



pioneer TROUBADOUR

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.



**Plan on a Big
Time in
Battle Creek!
APRIL 10 & 11th**

by Roger Lewis

The Battle Creek Chapter and the entire city of Battle Creek are looking forward to welcoming the 1987 Spring Pioneer District Convention on April 10, 11, and 12.

Contest events will again be held in the W.K. Kellogg Auditorium, one of the finest acoustically, in the state. It's just three short blocks from the headquarters hotel, Stouffer's of Battle Creek. The hotel has offered an excellent package--just \$99 for a two-night stay. In the hotel you'll be able to enjoy a pool, whirlpool, exercise room, fine dining at McCamly's Roof restaurant, fun and food at J.W. Barleycorn's plus meeting rooms as needed. (Note: If your chapter is interested in a hospitality room, please contact Bill Knopp at Stouffers, telephone 616-963-7050.)

McCamly Place, a distinctive shopping center adjoining the hotel, features many unique shops with numerous food selections ranging from salads to ice cream, pizza to pastries, and a sit-down seafood restaurant. There is frequent entertainment (and entertainment opportunities for all of us.)

Kellogg's world headquarters, adjacent to the hotel, is now a reality and showplace (sorry, no tours this time). The downtown area offers eating and shopping areas, and the Lakeview Square Shopping Mall is a short bus ride (or drive) away.

The Visitor and Convention Bureau is handling ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND ALSO ALL CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS for us! We look forward to having you join us for a harmonious weekend.

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1986 LOGOPEDICS RESULTS ANNOUNCED

CHAPTER	MBRs	TOTAL AMT	PER MAN
GOLD AWARD (\$50 or better)			
WAYNE	98	\$5353	\$54.62

SILVER AWARD (\$25 or better)			
HOLLAND	34	\$1200	\$35.29
HURON VALLEY	42	\$1438	\$34.23
BOYNE CITY	26	\$ 872	\$33.53
SWAN VALLEY	30	\$1000	\$33.33
ST. JOE VALLEY 19		\$ 550	\$28.94
FLINT	37	\$1006	\$27.18

BRONZE AWARD (\$10 or better)			
GRAND RAPIDS	95	\$1508	\$15.87
BATTLE CREEK	59	\$ 916	\$15.52
SAGINAW-BAY	30	\$ 458	\$15.26
TRAVERSE CITY41		\$ 615	\$15.00
GRATIOT CTY	40	\$ 555	\$13.87
PORT HURON	36	\$ 489	\$13.58
MILFORD	30	\$ 365	\$12.16
GROSSE PTE.	89	\$1055	\$11.85
MUSKEGON	36	\$ 410	\$11.83
COLDWATER	16	\$ 180	\$11.25
CLINTON VLY	25	\$ 280	\$11.20
LANSING	65	\$ 706	\$10.85
WINDSOR	52	\$ 558	\$10.73
ALPENA	24	\$ 240	\$10.00

OTHER

SAULT ST MA	48	\$ 468	\$ 9.75
PONTIAC	26	\$ 215	\$ 8.26
JACKSON	25	\$ 148	\$ 5.93
AUSABLE	8	\$ 35	\$ 4.37
DET-OAKLAND	133	\$ 532	\$ 3.77
MONROE	46	\$ 120	\$ 2.60
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WHAT IS S.M.A.C.?

By Bill Warner

What is S.M.A.C., you say. Well, in answer to that question I would say that S.M.A.C. is an acronym for the Southeast Michigan Association of Chapters, composed of the following chapters in our district: Clinton Valley, Dearborn, Detroit-Oakland, Grosse Pointe, Huron Valley, Milford, Monroe, Pontiac, Port Huron, Wayne, and Windsor chapters.

They are a loose organizational subsidiary to the District, and are responsible to the District. Basically, it was organized to encompass all of the chapters in the Detroit Metro area in order to consolidate conflicting schedules of events which were occurring in the Metro area, in addition to the fact that previous International Convention bids required a firm base of membership to lean upon for support in their efforts. It has not, nor was it ever intended to be, anything more than what was described!

At the moment our bid for the International Convention for 1991 to be held in Detroit is at stake. If we are to receive that privilege, the SMAC chapters would be responsible for hosting the convention, because they are nearby, and can more easily offer the membership participation that is required. It's not that chapter members from other chapters outstate could not participate, because they would be entirely welcome to do so, if they so decided to help. In fact, we would welcome that help!

We hope this explains a little better what the intention of SMAC is, and how we can better the Pioneer District.

LOGOPEDICS



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HOORAH FOR THE PIONEER DISTRICT AND THE INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS!!!

Guys, I just don't know what to say! You were just great this last year. I'd like to thank each and everyone who contributed personally, but that's not possible, so here it is in writing: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!

1986 is my first full year at this job and what a thrill it is to read your goal, and I can't say how gratifying it is to serve as your chairman.

We reached three new highs in 1986.

1.) The most monies contributed to the Institute of Logopedics - \$21,669.13. The best year was in 1984 when we hit \$18,887.90.

2.) The first "Gold Award" in the District, our International Rep's, the Wayne Chapter.

3.) The most "Silver Awards" in the District (\$25 or more). They were the Holland Chapter, Pres. Robert Cruse, the Huron Valley Chapter, Logopedic's Chairman Stuart Brice, the Boyne City Chapter, L.C. Frank Abbett, Swan Valley Chapter, (2nd Year in-a-row), L.C. Herb Sullivan, St. Joe Valley Chapter, L.C. Craig Grams, and the Flint Chapter, L.C. Ron Gruener. Thank you fellows for a great job!

