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IVY LEAGUE, HI-TECH Take Quartet Honors



MIDSTATESMEN New District Chorus Champs

The IVY LEAGUE and HI-TECH will be the Pioneer District's representative quartets at San Antonio in July. In a spirited contest at our Spring Convention in Battle Creek on April 22-23, 1988, both quartets dueled through the two contests to win the District honors, with IVY LEAGUE winning by a slight margin (8 points) over HI-TECH. We can be proud of both of these quartets as they head south for the "big one." The BLUE RIBBON COALITION will be the alternate quartet to San Antonio, winning third place. Twelve quartets vied for the honor.

In somewhat of a surprise, the Gratiot County MIDSTATESMEN CHORUS took the District Chorus Championship honors by outpointing 15 other choruses in a superb contest. This is the first time that Gratiot County has ever won the District crown. The Wayne RENAISSANCE CHORUS, the perennial winner in the past, finished a close second nine points behind. Winners of the the plateau championships included the following: Plateau 1 -Holland WINDMILL Chorus; Plateau 2 -Saginaw-Bay TIMBERLAND Chorus;

Plateau 3 - Flint ARROWHEAD Chorus; Plateau 4 - Macomb County HARMONY HERITAGE Chorus; Plateau 5 - Grosse Pointe LAKESHORE Chorus; Plateau 6 -Wayne RENAISSANCE Chorus.

The surprise of the convention was the celebration of the Society's 50th Anniversary with a 50 foot long birthday cake. An appropriate first cutting of the cake was made by Past International President Darryl Flinn and Pioneer District President Earl Berry. The first piece went to the oldest Pioneer District barbershopper present, Harold McAttee, who has been a member for 48 years.

The cake was donated by the Felpausch Bakery Company located in Hastings, Michigan. The cake was measured and found to be exactly 50 foot, six inches, and will be entered in the Guinness World Book of Records. To date, no other entry of this nature had ever been entered, so we can assume it is a world record. Pioneer does it again! The guy who set it all up was none other than Jim Styer, our convention P.R. Officer. Great job, Jim!

SENIORS!!

FALL CONVENTION TO FEATURE FIRST PIONEER DISTRICT SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST!

It had to happen! As so many of our members are seniors, they are now ready to graduate to a newer and exciting quartet status! We will have the first contest for the Seniors (55 or over) at the Battle Creek Fall Convention on October 15, 1988. It will be held in the big ballroom at the Stouffer's hotel, starting at approximately 4:00 p.m., depending upon the length of the afternoon chorus contest.

The rules are rather simple: You must be 55 and the grand total of the four quartet members must total 240 years or more. That means four fellows 60 years of age can sing, or any combination thereof. For example, a foursome could qualify if they had one 55, one 65, and two at 60. But be ready to prove it!

Already the response has been tremendous! Three quartets are already considering this contest, including some former District Champs and International Rep's, and some new combinations of men from top caliber quartets. It will be a fine showcase of talent, and should be a lot of fun, so don't miss it.

Senior Quartet Registrations and Rules are printed elsewhere in this issue. We have relaxed the rules this year, somewhat, to provide for last minute registrations. In essence, you can sign up at the registration desk prior to 12:00 p.m. of the day of the event, and you do not have to be registered as a quartet with the International at this juncture. We would prefer you would be registered with International, but if you're not, that's fine. No member can sing more than once in this contest.

So plan on it now! It should make our great Pioneer Conventions even greater!!

LOGOPEDICS



George Van DeVelde

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Hooray, hooray! We're back on track and I knew you guys would come through. At my last report we were down \$700 compared to last year, but now we are up by \$1356. We are now at \$8142 through 4/30/88 compared to \$6785 through 4/30/87. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$35,000.

Chapters donating in March and April included Flint, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Lansing, Sault Ste. Marie, Coldwater, Holland, Huron Valley, Monroe, Muskegon, Saginaw Bay, Swan Valley and Wayne. Come on you chapters that haven't donated, get on the band wagon, and you'll love what you're doing for the kids. As of this writing, Grosse Pointe has pledged \$2150, Pontiac \$600, Wayne \$6500, and Flint \$2250. Nice showing, guys! With support like this, we will be well over our goal.

Did you hear about the Campbell's Soup labels? Over 1,300,000 have been sent in. The Pontiac Chapter led the District by sending in over 7,000 labels.

I have to thank the following quartets who donated in March and April. The FOUR TUNE HUNTERS (a new quartet to donate), the FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY, and our champs for Logopedics, THE SOUND AMBASSADORS, all contributed.

Vacation time is here, and if you are in the Wichita Kansas area, please stop in and visit. You will be well received. They will even put you up over night with some advance notice. It's well worth the trip to see it first hand.

Guys, I'm cutting this article short as I am in the process of moving. I have a new address that is printed above, but I still have the same phone number.

As a team, we can do a lot, but singly we're lost. Make it happen!!

Tenor • Matt
Lead • Craig

Bari • Kevin
Bass • Pete



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THE PRESIDENT'S

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EARL W. BERRY

San Antonio, here we come! I want to wish our competitors the best of luck at International. The Grand Rapids GREAT LAKES Chorus along with the IVY LEAGUE and HI-TECH will do us proud there, I know. You've earned your right to go there, and I know the District is behind you 100%.

On another note, I hope all of our chapters and quartets will take advantage of the Mini-Hep School to be held at the Stouffer's Hotel in Battle Creek the weekend of September 9-11, 1988. Here is a chance to really get some fine instruction from top notch people. I know we have some chapters who are having director problems, and here is your chance to solve those problems right in our own back yard.

