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**WINTER**

## PIONEER DISTRICT HOUSE OF DELEGATES' MEETING Briarwood Hilton Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan April 26, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President LaBumbard. The invocation was offered by IBM McTaggart. EVP Jones led the delegation in "The Old Songs."

Sergeant-at-Arms Dyer declared a quorum present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to those present and accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report was distributed to those present. A balance of \$12,879.12 was shown as of March 31, 1980.

IBM McTaggart submitted a written report reviewing action taken at the Mid-Winter convention. Among items covered were: The abolishment of the Associate Status Chapters; Stage Presence Category scoring changes; an explanation of the reasons for the dues increase and the optional six-month dues payment plan for new members.

The written report submitted by EVP Jones indicated that the Lansing Chapter had submitted a bid for the 1982 Spring Convention. The delegation voted to accept the bid. Both Spring and Fall Conventions for 1983 are open and bids are solicited. He also solicited additional nominations for the Hall of Fame.

The Division Vice Presidents' reports covered conditions and activities in the chapters under their jurisdictions and each DVP introduced his Area Councilors in attendance. President LaBumbard introduced the new Vice President for Division I, Ferdinand McFadyen, who succeeds former Vice President Savoy.

DME Butler submitted a written report reviewing the Quarter & Coaches' Clinic held in March, announced the "Harmony Round Up" scheduled for September at Eastern Michigan University, and outlined the tentative fall visitation dates to the District by the Music Services Assistants. He urged the chapter to avail themselves of the services of each Divisional DME.

Logopedics Chairman Dufham's report showed that \$14,785.54 was contributed by the Chapters and Quarters in the District in 1979, well above the \$12,000 goal. Sixteen Chapters qualified for the Harmony Foundation Award. In addition, he reviewed the Logopedics Seminar held at the Institute in February, urged greater participation in the Logopedics meetings at District Conventions, and outlined plans for the Logopedics activity in conjunction with the 1981 International Convention in Detroit. President LaBumbard commended Dufham for his successful efforts on behalf of Logopedics.

Bill Warner, Chairman of the 1981 International Convention, presented a written report indicating that chairman for the standing committees have been selected and committee members are being solicited. The need for volunteers at the 1981 Convention Registration Booth in Salt Lake City was stressed. He also submitted the Audit Committee report for 1979.

Ethics Committee Chairman Gilgrie reported no violations since the last meeting.

Don Funk, 1980 Flight Chairman, presented a written report and suggested that since Charter and Group Flight rules have been relaxed by the Government, the necessity for the District to handle booking is now unnecessary. He suggested after the 1980 Convention that a professional travel agent handle the details. Meanwhile all is in order for the flight plans to Salt Lake City.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- The District Secretary, with the assistance of the respective DVP's, presented the following awards: International Achievement, Alpena (Pineau II), Benton Harbor-St. Joseph (III), Port Huron (III), Lansing (IV), Grand Rapids (V), and Grosse Pointe (VI). District Achievement Awards were presented to Port Huron (Silver Division) and Wayne (Gold Division). Bob Dixon, Area Counselor in Division II, was presented with the Area Counselor of the Year Award for 1979.
- A special award was presented to the Hudson Chapter for maintaining 100 per cent retention for 1979. The award was presented by International Vice President-Treasurer Merritt Auman.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- The proposed 1980 budget was presented by Treasurer Schneider. The 1980 budget was unanimously approved by the delegation.
- The following resolution was presented to the House of Delegates by the Pioneer District Board of Directors:

**RESOLVED:** That the Pioneer District's five Divisions be realigned so that each Division contain a minimum of six chapters that are more geographically aligned, resulting in more equitable distribution of chapters among the five Divisions and reducing travel costs for Division Vice Presidents and Area Counselors.

President LaBumbard then opened the meeting for discussion. The Oakland County Delegate read a letter from his Chapter stating disagreement with the realigning proposal as presented, and moved that the proposal be rejected in its present form. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the change in divisions.

A motion was then made to recommence the entire proposal and proposed changes back to the existing committee. Motion seconded. Discussion followed and a vote on the motion resulted in defeat.

A motion to table the proposal was made and seconded. This motion was also defeated.

