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



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# BUSH LEAGUE

BUSH LEAGUE IS A NATURAL FOR NOVICE

QUARTETS - WHY NOT TRY IT?

Do you belong to a new quartet which shows lots of promise but is short on experience? Would you like to get a taste of real competition, but aren't ready to plunge into District competitions? Well, there is an annual event right here in the Pioneer District which is tailor-made for novice quartets like yours. You have probably heard of it. It is none other than the Boyne City Bush League Contest and Show!

The Boyne City Chapter of SPEBSQSA proudly announces its 43rd annual Bush League Contest and Show to take place at the Boyne City High School on Saturday, May 7. The quartet contest will start at 2:00 p.m. and the big variety show will start at 8:00 p.m.

This contest was started 43 years ago to give Novice Quartets a chance to compete in a regular contest, with experienced judges, against other quartets of like caliber. Any quartet is eligible to enter provided it has never placed in the top three in District competition and provided it has never been in International competition. The rules for the contest are the same as the rules for regular International competition, with one exception --there is no penalty for not being in costume, so that no quartet is penalized for lack of time and money to obtain costumes.

Bush League gives new quartets a golden opportunity to get valuable experience under real-life competitive conditions. Quartets are judged by qualified judges who hold a clinic immediately after the contest to give you their evaluation of your performance and to tell you how you might improve. This can be a tremendous help to the Novice. Many of our past District Champions won their first contest in the Boyne City Bush League.

One Bush League Champion quartet went on to become International Champions (AUTO-TOWNERS).

There is no entry fee for competing quartets. The deadline for entry is May 7, the day of the contest.

The new 1988 Bush League Champions and the Runner-Ups will perform in the big show on Saturday night. This year's feature quartet will be HI-TECH, the 1987 Pioneer District Champions.

Why is Bush League still going strong after 43 years? Maybe it is because, in this wonderful hobby of ours, there is no thrill like winning or placing in your very first competition. This is the ex-

citement of Bush League! This is barbershopping at its best!

In order to enter, just fill out the entry blank from this issue of the Troubadour and mail to Adam Kennedy. If you want the name of your quartet to appear in the show program, then you should enter by April 16. However, you can still enter as late as the morning of the contest..

Whether or not you compete in the Quartet Contest, come on up to Boyne City on May 7. It is a fun-filled weekend of barbershopping, and it is a beautiful time of the year up here in the North country.

RAYMOND SPELTZ, President, Boyne City Chapter

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

## Boyne City Bush League Show and Quartet Contest

Saturday, May 7, 1988

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK  
43rd Annual Bush League Contest

May 7, 1988

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 7, 1988  
Boyne City Lanes



Entry deadline May 7, 1988

Program deadline

April 16, 1988

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# LOGOPEDICS



George Van DeVelde  
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Hello guys, you were just sensational by sending to Logopedics a whopping \$30,602.98 for 1987, which is \$8933.85 better than 1986. It shows you really care!

We had two gold awards, the Wayne and the Macomb County Chapters, which is a real achievement. For Wayne it was their second year in a row for the Gold, and a big thanks to Alex Willox for a fantastic job.

There were nine silver awards, a new record, and a big thanks to the following chapters: Holland, Monroe, St. Joe Valley, Swan Valley, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Huron Valley and Lansing. A sincere thank you for the great effort. It's really nice to be on a winning team.

When this article is read it will be old news, but I finally made it to the Institute of Logopedics. What a great service project we started back in 1964. It's even better than I expected. Dr. Klefner, who is the head administrator, and his staff are really doing a beautiful job in helping the kids to be more independent. All of the District Logopedics Chairmen were there along with the District Presidents and the International officers.

Gentlemen, you don't know how rewarding it is to help the Institute. We were there to kick-off the \$1,000,000 goal for 1988. I have no doubt in my mind that it will be surpassed. I'd love to see everyone visit the Institute, because if they did there's no doubt in my mind that we would raise \$1,000,000 every year hereafter.

By the time you read this article you will have received the booklet entitled "The Fifth Voice". It's about the Institute, and if you read it, I'm sure you will be glad to help. If every chapter would set a goal of one-third more for 1988, we'll do just great. As you have read in previous issues, I set a goal of \$35,000 for 1988. By setting aside 10% or better from singing performances and shows, we'll pass that \$35,000 with ease, but we need the support from all of us.

The Pontiac Chapter sent in 7,000 Campbell labels. Leonard Barnes asks if any chapter can top that? Nice going, Len and crew, but how many scissors did you wear out?

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**THE PRESIDENT'S**

**CORNER**



**PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
EARL W. BERRY**

I would first like to express my THANKS to the Pioneer District Officers and Committee Persons for their fine support of me during the past twelve months.

On January 7, 8, and 9, I had the privilege of touring the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas, with your District Chairman George Van DeVelde, and your International Representative Fran Durham. You will no doubt be reading George's column, but I would like to assure you, the membership, that your contributions are second only to the results achieved by the dedicated personnel at the Institute. If I'm not mistaken, George's goal for 1987 was approximately \$21,670. YOU the members exceeded this by \$8933. I don't know how you feel, but it sure gives me a warm feeling knowing that I'm a part of this worthy cause.

