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



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# WOW! A 50 FOOT CAKE!

### OUR 88 SPRING CONVENTION

By Jim Styer, Convention P.R.

How better to celebrate a 50th Anniversary than with a 50-foot-long cake! That's longer than four living rooms end to end.

The cake -- donated by Felpausch Food Centers of Battle Creek -- will highlight the Pioneer District Spring Convention in Battle Creek!

More than 1,000 barbershoppers are expected April 22-24 at the Stouffer Battle Creek Hotel to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of our Society.

Plans are to have the cake decorated like a lo-o-o-ng barber pole. It will be displayed in the Stouffer lobby, and we hope it will be a gathering point for lots of good singing.

Barbershop quartets, barbershop society officials and Felpausch representatives -- including the baker in his white hat -- are being asked to participate in a

cutting ceremony. It is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 22. We're hoping for strong TV and news coverage. After the cutting, cake will be distributed throughout the weekend. It will easily serve over 1,000 people.

This is THE District Convention to attend, even if you're not competing! It's OUR celebration! Please show up for the ceremony if at all possible -- to sing and eat. We'd like a big crowd because our Society will never have another 50th, and we'd like to impress the media.

Representing the International at this convention will be none other than Darryl Flinn, our immediate Past International President. In addition, we will have a 50th Anniversary letter of greeting from our governor (he's tied up that weekend) and a legislative resolution, and we hope for something similar from Ontario. Other ideas are still in the works!

During the convention some 15 choruses and 15 quartets will be competing. The top two quartets will represent our district at the International Convention in

San Antonio in July, and our winning chorus will be the new District Champion.

Schedules of events will be available, and all-events registrations begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 22, in the lobby. Come early and see the cake being constructed!

To help promote barbershopping, half-price tickets to the contests are being offered to Battle Creek area school vocal students and church choirs.

A mass sing is set for 4:30 p.m. Saturday -- shortly after the chorus competition -- at McCamly Place in the hotel complex. The mass sing will be led by Clay Shumard, the chorus director of the Grand Rapid's GREAT LAKE CHORUS. With your cooperation, we should be able to round up hundreds of barbershoppers for this. It's fun!!!

The convention will also include a Barbershopper's Shop all weekend, pick up singing in the lobby and hospitality rooms, and the usual Board of Directors and Delegates meetings.



## Liles Appointed Executive Director

Joe E. Liles has been named Executive Director of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.), the world's largest singing organization. The appointment was made at a meeting of the Society's international board of directors in Washington, D.C.

Liles has been an employee of the barbershop harmony society since 1975 and was named Director of Music Education and Services in 1982. He has been serving as Acting Executive Director since July, 1987.

In his new capacity, Liles will be chief administrative officer of

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., a 38,000 member organization with headquarters offices in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The Society was founded in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1938 and is celebrating its 50th Anniversary during the coming year.

Liles will supervise operation of the Society's 44-member headquarters staff and oversee matters of policy involving its 16 districts, 825 chapters and three overseas affiliated organizations.

A member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP), Liles is a composer and arranger of music for religious and popular groups as well as barbershop quartet

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# LOGOPEDICS



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Time is really flying and I can't believe that March is almost over. I sure wish this was March of 1989 so I could know how we did for our 50th Anniversary and what we did for Logopedics.

I'd be willing to bet we hit our \$1,000,000 and that our District will be over \$35,000, surpassing our goal.

Yoy guys have been just great with your support of Logopedics. What we need now is more support from our quartets. They are doing better, but have a long way to go. Please guys, we need your help to reach our goal!

Again for the third year in a row Alpena is the first chapter to receive a bronze for 1988, a great start for our 50th birthday. Thank you, Northerners!

It's really nice to see how we remember our loved ones through Memorials to the Institute. There are hundreds of names inscribed on a small plaque at the Institute, of which I know a few. The following were memorialized in January and February: Jack Oliver, Charlie Schack, Charles Mumby, Effie Funk, Robert Miller, W. Homer Winegardendr, and Cornelia Schneider.

Five quartets have contributed in January and February, a much better showing. They are the BAYTOWN RAMBLERS, FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY, HARMONEERS, FIRST ENDEAVOR and the SOUND AMBASSADORS. Thank you, gentlemen.

The following chapters donated in January and February, including Alpena, Benton Harbor-St. Joe, Coldwater, Detroit-Oakland, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Huron Valley, Lansing, Monroe, Saginaw, Swan Valley, Sault Ste. Marie, Wayne, and the Windsor Chapter (they made the bronze for this year).

Come on you other chapters, let's see your names in the next issue.

We need your help to reach our goal of \$35,000 for 1988. Working together we will have a great success. See you at the convention.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S

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**PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
EARL W. BERRY**

Well, it finally happened and it was worth waiting for. Pioneer had its first taste of the DYNAMO II program. Our DYNAMO trainer and Music Generalist from Kenosha was none other than "Heaven Forbid" himself, Mr. Jim DeBusman.

Jim began his training session with the Detroit-Oakland Chapter's Board of Directors and Musical Team, along with trainees, observers, and a pretty full complement of district officers which included your DME 'Ole John Bauer and his assistants.