The quartet participation is getting better, but has a long way to go. I would like to thank the eight quartets who donated to the Institute of Logopedics. 8 out of 53 quartets is a bad percentage, so you other 45 quartets out there, let's see your name listed next year. It would sure help us to reach our goal!

I was really glad to see the 16 friends and relatives that will be memorialized at the Institute of Logopedics with their names inscribed on a plaque. What a great way to remember them.

1987 is off to a really good start, and as of January 13, 1987, \$2,928.32 has already been received. Believe me, I love getting those yellow receipts.

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**PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT
EARL W. BERRY**

Happy New Years, Fellow Barbershoppers!

1987 is going to prove to be a very exciting year for the Pioneer District and all of Barbershopping. While attending the President's Forum in Kenosha, our District Music Educator, Jem Duffin, and I were given the highlights about the programs and goals of the Society for the coming year. One program stood out above all of the others -- "D.Y.N.A.M.O." (Acronym for Develop Your Numbers and Musical Organization). This is a new concept developed by the Society, and the two primary concerns of our Society and this program are "Membership and Music." A more thorough explanation of this program by Darryl Flinn, our International President, is located elsewhere in this publication. Do yourself a favor and take the time to read the article. You'll be hearing a lot more about it in the near future.

Our annual COTS school in December at EMU was well attended and proved to be a success. Thanks to our Immediate Past President Bob McDermott, for setting up a much needed Public Relations Class. The only losers were those who did not avail themselves of this opportunity. My hat's off not only to the faculty who did an outstanding job, but I especially want to recognize my co-chairman and our Executive Vice President Clay Jones, who did a fantastic job coordinating this activity.

Just a comment about membership -- the records show that Pioneer is standing still - as of Nov. 30, 1985, our membership stood at 1310 and in twelve months we added 3 more. I realize that during this time we have added new members, but we continue to lose our regulars, for any number of reasons. Maybe it just requires a personal call or they need for someone to give them a ride. Let's extend ourselves and help bring them back.

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(From Column 1)

Start to make plans to attend the Spring Convention to be held in Battle Creek -- our new location for the next three years. It promises to be a great competition--Hope to see you there!

I See From the Bulletins

by **Bob McDermott**

The Battle Creek Chapter had a small but hearty group of members travel "down south" to Coldwater recently to help out with their chapter "Guest Night." According to Jerzy Benjamin, there were a large number of visitors present to enjoy an excellent presentation of Barbershopping from Director James White and Program V.P. Dale Barrett. Several members from the Angola, Indiana chapter were present along with their director. He, along with a quartet, demonstrated how four single voices joining as one could produce great harmony-Barbershop style.

From the same bulletin edited by Jerzy Benjamin, I spied this little number, "Nice to see former member and chapter secretary Phil Smith visiting us from Phoenix, Arizona. He is a member of the PHOENICIANS chorus, and he is also their bulletin editor."

Ernie Evangelista, the editor of the Holland, Michigan, "Windmill Blade", reports that they apparently lost their tax case with the city of Holland, and will have to pay taxes on their hall. According to Ernie, "This means we are not considered to be a tax-exempt organization, and we will have to pay our back taxes." This is a real threat to the Society!

Reading Webb Scrivnor's bulletin, the "Port City Beacon," we found that Fred Kendall, their Logopedic's Chairman, reported that the Submarine Sandwich Sale had realized a profit in excess of \$400! Another idea!

Les Miller, who edits the Swan Valley Chapter bulletin, the "Sounds From the Valley," indicates that they will soon have a new jacket with their own "Swan" Logo in place. The board will soon make a decision on this.

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Editor Dick Williams of the Grand Rapid's Chapter "4-Cast" reports that the TOUCH OF CLASH did a super job at their Christmas party. Dick says, "I can tell you this, they will be tough to beat this Spring in Battle Creek!"

Hope all of your chapters have bulletins and are sending them to me. If they don't then I can't report on the upcoming events. I'm easy to find!

Just received the first copy of the Alpena Chapter bulletin "Wood Chips" edited by my old friend Art Linde. Art did a nice job on his first time out, and congratulations are in order. Seems Art is heading for a sojourn in Florida for a while, but has promised to edit the bulletin from there while he is gone. Nice going, Art.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Pioneer District, SPEBSQSA, Inc. will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:00 p.m., April 10, 1987 at the Stouffer Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan as required by Article 7.03 of the District By-Laws.

All society members are welcome to attend.

JACK SCHNEIDER-DISTRICT SEC'Y



DISTRICT NEWS

Battle Creek

Hope everyone out there has a map or directions to the Cereal City, as "our town" looks like the "in" place to be for Barbershoppers not only in the next few months, but possibly for many years to come.

Our welcome mats are being prepared, we're honing up on our hospitality plans and really "singing up a storm" to show every one in the Pioneer District that we're not all a bunch of "corny flakes" over here in B.C.

We hope you will make your plans to visit our fair city, if not on March 21 for our annual show with the BLUEGRASS STUDENT UNION (see ad), for sure in April for the Spring Convention and Contest.

As mentioned in recent issues of the "Troubadour", Battle Creek will be host city for the next six conventions. If you have not been to Battle Creek in recent years I think you'll be presently surprised by the convention set-up downtown with the Kellogg Auditorium, Kellogg Center, Stouffer Hotel, Michigan Mall and the new McCamly Festival Place, all within a block or two of each other, with "beaucoup" parking. The CEREAL CITY CHORUS will be the official hosts for the upcoming convention. We will do our darndest to make things perfect so that the powers that be will consider making our fine city the permanent convention site.