A call for a vote on the motion to reject the proposal as presented and the change of chapters as outlined in the proposal resulted in defeat.

A motion to approve the proposal as presented by the Board that the Divisions in Pioneer District be realigned was made. The motion received a second, and the motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed changes in the Divisions as outlined by the redistricting committee. Motion received support but was never voted upon.

A motion was then made and seconded to refer the proposed realignment of chapters within divisions back to a committee. Motion carried. President LaBumbard then appointed a committee composed of DVP Gougton, DVP McFadyen, and EVP Jones.

A motion was made that the redistricting committee be composed of two from each of the five divisions. The motion received support but was not voted upon as the committee appointment is an administrative function.

- The optional six-month's dues payment plan for new members as outlined by the International Board of Directors was unanimously approved for adoption by the District.
- Robert Miquelon of the Wayne Chapter reminded the delegation of the Pine Knot Barbershop Spectacular scheduled for May 24, 1980 and urged all who were interested in participating to attend the massed chorus rehearsal.
- President LaBumbard announced that the Pioneer District San-Off Show would be held at Caboto Hall in Windsor on June 13, 1980.

Merritt Auman, the International Representative to the convention, addressed the delegation outlining the "State of the Society". Among the items he stressed were: The Society is financially sound with Harmony Hall West completely paid and fully rented. The Music Services Staff is now complete with the addition of Lyle Fintgen; Memberships is now at the 32,000 mark, up 900 members since the last of the year. Registrations for the 1980 International Convention total 3,488 as of this date. He urged the assembly to follow the Hudson Chapter's accomplishment in retention and to promote new memberships wherever and whenever possible.

DVP McFadyen led the assembly in "Keep America Singing" at the close of the session.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John M. McClintchey  
Pioneer District Secretary

## PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Horse Head Lake, Michigan July 26, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President LaBumbard.

Directors Present: Horton, Jones, LaBumbard, McClintchey, McFadyen, McTaggart, Neff, and Schneider.

Also Present: Committee Chairman Butler and Lang, and parliamentarian Darrah.

The minutes of the April 25, 1980, Board Meeting were amended to indicate that the appointment of Division I Vice President McFadyen to fill a vacancy was made with the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer Schneider's report showed a balance of \$8,385.04 for the period ending June 30, 1980.

IBM McTaggart's report highlighted action taken at the International Board Meeting in July. The selection of St. Louis, MO, as the site for the 1984 International convention, Burt Huish elected 1981 International President, Pioneer District's John Gillespie elected to the International Board as Vice President-Treasurer. Society membership is over 800 members above a year ago. Mid-Winter Convention sites were selected for 1982 and 1983 (Tucson and Sarasota, respectively). Harmony Hall West income from rent is \$61,000 annually. A problem exists with Dixie, Ontario, Johnny Appleseed, and Pioneer Districts all have conventions on the third weekend in October.

EVP Jones' report indicated 1983 convention sites are still open for Spring and Fall and bids are being solicited. The proposed budget for the 1980 Fall Convention was presented with admission ticket prices following the same schedule as the last convention. On a motion by EVP Jones with a second by Secretary McClintchey, the same price schedule should exist for the Fall Convention. Motion passed.

The nominees for the Hall of Fame Award were reviewed and one nominee was elected by secret ballot. The award will be presented at the Fall Convention.

The Division vice Presidents present provided written summaries on the status of chapters within their Divisions. There were no reports from the absent DVP's. The primary problem areas are the Niles-Buchanan Chapter which has voted to disband as of September, and the Cadillac Chapter which has been suspended by the International Board for failure to file a tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

Director of Music Education Butler submitted a written report reviewing the upcoming Harmony Round-Up and listing the faculty for same. He expressed disappointment in the registration response. He also outlined the September visitations of Music Services Assistants LaBar and Stevens.

