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A BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF THE DETROIT RIVER, SHOWING THE FIREBOAT, CURTIS J. RANDOLPH, GETTING READY TO SHOW-OFF FOR THE THOUSANDS WHO GATHERED IN HART PLAZA FOR THE MASS SING AT THE 43rd INTERNATIONAL BARBERSHOPPER'S CONVENTION, JULY 5-12, 1981.

photo by John McClinchey.

**KALAMAZOO TO BE HOST OF 1981
FALL CONVENTION - Oct. 16-18.**

Now is the time to make your plans to attend the Pioneer Fall Convention to be hosted by the Kalamazoo Chapter, October 16-18, 1981.

Convention committees have been formed and are meeting regularly to assure a great time for all who attend this semi-annual event.

Headquarters for the event will be the Kalamazoo Center Hilton Inn, located in downtown Kalamazoo. Other hotels that are available are the Valley Inn, also located downtown, and Holiday Inn West and Red Roof Inn West, both located on the west side of the city. Included in this issue of the Troubadour are a housing reservation form and a motel policies information sheet. Please use the form for your room reservation request, and mail directly to the Housing Bureau, who will acknowledge receipt. After acknowledgement from the Housing Bureau, it will be necessary to send a \$25 room deposit directly to the hotel.

A limited number of chapter hospitality rooms are available in the headquarters hotel. Contact John T. Gillespie, (616) 344-3424 (business) or (616) 343-4188 (residence) for information.

All contests will be held at Western Michigan University's Miller Auditorium. Those of you who attended the 1979 Fall Convention surely were impressed with the comfort and acoustics of this fine auditorium.

Also included in this issue is a pre-registration form. Registrations are #10 until October 2, and \$13 thereafter. Your check must accompany the advance registration form. As always, competitors MUST have an all-events badge.

Please get your housing reservation and convention pre-registration forms in early. We in Kalamazoo look forward to hosting you and doing everything we can to see that you enjoy your visit.

John T. Gillespie

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FALL CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
(Please Type or Print)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHAPTER _____ VOICE PART _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____

registrations. (If more than one registration, please list additional names and addresses on a separate sheet.)

Registration fee \$10.00 to October 2, 1981
\$13.00 thereafter.

Make checks payable to:
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CONVENTION

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712 NEWGATE ROAD
KALAMAZOO, MI 49007

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. - Housing Reservation Form - FALL CONVENTION - Oct. 16-18, 1981

Please complete this form to secure your room reservation request.

(Please print or type)

NAME: 1. _____
(Last) (First)

ADDRESS: _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

PHONE: (____) - _____
area code

ARRIVAL DAY/DATE _____ TIME: _____ NUMBER OF NIGHTS _____
(of arrival)

DEPARTURE DAY/DATE _____

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BELOW

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT TO
THE PERSON LISTED AT THE TOP
OF THIS PAGE.

HOTEL/MOTEL PREFERENCE - Choose three (3): 1) _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS will be noted. Every-
thing possible will be done to honor
your request. 2) _____
3) _____

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according to room availability

YOU MAY SEND A CREDIT CARD NUMBER - Visa/American Express/Master Card as your
deposit requirement. Be sure to include the expiration date.

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SPEBSQSA HOUSING BUREAU
c/o Kalamazoo County Convention and Visitors Bureau
2nd Floor, 500 West Crosstown Parkway
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

PRIOR TO September 17, 1981



In Memorium Of:

E. E. (Pat) RYAN

A thirty year member of our Society passed away on June 3rd. "Pat" had served as Pioneer District Treasurer for several years and had also served as President of both the Toledo and Detroit Chapters.

"Pat" was an active member of the Detroit "Motor City Chorus" since it's origin and sang in the lead section.

The annual Camp Dearborn Family Picnic was originated by him many years ago, and will be continued in his memory as a tribute to him.

"Pat" served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force and saw action in the South Pacific.

He will be long remembered and sadly missed by those who knew him.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Jeane, and his family.

May he rest in peace.