Rumors have been circulating our way at this writing that the yearly coaching clinics, Mini-HEP schools, etc., will also be coming to Battle Creek, and possibly C.O.T.S., mainly due to the needed use of the Hoyt Conference Center at E.M.U. caused by increased school enrollment. Like I said, keep those maps handy.

It looks like an exciting year ahead for our chapter. 1986 was quite a busy year also for our chorus as we probably performed more singout engagements than anytime in recent history, even surpassing our efforts in 1984 when we were #1 in our plateau in the International Achievement Program. In December the chorus sang the Christmas carols from the Yuletide songbook so often that almost everyone knows the words and notes to every song by heart. All the hard work, time and effort by the chorus members was made more bearable by the apparent approval of the audiences at the malls, nursing homes, etc.

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BATTLE CREEK NEWS (Continued)

Nine board members attended C.O.T.S. in December, one of our better if not the best showing in many a year. Everyone came back enthused, but why would anyone want to sing until 3:30 a.m.hmmm, sounded like fun!!

Officers for 1987 are President Dick Campbell, Program V.P. David Allen, Membership V.P. Gregory Loser, Treasurer Bill Lang and Secretary Ken Stamm. Bill Lang was also elected the Pioneer District Division Vice President for Division II. Our President Dick Campbell was appointed an Area Counselor for the Jackson and Gratiot County chapters. With Bob Dixon serving as the District Membership Chairman and Roger Lewis being elected the Director of Convention Planning and Special Events, our chapter is well represented at the District level.

Although our membership has stabilized over the past year or so, I'm sure you can tell our chapter spirit has continued on the upswing. Another possible chapter first at this writing is a silver award (\$25 per man) for contributions to Logopedics during 1986. It was an excellent effort by all our members under the guiding hand of Randy Campbell, our Logopedics Chairman.

Many excellent plans and goals have been made by the board for 1987, with two of these being an improvement over our 10th place finish at the last contest in Flint, and adding a few more registered quartets to the four already in the chapter. Our constant goals are improved singing, total chapter participation, but still enjoying the fun and fellowship aspects of this great hobby we call Barbershop.

Ben Jerzyk

Detroit-Oakland

Our February show will probably be over by the time you receive this "Troubadour," but I can tell you this chapter has really been working their tails off in preparing and putting on two shows within a three month period. Both shows were booked before the two chapters merged, and we decided to go through with both of them at the time of the merger.

But even now we can't relax as we have to prepare for the Spring Contest, and we will be there with bells on. Our membership is growing and our attendance since the first of the year has been on the increase, so 1987 bodes to be our year.

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DETROIT-OAKLAND NEWS (Continued)

Our December performances turned out to be extremely successful, as we sang at two hospitals and the Arnold Home, and the audiences loved it. Our Ladies' Night on December 12th had ninety-eight persons in attendance to hear the HARMONY UNLIMITED in their final appearance plus the TODAY'S SPECIAL and the FOUR WHEEL DRIVE in addition. All in all, everyone had a great time. Bob McDermott, our outgoing District President and "Gentlemen's Songster" editor, was awarded the prestigious HAL BAUER AWARD for the year 1986. Earl Berry, our 1987 District President, inducted our 1987 incoming chapter officers in a fine fashion.

We hope to see everyone at the District Convention in Battle Creek in April. It looks like it will be a great convention, especially with Battle Creek as our hosts.

Herman Schwarzenegger

Grand Rapids

I am very pleased and excited to announce that we have a new Musical Director for our chorus. This outstanding gentleman is known to most of you through past VAGABOND fame and more recently the RITZ, two great quartets. He also had directed our chorus before to great heights.

The man I speak of is Mr. Clay Shumard, Mr. Excitement, but known to us as "The Captain." Captain Clay is back!! This is one heck of a Christmas present for all of us - who said there is no Santa?

As for Fran Jones, our past director and "Mister Hall of Fame," he had to step down due to increased business responsibilities with the Gibson Corporation. Fran has passed the torch on to Captain Clay and now we are on our way.

We all want to thank Fran for everything he has done for us and the fine job he did as director. It is my understanding that Fran will be with us as often as work permits lending his experience, support, and fine voice to Clay and the chorus.

Needless to say, with Clay's return, all of our members are extremely excited, enthused, and raring to go. A new spirit has been kindled and fired as things are really buzzing at the hive here in Harmony Hall. Now we prepare in earnest for 1987. There's a lot to do between now and the Fall Contest with the Great Lake's Invita-

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DISTRICT NEWS

GRAND RAPIDS (Continued)

tional coming up April 4th and the Spring Contest a week later. We are looking forward to presenting the trophy to the new District Champions. That should be a super contest!

Next, we will be turning all of our attention and effort to the Fall Convention in Battle Creek. Clay's legions will be pumped and ready. Need I say more?

During the month of December our traveling chorus sang at all the malls in Grand Rapids and we had a ball. The public really loved it! Sure makes you proud to belong to this great Society of ours. (Plus the afterglows weren't too bad either.)

Our annual Christmas party was a smash, and in more ways than one. We had a great turnout, with some fine singing by the new District Champs, the TOUCH OF CLASH, and also by the GOLDEN OLDIES. All in all, it was a fun evening and Santa even paid us a visit telling who was naughty or nice and that he could sing bass. Humbug!