Let's take a moment and recognize some 1987 accomplishments. We had the successful implementation of the new three year convention package under the guidance of Roger Lewis and crew. First year results -- increase in competitors, attendance and revenue.

Another first, the CAN-AM extravaganza in June. Through the efforts of John Ford, Ontario, and your EVP Clay Jones, they managed to bring out the best in quartets and choruses from both districts to entertain 1200 barbershoppers for almost 10 hours.

Pioneer's COT School showed an increase in attendance of 20%. This has to be the direct result of selecting individuals who not only enjoy their hobby, but want to avail themselves of all the help available to help their chapters grow.

Last, but by no means least, I want to compliment you, the membership, for your contribution to spreading the gospel of barbershopping.

Yes, it's great to be a Barbershopper!

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF PIONEER DISTRICT S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, December 12, 1987

REPORTS: All action was delayed until the April Board Meeting.

**BOARD ACTIONS:**

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that the quartet and coaching clinic be held at Northwood Institute, March 11-12, 1988.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that we implement a Seniors Quartet Contest to be held in the fall of 1988 on Friday.

\* Moved, seconded, and tabled that the Grosse Pointe Chapter be moved to Division I and the Detroit/Oakland Chapter be moved to Division V.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that we eliminate the Spring Quartet and Coaching Clinic scheduled for March 11-13, 1988.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that the amended Music Education proposed budget be accepted.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that all contributions to the travel fund be distributed on a per capita basis to all current year participants in the year of receipt and excluded from the district formula.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that the amended 1988 budget be presented to the House of Delegates for acceptance.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that the district pay the registration of all participants to the International contest in the fall for all competitors.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that the board adopt the DYNAMO program to let the chapters know of the board's support of the program.

\* Moved, seconded, and carried that the proposed new rates for Troubadour advertising be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider, District Secretary

QUARTET LOGOPEDICS CONTRIBUTIONS AND STANDINGS FOR GREAT LAKES EXPRESS TROPHY

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CHAPTER	MEMBERS	AMT	PER MAN
<u>GOLD AWARD</u>			
WAYNE	98	\$5400.44	\$55.10
MACOMB	25	\$1250.00	\$50.00
<u>SILVER AWARD</u>			
HOLLAND	34	\$1450.00	\$42.67
MONROE	46	\$1958.60	\$42.57
ST.JOE VLY	19	\$ 600.00	\$31.57
SWAN VALLEY	30	\$ 922.50	\$30.75
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HURON VLY	42	\$1110.36	\$26.43
LANSING	65	\$1628.05	\$25.05
<u>BRONZE AWARD</u>			
GRAND RPDS	108	\$2699.13	\$24.99
BOYNE CITY	26	\$640.00	\$24.61
DET/OAKLD	136	\$2915.48	\$21.43
SAGINAW	30	\$ 512.05	\$17.06
PONTIAC	26	\$ 430.00	\$16.53
TRAV CTY	41	\$ 672.81	\$16.41
MUSKEGON	36	\$ 586.11	\$16.25
GROSSE PTE	89	\$1336.33	\$15.01
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SAULT ST MA	48	\$ 613.00	\$12.77
ALPENA	24	\$ 300.00	\$12.50
COLDWATER	16	\$ 186.00	\$11.63
MILFORD	30	\$ 334.00	\$11.13

OTHER

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DIST. MISC.		\$ 253.00	\$ .19
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NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Pioneer District Board of Directors meeting to be held as follows:

April 21, 1988, 1:00 p.m. at the Stouffer Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan in conjunction with the District Convention.

This notice is given as required by Article 7.03 of the Pioneer District By-laws.

All District Board Meetings are open to all Society members.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Schneider, District Secretary

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PRESENTS

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Benton Harbor-St. Joe

We name with pride our Barbershopper of the Month award winners for August, September, October and December respectively: lead Ralph De Vries for his reliable help in trucking our risers around and for his culinary excellence at our summer steak fry; lead Irv Martin for his one-man-show entertainment at rest homes and hospitals; Chorus director Bob Bame whose tireless efforts have provided the adhesive which keeps us together; and tenor John Strunk for earning his fourth Man-of-Note award.

A vigorous handshake to our newest member, Johnathan Hass, a high school student whose voice quality and enthusiasm signal a competition-class quartet man. Welcome, Johnathan!

Our ladies all looked especially lovely at our annual Christmas dinner held at the St. Joe Holiday Inn. Chapter First Lady Lucy Shine presented favors to the wives and girlfriends. With a finesse undiminished in 25 years or more, past District President and International Board Member Don Funk of the Lansing Chapter inducted our new members and installed our 1988 Chapter officers. Upon presentation of the BOTM awards by Chapter President Charlie Shine, lead Ray Leatz was moved to rise and eulogize Irv Martin, his "little Jewish friend" and to recount how Irv would sing in a Presbyterian choir while his wife Olva did the cooking in a nearby synagogue.

Whether Hanukkah or Christmas, the season brought us glad tidings indeed: lead George Dioguard, who has had a very rough time with chemotherapy for several months, is up and around, able to eat, and will be back singing with us before long.

A whisper to DOC: Dr. Fran Durham acquired his title by doctoring his punch with la mosca Espanola.