Contest and Judging Chairman Lang gave a verbal report which included the following: As pointed out in the IBM report, four adjacent Districts have Fall Convention dates at the same time and poses a problem when securing a judging panel. More judge candidates are needed in all categories; recertification of judges is now required every four years, which may ultimately create a financial hardship for the judges unless money can be budgeted by the District to support their program. There are still conflicting views regarding judges who also serve as coaches to competing quarters and choruses.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- The Redistricting Committee presented a detailed report outlining three proposals for redistricting: (1) Keep the Divisions as they are; (2) Proposal A, which is the same as that which was presented at the Spring House of Delegates' Meeting; and (3) Proposal B, which moves the Grosse Pointe and Oakland County Chapters to Division V from Division I, also Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Valley and Niles-Buchanan Chapters move from Division II to Division III, while Grafton County Chapter moves from Division III to Division II. Division IV remains unchanged. Secretary McClintchey moved that Proposal B be supported by the Board to take effect January 1, 1982, and presented to the Fall House of Delegates Meeting for action. DVP McFadyen seconded. Motion passed.
- DVP Neff indicated that the Area Counselor of the Year evaluation forms are in the final draft stage and will be ready for review at the Fall Board Meeting.
- For clarification, The House of Delegates' Meeting minutes shall be printed in the Troubadour.
- On behalf of Troubadour Editor Rueggeger, Secretary McClintchey asked the Board Members encourage and provide more articles for the Troubadour.
- There was no report from the District Logo Committee.
- IBM McTaggart suggested the Board clarify the District's function and financial obligation regarding District-associated activities at the International Convention (i.e., hospitality room, pre-glow, promotional material, etc.). No action was taken.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- EVP Jones proposed that a survey be taken to determine interest among the District membership regarding a Caribbean Cruise. It was advised that this could most properly be accomplished through a solicitation or paid advertisement in the Troubadour, inasmuch as this would be a commercial venture.
- DVP McFadyen read a letter from the Southeast Michigan Association of Chapters (SMAC) which included a paragraph that might be interpreted that said body would be sponsoring a van in the area by Music Service Assistant LaBar. This led to a discussion on the function and jurisdiction of SMAC. No action was taken.
- IBM McTaggart indicated the Friday, June 12, 1981, had been reserved for the Sand-Off Show at Caboto Hall in Windsor. It was suggested that he endeavor to reserve Saturday, June 12th, in deference to those who must travel from out-of-state. EVP Jones motioned that the Sand-Off Show be held on the second weekend of June, Saturday if possible. Treasurer Schneider seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary McClintchey asked what body, in fact, was to be host to the 1981 International Convention in Detroit. It is the understanding of the Board that this is a function of the Metropolitan Detroit Area Chapters and volunteers from throughout the District. IBM McTaggart stated that he would instruct the District Chapter to remove their reference to being hosts of the convention from their chapter stationery.
- DVP Neff reiterated the need for chapters throughout the District to sponsor and support travel fund raising events. He asked that Board Members consider ideas in this vein and suggested that if it was done on the divisional level, some success might be realized. It was pointed out by President LaBumbard that the Pioneer District is in the upper strata regarding per capita contributions by Districts to their respective travel funds.
- Because the Associate Status Chapter category has been eliminated by the International Board they have prepared evaluation sheets to be reviewed by DVP's and Area Counselors regarding chapters of concern. President LaBumbard distributed these forms to those DVP's present.

IBM McTaggart led in the singing of "Keep America Singing".

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. McClintchey, District Secretary



# Support Your Chapter With Your Attendance and Recruiting Effort.

# from the PRESIDENT

by Fran Jones



## 1981 - THE YEAR TO RE-MEMBER

Our new International President, Burt Huish, has designated 1981 to be the "Year To Re-Member" with obvious emphasis on a Society-wide membership campaign with an established goal of 5% net membership increase for each chapter.

In keeping with this effort, the Pioneer District has formulated a new committee, Membership and Extension, chaired by our Past President, Don Funk, with the assignment of assisting our district chapter Membership Vice-Presidents with membership drives, utilizing the "Auditions for Admissions" and the "Open House" programs. Check with your chapter M.V.P. for the dates he has scheduled and give your chapter a boost by lining up some names and addresses of potential new members.

As we all know, getting new members is only half the battle. Retaining them is equally as important. We feel that part of the retention problem is a lack of knowledge about the individual chapter, the Society and Barbershopping in general.

To assist your chapter in this area, we have asked Don to provide your M.V.P. with ideas and suggestions for developing a "New Member Orientation Kit", which would contain not only the International Guest Kit, but more importantly, some information about your chapter, your chorus and Director, your history, your goals, or whatever information you can put together to instill interest and develop pride in your new member.