At the very onset Jim explained that many of the ideas and concepts from the DYNAMO program may already be in place in the chapter's program, but this training would provide you with assistance in the proper implementation or in helping to avoid the burnout of key people responsible for the program. Another concept is that DYNAMO II is not a "band aid" or "quick fix" repair job, but rather it is designed to assist the chapter (large or small) when installing a DYNAMO concept. They can develop their own time-line of implementation, which could take six to eight months to solidify, or even longer.

Gentlemen, DYNAMO II's "time has come." Your DME John Bauer tells me some dates are still available for the DYNAMO training sessions. Give John a call and ask for the DYNAMO Program request form. And while you're waiting, if your chapter does not have a Music Leadership Team Manual, then request a copy from Kenosha, and the cost is only \$12.

I congratulate Mel Knight and company in putting together a manual that "Joe Barbershopper" can understand and implement.

"Meet Me by the Rockpile, Rosie  
I'll be a Little Boulder There"



## DARRYL FLINN TO REPRESENT INT'L

Our Immediate Past International President Darryl Flinn will be our representative from International to the District Convention to be held in Battle Creek on April 22-24. He will address the House of Delegates meeting on Saturday, April 23, and possibly the District Board meeting on Friday afternoon April 22.

Darryl will be performing double duty at this convention, as he will be the Chairman of the Judges for all of the contests. His host will be yours truly as the present International Board member. We are looking forward to seeing and meeting Darryl during the various convention activities.

## The Executive Pitch



**by our Executive V.P.  
Clay Jones**

## CAN-AM UPDATE

From all the comments and praise we had heaped on us after last year's CAN-AM in Chatham, we'd better have another this summer. The objective, of course, besides having one heck of a good time rubbing elbows with our good neighbors from that foreign land across the border, Canada, is to raise money to help send our respective District Representative Quartets and Choruses to the International competitions in San Antonio, Texas, in July.

The date of this year's CAN-AM is June 18th. You can also come early on Friday for the Preglow, stay overnight at the headquarters hotel, play some golf early Saturday morning, and then get in a full day of barbershopping at the afternoon and the evening showcases. This year, with the experience of '87 to guide us, we expect to have a more streamlined version to offer you which we hope will result in even more fun and more bucks in the International Travel Fund. All of us in PIONEER are proud of our representatives and we want them to do well and to do it at a minimum of out-of-pocket expenses.

(CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN)

## Report



**by 'Ole JOHN BAUER**

Boy! Am I excited! Just got back from the first DYNAMO program held in Pioneer at the Detroit-Oakland Chapter; be sure to read Earl Berry's column on this.

So far this year there have been chorus coaching sessions at Coldwater and Swan Valley, with more scheduled later in the year. Get with me as soon as possible to line yours up!

Due to changes in alignment of personnel at Kenosha, the trip scheduled for April 4-7 will be handled by Mel Knight instead of Bill Meyers. The schedule by chapters is as follows: 4/4 Boyne City, Dynamo I, 4/5 Grand Rapids, Coaching, 4/6 Flint, Coaching, 4/7 Holland.

During May another Int'l representative will be visiting the following: 5/16, Sault Ste. Marie, 5/17, Traverse City, 5/18, Swan Valley, and then on May 20 & 21, will take part in Pioneer's second DYNAMO to be hosted by none other than Wayne. Congratulations, guys!

We have been in contact with AIC personnel recently, and it still looks very favorable to have a championship quartet to be a part of the coaching faculty at our Mini-Hep scheduled for September 9-11. Nothing firm, however. You will be getting all the information on the balance of the school at our District Convention, April 22-23, and in the next issue. Stay tuned!

See you all in April or before.

(CAN-AM FROM COLUMN 2)

This year's line-up will be similar to last year's, with the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT back as headliners, in addition to the Scarborough DUKES OF HARMONY, last year's Fourth place chorus medalist. Both districts will be highlighting their quartet representatives, and we are again asking all PIONEER chapters to send their choruses and quartets to highlight the show. I will have many more details for you in the June/July issue of the Troub.

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## OFF THE BOARD!



BY YOUR EDITOR AND INTERNATIONAL  
BOARD MEMBER

Washington, D.C. in January can be cold, but once the singing started, it turned out to be a warm weekend. (Cold outside but good warm friends on the inside). That's the story of this year's Mid-Winter Convention, and it, like all barbershopping conventions, was an exciting and interesting one for me, seeing as how this was my first board meeting as your representative on the International Board.

The most important order of business, of course, was the election of our new Executive Director of the Society. A screening committee had pared the field down from some fifty applicants to five, and the Executive Committee pared it to three for the International Board to vote on. The final three included Tom Ewald, Ernie Hills, and Joe Liles. Believe me, all three were exceptionally well qualified for the position. As you know by now, Joe Liles was elected, and it is my firm opinion that Joe will do an excellent job in this capacity for the Society.

Other board actions included the selection of New Orleans as our 1992 International Convention site. Salt Lake City and Orlando were the other two competing sites considered by the board.