BRAD LAUGHLIN

## Clinton Valley

The Clinton Valley Chapter made its mark in Rochester by ending the year with eight singing performances in the last four weeks. By identifying ourselves as the HEART OF THE HILLS Barbershop Chorus, we are becoming a "noteworthy" part of the Rochester community.

We kicked off the Christmas season by singing Christmas carols on the sidewalks and in some of the downtown business and eating establishments for the traditional Laninappe night. This was followed by performances for Christmas parties at the Indianwood Country Club and the Deer Lake

Racquet Club. In between these performances, we found time to assemble a forty foot float and sing in the Rochester Christmas parade. We continued our Christmas theme by donning our white tuxedos and our spirited attitudes and thrilling the shoppers in the Great Oaks, Winchester and Meadowbrook Malls. The Christmas season was concluded as we combined our talents with the Rochester Community Chorus in a concert performance for nearly two hundred listeners in the Rochester High School auditorium. Even though this was a very demanding schedule during the busy Christmas season, we are very proud of the dedication and the camaraderie of our members. An average of 82% of our active membership sang in all of these performances. Because of our low number of inactive members, this attendance represented 70% of the total chapter membership.

We started off 1988 with our installation banquet with our sweethearts as guests at the Rochester Elk's Club. Jim Gougeon installed our new officers, President Bill Taggart, Program VP Burke Cueny, Membership VP Al Young, Music VP Garry Glomstead, Secretary Don Reddy, Treasurer Wayne Andrews, and Publicity Chairman Bayard Lawes.

Later in the evening during the dance band's break, the HEART OF THE HILLS Chorus took the stage and received a standing ovation for its performance. Once again we were contributing to the listening enjoyment of our community.

Learning new songs has really been enjoyable since Al Fisk took over the directorship two years ago. We are learning an average of eight new songs per year with the use of Al's learning tapes. We are currently working on four new songs for our show in April. One of these songs will be included in the competition in Battle Creek. Clinton Valley definitely is alive, growing and having loads of fun singing.

MARLYN BIRD

## Detroit-Oakland

Following a very active Christmas season which found the GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS performing five times for Hospitals and Senior Citizen's homes, the chorus is busier than ever working on our show. When we say busy, we mean it, as we are in the process of learning ten new songs for our show on February 12-13 at the Clarenceville High School auditorium in Livonia. That is a major task, believe me, but is aided by the fact that we all have part learning tapes available to us.

This electronic age has certainly helped barbershopping come a long way!

Our Ladies' Night on December 12 turned out to be a real success. Highlights of the evening included the induction of our 1988 officers by District President Earl Berry, some very fine singing by the CUSTOM BLEND quartet from the Sweet Adelines, and the presentation of our yearly awards. Ben Leone was awarded the Barbershopper of the Year award for his great job as Program Vice President in 1987, and our eminent director Steve Sutherland was awarded the prestigious HAL BAUER award for 1987 for his many contributions both to our chapter and to the Society.

About forty of our DOC stalwarts made the trip to Windsor to attend "Uncle Sam's Night" and also to honor Doran McTaggart. Doran was at his almighty best, as were all the choruses and quartets that performed that evening. We have to sincerely thank the Windsor Chapter for their hospitality and an enjoyable evening. Barbershopping is alive and growing in the Detroit area! More next issue.

HERMAN SCHWARZENEGGAR

## Grand Rapids

Things are really jumping here at ole Harmony Hall.

Our annual Christmas party was a huge success with more than 100 members in attendance. Jack Schneider was named B.O.T.Y., a well deserved honor for a guy that has given so much of himself to our chapter and to the Pioneer District. This, by the way, is the second time this fine gentleman has been awarded this honor, the first being in 1978. Congratulations, again, Jack

Bob Dixon, our District Membership and Extension man, held our installation of officers and did a great job. He was there with his lovely wife Francis. Great gal. Thanks Bob for a super job!

Our incoming officers for 1988 are: President, Lynn Sommerfeld, Membership VP, Dick Williams, Program VP, Bill Edmunds, Music VP, Gary Branch, Secretary, Ray Grutter, Rec'dg Secretary, Jean Curtiss, Treasurer, Lloyd Bovee, Ass't Treasurer, Mart Lantinga, and Board Members, John Bloomquist, Jem Duffin, Bob Goldschmeding, Harold Jamison, Howard Jansen, Mart Lantinga, Jim Russell, Jack Schneider, and Ron Thomet, Immediate Past President.

As you can imagine, there is a flurry of activity here as we get ready

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## The Executive Pitch



by our Executive V.P.  
Clay Jones

An obvious fact of life is that the success of a barbershop chapter very often hinges on the presence of a musical director. It doesn't matter whether that chapter has a strong, active chorus or is made up of quartet men and woodshedders. If there is not a music director present at each meeting, the chapter will flounder from diminished interest and lack of purpose. (I hate to say "lack of direction", for the pun is too obvious.)

How many chapters or former chapters were once thriving, dynamic organizations until, for one reason or another, they lost their music director and, as a result, everything went right down the tubes? In fairly recent memory I can recall Northwest, Redford, Dearborn (CHORDIMATICS), Detroit (MOTOR CITY), Oakland County (WOLVERINE), Livingston County, Niles Buchanan, Cadillac, Big Rapids, Three Rivers, Mt. Clemens, East Detroit, and Au Sable. Now even Jackson and Pontiac, two great historical stalwarts of the Pioneer District, are floundering due to the lack of a musical director.