So far the DYNAMO program has really not caught fire in the Pioneer District. Detroit/Oakland is the only chapter to avail itself of this program, and I understand Wayne is scheduled for July. I think the program is extremely valuable, and that we have a lot of chapters out there who should be taking advantage of it right now. Our DME John Bauer is anxiously awaiting your call so that he can schedule you in. There are still several open dates left this year. I think it's time to rethink our philosophy with regard to improving our chapters' overall functions and mode of operation. Ask any Detroit/Oakland member what the program has done for them, and be prepared to get your ear bent. They think it's the greatest thing since sliced bread. How about your chapter?

While we're still slightly ahead of last year's contributions to the Institute of Logopedics, we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$35,000 for the District and \$1,000,000 for the Society. I know that we can do it, but it will take everyone's participation to make it happen. Let's show them Pioneer is still the top District in the Society!

Hope to see everyone at the Pioneer/Ontario CAN AM JAMBOREE ON June 18th and in San Antonio in July.

The Executive Pitch



by our Executive V.P.
Clay Jones

I may be courtmartialled by my own chapter for saying it, but as Pioneer District EVP I can't help but feel that Gratiot County's winning the District Chorus Championship is the best thing that could have happened to our district. In fact, some of my chorus-mates feel the same way. Imagine a young, upstart midsize chorus beating out two of the Goliaths, and beating them soundly in one of the categories the "big guys" are supposed to excel in ... Stage Presence. It has to be a shot-in-the-arm for the smaller choruses. It shows what dedication to a goal and enthusiasm in carrying it out can do, and that enthusiasm and energy was obvious from the moment the curtain opened on that beach scene.

Do you get the impression the small to mid-size choruses are catching up? That the championship is no longer the exclusive domain of the large, century chapters? The tightening up of the scores points up the fact that, like Research Triangle Park at the International level, the smaller choruses can score points when they diligently apply the vocal techniques that are available to all of us, and numbers don't necessarily determine the winners, tho' that factor certainly tilts things in the large chorus' direction.

We can all be proud of what Gratiot County did in the Spring Competition, and that should inspire all chapter choruses as well as quartets to take advantage of the teaching and coaching skills we have available to us in Pioneer by getting our Music Leadership Teams to the DIRECT HIT sessions and the MINI-HEPS, and by taking advantage of John Bauer's Coaching Seminars being set up. All barbershoppers can benefit by requesting visits from DME Bauer's staff. And for those chapters out in the boondocks who might have to incur some expense in bringing some of John's coaches in for a night's lodging, remember that if you compete at a District convention, the District will reimburse your chapter 50% of those expenses. Seems kind of dumb not to take advantage of this opportunity. If interested, give ole' John a call.

CAN-AM

by Clay Jones

The date is June 18, 1988, and the site of this phantasmagorical extravaganza again is the Kinsmen Hall in Chatham, ONT., about 40 miles east of Windsor. There will be golfing in the morning for those who want to come early and stay late, a mass sing at 1:30 p.m. at the Soccer Center next to Kinsmen, an afternoon showcase until 5:30 p.m., a fabulous five course hot buffet dinner catered right there at Kinsmen, and the Evening Showcase and finale featuring the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT and the Scarborough DUKES, in addition to our representative quartets going to San Antonio from both Districts. Finally, there will be an afterglow back at headquarters, the WHEELS RIVER INN.

Prices are up slightly this year because of increased costs and the firming up of the Canadian dollar, but this event is worth every penny. Nowhere can you get this much great entertainment for such a low price.

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ALL EVENTS plus dinner.....\$20 US

Tickets will soon be mailed to your chapter presidents and we encourage you to get them early so you won't be left out and so we will know how many dinners to tell the caterer to prepare. (He is the same caterer as last year, so enough said.) Oh, yes, there will be the usual cash bar available all day long.

Contrary to what we told you in earlier news releases, the WHEELS RIVER INN will not be available for our housing needs. The 38 people who had reservations in at the RIVER INN will be transferred to the WHEELS INN at the same rate. Unfortunately anyone making reservations for the WHEELS INN now will not receive the previously announced discount price, however, some consideration may be given. Anyone interested in making hotel reservations can call me or call John Case at (519) 436-4105 (business) or (519) 354-6283 (home). If you call the hotel direct, be sure to tell them that you are registering for the Barbershoppers' CAN-AM!

For those interested in playing golf Saturday morning, contact Mike Bourgoin at (313) 261-6938.

Those who were there last year need not be told what a tremendous day this is. For those attending your first CAN-AM, you are in for one of the most enjoyable Barbershopping experiences of your lives. Come to Chatham on June 18th and get in on the fun.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Grosse Pointe

WHAT? GROSSE POINTE PERFORMING IN STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA?

The following article appeared in the Statesville, North Carolina, Village Tabloid on May 8, 1988. It may sound strange, but it did happen, as your editor can attest, as I accompanied the group on their annual May trek to the Carolinas to play golf on a five day outing at the Hyland Hills Golf and Country Club located near Pinehurst, North Carolina. The performance occurred on Sunday, just prior to our departure back to Detroit. We had a joint meeting with the Pinehurst Chapter the Friday night before, and we sang up a storm.