Other significant board actions included the ratification of the Society and Affiliate Agreement for the New Zealand Association of Barbershoppers and other affiliates. We are indeed becoming a world society. Reviews were also made of various convention budgets, including the 1988 Midwinter in Washington. It was revealed that this convention had been budgeted for 1000 registrations, but the last I heard there were only 452, so financially it didn't turn out too well.

Artistically it was one of the finest I have ever witnessed. The Friday night show included a portrayal of O.C. Cash by Joe Palmquist in a production of "The World's Greatest Baritone," written by Dr. Val Hicks. It had me in stitches. The Alexandria, Virginia, HARMONIZERS put on a show of all shows, interspersed with THE CHICAGO CHORD OF TRADE, THE

139TH STREET QUARTET, AND THE CHIEFS OF STAFF. It was a thrill to see so much talent on one stage!

On Saturday afternoon we heard the Senior Quartet Contest, and we heard just about every Barbershop song imaginable. The contest was won by the SILVERTONES, out of the Canton and Wayne County, Ohio, Chapters. GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK from Elgin, Illinois, finished a close second.

Then on Saturday night we were treated to the HARMONY HERITAGE show which describes the Society's first 50 years. Two choruses were involved, one composed of barbershoppers from chapters north of the Potomac, and the other from chapters south of the Potomac. What a show, and add to that our top two quartets in the country, THE INTERSTATE RIVALS and THE SECOND EDITION, and you know what a show it was!

## History in the Making

(A continuation of our 50th Anniversary look back into our past. The following article was taken from the June-July 1954 edition of Michigan District "Troubadour." They are excerpts from the minutes of the House of Delegates Meeting held in Ann Arbor that Spring.)

The annual meeting of the Michigan District was held on Sunday, May 16, 1954, at the University of Michigan Union, Ann Arbor. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Clarence Jalving. Also present were Immediate Past President Howard Tubbs, Vice Presidents Loton Wilson and Don Wright, Treasurer Tom Grove, and Secretary Louis R. Harrington, and Area Counselors Harold Reinhardt, Frank Tritle, William Pascher, Gordon Grant, W.L. Otto, Jack Klaiber, Ray Laetz and Alvin Olson.

Mark Roberts, chairman of the chorus contest committee, reported on the new rules covering chorus contests as adopted by the International Board...Treasurer Grove submitted his

report, which showed a balance on hand of \$1,549 in the general fund, and \$428 in the special fund. It was pointed out, however, that \$400 had been appropriated for the Michigan "Troubadour" fund, and that this amount had not as yet been paid. (Still hasn't, to my knowledge! Ed.) ...Secretary Harrington's report revealed that the district had at the time 41 chapters, having lost Charlevoix and Sturgis during the past 12 months, but having regained Bay City and Sault Ste. Marie. The membership of the District as of April 30, 1954, was 1,717 members. (Compare to our December 31, 1987 figure of 1368!)

Harry Hill, president of the Lansing chapter, then presented the financial statement covering the district contest held at Lansing in October, 1953. The report showed the district's share to be \$255, and he presented the district with a check in that amount. The report was received enthusiastically... The chair then recognized John Hill of the Lansing chapter, who addressed the group on the necessity of the formation of a study group to be established for the purpose of analyzing the needs of the district and for the purpose of future planning. This suggestion was very well received...Ray Laetz suggested that in conjunction with our district conventions that we stage model chapter meetings and officers clinics so as to indoctrinate newly elected officers into the proper procedure in conducting the proper affairs of their respective chapters. (Forerunner of our present COTS? -- A great idea, that has borne fruit!)

The election of officers was held with Loton Wilson of Boyne City elected president. Howard Tubbs, immediate past president, presented Clarence Jalving with his past district president's pin and a clock as appreciation of his efforts. (Seems we have lost some traditions along the way!)

More next month in the ever changing world of Barbershop-dom!

### ATTENTION: CHAPTER PRESIDENTS!

BREAKFAST IS SCHEDULED AT OUR SPRING CONVENTION WEEKEND FOR ALL NEW AND RETIRING CHAPTER PRESIDENTS IN THE HORIZON ROOM, SATURDAY APRIL 23, FROM 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 at STOUTERS! PER MIKE CIRITO, LANSING CHAPTER.



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# DISTRICT NEWS

## BOYNE CITY PRESENTS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



Ray Speltz, President of the Boyne City Chapter is shown above presenting a certificate for a one week scholarship at the Blue Lake Music Camp near Muskegon, Michigan, to Heather Dietrich of the Charlevoix Michigan High School. This is the Arne Hegerburg Scholarship Award established by Mrs. Hegerburg and maintained by the chapter in memory of Arne. Arne was a charter member of the

Boyne City Chapter, was a mainstay of the baritone section, and an ardent quartet singer for many years.

The scholarship is presented annually to an outstanding music student in the Northern Michigan area from which the chapter members are drawn.