Our Barbershopper of the Year award was won by Gary Branch, an OK guy if you like baritones. Gary deserved it though, as he has done a lot of work this past year, and will be busier than ever with his new position as the Music Vice President.

The next few months will find us hard at it and well into our music with no major performances scheduled prior to our April show, just lots of great singing with plenty of enthusiasm.

We wish all of you from all of us here in Grand Rapids the best of what the New Year will bring. See you all this spring in Battle Creek.

Dick Williams

Muskegon

The DUNE TONES were once a very active quartet in the Muskegon Chapter, but after many fun-filled years, they have sung their "swan song." FRED KENDALL, lead, sang in several quartets, but the most famous was the SHELDONAIRES (Cabecel, Buitendorp, Griffith). Their highlight was a Chicago Hilton appearance, where they met famous personalities of the time and sang late in the evening. A few years later Fred joined Bill Wickstrom, Al Martin, and Webb Scrivnor to form the OCCASIONAL FOUR. When Wickstrom moved to Warren, Bill "Bogie" Van Bogelen joined the others to form the DUNE TONES. They

MUSKEGON CHAPTER (Continued)

registered under that name in 1964. Al Martin recalled that he had sung with some famous and infamous quartets, too...HORTON'S HORMONES, for example (Len Horton, Bill Ellis, and Halley Dion). Al also sang in a church quartet known as the FOUR HYMNS, and in a Muskegon Chapter quartet, the WARB-ELAIRES (Scrivnor, Bill Hislop, Bob Hart).

"Bogie" had also shown his versatility by singing with the HARMONY JESTERS (Al Burgess, Louis Seguin, Jack Ferfuson); the BEACON-AIRES (Paul Borton replaced Jack); and then the KLEFTO-MANIACS (Seguin, Keith Clark, Jim Duff). Modesty forbids me from saying a lot about myself, but I'm going to do it anyhow.

I joined the Michigan City, Indiana, Chapter many years ago at the urging of Rudy Hart. I sang in a chapter quartet, the SANDPIPERS, and I met a number of interesting people in and around the Gary, Chicago, and Northern Indiana area. Some of these people included Jim Foley, Buzz Haeger, Bill Hess, Willis Diekema, Morey Haynes, and a fantastic lead, Wayne Turnipseed! (Honest!) After winning World War II and singing Barbershop in many places around the world, I finally graduated from music schools at Ball State University and Northwestern University. After a five year stint of college teaching, I moved to a southern Indiana community, near Louisville, and formed a quartet known as the DEANS OF HARMONY--four school teachers.

Following the year we placed second in the Cardinal District contest, the quartet broke up--my brother, Dale, moved on to another school; Don Patten became involved in the monument business; and Don Willis moved to Elkhart and I moved to Michigan. So much for that! (Continued next column)

The DUNE TONES, after 22 years, decided to make one more public appearance...at the Muskegon Chapter's Holiday Season Party on Saturday, January 3, 1987. You see, "Bogie" will be retiring soon, and he and his wife Myna will be moving to California where most of their family and relatives live. We wish him well. Other members of the DUNE TONES will miss his cheerful presence and funny stories, but our memories will be filled with happiness and good times we and our families have shared.

Wilbur Scrivnor

Benton Harbor-St. Joe

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Chapter doesn't have an official Troubadour correspondent, but there's nothing that says I can't send you a personal letter to let you know what's going on in the Southwestern corner of our fair District.

During the past three years or so this chapter has had a time of troubles: several changes of meeting halls, a change of chorus directors, and the usual resulting loss of membership. Still, it has survived, and it does have some assets with some exciting potential. Bob Bourne, the director of the FRUIT BELT Chorus, is a music teacher, a seasoned Barbershopper, a quartet man, and is a former Arrangement Judge. Roger Valentine, our chorus director for some seven years in the past is coaching us. Most importantly, we have a corps of chorus members, which though small in number, have better than average barbershop singing talent. It is pleasant to contemplate what this chapter might achieve in the next year or two. So much for the generalities.

Our November was busy in preparation for our December activities which began with a Ladies' Night featuring a sit-down stage dinner, favors, and serenading for the ladies. Entertainment was provided by our premier quartet, the MUSIC COMMITTEE.

Earlier in the month we staged a membership drive at the main local shopping Mall which from the viewpoint of audience attraction and reaction was very successful. From the number of new members obtained, it was less than glittering. Later on in December we had four caroling type performances, and in January another ladies' night dinner, this time combined with the installation of our new officers.

Prospectively, we are going to compete in the April contest, put on our annual show on Friday, May 29, and above all we are going to improve our singing, have more fun, and enlarge our membership. MILL VALLEY Chorus, look to your laurels, because we're coming!!

Brad Laughlin



A GOOD CHORD BEARS REPEATING!



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APRIL 10, 11, 12, 1987

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(FOR ALL EVENTS REGISTRATION)

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

CHAPTER NAME _____ CHAPTER CODE _____

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COMPETING CHORUS? YES ___ NO ___ CHORUS NAME _____

VOICE PART: TENOR ___ LEAD ___ BARI ___ BASS ___

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$12.00 PER PERSON

LATE REGISTRATION: \$15.00 PER PERSON

EARLY REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 25, 1987

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LOCATED IN THE STOUFFER BATTLE CREEK HOTEL

SPECIAL NOTES

* WIFE/GUEST NAMES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS REGISTRATION FORM IF HE/SHE IS ALSO REGISTERING WITH YOU FOR AN ALL EVENTS PASS.