So what is the solution? Certainly our Society is on the right track by promoting the concept of the Music Team through DYNAMO, HEP Schools, Direct Hit and the various District sponsored Chorus Coaching Programs; in other words, developing musical leadership from within that is multi-layered and self-perpetuating. But what of the small chapter that is so lacking in members that there simply isn't the depth of manpower or talent to draw from?

Well, try this one on for size:

Suppose the music directors, assistant directors, former directors and would-be directors in Pioneer formed a "Guild", concerned with providing musical directors training programs, work recognition programs, and (now we're getting to the meat) the formation of a pool of capable directors who would register with our DME, John (Ole' John) Bauer and who could be assigned by him on an interim basis to chapters which lose their director and need a temporary replacement until a permanent one is found. John could select a volunteer director

from the pool and that director, or an alternating number of available directors, could by turns, go in, say, once a month or every other month and fill in until the chapter gets its permanent man in place. The possibility exists that chapters like Pontiac or Jackson might have a different director every week but, with their own chapter leadership to guide them and to keep a planned musical program, they could still progress, learn music, put on shows and most important of all, maintain their interest and continue to improve their musical skills.

I've talked this over with Ole John and he expressed a willingness to oversee the program. In fact, he was quite enthusiastic about it. If any chapter is interested in learning more about this, let your DVP or A/C know, or get in touch with Ole John Bauer. Assuming we can get the support of enough volunteer chorus directors, we'll start the ball in motion. At least kick it around in your chapter and let us know your thoughts. Let's not let the smaller chapters die on the vine because they don't have a Leonard Bernstein (or even a Leonard Schwartz) at the helm.

"Skip" Crompt, who is the daughter of Howard and "Tiny" Tubbs, would like to get in touch with anyone who knew her father and mother.

Howard Tubbs sang with the MOTOR CITY CHORUS and several quartets. Howard also hosted the "Harmony Hall" program on WJR in the 50's and/or the early 60's.

"Tiny" Tubbs sang with the Sweet Adelines.

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COMPETING CHORUS? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ CHORUS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: ALL EVENTS PASSES WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK, LOCATED IN THE STOFFER BATTLE CREEK HOTEL (HDQRS.)

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Macomb County

GRAND RAPIDS (Continued from Page 5)

for San Antonio. The chorus is getting back up to a full head of steam. The holidays kind of slowed us down a tad, but with our "mini" retreat on January 9 with Bob Mucha, the fires are going again. 81 men out of 86 showed up for this "super Saturday". We hope by the time CAN-AM rolls around you all will see a different chorus than the one last fall.

We look forward to hosting the Spring Convention and again seeing all of you there. The contest should prove interesting and exciting.

Our annual Great Lakes Invitational Show will feature: THE BLUE GRASS STUDENT UNION & TOUCH OF CLASH, along with the G.L. TIDE.

DICK WILLIAMS

## Grosse Pointe

The holiday season is over, and as I had predicted, Grosse Pointe was very busy with performances in December.

As early as Thanksgiving eve we sang at the third annual "Festival of the Trees" at Cobo Hall. This event is a very special gift to our community brought about by the hard work of many volunteers. It marks the start of the holiday season with displays, activities and entertainment for people of all ages to enjoy.

The displays consisted of 101 Christmas trees (floor displays), 60 wreath displays, and a ginger bread village with 16 entries. Each entry is the work of well known designers and is sponsored by area businesses.

The people visiting the festival were entertained by 48 acts while they reviewed the many displays. The festival was open seven days. The GREAT LAKES CHORUS of the Sweet Adelines were among the entertainers. Children visited Santa and had complimentary pictures taken with him, thanks to the 24 volunteers of the Secret Santa Corp.

The displays are sold (probably by auction), and the proceeds go to support the Children's Hospital of Michigan. In the first two years of operation, the festival brought \$250,000 in endowment funding to Children's Hospital. We can hope the "Festival of Trees" will be back to Cobo Hall in 1988.

The second highlight of our December performances was our annual Christmas bus tour to 8-10 Senior Citizen's homes and half-way houses. The tour last all day and we had between 50 and 60 guys on the bus. A

poll was taken of the guys as to why they would go out all day to sing, because it is a real grind. The response from 80% of the guys was that they got a great spiritual uplift from the experience. 18% said they liked the turkey sandwiches. The remaining 2% had no comment.

We sang down at "Trapper's Alley" on Saturday, December 19, to entertain Christmas shoppers. After we sang, some of us made our annual tour of Trappers and rode the "People Mover" just so we could say we did it.

This year's chapter Christmas party was really different. When we arrived at the Neighborhood Club, our meeting place, we broke up into four choruses and left for designated areas to carole. Each chorus had a cannister for donations. We raised about \$450 for Logopedics. When we returned we had venison sandwiches and hot cinnamon cider. We topped off the party with a distribution of gifts and singing.

I'm just getting ready for "Uncle Sam's Night," but I want to urge you to stick to those New Year's resolutions and diets. I must confess that the only reason I drink diet pop at our meetings is because we don't have anything else.