The third area in which Don and his committee are concerned, is in the development of new chapters. For this task, we ask for your assistance. If any of you have any ideas, suggestions or information that would be of value in the formulation of a new chapter in our district, please contact Don Funk as soon as possible. His address is 1451 Harvard, East Lansing, MI, 48823. We will all be very grateful for your help.

In addition to chapter membership, the district has also established a concentrated effort in the areas of "Music Educa-

tion" and "Communications."

Keep your ear to the ground for information on Bill Butler's "Operation Direct Hit." The news of this program will be breaking in the next few weeks.

Please give serious thought also to attending the "Quartet & Coaching Clinic" at Eastern Michigan University the last weekend in February. Even as a "non-coach" and a "non-quartet member", I have observed these "pros" at work with quartets and have been astonished at the results they have achieved with their bag of musical tricks. There is something to be learned by all of us in the field of musical technique. I guarantee you won't be sorry you attended.

Rusty Ruegsegger, our Troubadour Editor, has also taken on the job of District Communications Officer with the assignment of opening up some of the communications pipelines that have become clogged over the years. He will be working with chapter bulletin editors and public relations men in the areas of all internal and external communications. Your ideas and suggestions in these areas will also be appreciated. Let's "Tell The Whole World We're In Love" with Barbershop. In spite of what you may have heard, this is NOT a secret Society.

These projects can only be successful if we work to help each other in our individual chapter and share our ideas and successes with other chapters. The result will be a prosperous district and a prosperous Society. Our joint efforts will, indeed, make 1981 - THE YEAR TO RE-MEMBER.



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## BITS & PIECES.....

Quotable quote...from Rae Seely, director of the Devil Mtn. Chorus, Walnut Creek, CA on Stage Presence:

"It doesn't go a lot of good to sing about love when you look like your wife starched your shorts!"

..from Bob Arnold, bulletin editor for the Dallas 'Vocal Majority'..."Our Chapter has grown to 164 members with about 110 to 120 out each Thursday night. We have from 25 to 100 guests each night. Our objective is to hit 200 members by mid 1981 and to put 150 on stage in 1982 at International."



## A GREAT LOSS TO BARBERSHOPPERS

We, of the Grand Rapids Chapter, as well as the whole Society, will miss Robert H. (Bob) Walker.

His passing, in November, 1980, after 77 years of very active life, will bring sadness to many.

In addition to being a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather, he was very dedicated to his work as salesman for Wolverine World Wide Show Company; he was one of their top salesmen for many years.

In addition to the above concerns, Bob always seemed to find time for his favorite hobby. You guessed it - Bob had been a Barbershopper since 1942.

His many Barbershopping accomplishments are as follows; A member of the Pioneer District Hall of Fame - served as District Secretary from 1944 to 1946 - District President from 1946 to 1948 - sang tenor in the Travellers Quartet for many years.

He was very active in helping to organize new chapters during the 1940's and 1950's, such as Niles, Sturgis, Marcellus, Three Rivers, Benton Harbor, Big Rapids, Ionia, Belding, Greenville, Ithica, Alma, Cadillac, Traverse City, Beulah, Manistee, Ludington, Hart, Whitehall, Mackinaw City, Sault Ste. Marie, Alpena, Reed City and Petosky.

Bob initiated the Barbershopper of the Year Program in the Grand Rapids Chapter. His Travellers Quartet spent many hours in World War II entertaining wounded servicemen at Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan.

He served as President for the Grand Rapids Chapter in 1960, and was a big help with getting chorus competition organized. For many years he was a top ticket seller for the Great Lakes Invitational.

A true Salesman of Barbershop was Robert H. Walker. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends and associates.

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With the weather here in Pioneer being what it is, I thought you might enjoy a little limerick I picked up:

I sneezed a sneeze into the air,  
It fell to earth I know not where;  
But hard and cold  
Were the looks of those  
In whose vicinity I snoze!