* EACH MEMBER OF A COMPETING QUARTET OR CHORUS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR AN ALL EVENTS PASS. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD DISQUALIFY THE QUARTET OR CHORUS FROM THE CONTEST.

* IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETING QUARTETS AND CHORUSES TO SEE THAT EACH MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN THE SOCIETY AND HAS PURCHASED AN ALL EVENTS PASS FOR THE CONVENTION.

* THE ALL EVENTS PASS ALLOWS ENTRY TO THE PRELIMINARY QUARTET CONTESTS ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND THE QUARTET FINALS AND CHORUS CONTEST ON SATURDAY.

* YOUR CHAPTER CODE NUMBER IS NOTED ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD, AFTER THE CHAPTER NAME. IT IS ALSO IN YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTORY.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS
PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION
APRIL 10, 11, 12, 1987



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LOGOPEDICS (From Page 2)

A "Silver Award" has already been received by the Monroe Chapter with a \$28.01 per man average. That could be a possible second "Gold Award" in the making. A big thanks to Kurt Holsmeier, their Logopedic's Chairman. The other chapters who contributed in January are Lansing, Kalamazoo, Detroit-Oakland, Battle Creek and Huron Valley.

The quartet contributions for 1987 are looking much better. We've received from the SOUND AMBASSADORS, GRAND PRIX, THE LONG & SHORT OF IT, and the IVY LEAGUE. Thanks guys!

My goal for 1987 will be first, \$1 over 1986, and this amounts to \$21,670.13. With the momentum you have generated I'm sure we will reach this goal. Keep up the good work. The 1986 contributions and standings are listed elsewhere in this issue.

George Van DeVelde

I finally got it
all together
then I forgot
where I put it!



Membership suggestions from International

IDEAS: Here are a couple of ideas that we picked up from the Evergreen District bulletin edited by Mike Lanctot. He apparently received the info from International.

THE BIG APPLE CHORUS of Manhattan, New York contacted the New York telephone system and were able to get a promotion in the phone company's monthly newsletter. It is mailed to all subscribers with their monthly bill in the Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx and Staten Island areas. The New York City telephone mailing reaches millions each month. The BIG APPLE averaged 5-10 telephone inquiries per day. Why not contact your utility companies and try the same thing.

Another good idea came from the Greater Canaveral, FL Chapter. They designed a very attractive sticker which are passed out to members. These stickers provide information about the chapter, its meetings, need for singers, etc. These are placed by the members on all correspondence addressed to Broward County addresses. They put them on all issues of the "Harmonizer" and

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district bulletins that are passed out to prospective members, in waiting rooms at banks, doctor's and dentist offices, etc.

Thanks to these two chapters for passing on these ideas. If you have a novel approach for membership recruiting, contact your editor and we'll publish it so it can be passed on to other chapters and the International.

WANTED— CHORUS DIRECTOR

The largest chapter in the Dixie District, located in the beautiful and booming city of Atlanta, is seeking an aggressive, experienced Director. We are nearing 100 members and growing, with competition goals, six active quartets, an experienced music team, and enthusiastic and talented members. Contact Jim Moore, 3385 Breton Court NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30319. Phone (404) 255-0818 (H) and (404) 261-9383 (O).

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S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. INC.

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What is DYNAMO?

By Int'l President Darryl Flinn

(The following article was excerpted from Canton, Ohio, Chapter bulletin, The HOF Squawker, and was written by Darryl Flinn to explain D.Y.N.A.M.O., which means DEVELOP YOUR NUMBERS AND MUSICAL ORGANIZATION.)

The Executive Committee, International Board, and staff have, for the past four years, been tussling with the very slippery subject of decreasing membership plus an alarming lack of new chapters and members. I know you have too.

Some time ago, the Society Director of Musical Services Joe Liles and others agreed that our problem seemed to be that Society-wide, we seem to suffer from a severe lack of excellent musical leadership at the chapter level...in upwards of 2/3rds of our chapters. To make a long story short, Joe and his excellent staff of musical folks, along with the membership services team, combined to come up with the answer through an International program...voila, D.Y.N.A.M.O.!

Just in time, by the way, for DYNAMO to become the slogan of the '87 Presidency. What luck! My '87 slogan is one that not only has a nice ring and is a suitable acronym, but one with long and lasting implications. The glue, if you will, of our very musical and membership foundation. I expect to see DYNAMO around for years to come.

DYNAMO is the most dramatically exciting and musically farsighted program conceived and carried out by our International Society since the advent of District H.E.P. (Harmony Education Program) schools and Harmony College. DYNAMO finally recognizes that the future of barbershopping depends upon excellent musical leadership at the chapter level (and excellence in chapter administration as well).

DYNAMO will create a happier "marriage" between the music leadership team and the chapter's administrative team.

The centerpiece for the program is the all new musical leadership team manual and the specifically trained field DYNAMO'S from the International staff, along with the team of volunteer DYNAMOS who will be trained in every District.

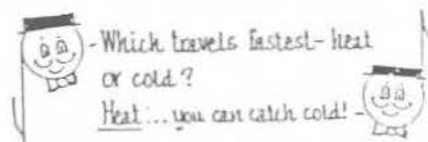
The very essence of DYNAMO is that a qualified DYNAMO specialist...either international or district...comes to

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your chapter and helps you develop your musical organization thus...your numbers. Your chapter must request the program and do some things to get ready. But wow...what a difference! In piloting the concept during '86, we've seen some dynamic results. You'll be learning a bunch more about DYNAMO, but you'll soon be seeing and hearing an important difference within the chapters who are ready for the program.

