### SEPTEMBER

14-16 Harmony Round-Up, (HEP) Ypsilanti

#### OCTOBER

6 Gratiot County Chapter Show 13 Jackson Chapter Show 19-21 District Convention, Kalamazoo

#### NOVEMBER

3 Detroit #1 Chapter Show 3 Sault Ste. Marie Chapter Show

#### DECEMBER

15-16 C.O.T.S.

#### **FEBRUARY**

16 Oakland County Chapter Show 22-23 Monroe Chapter Show

#### APRIL

7-8 Wayne Chapter Show