JIM KINNER

## Holland

The WINDMILL CHORUS sang for the downtown folks during the Christmas season, which included a program at the Warm Friends Hotel Senior Citizens. As part of the Dutch custom of Sinter Klaus, the chorus also sang in their parade, and the next day presented a program at the Evergreen Commons. Along with the Christmas concert at the Elk's Club, it was a very busy season.

Some of the chapter officers were able to break away from work and get to COTS -- Ken Cook, Andries Steketee, Ernie Evangelista, and Webb Scrivnor. Needless to say, they came back all charged with new ideas and plans for the future.

ERNEST EVANGELISTA AND WEBB SCRIVNOR

VAN DE VELDE (From Page 2)

Again, thank you for a great 1987! Together we made it happen!

Two quartets started 1988 with a big bang! The SOUND AMBASSADORS and the FIRST ENDEAVOR quartets together contributed a total of \$1100. What a start! Thanks, guys.

The 1987 standings are listed in another part of this issue of the Troubadour.

The Macomb County Chapter is making plans for a successful 50th Anniversary year. This first-year chapter elected its new officers in October, and had a weekend planning session in November to outline the next two years! In December, the new officers attended COTS, and then were sworn in at an official installation dinner, administered by district president Earl Berry.

"Public Relations, both external and internal, is one of our primary concerns," stated P.R. Director Roy Gurney, who is also Recording Secretary and Bulletin Editor for the chapter. "We also plan to make steady growth in numbers and singing quality!"

They will celebrate their first anniversary at their 2nd annual show at the McComb Center for the Performing Arts on February 6th.

ROY GURNEY

## Saginaw-Bay

One of the wonderful things about our hobby is that it knows no season. It can be enjoyed the year around as the activities of the Saginaw/Bay Chapter attest.

November and December saw a lot of work on Christmas music with performances in local hospitals and nursing homes. We also had two very enjoyable joint meetings with our neighbors in the Swan Valley Chapter. It's great to get better acquainted with others who share our love of barbershop singing. We plan to have joint meetings on a regular basis in the future.

The Chapter Installation Banquet was held on January 16, 1988, with over 70 members and guests (a chapter record) in attendance. Doran McTaggart was the installing officer so you know a good time was had by all. The following officers were installed: President Dick Mueller, MVP Dennis Keyes, PVP Ron Seager, Music VP Will Stuber, Treasurer Don Shier, Secretary Bob Dennett, Past President Carl Secor, Board Members Dave Donnelly, Fred Mitchell, Tom Kren, Dave Demming, Bob Winters, and Ted McDonald.

After the installation we were entertained by the BLUE RIBBON COALITION.

Members of the chapter are preparing for the Saint Paddy's Day Thaw which will be held this year on March 13 at the Pulaski Hall in Bay City. Come join us as we welcome spring barbershop style.

BOB DENNETT

## Report



### by 'Ole JOHN BAUER

Greetings from your D.M.E.!

During the COTS session in December, some chapters took the opportunity to seal down some firm dates for Chapter visitations by our International Music Team from Kenosha. However, there are still seventeen (17) available, and thought it best to give all of you a final crack at these at the last minute! By individual Music Man, remaining open dates are as follows:

JIM DEBUSMAN -- March 14 & 16, Nov. 28, 29, & 30. Dec. 1.

BILL MYERS -- April 6 & 7, DYNAMO April 8 & 9

MEL KNIGHT -- May 18, Sept. 12 & 14, DYNAMO-May 20 & 21, Sep. 16 & 17.

So there gentlemen -- be my guest!

Several chapters have also requested a DYNAMO information packet for purposes of review prior to making a firm commitment to same. The International Office has informed me another information pack will soon be available, and when it is, I will forward one to each chapter president in Pioneer for your reference and review. I tell you what men, DYNAMO is the best thing since sliced bread! Try it, you'll like it!

And -- don't forget guys, any of the open dates above can be tailored to your specific needs; Chorus coaching, Craft, etc. You call the shots on your needs. Also, the open month of June is an ideal time to consider a full Saturday for a Direct Hit or Coaching session for your chorus, and get ready for the fall contest.

If you attended COTS, you already know this; however, for the rest of the troops: The Spring Quartet Coaching Clinic scheduled for March 11-13 has been cancelled by direction of your Pioneer Board of Directors.

'Ole John is now taking a poll of registered quartets in Pioneer, and when completed, who knows? We still

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might have some individual sessions if enough interest is shown!

Please respond to the available open dates listed above as soon as possible if you are interested; otherwise either John or Don will be calling you! Be sure and look forward to the next issue of this tabloid, because we have a very exciting announcement to make regarding the Mini-Hep (Harmony Round-Up) scheduled for Sep.9-11. Stay tuned!

JOHN BAUER (H) (517) 595-6550, (H) (313) 759-5843, (B) (313) 733-6080.

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APRIL 22-24, 1988

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## OFF THE BOARD!



By Your Editor & International  
Board Member

We seem to be doing all right in the media department lately, as both the Alexandria HARMONIZERS and part of the Detroit/Oakland SONGSTERS appeared on television recently.