The head DYNAMO is Joe Liles, but staffman Jim DeBussman, Tom Gentry, Mel Knight, and Ron Rockwell are DYNAMO trained and ready to go. There will soon be a team of qualified DYNAMO leaders in every district to serve a larger and larger number of our chapters.



Berlin Corporation puts restrictions on Irving Berlin Show packages

by Joe Liles, Society Director of Music Education

It took several years for us to negotiate for song/arrangements and a script for "Mr. Music," as a tribute to Irving Berlin.

The Irving Berlin Music Corporation said at the time, and in a recent letter, that they want no show about Mr. Berlin and his music to be presented by our chapters except for the authorized show "Mr. Music."

That doesn't mean that a chapter cannot sing lots of Berlin songs in the typical Barbershop show. It means that our chapters cannot script the show with special comments about the songs and life of Irving Berlin.

The attorney for the Berlin Corporation has asked us to make all of our chapters aware that there is only one authorized, scripted show about the life and music of Irving Berlin for use by chapters of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. They will not allow any changes to that package.

There seems to be no problem in using Berlin songs in other shows which are concert in nature. That is, they contain no dramatic elements, dialogue or narration about Mr. Berlin. Introducing song titles only is okay.

We have 24 Irving Berlin arrangements in our Society catalogue. Sixteen of them are in "Mr. Music." We have recently acquired permission to arrange several other Berlin songs and they will be forthcoming.

Chorus order in Hartford announced by Kenosha

In case many of you didn't get the word on the 1987 chorus draw for the International Chorus competition to be held on Friday, July 3, 1987, at Hartford, Connecticut, here it is:

Listed by chorus name, city, state, and district.

1. THE OK CHORALE, Oklahoma City, OK, Southwestern District
2. GREAT NORTHERN UNION, Hilltop, MN, Land O' Lakes District
3. NORTHWEST SOUND, Bellavue, WA, Evergreen District
4. BIG APPLE CHORUS, Manhattan, NY, Mid-Atlantic District
5. THE VALLEYAIRES, San Fernando Valley, CA, Far Western District
6. HEART OF AMERICA, Kansas City, MO, Central States District
7. THE RENAISSANCE CHORUS, Wayne, MI, Pioneer District
8. CAROLINA CHORD COMPANY, Charlotte, NC, Dixie District
9. WEST TOWNS CHORUS, Lombard, IL, Illinois District
10. SOUTHERN GATEWAY CHORUS, Western Hills, OH, Johnny Appleseed District
11. THE BIG ORANGE, Orange Park, FL, Sunshine District
12. THOROUGHBREDS, Louisville, KY, Cardinal District
13. NEW MEXI-CHORDS, Albuquerque, NM, Rocky Mountain District
14. DUKES OF HARMONY, Scarborough, ONT, Ontario District
15. NARRANGANSETT BAY CHORUS, Providence, RI, Northeastern District
16. FRIENDS OF HARMONY, East Aurora, NY, Seneca Land District

The top six choruses selected will compete again in the Saturday Night Finals on July 4, 1987, to determine the 1987 International Champion!

**It's A Great Day
For The Irish**

St.
Patrick's
Day



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Ontario-Pioneer CAN-AM 'JAMBOREE'

Update



by our Executive V.P.
Clay Jones

By now I'm sure you have all heard about the CAN-AM JAMBOREE scheduled for June 6th in Chatham, Ontario. If you haven't, shame on your Chapter President. All Chapter Presidents received a letter from me back in December outlining the events being planned for the BIG weekend in June whereby all chapters from Pioneer (well, most of us) get together with all the chapters from Ontario (well, most of them) for one big superspectacular gigantic colossal weekend

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when we entertain each other, including challenges in athletic activities such as golf, softball, tennis, ale-quaffing (that's an athletic activity?), horseshoes, ping-pong, etc.

All choruses have been asked to participate by putting on a 15 minute show package that could include step out quartets. This will be an opportunity to sing on stage with your counterparts from Ontario, including the fabulous DUKES OF HARMONY from Scarborough, the ENTERTAINERS from Oakville, and the CAPITAL CITY CHORUS from Ottawa. This will actually be a "mini-international" and perhaps as some of us are ever going to get to one, except that it will be in an atmosphere of relaxed congeniality and fellowship rather than in competition.

In addition to just being a whole lot of fun and an opportunity to see and sing with Ontario's top quartets and choruses, it will also serve as the annual fund-raiser for our International Travel Fund. (Chapters in SMAC take note: This is not pre-empting the Caboto Send-Off...this is the Caboto Send-Off, except that it's being held 40 miles further east and it seats four times as many people.)

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DETAILS

The Kinsman Hall in Chatham, Ontario, was selected as the show site because:

1. It is half way (very roughly) between Toronto and mid-Michigan, and is thereby convenient to choruses from Scarborough and Oakville, Ontario as well as Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. (Ottawa is sending a chorus from over 500 miles away.)

2. It seats 2,000 people, with parking for 2,500 cars.

3. Rental is only \$400 for all day.

4. We have our own cash bars and will cater our own food service.

5. There are several good hotels and motels nearby for those wishing to stay over the weekend and include their families. This includes the fabulous WHEELS INN Sports Center.

6. Kinsmen auditorium is in the center of a large sports complex with baseball diamonds, tennis courts, pools, etc. available for challenges between chapters or choruses to various athletic events. In addition, several excellent golf courses are close-by for an intra-district golf match.