Thirty Grosse Pointers along with six of us from other area chapters (DOC, Wayne, and MaComb) made up the chorus which, under the able direction of Russ Seely, sang renditions of all the "good old songs!" The most

touching, at least to your editor, was when Dale Barber (our Troubadour Publisher), went into the Queen Anne hotel and found a number of elderly ladies sitting in the lobby. Since we were waiting for our bus to take us to the airport, we decided to entertain them. It was Mother's Day, and you know what happened then. That performance will live in my memory forever!

Incidentally, I hate to brag, but I did win the most prized trophy of the entire event, "Highest Gross!" I feel the highest score always wins, and I'm so proud. Thanks, Grosse Pointe, and thanks also to all my partners who made it happen!

BOB McDERMOTT

(P.S. There was a picture included with the article printed below, but since your editor wasn't in it, I left it out!)

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Weekend In The Village Edition

Grosse Pointe Barbershoppers Scheduled For Sunday

The Grosse Pointe Chapter Barbershoppers of Grosse Pointe, Mich., will be part of the Sunday entertainment program.

The group last performed here during the 1986 Weekend in the

Village and were a big favorite.

Ray Starrette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Starrette, Sr., of Statesville, is a member of the group. He is a 1984 graduate of Statesville Senior High School and

received his degree from High Point College.

He has been a member of the chapter for 18 years and operates his own company, Starr Awards, Inc., and makes his home with his

wife in Lathrup Village, Mich. His son Daniel E. Starrette also lives in Statesville.

The Barbershoppers are members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in American, Inc., which was founded in 1936 and now has a membership of 40,000.

Headquarters for the national society is Kenosha, Wis. The organization's sponsored charity is the Logopedics Institute, which offers therapy to speech and vocally handicapped. In 23 years the society has donated over seven million dollars to this charity.

The Grosse Pointe Chapter has

85 members and performs twice each year in district competition, consistently ranking in the top in district competition.

A barbershop stage show is performed each year in Grosse Pointe and numerous concerts and benefits are held throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

This year, in addition to the 30 singers, the group will bring along "Snudek," a clown who will perform juggling, stunts, balloon sculpturing and clown routines for the audience.

The Barbershoppers will perform at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the square on center stage and later will be singing from 3:15 to 4 p.m. at the S. Center St., stage.

Sunday, May 8
SOUTH CENTER STAGE
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Freedom
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Misty River
3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Barbershoppers Chorus
(Grosse Pointe Chapter, Michigan)
and "SNUDEK" the Clown

Wayne

There've Been Some Changes Made!

As the grapevine has most likely started to spread the rumor about the Wayne Chapter, I am sad to say that it is true. Jim Pollard has tendered his resignation from the position of Music Director. In an emergency meeting of the Executive Board, Jim's resignation was regrettably accepted. Also at this meeting the Board interviewed a candidate for the position and by the end of the evening had agreed to offer the job to this candidate. Within 24 hours the Wayne Chapter had a new director in the person of our very own Matt Coombs!

Jim cited a number of changes in his personal life that necessitated this very difficult decision. In addition to singing baritone for the IVY LEAGUE, Jim carried a heavy class load through Wayne State University for the winter term, has started a brand new business, has a beautiful daughter, Lauren, who is a member of an active competitive dance troupe, and even works for a living on top of all this. As there is only 24 hours in a day, even for directors, Jim realized that something would have to be sacrificed, and after many weeks of soul searching, and long, late hours of discussion with his wife Debbie, he made the decision to leave his position as Director. Jim assures us that if the 'force' is with them, and as the business gets on its feet, he will be back in the fall to sing with the chorus. We want to thank Jim for all that he and Debbie have given to us over the past three years.

Additionally, we at Wayne are proud of the strength and "depth of our bench" in having a talented person such as Matt to step right in and fill those big (?) shoes up front.

Not missing a beat, we have many special performances lined up for the month of May and the summertime, including a date at Tiger Stadium on July 26. In addition, we are looking forward to CAN-AM and a DYNAMO session in July.

Our annual spring show in March was a booming success as the chorus played to a full house on both nights for a total of over 2400 aficionados. We'd like to extend our appreciation to all who participated: THE CHORDINARY GUYS, THE VERY IDEA, HIGH TECH, ANYTHING GOES, THE RITZ, THE MISSASAGUA TRANSIT, Brian (Rod Serling) Philbin, who guided us on our journey through the Barbershop Zone, Bob (Noah/Columbus) Hartley, and accompanist Ron Rousseau.

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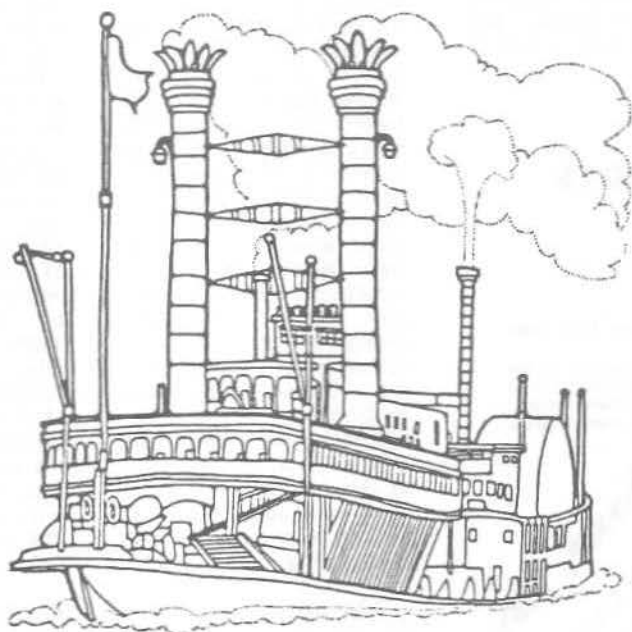
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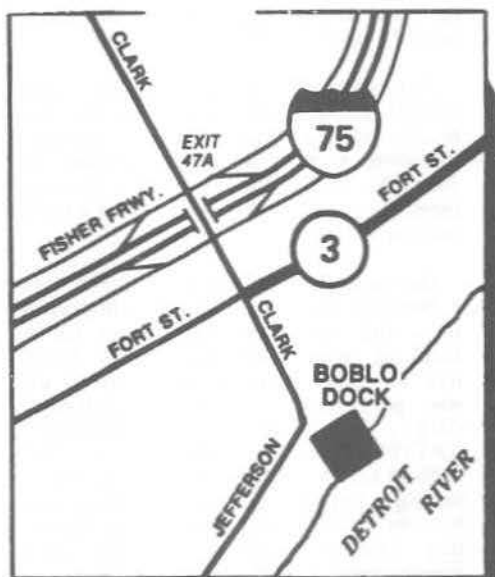
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DISTRICT NEWS