ROBERT G. MARTIN

## Detroit-Oakland

Detroit-Oakland is on a high, believe me, having just completed one of the best shows we have ever put on. The event took place at the Clarenceville High School, and featured the CLASSIC COLLECTION, YESTERYEAR, TODAYS SPECIAL, SOMETHING BORROWED, and the 4 WHEEL DRIVE. On top of that, at our afterglow we were thrilled to have one of the upcoming Sweet Adeline quartets, the NEW REVUE! All of these quartets were sensational, and the GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS were also, singing eight new songs in a performance package that will be seen (partially) in Battle Creek! As retiring District Champions, we will make you proud of us!

On another note, Jim DeBusman is conducting the first DYNAMO II program in the Pioneer District at DOC. What a thrill! We will let you know the results in the next issue of the "Troubadour." So far, our planning looks great, and our Music Team is right on target!

Performances are beginning to blossom for the GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS. On March 11 we performed at the Greenfield Presbyterian Church, and on the 21 we will be performing at the Builders and Flower Show at Cobo Hall. This exposure is great for barbershopping in the

Detroit area. We also have several jobs in abeyance.

Hope to see everyone in Battle Creek, and we wish all of the competing choruses and quartets the best of luck. It's great to be a Pioneer District Barbershopper!

HERMAN SHWARTZENEGAR

## Holland

The Holland Chapter is alive and well, and they always enjoy sharing their activities with the rest of you. They held a "sub-sandwich" sale in January --with the cooperation of a local Deli, and although it was a non-singing activity, they did it primarily to add to their "Fix-the-Darn-Roof-Fund." The Holland Chapter is fortunate enough to own its own building at 102 S. River Street, and since the roof leaks...well, you can figure that out, I'm sure.

In January, Logopedics Chairman Art Philippus announced the totals for 1987, and we had contributed and earned enough to be in line for a Pioneer District Silver Award. Art's plans for 1988 are even greater, and we know he'll do his share to help the Society reach its goal. Our thanks go also to Bill Langejans, our immediate past Logopedics Chairman, who did a great job and helped set the wheels in motion. His

continued helpfulness and great attitude are among the reasons for his being designated as Barbershopper of the Month...which is a perfect way to mention that our president, Darrell Vande Hoef, was recently designated, by chapter vote, as our 1987 Barbershopper of the Year. Our congratulations to Darrell! His leadership and enthusiasm keep the chapter on a positive course.

The FOUR TUNE HUNTERS appeared on the Muskegon Chapter's Logopedics Show, and have continued to delight audiences as diverse as those at a Christian Education Banquet and the Grand Rapids Chapter's Pick-up Quartet Contest. A new quartet has started to rehearse, but the only names they have so far are unprintable. When they learn the right notes, they should become more acceptable -- and "nameable."

In February, THE WINDMILL CHORUS and the FOUR TUNE HUNTERS presented a Valentine's Day Program at the local Elks Club. Two weeks later, the chapter held a special evening for the ladies. The Appreciation Night was begun with a wonderful meal, supervised by our chapter chefs -- Andries Steketee and Darrell Vande Hoef. John Ozinga acted as head waiter and directed his staff in an expert and efficient manner. The ladies found, at the side of their plates, long-stemmed flowers, and a current lottery ticket. (The theory was that if someone won, they could fix the roof!) Dinner music was provided by the super-studio of Jack Onk, and the same system provided dance music following the dinner -- a great way to say "Thank You" to those wonderful people who support our efforts -- our wives.

We have welcomed back Mike Lucas during some of our recent chapter meetings, and we value his experience and suggestions. We have welcomed everyone to share in our future events -- the Spring convention, our internationally famous Tulip Time Show (Friday, May 13), and other exciting happenings. The chapter plans to sponsor the Third Annual Chester P. Onk Tag Contest on Saturday, July 23, at the Holland Kiwanis Kampground. Barbershoppers from other states attended last summer, and this event grows in popularity every year.

As Ernie Evangelista wrote recently, "The Holland Chapter has taken the first steps in what is essentially a long-range program. Active efforts have already begun to recruit more members. In addition to Guest Nights, we plan contacts with other vocal organizations that will invite them to our meetings where we can dazzle them with our talent and fellowship. We have become more involved with our Holland community by joining in their efforts to amplify civic pride and accomplishment. We're happy, also, to see our Young Men in Harmony Program developing. Pursuing this program now is important to ensure the future of our Society."

WEBB SCRIVNER - ERNIE EVANGELISTA

# DISTRICT NEWS

## HURON VALLEY



## In Memoriam

### FREDRICK KENNETH GATES

The Huron Valley Chapter was saddened by the untimely passing of their charter president, Fredrick Kenneth (Ken) Gates, on August 14, 1987. Ken was born in Whittier, California, on December 5, 1930. He studied piano and organ, and sang with the Whittier Oratorical Society for over twelve years.

He was a 29 year continuous member of the Society, starting with the San Rafael County, California, Chapter in 1958. The Gates family moved to Ann Arbor in 1966, and Ken joined the Ann Arbor Chapter. When it disbanded in 1969, he joined the Wayne Chapter.

Ken was instrumental in organizing the Huron Valley Chapter in 1978, and was the Charter President. During the following years he also served terms as treasurer, secretary, assistant director and as director.