Alexandria put on a super performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The HARMONIZERS were part of a testimonial to Perry Como, and what a super job they did! The program aired on the CBS Television Network on Wednesday night, December 30, at 9:00 p.m. The HARMONIZERS appeared with better than 100 voices, and, in your editors opinion, did more for barbershopping than 100 Public Relations releases could do! They were superb, and your Ed was fortunate to have it on tape, for posterity. I was so proud of those guys! Their performance ranks with the best I've ever seen, and those smiling faces proves that we are truly a performing group. Thank you, HARMONIZERS! Even our President, Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy seemed to be enthralled. What a show!

On a much lesser scale, Channel 2 in Detroit appeared at our regular-after-rehearsal meeting at the Incredible Edibles at 13 and Southfield in Beverly Hills, MI and filmed about twenty of our stalwarts doing what they do best -- singing! The program aired in early December, and the strains of "My Wild Irish Rose" were available to the general public. It was tastefully done, and a credit to all.

It seems our hobby is beginning to "grab the public", so-to-speak. Our insistence upon performing is beginning to "pay off".

## NEWS ABOUT QUARTETS

Lots of things have been happening in the quartet world recently, as far as the Pioneer District is concerned. First for the good news.

It seems Denny Gore (former lead of the VAGABONDS and CENTER STAGE) has teamed up with Wendell Pryor (tenor of CENTER STAGE), Clay

Shumard (baritone of THE RITZ), and Mike McClary (a super bass), to form a new quartet. They have not agreed upon a name as yet, and they do not intend to compete in the District Prelims in Battle Creek in the spring. They do intend to compete in the fall competitions in October. Watch out for this quartet in the future, as they could be dynamite, with three medals among them.

As to THE RITZ, it seems they have replaced Clay Shumard as the baritone. The name of the new baritone is D.J. Hiner who hails from Toledo and is a member of the Maumee Valley Chapter. They have not yet decided where they will compete in the spring competition.

Drayton Justus (former lead of the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT and CENTER STAGE) is now singing in a new quartet in the Illinois District, called THE FASCINATING RHYTHM, and they expect to compete in the Illinois District in the Prelims for a chance to represent the Illinois District at San Antonio. The competition is stiff there, with the CHIEFS OF STAFF (3rd Int'l), the CHICAGO CHORD OF TRADE (5th Int'l), and the CHORDIAC ARREST (9th Int'l) expected to compete along with the BENCHMARKS and many other fine quartets. But, remember, Illinois District gets to send four quartets this year! That should be one fine quartet competition.

And now for the bad news:

HARMONY RENDEZVOUS is no longer singing as a quartet. It seems they have decided to break up, and they seemed to be making such great strides. What a shame.

## PIONEER- ONTARIO Jamboree Set

CAN-AM '88 UPDATE

by Clay Jones, Pioneer Chairman

Things are really starting to roll now towards another Ontario/Pioneer Spectacular in Chatham next June 18. Committees are starting to work and soon your chapter presidents will be receiving an invitation for your chorus and quartets to participate in this International Barbershop Extravaganza that was such a smash hit last year.

More choruses and quartets are expressing a desire to participate than we had last year, so we may have to limit the program to the earliest entries. A cutoff date of May 15 has again been established, so if your chapter wishes to put on a show package, make your intentions known to me or your division VP at once.

There has been only one hitch so far, and John Case (Chatham Chapter) and I are attempting to resolve it now. We made the decision last June to switch the headquarters hotel from the Best Western WHEELS INN to the WHEEL RIVER INN, primarily because of the perks that would be available and the lower cost. The RIVER INN is just about half the cost of the WHEELS INN and is almost as posh. We just learned recently, however, that the RIVER INN is sold and is being renovated as a senior citizen convalescent home. Meanwhile, the WHEELS INN has been booked solid for another convention during the same weekend. So, housing in Chatham within walking distance of the Kinsman Auditorium has been severely curtailed. That's not to prevent us from having all other functions at the Kinsman Sports Complex and we will proceed on that premise, that everyone is there for the singing, and where people are housed is of lesser importance. Housing should not be of major concern.

Your committee will still help you with housing and camping facilities, so watch for future announcements in the Troubadour and in special news releases. Make your plans for next June 18 now so you don't miss out.

Incidentally, the same caterer has been contracted for that served that fabulous meal last year; that's almost worth the price of admission by itself.

## 1988 PIONEER DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make the following changes to your 1988 Directory which you recently received:

The secretary of the SWAN VALLEY Chapter should be changed to:

Larry Le Forge  
6123 Wild Oak  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
Res (517) 779-0465

The contact man for MUTUAL-A-CHORD quartet should be changed to:

John E. Peterson  
1193 Jeffrey Lane  
Saline, MI 48176  
Res (313) 429-2148  
Bus (313) 761-4700

The TWO PLUS TWO quartet should be dropped as they have not renewed.

The PINE RIVER FOUR quartet should be added. The contact man is:

Robert Tollas  
707 Bridge Street  
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Res (616) 547-9479

From your District Secretary,  
Jack Schneider

## Dr. Fran Durham on LOGOPEDICS



(This is the second in a series about our 50th Anniversary Fund raising campaign.)

To commemorate the Golden Anniversary Year of SPEBSQSA, the Harmony Foundation is seeking a special goal of \$1,000,000 for the Institute of Logopedics. Since this will be a "larger than normal" year, a "larger than normal" fund campaign is appropriate.