Holland

(WAYNE CHAPTER - FROM PAGE 5)

while all this going on, our chapter quartets are out there making their presence felt in the district. With the aforementioned IVY LEAGUE edging out the current district champs, HIGH TECH, at the spring contest, making for a 1-2 finish, you can be sure they'll get all of our support at the International in San Antonio this summer. This is not to mention that Wayne had two other quartets in Battle Creek who 'done us proud,' ANYTHING GOES and YOUR FAVORITE QUARTET, both of whom made the trip north to the Boyne Bush League contest the weekend of May 6.

In addition to all of this, while in Battle Creek, our President Roger Smith was presented with the Golden Achievement Award for Logopedics for 1987, our second straight year of having contributed \$50 or more per man. We'd like to recognize our Logopedics Chairman Alex Willox for being the primary force behind our achievement of this goal.

So as you can see, things are a hop-pin' at the Wayne Chapter. We'll see you all across the border in May and June.

SCOTT CASEY

LANSING

The Lansing Chapter salutes our district quartet and chorus champions! The Battle Creek convention and competition was exciting to us and seemed to reflect new levels of achievement in the Pioneer District. Special congratulations to the Gratiot County Chapter for their superb performance.

We were proud, too, of the showing of the Lansing favorite son quartet, COLLECTOR'S CHOICE, for their fourth place showing.

In the afterglow of the spring competition, the CAPITOL CITY CHORDSMEN are relaxing a bit and enjoying a celebration of spring: a fresh season, time for more singing, and new music. Performances are scheduled at regular intervals throughout the spring. We'll also be celebrating a Chapter History Night in June led by our 48 year veteran Harold McAttee. The chapter is also sponsoring Direct Hit with Mel Knight during the month of May.

Probably the highlight of our spring will be a Memorial Day Weekend visit to the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Chapter for a day of singing and good fellowship. About thirty Lansing members will make the trip to the Soo, returning a visit made by our Canadian friends about a year ago.

Under the vigorous leadership of our Program VP, Larry Parker, the chapter is launching a series of fellowship dinners: once a month we'll get together before rehearsal to dine and to sing a few numbers.

We're also in the phone book in a new way. Pioneer District members are welcome to dial (517) 372-SING for a recorded message about Lansing Chapter doings.

A pig roast is also in the plans -- more about that in our next report.

STEVE TCHUDI

DON FUNK IS 60?

BARBERSHOPPERS INVITED TO CELEBRATE
DON FUNK'S 60TH BIRTHDAY IN LANSING!

WHEN: Friday, June 24, 1988 - 7:30 pm

WHERE: Lansing Elks Club
3535 Moores River Dr.
Lansing, MI 48910

Don Funk, will be celebrating his 60th birthday in June, and his family would like to invite all of his barbershop friends (and wives and girl friends) to come and wish him well. According to Lisa, Don's daughter, they will also be celebrating his 15th year since he started OFFICE SYSTEMS CORPORATION in Lansing. This past year he received CPT CORPORATION'S (their supplier) "Dealer of the Year" award.

Don has been in barbershopping for 41 years. He has served as President of the Lansing Chapter (2 terms), Pioneer District President (1974-75), International Board Member (1976-77), and was elected to the Pioneer District Hall of Fame in 1981. He has performed in many other activities in and out of barbershopping since then.

He has been active in the East Lansing Kiwanis Club with 24 years of perfect attendance, having served as Distinguished President in 1979.

NO Gifts, please, because this is an opportunity for a good get together and have FUN...You who know Don realize it doesn't take much for him to get a party going. Incidentally, this is not a surprise party!

If you plan on attending, please call in your confirmation to (517) 393-3447, so they can tell how many will be attending!

Lisa (Funk) Sykes

Members of the WINDMILL CHORUS were pleased with their showing in the Convention Contest. Mike Lucas deserves credit for the fine job he did directing. But Mike, typically, said that if the members hadn't wanted to work that hard, his efforts wouldn't have amounted to much. He's right. We know that it takes the combined efforts of everyone, and at least, some dedication. In addition to gradually assuming the duties of our director, Mike has started a new quartet, the STATION BREAK. We'll have more about them in our next report. . . And speaking of reports, Mel Knight after a recent visit, wrote: "There are some talented guys here...I was impressed with the group's eagerness to learn and put into practice some basic principles of good performance. Mike Oonk has been the director, ably assisted by Darrell Vande Hoel and Webb Scrivnor...As if this weren't enough, Mike Lucas has returned. It looks like nothing but good things ahead for Holland. With a large picture of Bill Diekema hanging on the wall of this, his home chapter, it is quite obvious Holland has a great barbershop tradition...I think that they are about ready to be reborn into a new era of pride and accomplishment."