## 35th ANNUAL BUSH LEAGUE CONTEST

by Bill Butler

The 35th Bush League, a la Boyne City first started in the Spring of 1946 and has been a continuing event each year ever since. I'm guessing there aren't many chapters in the entire Society that can boast about an Annual activity with that kind of success. The Bush League contest was the brainchild of the venerable LOTON WILSON, Mr EVERYTHING in Barbershop history; songwriter, arranger, Voice Expression Judge (an old category prior to Interpretation), has held all Chapter and District offices and has been an International Board Member. I know of no other event that embodies the true spirit of Barbershop in the manner that Bush League does. It is a great fun weekend spent in God's country (the air is pure) and the Boyne City Chapter as hosts certainly have the reputation of rolling out the red carpet and really make you feel welcome as friends and competitors. Registrations are open for quartets up to contest time on May 2, 1981. The feature quartet for the event this year will be the 'Sounds Around.' The evening show on Saturday features the Champion of the contest, the runner-up, and last year's Champs, 'A Positive Endeavor,' from Traverse City. Any quartet that has not placed in the top three in District Competition is eligible to compete. Previous Bush League Champions have gone on to become District Champions. You do not have to be a registered quartet to enter. Plan to be there in Boyne City on May 2, 1981, with or without your quartet, and have a memorable, fun weekend. I'll see you there.

**Guests don't  
"just show up"**

*... someone  
invites them!*



**Have you invited  
a guest lately?**

PIONEER DISTRICT QUARTET AND COACHING CLINIC REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 28-29, MARCH 1, 1981

PLEASE REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL FEE:  
Name of Quartet \$ 45.00 PER MAN  
OR \_\_\_\_\_  
Coaching student

QUARTET PERS: TENOR \_\_\_\_\_ BARI \_\_\_\_\_  
LEAD \_\_\_\_\_ BASS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum Deposit)  
\$20.00 = Student Coach  
\$80.00 = Quartet

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: W.D. (Bill) Butler DME  
33748 Pawnee Dr.  
Westland, MI 48185

Ph. (313) 721-4747

LIMITED ENROLLMENT-----DON'T BE LEFT OUT----REGISTER NOW

Please make all checks & M.O.s  
payable ; PIONEER DISTRICT SPEBSQSA  
Deposits will not be refunded after  
Feb. 16, except for cases of illness,  
or death in the family.



***In the Spring a Barbershopper's fancy  
turns to Boyne Country***

***and the***

# **Boyne City Bush League Show and Quartet Contest**

**Saturday, MAY 2, 1981**

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK  
35th ANNUAL BUSH LEAGUE CONTEST

Boyne City, Michigan

Quartet Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Man \_\_\_\_\_  
Tenor \_\_\_\_\_  
Lead \_\_\_\_\_  
Baritone \_\_\_\_\_  
Bass \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Quartets and those not registered with International are welcome.  
NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED

Registration time 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. May 2, 1980



Entry deadline May 2  
Program deadline April 15

Return to: **Harold G. Mason**

5117 Lake Grove Rd.

Petoskey, MI 49770

# DUES INFORMATION.....

If you're always on the lookout for new members, as we ALL should be, one of the first questions you are going to be asked is "How much does a Society membership cost?" The answer to that question depends on a lot of different things. What I've tried to list below are all the dif-

ferent conditions which will determine how you should answer that question.

All charges, up to the Chapter portion have been completed for you. When you insert the proper amount, you will have the total dues a member will be required to pay. I suggest that you clip this chart and carry it in your wallet.

## INTERNATIONAL DUES STRUCTURE

	Additional Fee	International Dues	District Dues	Sub- Total	Chapter Dues	Total
*New Member	7.50	30.00	10.00	47.50		
*New Member - Student	7.50	15.00	5.00	27.50		
Dual Member	7.50	30.00	10.00	47.50		
Dual Member - Student	7.50	15.00	5.00	27.50		
Dual Member - Senior	7.50	15.00	5.00	27.50		
Reinstated Member	7.50	30.00	10.00	47.50		
Reinstated Member - Student	7.50	15.00	5.00	27.50		
Renewal		30.00	10.00	40.00		
Renewal - Student		15.00	5.00	20.00		
Renewal - Senior		15.00	5.00	20.00		
Late Renewal	2.00	30.00	10.00	42.00		
Late Renewal - Student	2.00	15.00	5.00	22.00		
Late Renewal - Senior	2.00	15.00	5.00	22.00		
Life Member			10.00	10.00		

\*New Members - never before Barbershoppers - have the option of joining under the INSTALLMENT program. The program includes two payments: the first when the member signs up, the second six months later.