Ken worked in the computer field for over 30 years, and was employed at Applicon, in Ann Arbor, as a computer senior systems analyst.

Ken's number one love was barbershop music -- he was always ready to add his fine bass voice, or any other part to any three voices to make a quartet to fit the occasion. In addition to the many quartets that Ken sang in, he added his bass voice to the following registered quartets: THE CHORDIAL MOOD, THE TAKE NOTE, and THE MUTUAL ACCORD.

Ken is survived by his wife Dolores (Dodo), four children, Rita, Karen, Stephany, and Kenneth D., and five grandchildren.

JOHN HANCOCK

## KALAMAZOO

What a year we had in 1987! Our new president received his copy of the achievement scores for 1987. He almost dropped his uppers when he read that we were number one in the district for plateau number two with a whopping 437 points, and we were number nine out of 192 chapters in our plateau internationally. This was mainly due to our increase in membership. We had a very successful show and two very rewarding membership drives, so we earned 165 points, almost double the amount achieved by Saginaw, which placed second.

We have big plans for 1988, so watch out for us in Battle Creek in April!

In 1987 we had one quartet compete, but in 1988 we might have two or three, so be forewarned in this area also. It seems as though we will not sign up for the "DYNAMO" program, as we have our own dynamic crew rolling like a juggernaut!

DAN CONNOR

## LANSING

The HARMONY SEEKERS, one of the chapter's registered quartets, was recently the featured subject of the Lansing Channel 6 TV program, "Unsung Heroes," which honors area service volunteers. The SEEKERS were filmed singing for retirees at Lansing's Friendship Manor, and each quartet member was interviewed. Reese Olger, a 25 year barbershop veteran and lead singer said the quartet tries to volunteer monthly working appearances between quartet and chapter activities. Other HARMONY SEEKERS members are Roger Cahaney, tenor, Frank Richards, bari, and Larry Wise, bass.

The film clip was later picked up by CNN cable news and was broadcast nationally.

Lansing Mayor Terry McCane has proclaimed April as Golden Anniversary month for S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. in the greater Lansing area. In ceremonies preceding a City Council meeting, Mayor McCane handed chapter president Mike Cirrito a proclamation praising the chapter's participation in charitable projects. In reply, the chorus sang several numbers, including the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," in honor of Lansing policewoman, Julie Englehart, who was killed in the line of duty in February.

The Lansing Chapter show was held February 27. We wish to thank fellow Pioneer District members who made the trek to East Lansing to join a full house of 2400 people at MSU's Wharton Center. The show featured the Heritage of Harmony package under the direction

of Mike O'Donnell, with the FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY of Grand Rapids helping out as the everyman quartet.

The Lansing chapter regrets to announce the passing of Jack Oliver, a longtime member of the chorus and the original lead singer of the PATCH CHORDS quartet. Jack was critically injured in an early winter automobile accident and remained in a coma on life support systems until his death in February. As Don Horton wrote of Jack, "He was a man of many dreams and a strong believer in those dreams... Those who knew him well remember his love for the song 'River of No Return' and the feeling he expressed as he sang it." Art Cardy, Reese Olger, Doug Pearson, and Don Horton sang at the memorial service.

On a happier note, spring holds a number of activities for the Lansing Chapter, including performances (not "singouts," Steve! ED.) in Perry and Lansing, a Tiger Stadium outing, the annual Crazy Quartet contest, and a possible return visit to our friends in the Soo Canada chapter.

STEVE TCHUDI

## Macomb County

Our second annual show at the Macomb Center was a great success with the INTERSTATE RIVALS, IVY LEAGUE, CUSTOM BLEND (Sweet Adeline Quartet), and our own FAMILY FORUM and SONGS R US. We held two performances and Saturday night they had to bring in additional seating. The ever-improving HARMONY HERITAGE chorus did a fine job. Perry Ballard was awarded the "Barbershopper of the Year" for all his great input and hard work in our first year.

On February 19 we hosted the "Greenhorn Quartet Contest" which sported no less than seventeen quartets competing. In spite of the inclement weather, six chapters were represented and a good time was had by all.

Singing in the Macomb County Chapter is getting to be more fun every day. With great programming by Dick Van Dyke and good coaching from out of town and out of state by the likes of Fred Kienitz, Jim DeBusman and Phil Lambrinos, how can we go wrong?

We'll see you all in Battle Creek. Good luck!

ROY GURNEY

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Pontiac

Forty-five years of unbroken annual shows may not be a record but it is something to be proud of, and so with great expectations Pontiac prepares for another Sunday afternoon show on May 22. This will be the fifth consecutive year of daytime shows, and they have proven to be the favorite of the Golden Age citizens. (See show ad in this issue.)

We are again sharing our stage with a "guest" chapter, as we did with Clinton Valley in September, 1987, when we combined our two choruses for a few numbers. This year the chorus from the Boyne City Chapter will join Pontiac's MERRY MOTOR MEN in four songs that are being rehearsed by exchanging cassette tapes.