Art Schulze
Historian



AUGUST

1 AuSable Valley Chapter Show
2-8 Harmony College, St. Joe, MO
24-29 Dave LaBar Visits Pioneer

SEPTEMBER

1-7 Harrisville Harmony Happening
18-20 Harmony Round-Up, Ypsilanti

OCTOBER

16-18 Fall Convention, Kalamazoo
24 Gratiot County Chapter Show
31 Benton Harbor-St. Joe Chapter Show

DECEMBER

5-6 C.O.T.S., Ypsilanti
5 Detroit #1 Chapter Show

JANUARY - 1982

28-30 Mid-Winter Convention, Tucson

FEBRUARY

6 Pontiac Chapter Show
13 Oakland County Chapter Show

MAY

8 Battle Creek Chapter Show

WELCOME TO KALAMAZOO

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. FALL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 16-18, 1981

MOTEL POLICIES INFORMATION

To insure the type of room rates desired, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. The SPEBSQSA Housing Bureau cannot guarantee availability of motel choice and/or rate. SEPTEMBER 17, 1981, is the cut-off date for all room reservations.

1. Only those motel reservations which are made through the SPEBSQSA Housing Bureau using the reservation form, will be valid. Reservations made directly with the motels will not be honored.
2. Acknowledgement of receipt of reservation requests will be received from the SPEBSQSA Housing Bureau.
3. A \$25.00 deposit per room reserved will be required to confirm your room reservations. This deposit guarantees that your room(s) will be held until your arrival, unless prior arrangements have been made in writing with the motel. Deposits should be a money order or check made payable and mailed to the hotel/motel, at least one week prior to arrival. DO NOT MAIL A CHECK TO THE SPEBSQSA HOUSING OFFICE
DO NOT MAIL A CHECK UNTIL YOU RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SPEBSQSA HOUSING OFFICE.
- 3A YOU MAY USE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER AS YOUR DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT. Indicate type of card, number and expiration date on the reservation form.
4. CANCELLATIONS must be made at least 72 hours in advance, via the SPEBSQSA Housing Bureau, to insure the return of your deposit. Changes or cancellations made less than 72 hours should be made DIRECTLY with the hotel/motel.
5. When completing your Reservation form, please:
 - a) Print clearly
 - b) List all individuals by name, with roommate preference.
 - c) Indicate arrival and departure times with appropriate dates.
 - d) Specify type of room(s) desired.
 - e) Indicate motel desired, with second and third choices marked.

6. MAIL completed reservation forms to:

SPEBSQSA HOUSING BUREAU
2nd Floor, 500 West Crosstown Parkway
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

7. Reservations must be postmarked no later than SEPTEMBER 17, 1981. ANY RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 17 WILL BE PLACED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS ACCORDING TO ROOM AVAILABILITY.

Musical Notes from the Big Bear

W. D. 'Bill' Butler, D.M.E.
33748 Pawnee Drive
Westland, Michigan 48185
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Among the several District Schools of which I am on the faculty, the Johnny Appleseed District's "Apple Corps" was the most recent. They hold their school the second week in June, and, of the 30 quartets registered, I worked with 14. They run almost everything the same way we do, except they start on Thursday nite. Their costs for the Friday-to Sunday-noon package is the same as ours. Their school is held at Kenyon College, where the facilities are almost identical to those which we use at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Their enrollment was 509 men, which works out to be 18.3% of their total membership of 2786. Pioneer District membership is 1414, so, in order to beat their bragging Director of Music Education, Frank Buffington, we will have to have an enrollment of 269. I think we can do it -- SO LET'S GO! I'm so tired of hearing 'Buffy' bragging that he beats us every year.

If you've never been to one of the "Harmony Round-Ups," let me assure you that your time and the small cost will be well-spent. If you've been there before, you know it's the Greatest Event of the Year. Most chapters subsidize at least part of the cost -- some chapters underwrite the entire amount. They know how valuable the experience will be. Remember, it is a legitimate expenditure and is deductible.