And, speaking of pride and accomplishment, the Holland Chapter has received another Silver Logopedics Award and a District Achievement Award. Andries Steketee, Membership VP, has set a "temporary goal" of "Fifty on our Fiftieth." We hope to help him show it can be done.

Our annual Tulip Time Show was a smashing success on May 13. We had two shows back-to-back to accommodate the crowds. In addition to the WINDMILL CHORUS, the show featured a Sweet Adelines quartet, THE HEIRLOOMS, plus the TOUCH OF CLASH, the BLUE RIBBON COALITION, and the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. It was just one great performance after another.

And, speaking of performances, the chorus has continued to appear in local events -- the Volunteers Association Fair, for example. . . and speaking of volunteers, we were pleased with the quartets that strolled through Kollen park singing barbershop music on the day of our Old-Fashioned Barber-Q. We appreciated the volunteer wives who gave of their time to help, although one wife remarked she had heard enough barbershop tags for a while . . . and speaking of tags, preparation continues for our Chester P. Oonk Tag Contest to be held Saturday, July 23. Brochures have been going out, but if you need more information, write to us at P.O. Box 1403, Holland, MI 49422.

WEBB SCRIVNOR, E. EVANGELISTA, JACK OONK

FLINT

Things are a-changin' fast in the Flint Chapter, and our newly installed officers, under President Ed Wracan, just shifted into high gear. Flint has a new spirit! Our ARROWHEAD CHORUS had it's hard work rewarded with much higher scores in the recent competition. We want more!

We have set aggressive goals for ourselves for competition, appearance, public performances, Logopedics, service, education, training, public relations and membership. Wow!

You already saw the ARROWHEAD CHORUSES' new tuxedos in Battle Creek in April. You also saw that we are growing, putting over 30 men on stage this spring. You also heard our pride and enthusiasm as we sang for you.

What you didn't see, but should have, was Flint's show this spring. Our show chairman, Dave Updegraff, (who is Membership VP) brought ARCADE in from Baltimore, Md. as the featured quartet. These fellows really put on a show, and their performance at the afterglow was one of those we will cherish and remember for years. We also featured MOSAIC, a very new and upcoming Sweet Adeline quartet, the THUMB AREA Sweet Adelines (Region 2 Champions who almost stole the show from ARCADE), and of course our own ARROWHEAD Chorus.

Our Program VP Dave Lonsbury has started something he calls a "cook's quartet." From time to time, he selects four guys to form a pick up quartet. These guys then have a week or two to plan a menu and practice some songs. On the appointed night they provide food and entertainment for the rest of the chapter. Would you believe the first quartet called itself HEARTBURN?.

Speaking of food and singing, our director, John Noteware married the THUMB AREA Sweet Adeline's director Chris Swain on Valentine's Day. Guess what happened at the reception with the better part of both choruses in attendance? Just great!

Flint was pleased and honored to be visited by HI TECH on March 29. Those guys are really neat, super entertaining and educational. While on the subject of nice guys who are educational and entertaining, how about Mel Knight? He was with Flint on April 6, and is welcome back anytime.

Ron Gruener, our Logopedics Chairman, has set a golden goal for Flint this year. Collections are looking good so far.

DISTRICT NEWS

Barbershopper of the Year award goes to Ken Sedlow, for a multitude of diverse services far to extensive to enumerate. Well done, and most deserved Ken!!

Past director Jack Lyons, who is a long time super enthusiastic barbershopper, and a stalwart baritone, has been in and out of the hospital a lot lately. We sure miss him, and wish him a speedy recovery. For any of his many friends in barbershopping who might drop him a line, or a card, his address is 911 Lake Shore Drive, Columbiaville, MI 48421.

The ARROWHEAD Chorus has already done several public performances this year. Most noteworthy was our appearance to benefit SPECIAL OLYMPICS in Davison, Michigan, on May 21. The chorus then traveled to Frankenmuth where we sponsored a BOWLAPEDICS that same evening. This is pretty heavy scheduling, but fun.

Keep your sunny side up!!

BILL DYE

DEARBORN

Friday night, June 8th, you had to be there to appreciate it! Dearborn Chapter sponsored their first annual Quartet Tag Contest and a rousing success it was - 53 barbershoppers representing members from seven chapters managed to form 25 - that's right, 25 quartets - to enter the competition, and when the dust died down the judges had picked the FOUR GONE, a quartet that just happened to have four guys from the Detroit-Oakland Chapter, Jim McCatty, Jerry Spitler, Don McDaniel, and Pete Kaip, singing tenor, lead, bari and bass in that order.

The members of the winning quartet were each awarded individual trophies by the Dearborn Chapter, signifying their outstanding ability to win in a highly competitive contest.

Even Logopedics was a winner with \$55 being donated by the participants for a chance at six door prizes. We are looking forward to next year - same time - same place for the Second Annual Dearborn Tag Contest.

Meanwhile, come join us on Tuesday nights at the Dearborn Elks, Michigan Avenue just west of Telegraph. We guarantee everyone a chance to sing in a quartet every Tuesday. You'll have fun! We do!

BILL WARNER

MILFORD

The Milford Chapter is celebrating a double anniversary with a big annual show on June 4 in the Howell High School auditorium. The chapter received its charter June 20, 1950, just 12 years after our Society was founded. With the Society now marking its Golden Anniversary, the MILL VALLEY Chorus marks the occasion in grand style.