The problems encountered by small chapters in staging a show are well

known, not the least of which is the procurement of top-notch talent. The travel costs and quartet fees for out of state headliners become exorbitant for the small operators who are working with small auditoriums and small budgets. Many advantages can accrue from two chapters sharing headliners and local talent on consecutive days. If the two chapters were ideally located geographically, the entire show could be moved from one to the other.

We might even form the smaller chapters into a sub-society -- SPEBSQST -- The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Better Show Quality by Sharing Talent!

Interested? Stay tuned!

BILL PASCHER

## Traverse City

We are off and running up here in beautiful Traverse City. Our new officers are in place, we have some paid performances booked, and it looks like more money for Logopedies.

Jim DeBusman will be visiting us on March 16, and we are looking forward to one of his dynamic teaching sessions. In addition, we have Mel Knight scheduled for May 17. We can only gain by these visits, and we are inviting other chapters to set in on these sessions.

Dean Fischer is doing a very commendable job as director since Matt Coombs moved downstate. Things are coming together musically. We want to wish Matt great success in his new ventures.

We're working on a couple of great numbers for competition. They sound pretty good at the moment, and we're really looking forward to seeing everyone at Battle Creek. Incidentally, our group will be housed at Howard Johnsons and we will have a hospitality room. Drop in and visit.

Our annual show will be at Interlochen again on June 11. Mark that date on your calendar. We have great talent booked and we have a new show theme. For tickets, write or call Bob Sutton, P.O. Box 60, Lake Ann 49650. (616-275-7253). Everyone is invited and the price is right!

We were happy to learn that we finished second nationally in our plateau for the Achievement Program. We were told that we have won a plaque, and also that because we scored the most points in the District that \$50 worth of free music will be coming our way. As president of the chapter I have always said we have the "best darned secretary" in the District. This credit actually should go to the guys who continually challenge winter roads, arrange priorities, and show their dedication to their hobby by showing up at meetings, performances, dinners and the rest to achieve what they did. Congratulations, guys! We thank the wives, too, for their understanding and participation.

Our performance and mini-show at Dill's Olde Town Saloon for recruiting purposes was a grand success, thanks to Dean and Dave. It looks as if we will gain a significant number of new members from those who attended.

Would you believe that we have nine, yes, I mean nine, guys registered and paid for Harmony College in August. Can any chapter match that, percentage-wise?

KEN FORBECK

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Battle Creek

Since our last correspondence, the CEREAL CITY CHORUS has had a change in direction, so-to-speak, as director Giff Richards announced his resignation in January due to family obligations. Former director Dorn Burrill agreed to take over the baton and lead the chorus at least through our annual show in March and the contest in April. The chorus is in very capable hands with Dorn. The chorus performed the "Heritage of Harmony" package for our 33rd annual show. Lots of work and singing, but a lot of fun! Definitely a great and fitting show for this anniversary year.

Other chapter "big" news includes the well deserved election of Ken Stamm as our Barbershopper of the Year. The announcement and award were presented at the Afterglow following our March 19 show. Other exciting news was the approval by International of our newly revised chapter by-laws (Code of Regulations).

In addition, our chapter has a new quartet called AIRE FORCE I, composed of three former HARMONY HOUNDS, Dorn Burrill, Dean Burrill, and Dick Smith with new lead Bob Krause. Former Hound's lead Roger Lewis is now singing with the NITTY GRITTY GOOD TIME 4 out of Grand Rapids. The NGGT4 (that's quite an acronym! Ed.) performed as the "Everyman Quartet" for our show. Other quartets performing on the show were the CHEERFUL EARFUL, the SONGSPINNERS, the GRAND PRIX, the NOTEWORTHIES and the AIRE FORCE I.

Our chapter finished Number One in our plateau for the 1987 Pioneer District Achievement Award Program, 22 out of 138 chapters -- Society-wide. An active singing chapter is a happy chapter!

The chapter has settled comfortably into its position as host convention site, and we hope visiting choruses have and will continue to enjoy our hospitality. The downtown area around Stouffers, the headquarters hotel, and the Kellogg Auditorium continues to change for the better with construction and demolition going on.

In closing, we want to wish the GREAT LAKES CHORUS from Grand Rapids the very best in San Antonio! The same goes to our quartet representatives, whoever they will be?? Boy, with the TRI-COUNTY retired and THE RITZ no longer in Pioneer, the quartet contest has to be wide open.

BEN JERZYK

## Grosse Pointe

About 18 Grosse Pointers were present at the Doran McTaggart/UNCLE SAM night hosted by the Windsor Chapter in January. We were pleased to see that Doran was apparently recovered from his recent illness and ready to emcee the program. If you weren't among the 230 barbershoppers in attendance, it's unfortunate for you. Doran didn't get to be the M.C. for the show, but was placed in the seat of honor while his friends proceeded to roast him. It would seem that his old quartet and his chapter had full claim to Doran, but we all claim him and wish him well.

We just finished our annual show, and we're preparing now for the District Convention. I hope to see you all there, and good luck!

I would like to introduce one of our chapter members who is retired, but doesn't seem to know it! His name is Bill Lane.