### THE 1988 PER-CHAPTER CHALLENGE

Our Society is the envy of many other organizations because of our members delight and enjoyment in relating to our service project, the Institute of Logopedics. We are admired for our ability to collectively raise \$600-700,000 a year with broad based support. We want to reach our \$1,000,000 goal in the same manner, comfortably and proudly. All it will take is for each chapter to do a little more.

### HOW WE PLAN TO DO IT

Every chapter has a trail of tradition in the support of our Service Project. Each chapter is asked to review their 1985, 1986, and 1987 results to determine the highest Harmony Foundation award received in those years: 1.) Less than \$10 per member-none, 2.) At or above \$10 per member-Bronze Award, 3.) At or above \$25 per member-Silver Award, 3.) At or above \$50 per member-Gold Award.

We now ask each chapter to move up one level in 1988 from the highest level attained in the 1985-86-87 years. (Gold Award winners are asked to increase their per-member donations \$15 over their largest amount). In this way, every member and every chapter can commit to this out-of-the-ordinary 50th Anniversary year.

In July our Society will gather in San Antonio, Texas, with the largest assemblage of singers, friends, and family in our history. Projections suggest 14,000 people will come together for our Golden Anniversary celebration. Wouldn't it be magnificent if an announcement could be made that we achieved our \$1,000,000 commitment? In order to do this, we request that each chapter make a pledge of their 50th Anniversary intentions for 1988 at the Spring Con-

vention. In addition, we request that monies collected be turned in regularly and as early as possible. Our service to them for the Anniversary Year of 1988 is: "We celebrate our past so more children can have a future."

### LOGOPEDICS MEMORIALS FOR 1987

The following people listed below have been memorialized at the Institute of Logopedics during the year 1987. God Rest Their Souls!

George L. Bonvallet, Sr.  
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Onita Rothman  
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Nola Shine  
Forest Gault  
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Rawley Hallman  
John Beaudin  
Lydia Menchinger  
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L. Emerson Moorhouse  
Jim Fryfogle  
Emerson Sperling  
Effie M. Funk  
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### FEBRUARY, 1988

19 MACOMB COUNTY "Greenhorn" Quartet Contest @ Cross Lutheran Church, 35851 Utica Road, Fraser, MI. 8:00 p.m.

### MARCH, 1988

18 PONTIAC CHAPTER Woodshed Contest, CAI Bldg, 5640 Williams Lake Rd., Drayton Plains, MI-8pm  
24 MEETING-S.M.A.C. Chapter Representatives - Site TBA by mail to each chapter.

### APRIL, 1988

8 DEARBORN Tag Quartet Contest, Dearborn Elk Lodge, Dearborn, MI @ 8:00 p.m. - "Shaggy Dog" stories req'd!  
29 MACOMB COUNTY "Pre-Boyne" Quartet Contest @ Cross Lutheran Church, Fraser, MI 8:00 p.m.

### MAY, 1988

13 PIONEER DISTRICT "SEND-OFF" Show at Caboto Hall, Windsor. (S.M.A.C. Sponsored)

### JUNE, 1988

3 DETROIT-OAKLAND "Return of the Jug" Night- Site to be announced.

17-18 CAN-AM JAMBOREE @ Chatham, Ont. JULY, 1988

8 DETROIT/OAKLAND "Bob-Lo" Moonlight Cruise - Details later.

### AUGUST, 1988

6 DETROIT/OAKLAND Chapter Picnic @ Troy Clawson Elks Club in Clawson 16 Mile Road.

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 Comedy Quartet Contest - Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 8:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER, 1988

4 DETROIT/OAKLAND "CANADIAN NIGHT", Site TBA  
18 WAYNE CHAPTER "P-POT" 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).



# DISTRICT NEWS

## SWAN VALLEY

The Swan Valley Chapter is enthusiastically looking forward to the coming year. Nine December performances added to our treasury, gave our 1988 Logopedics contribution a head start, and gave us a healthy push into the new year. Four returning officers (Les Miller, president, Rudy Emerick, PVP, Earl Gronda, treasurer, Deon Moore, immediate past president), two returning board members, plus two new positions (Frank Bradley, music VP, Doug Butler, membership VP) and two new board members (Jim Steiner and Larry LeForge) makes for a super leadership team to aid veteran director Herb Benjamin. The SOUNDMEN had six members at COTS so they are all well trained.

The annual Installation of Officers Banquet was held January 13 with District President Earl Berry (accompanied by his wife Mimi) doing the honors as the presiding official. The festivities were enhanced by the BLUE RIBBON COALITION from neighboring Gratiot County who entertained the assembled 50 SOUNDMEN and their guests.

A new tradition was begun by the relatively new (five years) chapter. Individual hardwood plaques with "red

oxidized aluminum" plates were presented to each of the previous Barbershoppers of the Year. Division Five Vice President Paul Lehmkuhle presented the plaques, and all of the previous winners were in attendance. Receiving the awards were Jim Steiner, Dave Smith (now living in the Detroit area and singing with Wayne), Deon Moore, Herb Benjamin, and Les Miller. A large perpetual plaque in the same style was also presented to the chapter for the meeting room. All plaques were the handiwork of and donated by SOUNDMAN Tom Kren.