The faculty consists of the following:

Dr. Bob Johnson, Joe Liles, Dave Stevens and Lyle Pettigrew of the International Music Staff, along with Merle Clayton.

Dave LaBar visitation schedule:

- Monday August 24, 1981** at Benton Harbor-St. Joseph; Luther House
508 Main St. St. Joseph, MI.
Contact: Gene Hanover (616) 465-6223 Bus 927-1355
- Tuesday Aug. 25, 1981** Traverse City at Munson Medical Center (basement)
@7:30p Contact Marty Chirgwin, DME Div IV
Ph (616) 947-4376, 522 Ahgosa Trail, Trverse City, 49684
- Wednesday Aug. 26** Flint @ Croation Hall, Dort Hwy. Contact: Jim Gross, DME
Div. V (517) 684-4005 or Fred Kienitz (313) 6558694
- Thursday Aug. 27** Lansing @ U.A.W. Hall Local 652. 426 Clare St. Lansing
Contact: Tom Hunter (517) 323-9113
- Friday Aug. 28** SMAC @ Bishop Foley K of C Hall. 15810 Michigan, Dearborn
Contact: Marv Skupski DME Div. I (313) 425-2078, b-453-7080,
or Bob Miquelon (313) 525-0370 or 453-6800

REGISTRATION

PIONEER'S ANNUAL "HARMONY ROUNDUP"
(Mini-hep)
SEPT. 18-20, 1981

Name _____
(student or quartet) CLASS _____
If quartet: Alternate choice _____
1. _____
2. _____
Tenor _____ Lead _____
Bari _____ Bass _____

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____
(area) _____

MAIL TO: Bill Butler
33748 Pawnee Dr.
Westland, MI. 48185

Total fee: \$55.00 per man

Deposit with Registration:
\$25.00 per man

Please: Make Checks & MOS
payable to:
PIONEER DISTRICT SPEBSQSA

Deposits will not be refunded
unless notice of cancellation
is received on or before
September 12, 1981; except in
actual illness or death.

COMPLETE ME NOW! AND MAIL ME-----NEXT WEEK COULD BE TOO LATE!!!!

The following subjects are being offered:

1. Basic Craft - A must for all new Barbershoppers. Don't take any other class until you've had BASIC CRAFT.

2. Introduction to Barbershop -- Beginning Arranging.

3. Beginning Chorus Directing -- for all would-be arm-wavers who aspire to become Chorus Directors (especially if you attend the 'Direct Hit' classes).

4. Advanced Chorus Directing - for all those who are now directing a chorus or have directed in the past, and for those who have taken Beginning Chorus Directing.

5. Advanced Arranging -- for those who have enough musical knowledge, and have taken Intro to Barbershop.

6. Coaching - for those who have had sufficient musical training and wish to study quartet & chorus coaching.

7. Quartet Clinic and Workshop -- WE ARE LIMITED TO TEN QUARTETS, because of space. FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED! REGISTER NOW!

8. Emceeing - will only be taught if we have enough enrollment to make it worthwhile.

Teaching Quartet and Vocal Techniques will be:

- .Mac Huff, former member of the music staff and bass of the Sound Association quartet.
- .Dr. Greg Lyne - coach for the Classic Collection quartet, etc.
- .Gary Bolles - Interp. Category Specialist.
- .Lloyd Steinkamp --- Arrangement Category Specialist.
- .Brian Beck - International Medalist in three quartets in three different voices.



"GET READY BOYS, THE JUDGES ARE READY TO START ELIMINATING."



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DETROIT, MICHIGAN. PHOTOS BY JOHN NEIGHORN





The Michigan District and it's Men of Harmony

by Mark P. Roberts

EARLY CONTESTS AND CONVENTIONS...

During the early years, the District Contests and District Conventions and Meetings were held separately, the contests in mid-winter and the meetings in the summer. There were no International Preliminaries until 1945 when sectional preliminaries were held and these were repeated in 1946 and 1947. The first District Preliminaries were held in 1948, following which the District's two business meetings were held in conjunction with the spring (International Preliminaries) and the fall (District Quartet Contest).