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

Boyne City Bush League Show and Quartet Contest

Saturday, May 2, 1987

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK
42nd Annual Bush League Contest

May 2, 1987

Boyne City, Michigan

Quartet Name _____

Contact Man _____

Tenor _____ Bass _____

Baritone _____ Lead _____

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, 1987

Boyne City Lanes



Entry deadline May 2, 1987

Program deadline

April 15, 1987

Return to:

Don Vroon

680 Louise Street

Indian River, MI 49749

CAN-AM JAMBOREE

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Here is a tentative schedule of events subject to change depending upon the response we get back from the chapters.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1987

Afternoon Softball Challenge
 Golf Challenge
 Other athletic activity

Evening Get Acquainted
 Woodshedding
 Hospitality

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1987

8:00 - Noon Golf Match between Ontario and Pioneer Teams

MUSICAL EVENTS

Confirmed Emcees: Doran McTaggart, Neil Aitchison, Bill Wickstrom.

10:00 - 11:45 AM Parade of Small Choruses (under 25). 15 minute show package each.

11:45 - 1:30 PM Lunch and mass sing

1:30 - 3:00 PM Quartet Comedy Showcase. Proposed Quartets: HARMONY HOUNDS, IVY LEAGUE, SMOKEY & THE BANDITS, NIGHT HAWKS, and other Canadian comedy quartets.

3:30 - 5:00 PM Parade of larger choruses and alternate choruses to International Convention.

5:15 - 7:30 PM Supper.

7:30 - 10:00 PM Parade of Champions - choruses and quartets chosen to represent their district in International, District Champion quartets, and headliner guest quartet.

10:30 - Whatever. Afterglo, with cash bar and snacks.

SATELLITE PROGRAMS

Family athletic activities at Wheels Inn.

Ladies Fashion show.

Arts and Crafts demo.

"Sing-Along-With-the-Champs" recording sessions.

Early morning golf match.

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PROPOSED TARIFF: (Subject to change)

\$8.00 (U.S. Funds) Entry only.

\$12.00 (U.S. Funds) Entry plus the evening meal.

This event is for the whole family and plenty of family type activities are being planned at the Wheels Inn in Chatham.

So chapter members, get your presidents to bring this subject up at your next board meeting if they haven't already done so, and figure out the extent to which your chapter would like to participate. Even if your chorus chooses not to put on a 15 minute package, plan on being there and having the time of your life.

More details will be presented in future editions of the "Troubadour" and we will also be sending out informational bulletins as plans start to fall into place. But as soon as your chapter gets the questionnaire I sent you filled out and returned to me or to the Pioneer Talent Coordinator, the Big Ox himself, Bob Whitledge. Bob's address is 123 Lincoln Avenue, Monroe, MI 48161. His phone numbers are H-(313)242-9207 W-(313)676-0760. My address and phone numbers are listed on the inside cover of this publication. As soon as your chapter has made a decision, be sure to let us know. The earlier the better, so we can start our final planning.

Clay Jones

WAYNE CHAPTER

Best wishes for the new year to all of our District friends. We have long been absent from these pages since our great communicator, Bob Miquelon, went down to Macon seeking the sun. Our activities have been frequent in recent months, capped off in the fall with a highly successful convention in Flint.

We are very proud of our CHORDINARY GUYS and they are responding by singing better than ever. The FOUR PART FORMULA, the VERY IDEA, and the TRI-COUNTY CONNECTION are all tuning up for our March show by singing in packaged performances with the RENAISSANCE CHORUS as well as on their own. This 1987 is going to be a busy year for Wayne. We are hustling now for our March 6 and 7 "Salute to Hollywood" annual show, closely followed by seeing you all at the Spring convention.

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The ultimate thrill of the year is, of course, Hartford, and that is where our sights are firmly set. We promise to make every effort to convince the judges that Pioneer is going to be there to compete hard and tough! Our material is shaping up and we are aware that the weeks fly by. We do appreciate your fine support and thank you for your good wishes.

One more subject to cover here that was earlier erased by the mail, and that is on the Tuesday after the fall convention, a going away party/roast was held for Wayne Chapter's "Mr. Everything", Tom Pollard. Tom has consistently played a contributing role in the success of our chapter since the early 50's, not only by singing in championship quartets, but by being an anchor man in the lead section of the RENAISSANCE CHORUS and in participating in the chapter administration. He was our "Mr. Showman!" This means each year our highly acclaimed annual shows were written, talent booked, ticket chairmanned, you name it, by one Tom Pollard. This was something from him to all of us, and that was an extension of himself.

Well, as Doran McTaggart so whimsically said, "Only Tom could have drawn the people on that Tuesday even after a convention weekend." In fact, it seemed like the weekend was continuing. There were friends from all over Pioneer and much further; people Tom hadn't seen for ages. Tales were told, incidents recalled, truths stretched and laughs by the belly-full. But the upshot was that health reversals had caught up to Tom and he had to sell his business, his home, and retire to the sunny little "Pioneer" area of Florida where he is already involved in that hobby of his that left such a host of friends behind.

A parting salute to Tom: Only the very best from all of us at Wayne and the Pioneer District to you, our friend. May health and happiness be your constant companions for years to come. (Amen, from your editor!)

Al Fricker

benchmarks

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 BEN WILLIAMS LEAD
 JIM FOLEY BARI
 DAVE BOO BASS

bench/mark, Noun, Something that serves as a standard by which others may be measured.