Featured quartets are the CHICAGO NATURAL GAS and HI TECH. Pioneer barbershoppers don't need any further descriptive matter on these fine four-somes. Just a great evening of comedy, fun, and some good solid barbershop harmony!

Darl Wiley and his impossible MILL VALLEY wild bunch have gone through some devastating rehearsal nights in putting together this year's show, but they promise to sing anyhow, and they will.

They have chosen "Don't Throw the Past Away" as the theme for their program. When you stop to think about it, that's probably one of the things that we barbershoppers are glued together with; we don't throw away any of those good old songs from the past, especially if they are suitable to our own wonderful singing style.

Joining the MILL VALLEY chorus will be the SECTION LEADERS quartet, with our director singing lead, and three fine guys from the Detroit/Oakland Chapter -- Jim McCatty, Don McDaniel, and Pete Kaip.

All in all, we expect to have a fine evening and we hope you won't miss out on the fun. Join us in Howell for the big show and more of the same at the afterglow in the local Armory afterwards.

See our ad in the Troubadour this issue for ticket details. The afterglow, with meals and drinks, is \$6. You won't find that in the advertisement! But we do need a head count, so call early.

ROGER MORRIS



RAY HENDERS
KEN EIDSON
PHIL SCHWARZ
LYNN HAULDREN, 929 Central Wilmette, IL 60091 (312) 251-6348

"The Barbershop Quartet with the Built-in Beat"

WINDSOR

THE WINDSOR CHAPTER IS IN SEARCH OF A NEW DIRECTOR. IF ANY ASPIRING DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE A CHALLENGE TO LEAD A YOUNG, VIBRANT CHAPTER, WHICH INCLUDES DORAN, CALL PETE AUBRY AT (519) 945-7622.

Report



by 'Ole JOHN BAUER

HARMONY ROUND-UP

Gentlemen, the HARMONY ROUND-UP will be held at the Stouffer Hotel in Battle Creek on September 9-11, and you would never guess who will be heading up our Coaching Faculty --- would you believe? The SIDE STREET RAMBLERS!!!

Yes, gentlemen, the SIDE STREET RAMBLERS will be here in person to head up the faculty, coach quartets, answer any questions a quartet may have about quartetting, and best of all ENTERTAIN us with their beautiful sounds. In addition to the RAMBLERS, Mel Knight from International will be on hand to handle Choruses and Mini-Classes, etc. They will be assisted by a staff of VIP Barbershoppers from around the country, and this 'ole guy can assure you, they will be the finest talent around!!

So, below you will find the first registration form available to allow you to sign up for this exciting event. Don't wait until the last day to do this -- give 'ole John a break and necessary time to do his job too!

Just for the record and to assist you in your plans, the first session begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, and the school will be completed by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11. Tuition includes your room for two (2) nights, (based on double occupancy), breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and lunch on Saturday. Dinner on Saturday evening will be on your own. Mail your reservation form to me as indicated:



1988 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION
October 14 - 16, 1988



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

REGISTRANTS NAME _____

WIFE/GUEST NAME(S) _____
(FOR ALL EVENTS REGISTRATION)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE() _____

CHAPTER NAME _____

COMPETING QUARTET? YES _____ NO _____ QUARTET NAME _____

COMPETING CHORUS? YES _____ NO _____ CHORUS NAME _____

COMPETING SENIOR QUARTET? YES _____ NO _____ QUARTET NAME _____

VOICE PART: TENOR _____ LEAD _____ BARI _____ BASS _____

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$12.00 PER PERSON
LATE REGISTRATION: \$15.00 PER PERSON

EARLY REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPT. 30, 1988

NOTE: ALL EVENTS REGISTRATION DOES NOT INCLUDE SENIOR QUARTET CONTEST

FEE ENCLOSED FOR _____ PERSONS @ \$12.00/\$15.00

TOTAL \$ _____

TICKETS FOR SR. Q'TET CONTEST @ \$2.00 NR. TICKETS _____

TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PIONEER DISTRICT S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

MAIL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

BATTLE CREEK VISITOR AND CONVENTION BUREAU
172 WEST VAN BUREN STREET
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017

NOTE: ALL EVENTS PASSES AND SR. QUARTET CONTEST TICKETS WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK, LOCATED IN THE STOUTER BATTLE CREEK HOTEL (HEADQUARTERS)

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$30.00 deposit, or tuition in full \$75.00, payable to PIONEER DISTRICT, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. I understand that any balance due will be paid upon arrival at the school, Sept. 9, 1988, and no refunds will be made after September 2, 1988, the deadline for enrollment.

Please mark your class preference in each column as (1), or alternate (A).

() Quartet Coaching	MINI CLASS I	MINI-CLASS II
() Chorus Directing, Adv.	() Vocal Techniques	() Woodshedding-Tags
() Chorus Directing, Beg.	() Young Men in Harmony	() Sight Reading
() Arranging	() Judging Categories	() Creative Interp.
() Fundamentals of Music	() Song Leading	() Creative S.P.

Total Deposit per Quartet: \$120.00; Late Registrations: \$80.00

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ SMOKER? () YES () NO

NAME OF PREFERRED ROOMMATE (if desired) _____

QUARTET NAME IF APPLICABLE _____

In the event you have any questions on the above, please call 'ole John Bauer at: Home (517) 595-6550, Office: (313) 733-6080, Detroit Evenings: (313) 759-5843.