Following the 1940 and 1941 Contests, the District did not hold a contest but concentrated on the National Contest at Grand Rapids. A District meeting was held in 1942, however, and Joseph P. Wolff of Detroit, the first President of our first Chapter, was elected District President and Johnny Buitendorp of Muskegon was made Secretary. Joe Wolff made a strong talk at this meeting against commercializing Barbershop singing and this wise counsel should be heeded today when the product, all too often, is commercialized all out of proportion to our needs to preserve and encourage our kind of singing.

The 1943 District Contest was held in Saginaw on February 23rd. The Saginaw officers were Carl Wood, J. George O'Brian, Gordon Grant and Ray Campau, all well known and to become better known in District affairs. Twenty-three quartets responded to the call despite a blizzard and sub-zero temperatures and the added impediment of wartime travel restrictions. The Unheard of Four, with Len Horton and Bill Griffith of the old champion Saw Dust Four plus Henry



Klooster and Johnny Buitendorp, took top honors. Thus, Horton and Griffith were on the championship team three years running which is "unheard" of even if the quartet was not. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th-place winners respectively were the Acoustical Persecutin' Four of Jackson (Hodgeboom, Breitmeyer, Farrand and Colestock), the Variety Four of Birmingham (Carruthers, Stiers, Livingston and Langlois), the Detroit Turners (Creed, Pazik, Roberts and Joure), The Harmony Hounds of Detroit (Creed, DeWolfe, Roberts and Wolff). Again, rule changes were necessary because Roberts, along with Jim Creed, sang with the last two named quartets and the District Contest Rules were made to conform to the International rules prohibiting a contestant from singing in more than one competing quartet. Maybe Roberts wasn't singing very good but he sure was singing a lot and causing rule changes as a result. A couple of days after this contest, it was discovered that a miscalculation had been made in the scoring and that the Legion Four of Detroit (Wrobbel, Marsden, Shields & Tubbs)



should have placed somewhere in the first five, but by then everyone had sobered up and had lost interest. The Saginaw Chapter and the Bancroft Hotel teamed up to make this a memorable affair.

The 1944 District Contest was held in February in Muskegon, the home town of Frank Morse who had succeeded Joe Wolff as District President. Other officers for 1943-44 were Carleton Scott, Gordon Grant and Walter Bradley. The contest belonged to the Harmony Halls of Grand Rapids with Ed Gaikema, Bob Hazenburg, Ray Hall and Gordon Hall and which had attained medalist status at the 1943 International Contest in Chicago a few months earlier. In second place was the Vets Four of Kalamazoo (Harrington, Vaughn, Spicketts and Johnson) and in third the Ambassadors of Detroit (Scott, Marsden, Jones and Wolff). The Gay Nineties of Kalamazoo (Rushmore, Leonard, Floyd Deem and Donald Deem) took fourth place and in fifth place was the Continentals of Muskegon (Freye, Bishop, Rex



Weaver and Peterson).

The Society became International in name and in fact in March of 1944 when the Windsor, Ontario, Chapter was organized. The Canadians took to Barbershopping with great enthusiasm and immediately started organizing other chapters in the area. When the Ontario District was organized, Windsor became a part of that District but their inter-society activities remained tied more to Michigan than Ontario and, on their own petition, Windsor became part of the Michigan District in 1959. This arrangement apparently is working out well with this Chapter and the District has benefitted by having this fine group of Barbershoppers associated with it.

The 1944 International Contest and Convention was held in Detroit and again the Michigan District did itself proud by providing the manpower and know-how to make this an outstanding contest. For the first time the International office took over the planning and management of the big show and made it a financial success. Fifty-eight quartets competed and Michigan's first International Champion, the Harmony Halls, was crowned. The fifteen finalist quartets included the Ambassadors of Detroit, the Continentals of Muskegon, the Unheard of Four of Muskegon and the Food City Four of Battle Creek. Michigan turned out 24 quartets for this contest.