### Install. New Member

(1st Payment)	7.50	15.00	5.00	27.50
(2nd Payment)		15.00	5.00	20.00

### Instal. New Member - Student

(1st Payment)	7.50	7.50	2.50	17.50
(2nd Payment)		7.50	2.50	10.00

JIM STEVENS IS LEAVING PIONEER DISTRICT! Shame on Him. We hate to lose him. He is our Assistant Director of Music Education, a fine and talented Barbershopper and musician. I'm proud to call him a good friend. We'll miss you, Jim, so PLEASE hurry back. Jim is moving to Houston, Texas, and going into Show Biz on a professional basis, just to see whether he likes it or not. He will be appearing with a duo called "The New Minority" (Of course, it will be a trio when Jim joins them.) at the Albert Pick, in Houston, on a six-month contract. Jim will handle the sound and lighting as well as sing with the trio and play the keyboard electric and moog synthesizer. Best wishes and Good Luck, Jim.

NOW--- Do NOT send any more registrations for the Quartet and Coaching Clinic to Jim. Send them to me, Bill Butler, as noted on the registration form attached in this issue.

Registrations are coming in fast, but we still have room for a few more quartets, and coaching students. Speaking of coaching, it would be great if more of you would take an interest in learning to be coaches. We have quartets that are constantly looking for a coach. Even if you never intend to share your talents by coaching, you, as a Barbershopper, Chorus Director, etc. will learn a lot about what good barbershop singing is all about. Try it, you'll like it!

# Detroit To Welcome Barbershop Throngs .....

Thousands of Barbershoppers and their families will be heading to Detroit in July, 1981, to savor the finest quartets and choruses in the world. Among the sights and sounds will be the largest Headquarters Hotel in our history...the famed Detroit Plaza in the dramatic Renaissance Center.

Quartets and choruses will be performing daily in the Hart Plaza between the Plaza Hotel and the Cobo Arena, site of the contests, along with the Mass Sing in a special outdoor amphitheater.

Members and wives will be five minutes from Canada, just across the river (where the dollar goes further) and will tour world famous Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum of nostalgia and yesteryear.

Five antique trollys will carry Barbershoppers from downtown to the Arena and the Headquarters Hotel...and they'll be topped off from time to time by quartets

who will entertain enroute.

Registrations are available for this biggest of all events in Barbershopping for \$30 Adult and \$15 Junior. No special forms are needed (although they are in each HARMONIZER if desired). All that's needed is a note with the name and address and the correct check, sent to the International Office in Kenosha.

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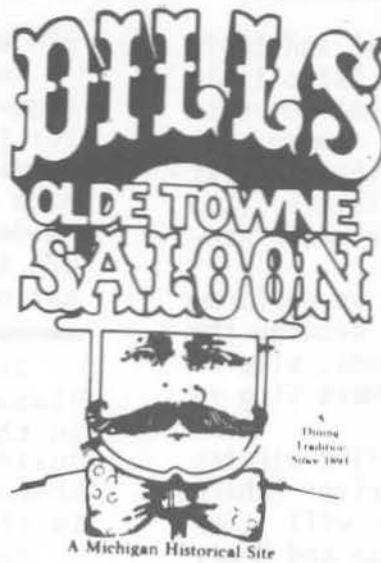
In the photo below, the Detroit Plaza, the headquarters hotel, is in the upper right. The circular building, right center, is the Cobo Arena, and the open area in between is the Hart Plaza.

In the lower portion of the photo, can be seen the two passenger boats which make hourly runs down the Detroit River to beautiful Bob-Lo Island, an amusement park in the mouth of Lake Erie.