Byron Davis Appointed DIV II VP



The Board of Directors at their annual spring meeting elected Byron C. Davis to the office of Vice President Division II, replacing William D. Lang, who resigned because of business and family commitments. Curly comes to the office with a wealth of barbershop knowhow, having served as an area counselor for many years in addition to having served in all chapter offices. His term will continue until the annual fall elections take place. Welcome aboard, Curly!

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS FILM FOOTAGE

The International Office is preparing a special film about the history of barbershop music and the Society. If anyone has any film footage of an historic nature that might be useful to include in this project, please contact Gary Stamm, Audio-Visual Services Manager, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc., 6315 Third Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140-5199, telephone (414) 654-9111. Historic photographs and slides would also be helpful.

GARY STAMM

THIS IS GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS!

by Bob Moreillon

District Public Relations Officer

Chapters who want to publicize their events and shows can get good publicity by sending a notice to Mike Deja on Radio Station WJR in Detroit. Mike is now doing the "Patterns in Music" program every Sunday morning running from 8 to 11 a.m., and he does a great job.

Mike plays a lot of our good barbershop music, and is willing to do more, as well as making "spot announcements" concerning our upcoming events and shows. Take advantage of this opportunity to advertise your events. Write to:

Mike Deja
"Patterns in Music"
2100 Fisher Bldg.
Detroit, MI 48202



update

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Mel Knight to the position of Director of Music Education and Services for our Society. He has been a Music Specialist in the Music Department since October, 1985.

Mel brings a wealth of experience in music education, quartet singing, chorus directing, writing, research and organizational management. He was responsible for the production of the Music Leadership Team Manual; one of the most important educational and organizational tools our Society has ever published. He has both a Master's and Bachelor's Degree in Music, and has earned an additional Bachelor's degree in English.

Mel has been Acting Director of Music Education and Services since August, 1987, and we are fortunate to have a man of his ability, dedication and love of barbershop singing responsible for the music/membership programs of the Society.

In "Seventh" Heaven,

/s/ Joe Liles

OFF THE BOARD!



BY YOUR EDITOR AND INTERNATIONAL
BOARD MEMBER

FUTURES II COMMITTEE - WHAT IS IT?

What is thing called "barbershopping" that we love so much? How can we best cherish it, perpetuate it, and bring it to men of all ages across the land and around the world? Where should the art form be, and where should our Society be, in the year 2000 and beyond?

Thirteen men appointed by International President Darryl Flinn in 1987 and Jim Warner in 1988 have for sixteen months deliberated these issues

on behalf of the Society. In doing so the committee called on our own breadth of experience, on the expertise of consultant sociologist Dr. Max Kaplan, on the opinions of former Society members, and on data collected in a far-reaching opinion survey filled out by close to 1,800 active Society members.

At the heart of barbershopping is our unique four-part vocal style of music and the joy it brings us as participants. Closely allied to this joy of participation, and not unique to barbershopping, are the thrill of expressing ourselves in vocal music and the satisfaction of performing musically for an audience. Barbershopping provides such an opportunity for thousands of men (and women) who might not otherwise have that chance.

Well, this just gives you just a slight taste of what the Society is looking at in future years. Let's face it, we have to change in many respects to see our form of music continue to grow and prosper. As your District International Board Member, this whole subject will be reviewed at a special board meeting in San Antonio on Tuesday, July 5th. I will need input from many of our chapter and district officers to formulate some thoughts about our future. I'll need your help! Can I count on you? Let me know!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

A recent communication from our International President Jim Warner reveals that the Executive Committee has appointed Robert Cearnal as International Vice President to fill the existing vacancy created by the resignation of Morey Jennings.

Bob has previously served with distinction as Illinois District President and International Board Member, and on a number of important International committees, including the ad hoc C & J Study Committee, and the Convention Format Committee. He presently serves as Chairman of the Honorary Membership Selection Committee.

Bob is familiar to Barbershop audiences, having served as MC for a number of International contest sessions; most importantly, he is an active quartet man, singing bass in the MALE DELIVERY.

Bob will assume his duties immediately. He and his wife, Jo, will be welcome additions to the official family.



AL ★ BRUCE
BILL ★ ROGER

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1438 - 54th Street, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
Phone: (616) 455-9039

BILL MAPLE
Phone: (616) 784-7243

Dr. Fran Durham



on LOGOPEDICS

The \$1,000,000 Golden Anniversary Fund Drive began in January. Every barbershopper was sent an envelope containing the "Fifth Voice" booklet, an informative card containing four "tear-offs" and a cover letter from the members of the International Logopedics and Service Committee. In addition, every chapter was sent a 50th Anniversary Gift audio tape prepared by International President Jim Warner and Logopedics and Service Committee Chairman Reedie Wright. A pledge card and reply envelope was also sent in order that the chapter can record its commitment to the fund drive. One additional piece of material is forthcoming, a "Fifth Voice" poster to be displayed by the chapter. Along the bottom is a space to keep track of our chapter's progress towards the 1988 Golden Anniversary goal. There will be a large board on display at the International Convention in San Antonio in July listing every chapter that has signed a pledge card in support of the fund drive. The District Logopedics Chairman, and members of the International Committee, are encouraging every chapter to make their commitment, sign their pledge card and mail it in prior to the spring convention.

As I indicated earlier, if every chapter moves up one level, on the Harmony Foundation Awards program, the Society can easily reach the \$1,000,000 goal.