The 1944 Convention was so successful that the 1945 Convention and Contest was also awarded to Detroit. For the first time, sectional eliminations were held and only the finals were held in Detroit. The sectionals were held in New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Kansas City and Michigan qualified only three quartets for the finals - these being the Progressives (Bennett, Restivo, McKerrell and Arnone), the Gardenaires (Daniel, Rubert, Miller and Tubbs), and the Continentals of Muskegon (Freye, Bishop, Weaver and Peterson) which turned out to be our top performer with a fine third place medalist finish.

(to be continued in the next issue)



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HARRISVILLE UPDATE.....

While you and I have been out and enjoying the Summer, others have been hard at work making arrangements so that our Harrisville Harmony Happening will be a highlight of the year. Two of these hard-working souls are Art and June Linde who live at Lost-Lake-In-The-Woods, near Lincoln, MI. They are aware of some of the problems we've had at the Park with regards to "quiet time," and have been seeking solutions in our behalf.

They have obtained permission for us to use the land just north of the

Park and across the road. We'll be able to have campfires and sing to our heart's content with no 'Ranger Bob' to tell us its time for beddy-bye. It'll be up to us to clean up the area after we're through - which should be no problem - so, this appears to be an answer to one of the big problems of the State Park. We are indebted to Art and June for all their persistence and hard work in making these arrangements for us and we look forward to seeing them again this Labor Day. If you've never been to Harrisville for the 'Happening,'

ask anyone else who has - that'll be enough of a recommendation. Try it for yourself - YOU'LL LOVE IT!!

TROUBADOR DEADLINES

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MID-STATESMEN

The Mid-Statesmen Chorus, from the Gratiot County Chapter, under the direction of Mike Bowen, came charging on stage in Traverse City with stars in their eyes and desire in their hearts, in anticipation of stepping into the spotlight as the 1981 Silver Division Champions.

However, because of an error, the spotlight had blown a fuse. For this we sincerely apologize. To err is human, but more than once is unforgivable. We shall correct this situation.

Gratiot County's Silver Division Championship is a fitting climax to their 35th year anniversary celebration.

Congratulations, guys.

Fran Jones
President



THE OAKLAND COUNTY CHAPTER

-- "seen" at International

The Oakland County Chapter basks in the reflected glory of the CENTER STAGE's Sensational 4th-place finish in the quartet contest. Twenty-five percent of the CENTER STAGE - handsome Hanson of the Beautiful Bass - belongs to Oakland County, but ALL of the Chapter's congratulations and best wishes go to Denny Gore, Glenn VanTassel and Wendell Pryor as well as to Lee Hanson.

How fitting and homey it was that the first quartet this reporter heard at the headquarters hotel was the MELLO MACS, with the lovely Carolee McDaniel and the lovely Marvlee McEachin and their spouses, the Dapper Dons, President Don McDaniel and Don McEachin.

If Mayor Coleman Young knew what he was doing, he'd hire Eddie Webster to conduct Detroit's labor negotiations. Eddie's the one who persuaded the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel Bus Company to extend its hours so Barbershoppers housed in Windsor could enjoy the convention to the limit and get back to their digs without swimming. Webster also arranged for the Hydro-spectacular by the fireboat at Hart Plaza before and after the Mass Sing Friday morning. A chorus of Handel's "Water Music" as a salute to Oakland County's Eddie Webster!

Curt and Jean Seely were seen in the Plaza lobby Tuesday morning on their way to McClinchey's hospitality booth. They were dropping bread crumbs behind them so they could find their way out of the place when they wanted to leave. The Seelys weren't the only ones who needed to drop bread crumbs to find their way around the Ren-Cen.

Another Oakland County member, a Past-President and B.O.T.Y., who shall remain nameless -- Jack Nameless -- waxed wroth when he learned that reservations for the Stroh Brewery tours were all gone, even for the 10:00 AM tour on Wednesday. A friend (obviously not an Oakland County member) remarked, "Who wants to drink beer at ten o'clock in the morning?" To which the Past President and B.O.T.Y. told him to mind his own business.