Bill is a ten year member of the Grosse Pointe Chapter, and served as the Grosse Pointe Chapter President, Keeper of the Mugs, and member of the board of directors.

Bill is a member of the St. Paul's Church choir which practices Wednesday nights for three hours and they show up for pre-mass warm-ups at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Every other Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. Bill practices with the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club Chorus. After practice, Bill and some other barbershoppers do a little woodshedding. He bowls every Thursday, golfs in the summer, and plays tennis two to three times a week.

He just finished a two week engagement with the Grosse Pointe theatre in the Gilbert and Sullivan production, "Pirates of Penzance." He had nothing else to do so he dropped in at the Grosse Pointe Memorial for tryouts. He knew he couldn't dance, but he thought he could possibly do some singing. As it all turned out, he was given the part of Samuel rewritten for an older person. (Bill played Samuel in the Pirates in high school 49 years ago.) He had 27 four hour rehearsals to prepare for the show. His wife, Marie, said this performance was better than the one 49 years earlier. Several of the chapter members attended Bill's show and enjoyed it immensely.

Bill spends his spare time with his family and still maintains social contact with his high school friends. His wife is also very active, which explains why he gets away with being out so much. Bill and Marie also hit a couple

of NOMAD trips each year.

Bill says age 60 is when you start to slow down (he's 66), but I wonder how he keeps going. I'm pooped.

JIM KINNER

## DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT

As District Secretary, it is my responsibility to compile the annual directory. I would like to add various historical data to the directory for 1989, as the 1988 directory has already been printed. Despite that, I am currently unable to locate the necessary information I feel we need to make the next directory much more informative. I need to know the following information:

### GOLD & SILVER DIVISION CHORUS AWARDS & PLATEAU WINNERS

### DORAN McTAGGART PARTICIPATION AWARD WINNERS

### INTERNATIONAL QUARTET REPRESENTATIVES FROM PIONEER

### INTERNATIONAL CHORUS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PIONEER DISTRICT

If I can obtain copies of the spring district preliminary quartet contest SCORE sheets prior to 1972, and for 1974 as well, in addition to copies of the Fall District preliminary chorus contest score sheets prior to 1972. We also need score sheets for the years 1974 and 1979, as these will enable me to compile who were the 1977 & 1980 Representatives. I also need copies of the Spring District chorus contest sheets.

We are in need of all information regarding the Doran McTaggart Trophy, as I have no information pertaining to the award. We also would appreciate locating the trophy as it is a traveling trophy and has not been located for a couple of years. (We suspect someone in the Swan Valley, Saginaw, Battle Creek, or Gratiot County Chapters have it in their possession! We could be wrong, but we need it back!)

If there are any other awards you would like included in the directory, please notify me.

I would again appreciate having the chapter news letters mailed to me as this is the only method for the chapter to receive achievement award points in the district contests.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

JACK SCHNEIDER, District Secretary

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## Dr. Fran Durham on LOGOPEDICS



The Golden Anniversary \$1,000,000 Logopedics Fund Drive is off and running. Every barbershopper in the Society has just received a mailing about the drive, and it includes a

very handsome booklet entitled "The Fifth Voice." It contains information about the Institute and our relationship to it and information about how the \$1,000,000 will be used to make it possible for more children to attend the Institute.

As has been previously mentioned, part of the \$1,000,000 pledge will go to establishing and staffing a new WATTS phone number to receive calls about children with special problems. Included in the mailing were special cards to be distributed by barbershoppers, whenever the Logopedics story is told, whether it be at a singing performance, at a show, or at a chapter guest night. When someone walks up and asks about the program you've told about in singing "We Sing That They Shall Speak", give them one of these cards. It contains a simple message, "I am a barbershopper of the Detroit/Oakland Chapter and I am interested in helping. For special assistance, please phone Toll-Free:

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have is a personal visit to the Institute, learning why "We Sing... that they shall speak."

Let's lend our full support to the \$1,000,000 Golden Anniversary Fund Drive for the Institute of Logopedics!!

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### BRIGHT IDEA FROM P.R. DEPARTMENT BATTLE CREEK CONVENTION ADDENDUM

Let's show up for the cake-cutting ceremony in period garb. Anything reminiscent of old-type barbershopping: Bow tie, straw hat, rounded collar, high button coat, vest, maybe even spats. Like a circa-1900 dandy. I will: how about you? It'll be fun and good for the media!

JIM STYER - CONVENTION  
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### S.M.A.C. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### APRIL, 1988

- 8 DEARBORN Tag Quartet Contest  
Dearborn Elk Lodge, Dearborn, MI  
@ 8 p.m. - "Shaggy Dog" stories  
required!
- 29 MACOMB COUNTY "Pre-Boyne" Quartet Contest @ Cross Lutheran Church, Fraser, MI 8 p.m.

#### MAY, 1988

- 13 PIONEER DISTRICT SEND-OFF Show  
at Caboto Hall, Windsor

#### JUNE, 1988

- 3 DETROIT-OAKLAND "Return of the Jug" Night at UAW Hall, 1640 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI. 8 p.m.
- 17-18 CAN-AM JAMBOREE @ Chatham, Ont.