Two chapters in Pioneer have already reached the "gold" plateau, Macomb County with \$50 per capita in 1987 and Wayne with \$52.94. Both chapters are fully committed to supporting our International Service Project, intend to increase their pledge and win the gold again.



Gay 90's Quartet

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

Montevideo

DICK LARSON
127 SUMMIT AVENUE
MONTEVIDEO, MN 56265
PHONE (512) 289-7437

SENIOR QUARTET CONTEST RULES

The first Senior Quartet Contest to be held by the Pioneer District will occur at the conclusion of the International Preliminary Chorus competition at the Fall Convention in Battle Creek October 15, 1988. It will start at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the main ball room of the Stouffer's hotel. A single panel of four judges plus a Secretary will be appointed by the DACJC, John Gillespie, from knowledgeable judges, candidates, and coaches from within the District. There will be no A & R sessions held for this contest.

The rules are fairly simple, as follows:

1.) Every member of a competing quartet must be a paid-up member in good standings with the Society.

2.) He must be at least 55 years of age, and the combined total of all four members must be at or exceed 240 years. No member can sing in more than one quartet.

3.) No quartet registration fee will be required, and quartets may register up until 12:00 p.m. the day of the contest (In this case that will be October 15, 1988). Registration forms will be printed in the next issue of the "Troubadour," or will be available at the registration desk at the convention.

4.) Quartets will be judged in all four categories, the same as in our regular contests.

5.) Trophies will be awarded to the top three quartets.

1988 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION OCTOBER 14 - 16, 1988 HOTEL RESERVATIONS

MILES TO HOTELS/MOTELS	HOTELS/ MOTELS	1 PERSON 1 BED	2 PEOPLE 1 BED	2 PEOPLE 2 BEDS	EXTRA PEOPLE
HQ	STOUFFER'S	\$62.00	FLAT RATE	PER NIGHT	
.2 MILES	COMFORT INN	\$32.95	\$36.95	\$36.95	\$5.00
.6 MILES	ECONO-LODGE	\$24.95	\$26.95	\$30.95	\$3.00
5.0 MILES	HOLIDAY INN	\$40.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$6.00
5.0 MILES	HOWARD JOHNSON	\$33.00	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$6.00
5.0 MILES	KNIGHT'S INN	\$29.50	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$3.00
5.0 MILES	SUPER 8	\$29.88	\$30.88	\$36.88	\$2.00

(PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO A 6% STATE AND ROOM TAX)

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SPECIAL REQUESTS/COMMENTS _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ TIME _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____ TIME _____
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PHONE () _____ CHAPTER _____

ONE RESERVATION FORM(S) PER ROOM REQUEST!

MAIL HOTEL RESERVATION FORM(S) TO:

BATTLE CREEK VISITOR & CONVENTION BUREAU
172 WEST VAN BUREN STREET
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017

**NOTE: FOR HOSPITALITY/PARLOR/REHEARSAL ROOMS...CONTACT:
BILL KNOPP AT STOUFFER'S (616) 963-7050

AFTER CUT-OFF DATE OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1988, ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED
TO THE PUBLIC! THE VISITOR & CONVENTION BUREAU WILL NOT ACCEPT
RESERVATIONS AFTER THIS DATE!

Coming Events...

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 Club, Windsor

SEPTEMBER, 1988

- 9-11 MINI-HEP SCHOOL AND COACHING CLINIC - Stouffer Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan

OCTOBER, 1988

- 8 GRATTOT COUNTY Chapter Show
14-16 PIONEER DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION - Battle Creek, Michigan
29 ST. JOSEPH Chapter Show

DECEMBER, 1988

- 3-4 CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL - Stouffer Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan

FEBRUARY, 1989

- 11 MACOMB COUNTY Chapter Show

MARCH, 1989

- 11 KALAMAZOO Chapter Show

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
1311 Northlawn, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Res. (616) 361-6820
Bus. (616) 774-5225

ATTENTION SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION GOERS!

THERE WILL BE A PIONEER DISTRICT HOSPITALITY ROOM

For all of our Pioneer District members who plan on attending the International Convention in San Antonio in July, be apprised of the fact that the Pioneer District will have a hospitality room in the headquarters hotel on Saturday night, July 9, 1988. The headquarters hotel is the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk at Paseo Del Alamo in San Antonio. The Grand Rapids chapter is the host this year, and we expect to have many of the top quartets perform, including our two representative quartets. Looks like a good time for all!!

Pioneer TROUBADOUR

S.M.A.C. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 Moon-Light 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 Comedy Quartet Contest - Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER, 1988

- 4 DETROIT-OAKLAND "Canadian Night" - Site T.B.A.
18 WAYNE CHAPTER "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)

PIONEER DISTRICT ANNUAL LOGOPEDICS GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPONSORED BY THE WINDSOR CHAPTER

DATE: Saturday, August 13, 1988

LOCATION: Roseland Golf Club, 455 Kennedy Dr. Windsor, Ont.

TEE TIME: 10:00 a.m.

COST: \$35.00/Green Fees and Dinner

ELECTRIC CARTS: \$21/18 holes (If you wish to reserve a cart, we suggest you phone in advance to insure availability. Call the Pro-Shop at 1(519) 969-3810.)

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ Golf \$18 ()

ADDRESS _____ Meal \$17 ()

_____ Cart \$21 ()

CHAPTER _____

FOUR SOME _____

Return entry blank and check made out to Windsor Chapter, SPERSQSA, to Peter Aubry, 1105 Coventry Crt. Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8S 2W8.

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Detroit Oakland Chapter, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.
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