Another name has been added to the list of television families along with the likes of the Osmonds and the Jackson Five and the Mandrell Sisters. Now it's THE TAYLOR FOUR - Bob and Nan, Don and Jan. The Taylor family appeared on the WXYZ-TV Kelly and Company Show Wednesday morning during the Convention. Other features of the show were the CENTER STAGE and an absorbing discourse on what to do about your new baby, especially if it's a boy.

By the time this issue of THE

TROUBADOUR reaches you, another of Oakland County Chapter's unforgettable Mystery Bus Trips will have easily faded into oblivion. For weeks, speculation had been rife about the destination of this year's trip, running all the way from beautiful Zug Island, off the shore of River Rouge, to Harrisville, for a romp with the friendly natives there. John Bober even whipped up a Barber-shop arrangement of HUPAJ SIUPAJ in case the destination turned out to be Warsaw. But now we know, don't we?



Fran Durham, Pioneer District Logopedics Chairman
14851 Stahelin, Detroit, Michigan 48223
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The following is a 6-month summary of our Logopedics giving. Half of the year is gone. Twenty-one chapters and eight quartets have made contributions. Five chapters have already won the Harmony Foundation Award for 1981. Is your chapter or your quartet conspicuous by its absence?

CHAPTER	AMT	MBS	PER CAPITA
AuSable	\$ 50.00	19	\$ 2.63
Benton Harbor	86.28	49	1.76
Boyne City	165.00	36	4.58
Detroit #1	75.00	111	.67
Flint	105.00	48	2.18
Grand Rapids	302.80	113	2.67
Gratiot County	450.00	44	*10.22
Grosse Pointe	522.00	94	5.55
Holland	77.00	33	2.33
Kalamazoo	266.00	42	6.33
Lansing	116.62	57	2.04
Milford	166.00	22	7.54
Monroe	643.00	56	*11.48
Muskegon	200.00	17	*11.76
Oakland County	285.80	89	3.21
Pontiac	250.00		
Port Huron	205.00		
Saginaw Bay	125.00		
Sault Ste Marie	228.00		
Traverse City	540.00		
Windsor	300.00		

* Denotes Harmony Foundation Award winners. Note that Traverse City is approaching the Silver Division (\$25 per capita level of giving). Congratulations, Traverse City!

QUARTET NAME	AMT.
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Nitty Gritty Good Time Four	40.00
Sound Ambassadors	75.00
Sounds Around	125.00
The Long and Short of It	100.00
Those Other Guys	25.00

OPERATION DIRECT HIT. . .

by Bill Butler

How many CHORUS DIRECTORS did the Louisville Thoroughbreds have on stage on Saturday night, July 11, 1981, when they accepted their newly won trophy and entertained thousands of people? More than five? -- More than seven? You bet they did!

How many CHORUS DIRECTORS does your chapter have that are actively participating in the directing of the chapter chorus? Could you be one of them with a little help?

Well, that "help" has arrived in the form of the DIRECT HIT Program, a program produced by the International to help our aspiring new chorus directors and gang-song leaders get some directing experience and exposure. Now is your chance to get some extra benefit from the annual dues you have been paying. The "Operation: Direct Hit" will be presented as a two-session program in Saturday, August 15th and Saturday, August 22nd, from 9:00, a.m. until 3:00, p.m. each day, at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. That is the Recreation Hall at the Westland City Hall complex.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! The only requirement is that you wish to try your hand at directing - either formal chorus directing or gang-song directing. What could be a better combination than a Society sponsored program on one hand, and your enthusiasm, on the other? I hope to see you there.

The Registration Fee is \$7 and includes a box lunch each day. Contact your Division I Director of Music Education, MARVIN SKUPSKI, 34430 Spring Valley, Westland, MI 48185. Phone (313) 453-7080 (wk), or 425-2078 (res).

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