JOHN ERICKSON
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 WHEATON, IL 60187 312/653-4111

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From
the pen
of Your
Editor

Bob McDermott

This, being the first edition under my editorship, may come as quite a surprise to some of our readers. It is going to be pretty hard to fill Bill Tobias' shoes (Size 12?), but you have to expect change in life, and I guess this is one of them. Bill did a good job, and I wish him the very best!

You may notice a big change in both the content and the layout of the "Troubadour" in the next few issues. We are going to try some new innovations to make it a more readable and interesting publication. Let me elaborate if I may.

First, we want to gear all of the news to our District and to our Society as a whole. We will print interesting items that we feel you, as a Pioneer District member, should know.

Secondly, we want every chapter to report on their activities, not just the four or five who have been reporting in the last few issues. What's wrong with bragging about your chapter? Hey, it's your chapter and I'm sure you are proud of it, so why not let the world know! Make sure your chapter appoints a reporter for the "Troubadour," so we will hear from the Wayne, Sault Ste. Marie, Alpena, and Windsor chapters, and all the rest. Even if you just report the facts and data, I will compose and write the article and make your reporter look like a "hero," or something close to that.

I would like to see more advertising in the magazine. Advertising supports newspapers, and I don't see any reason why the "Troubadour" should be any different. Quartet and show ads should be coming in heavy at this time of the year, so let's start sending in those ads. A lot of other guys in the district may want to attend your show, so let's give them a break and let them in on it. Anticipate your needs in advance and get the copy to me and I will see that it is published. I recognize that in the past, the timeliness of the ad conflicts with the mailing of the "Troub." We will make every attempt to ensure that the "Troub" mailing deadlines will be adhered to, and that the copy deadlines to me must also be strictly adhered to.

Finally, I would like to hear from individual members if they have any particular information which they feel should be shared with the district. I will publish letters provided they are done in good taste and are constructive in nature. Your editor is here to serve you, and that is my clear intention!



Dearborn Chapter Ladies Entertained

The Dearborn Chapter held its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 14, 1986, and the ladies were royally entertained. Approximately 40-50 people were on hand to hear the fine sounds of the ENTERTAINMENT EXPRESS and THE FAMILY FORUM. Both quartets were in good voice (See pictures on this page).

The entertainment included their annual Logopedic's auction which is always a highlight. Small gifts were exchanged among the participants, followed by a delicious potluck meal which tickled the palates of everyone present. The photos are by John Neighorn. It turned out to be a fine time for everyone in attendance.



THE FAMILY FORUM



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXPRESS



ATTENTION ALL SHOW CHAIRMEN:

Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) has informed us that Society chapters and quartets are singing their songs on annual shows and we haven't paid for a license! Granted, chapters pay an ASCAP (CAPAC in Canada) license fee, but now the United States chapters must incorporate the BMI license fees. Here are the rates for a joint ASCAP/BMI license fee:

ASCAP/BMI Rate Per Concert
Highest Price of Admission
(Exclusive of Tax)

Seating Cap.	\$0-\$3	\$3.01-\$6	\$6.01-\$9	\$9.01-\$12
0-750	\$ 33	\$ 39	\$ 46	\$ 58
751-1500	38	45	55	67
1501-2500	55	65	75	90
2501-4000	85	95	105	122
4001-5000	95	105	118	135
5001-5500	113	123	136	153
5501-7500	123	136	153	221

This new license fee was effective August 1, 1984.

NOTE:

Dates shown on this page are for activities which have been cleared through the District Secretary and for which ASCAP fees have been paid. Please **DO NOT** send show date reservation notices to me.

Please notify:

JACK SCHNEIDER
1311 Northlawn, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Res. (616) 361-8820
Bus. (616) 774-5225



What's Next

FEBRUARY

- 13-14 DETROIT OAKLAND CHAPTER SHOW
- 27 KALAMAZOO CHAPTER SHOW
- 28 LANSING CHAPTER SHOW
- 29 PORT HURON CHAPTER SHOW

MARCH

- 6-7 WAYNE CHAPTER SHOW
- 21 BATTLE CREEK CHAPTER SHOW

APRIL

- 4 GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER SHOW
- 11-12 SPRING CONVENTION BATTLE CREEK
- 25 ST. JOSEPH VALLEY CHAPTER SHOW

MAY

- 1 & 2 GROSSE POINTE CHAPTER SHOW
- 2 CLINTON VALLEY CHAPTER SHOW
- 2 BOYNE CITY CHAPTER SHOW (BUSH LEAGUE)
- 9 COLDWATER CHAPTER SHOW
- 9 MILFORD CHAPTER SHOW
- 15 HOLLAND CHAPTER SHOW
- 23 ALPENA CHAPTER SHOW
- 29 BENTON HARBOR/ST. JOSEPH CHAPTER SHOW

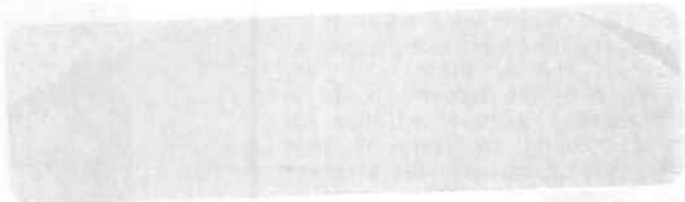
JUNE

- 5-6 PIONEER-ONTARIO "CAN-AM" JAMBOREE
- 12 DETROIT-OAKLAND "RETURN OF THE JUG NIGHT"

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