The big winner of the night was Doug Butler. This hardworking SOUNDMAN garnered Barbershopping's top award, Barbershopper of the Year for 1987.

### LES MILLER

## MONROE

The last quarter of the year has seen a busy Monroe Chapter Chorus.

Starting in October, we performed at Morenci, Michigan, on the tenth for the Annual Fall Festival and had a good turnout of members. The following weekend, it was off to Battle Creek for the chorus competition. Our numbers were small, but we did our

best as it was our new director's introduction to the competitive side of our hobby. Later, on the 24, we staged a performance at the St. Hedwigs Cultural Center in Toledo, Ohio. In November, we performed at the North Town Mall in Toledo, Ohio, as part of the membership drive, and on the 20, we had our Ladies' Night at the Springfield Township Hall.

In December, we had an outside performance at the Senior Citizens complex in Temperance, Michigan. After that, we gathered at the Matthes Tree Farm for our annual installation of officers, which was held after dining on a ham and pot luck dinner. Doing the honors was our District Executive Vice President Clay Jones, accompanied by his wife Carol. Also in attendance was our District President Earl Berry and his wife Mimi.

Looking forward to 1988, we are presently engaged in putting together our show to be held on February 27 and 28, at the St. Mary's Auditorium. Our featured quartets will be THE RITZ, enough said, and the VARSITY LETTERMEN, an up and coming quartet from the Johnny Appleseed District.

GEORGE HENNIG



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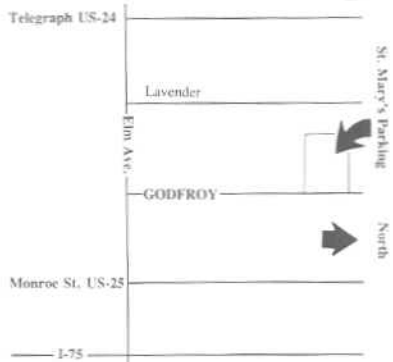
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BERLIN ARRANGEMENT CHANGES

# Coming Events...

**FEBRUARY, 1988**

- 5-6 MACOMB COUNTY Chapter Show  
 12-13 DETROIT-OAKLAND Chapter Show  
 27 KALAMAZOO Chapter Show  
 27 HURON VALLEY Chapter Show  
 27 LANSING Chapter Show  
 27-28 MONROE Chapter Show

**MARCH, 1988**

- 4-5 WAYNE Chapter Show  
 11-12 GROSSE POINTE Chapter Show  
 13 SAGINAW/BAY Chapter Show  
 19 BATTLE CREEK Chapter Show  
 26 FLINT Chapter Show

**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  
 (Bush League Contest)  
 13 WINDSOR SEND-OFF SHOW at Ca-  
 boto 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  
 & Curling Club - Windsor)

**SEPTEMBER, 1988**

- 9-11 MINI-HEP SCHOOL and COACHING  
 CLINIC (Site To Be Announced)

**OCTOBER, 1988**

- 14-16 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION  
 Stouffer Hotel - Battle Creek

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.

PLEASE NOTIFY: Jack Schneider  
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Several months ago the Berlin Music Corporation requested that the Society make some changes in several of its arrangements of Berlin music. Most of our arrangements of Berlin songs were created several years ago, and were fully approved by the Irving Berlin Music Corporation at that time. Since then, however, the folks at the Berlin office have had a change of heart. Apparently there are some new people in charge of these things at the Berlin office, and they have decided that certain changes had to be made. Since the songs and the arrangements are owned by them, the Society has no choice but to make such changes.

Most of the revisions are small. The Berlin office feels that there should be no lyric, melody or other musical elements in the arrangement which are not Mr. Berlin's own composition. Therefore, we have had to: 1) eliminate words such as "and," "or," etc., which our arrangers have sometimes added to the original Berlin lyrics; 2) change such words as "pray'r" to "prayer"; and 3) remove or re-write introductions and tags which do not use Mr. Berlin's own music and/or lyrics.

The most drastic revision was to the arrangement of "White Christmas." Our original Society arrangement used a verse which was composed by a barbershopper. This was not acceptable to the Berlin Corporation and we had to remove it and use an arrangement of Mr. Berlin's original verse. In the process we decided to create an entirely new arrangement. Copies of

the old arrangement are no longer available and it is impossible to get permission from the Berlin office to make copies of the original arrangement. Please do not blame your Society for this problem. There simply was no choice in the matter. It was necessary to remove the four measure introduction to our arrangement of "God Bless America" and change words in the patter. It was also necessary to remove the introduction to our arrangements of "The Girl That I Marry," and to revise the measures at the change of key to remove some unwanted words. Many of the other songs have been changed also, in like manner.

If you wish to change the old arrangements to reflect the minor changes, writing them in on the music, ... OK. Making copies of any old arrangements is, of course, illegal. Your new members will have to learn the music by sharing the old copies. Better than that, why not learn the new arrangement? And if you don't like Berlin's original verse of "White Christmas," just leave it off. Your audience knows only the chorus anyway.

We regret the inconvenience that these changes may cause directors and members of their chapters. If the Society wanted to continue distributing arrangements of Mr. Berlin's songs, then we had no choice but to follow their mandates.

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