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ON THE BEACH



**La Margarita**

# Welcome to Traverse City 1981 Spring Convention

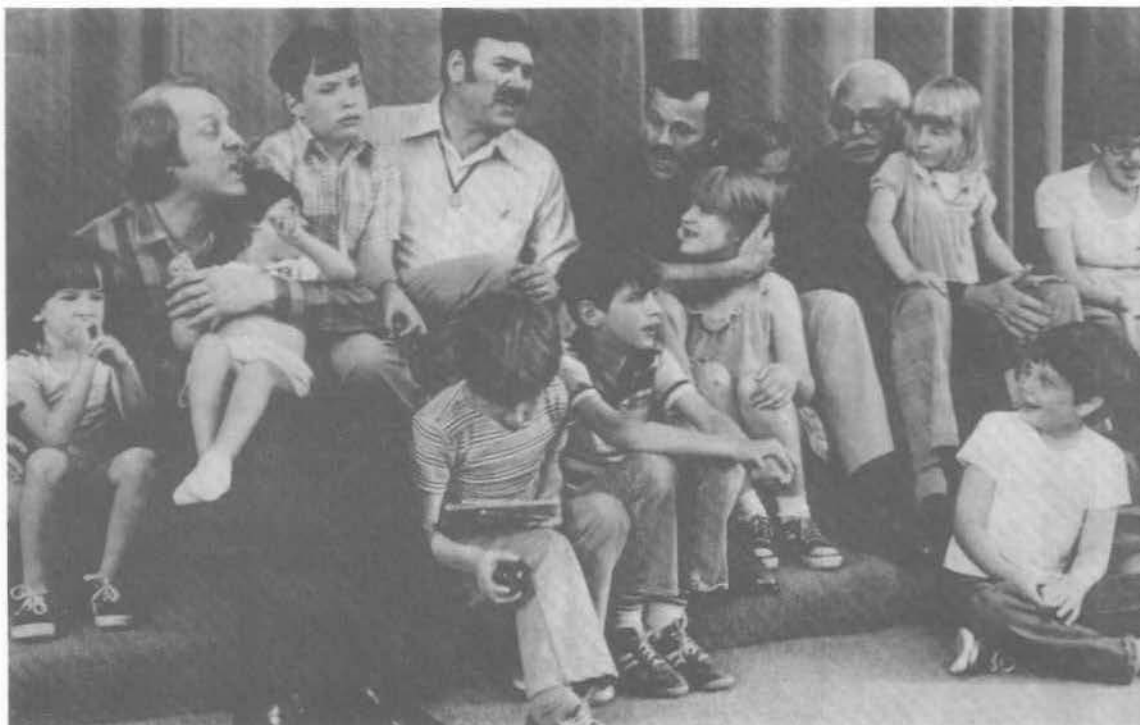
The small city with the big barbershop



**THE SAWMILL**  
GOOD FOOD, DRINK & SONG

Registration information will be direct mailed to each barbershopper. All events tickets \$10.00 until April 10, 1980; after April 10 \$13.00.





## Barbershoppers Voice Their Love To The Tune Of \$3 Million Plus

"We have a love affair with the kids at the Institute," the Most Happy Fellows told a show audience in Wichita this spring. The 1977 International Champs had spent the afternoon entertaining and being entertained. Some of the Institute of Logopedics children, like Leslie, were intrigued as much by the moustaches as by the songs they shared!



**INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS**

2400 Jardine Drive Wichita, Kansas 67219

## MONROE CHAPTER NEWS

The Monroe Chapter Officers for 1981 are:

President, .....KURT HOVEMEYER  
Membership V.P., ..WILBERT MATTHES  
Program V.P., .....LON SARGENT  
Secretary, .....JACK READY  
Treasurer, .....WELDON PHILLIPS  
Trustees: .....TED MILLER  
          .....AL PIXLEY  
          .....DON SCHROEDER  
Immed. Past Pres., ..GORDON SAUER

I'm sure I speak for the entire Monroe Chapter in thanking the retiring President Gordon Sauer, and retiring Trustees, Chuck Checker and Gene Finley, for a job well done.

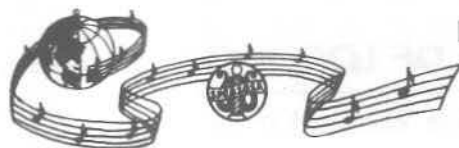
Roger Barnes is our new Chorus Director. In previous years, Roger has directed the Toledo Chapter and the Maumee Chapter in the Johnny Appleseed District. He was also the Director of the Seaway City Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, and he directed them to an eighth place finish in their International Competition in Milwaukee, in 1974. Roger brings to us a wealth of barbershop knowledge and we feel fortunate to have him as our director.