#### JULY, 1988

- 8 DETROIT-OAKLAND "BOB-LO Moonlight Cruise" at Bob-Lo Docks, Detroit - 8 p.m. - Tickets \$11

#### AUGUST, 1988

- 6 D.O.C. & MACOMB Chapter Picnic @ Troy-Clawson Elks Club, 16 Mile Road in Clawson
- 13 PIONEER DISTRICT Logopedics Golf Tournament - Roseland Golf & Curling Club - Windsor

#### SEPTEMBER, 1988

- 30 WAYNE CHAPTER Octet Contest - Site to be announced

#### OCTOBER, 1988

- 28 GROSSE POINTE 4th Annual Komedey Quartet Kontest - Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, 8 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER, 1988

- 4 DETROIT-OAKLAND "Canadian Night - Site T.B.A.
- 18 WAYNE CHAPTER "PPOT" Night, Site to be announced

NOTE: The above dates have been cleared by Chapter S.M.A.C. representatives. If you have additional dates or other information, please contact Bob McDermott (647-4807) or Bill Warner (542-0581)



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## COMING EVENTS

### APRIL, 1988

- 9 COLDWATER Chapter Show
- 16 GRAND RAPIDS Chapter Show
- 16 WINDSOR Chapter Show
- 16 ST. JOSEPH VALLEY Chapter Show
- 16 CLINTON VALLEY Chapter Show
- 22-24 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION  
Stouffer Hotel - Battle Creek

### MAY, 1988

- 7 BOYNE CITY Chapter Show
- 13 WINDSOR SEND-OFF SHOW at Caboto Hall (S.M.A.C. Sponsored)
- 22 PONTIAC Chapter Show
- 28 ALPENA Chapter Show

### JUNE, 1988

- 4 MILFORD Chapter Show
- 11 TRAVERSE CITY Chapter Show
- 17-18 PIONEER-ONTARIO "CAN-AM" JAM-BOREE - Chatham, Ontario

### JULY, 1988

- 3-10 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - San Antonio, Texas

### AUGUST, 1988

- 13 PIONEER DISTRICT LOGOPEDICS GOLF TOURNAMENT (Roseland Golf and Curling Club - Windsor)

### SEPTEMBER, 1988

- 9-11 MINI-HEP SCHOOL AND COACHING CLINIC (Site to be announced)

### OCTOBER, 1988

- 8 GRATIOT COUNTY Chapter Show
- 14-16 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION  
Stouffer Hotel - Battle Creek
- 29 ST. JOSEPH Chapter Show

### DECEMBER, 1988

- 3&4 CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL  
(Site to be announced)

NOTE: All Chapter Show Activities must be cleared through the District Secretary, and the appropriate ASCAP, BMI, and CAPAC (Canada Only) fees paid. Only shows that are cleared through the District Secretary will be listed above.

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## MOREY JENNINGS RESIGNS!

Your editor has recently received a communication from our International President Jim Warner that Morey Jennings, our International Vice President/Treasurer has tendered his resignation for personal reasons. Morey is a super guy, and we are extremely sorry that he has resigned. Jim mentioned that Morey will continue to work on the membership development and extension project which he began last December, and that he will be in touch with us throughout the year concerning this vital matter.

Jim also mentioned that Morey's dedicated service to the Society is appreciated, and particularly the warmth and friendship he has provided to each of us. It was a difficult decision which he has made, and Jim conveyed to him, and to his wife Pat, the sincere thanks and love of all of us.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTS McCANN

Charles P. McCann has been appointed by the Executive Committee as Vice President-Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by Morey Jennings's resignation. As provided in the By-Laws, Charlie will serve in that capacity for the balance of the term.

## DEADLINE NEAR FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Chapter Public Relations officers are invited to submit entries for the Societies' annual "Public Relations Officer of the Year" (PROTY) award, but must have them in the mail by April 8.

PROTY awards recognize outstanding work in: 1.) Mass media, PR; 2.) Special events/presentations to groups; 3.) Special publications.

Public Relations officers who are interested should phone our District Public Relations Officer Bob Moreillon at (313) 254-2511 (days), 525-4071 (evenings), or write to him at 1575 E. Lafayette #210, Detroit, MI 48207, for detailed entry information.

District officials will select the best two entries for our District award, and for the submission to the Society-wide PROTY program. We realize we are late this year, but we hope we can arouse some enthusiasm, and next year we will get the info out earlier.

## BOB MOREILLON DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

## (JOE LILES -- FROM PAGE 1)

and chorus singers. He has taught and directed choral groups of all ages since 1950 and has been guest clinician at regional and state musical festivals and workshops for students at the high school and junior high level.

Liles joined the barbershop harmony society in 1967 and directed the San Antonio, Texas chorus to the international medalist level in 1971 and '72. He has been a certified arrangement-category judge and has taught chorus directing and rehearsal techniques at district and international schools. He has also performed as a quartet singer.

Liles is a graduate of Baylor University and has completed post graduate work at the University of Texas. He holds a master of music degree from Southern (Louisville) Seminary.

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