In December, we sang Christmas Carols at our two hospitals and held our Annual Christmas Party. The guest quartet at our party was the Sounds Around. These men can really sing and entertain, and we enjoyed having them. Our Dundee members and their wives were hosts for our party the last two years. Those doing the work were:

MR.(s) & MRS.(s) Al Gaertner,  
Tom Harmer, Pete Hedwall,  
Kurt Hoevemeyer, Paul Horn,  
Paul Sheldon and Wes Winklemen.

A Big Thank You is in order for all these people.

We are really working on our 17th Annual Show to be presented on February 20 & 21, at St. Mary's Auditorium, here in Monroe. Featured quartets are the Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek and the Boston Common, our 1980 International Champions. We're sure it is going to be a great show and that you will want to see it. For further information about tickets, call Jerry Klaes, (313) 753-9720. As of now, Friday night seats are still available.



Don Schroeder

## GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER NEWS.....

'Twas the month after Christmas  
And all through the hall,  
Our whole chorus was stirring  
And having a ball.  
Our outfits were sent  
To the cleaners for care  
For Detroit is approaching  
And we'll soon be there.  
Clay Shumard, our captain,  
Works hardest of all  
For he knows that Grand Rapids  
Has gotten the call.  
Two songs must be ready  
In the finest of shape.  
So we work and rehearse  
And we sing and we'll tape.  
To give it our best shot  
We know we must do.  
Because to all of you out there  
THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

The Grand Rapids GREAT LAKES CHORUS is indeed proud to be representing our District in the 1981 International Chorus Competition. The last time a Grand Rapids Chorus went to International was in 1958, so we know what an opportunity this is. After the Fall Convention, in Jackson, many of our members commented about the hearty congratulations they received from fellow Barbershoppers around the district, often from people they didn't even know. This just proves something the Grand Rapids Chapter has always felt: "There are no strangers in Barbershop. Just friends we've yet to meet."

Get those calendars out, because our annual show, "The Grand Rapids Great Lakes Invitational," is just around the corner. The Blue Grass Student Union AND the Happiness Emporium will headline the show along with Black Velvet, The Nitty Gritty Goodtime Four, and The Great Lakes Tide. Saturday, April 11th, is a night you won't want to miss, so drop us a line for tickets! From all of us, take care and we'll see you April 11th or in Traverse City.

Phil Wilder



*When you are  
too busy to sing,  
you're too busy!*



## What's Next ?

### FEBRUARY, 1981

- 14 Pontiac Chapter Show
- 21 Oakland County Chapter Show
- 21 Lansing Chapter Show
- 20-21 Monroe Chapter Show

### MARCH, 1981

- 7 Grosse Pointe Chapter Show
- 6-7 Wayne Chapter Show
- 14 Huron Valley Chapter Show
- 28 Port Huron Chapter Show

### APRIL, 1981

- 4 Battle Creek Chapter Show
- 4 St. Joseph Valley Chapter Show
- 11 Grand Rapids Chapter Show
- 24-26 Spring Convention - Traverse City

### MAY, 1981

- 1-2 Coldwater Chapter Show
- 2 Boyne City Bush League
- 9 Kalamazoo Chapter Show

### JULY, 1981

- 5-11 International Convention - DETROIT

## Here's the inside story

The hard-luck award for 1980 went to Bill McFadden, who sings with the General Assembly, from Research Triangle Park. While traveling from their North Carolina home to Salt Lake City last summer, Bill had eight, count 'em, 8 FLAT TIRES! He thinks now that he may have bent the axle on his trailer with the first blowout and that mishap led to all the others. It's experiences like these that lend extra meaning to the phrase "Home Sweet Home!"

Another couple, from the same chapter,

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Bill and Betty Haffley, extended their vacation by visiting Lake Tahoe. They were enjoying a leisurely swim in the cool waters when they discovered they were in an area set aside for NUDE BATHING! No word as to what triggered this realization but Bill swears that he and Betty were, uh, "non-conformists!"

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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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