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## STYER WINS INT'L P.R. AWARD



Jim Styer of the Battle Creek Chapter has been named International Public Relations Officer for the year 1987 by the Society.

The award was announced and presented during the just-concluded 50th Anniversary convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Styer, 47, is the public relations officer for the Battle Creek Chapter and is also the director of public relations for the Pioneer District convention which is held twice yearly in Battle Creek.

"Because of the high caliber of entries, co-winners were selected," said award chairman Joe Witmer of Aurora, Ohio. Styer shares the award with William D. Severinghaus, public relations officer for the Illini Statesmen Chapter of Champagne-Urbana, Illinois. Styer was named Pioneer District Public Relations Officer of the Year previously.

Styer's entry included media coverage of chapter activities throughout the year and of two district conventions.

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# FALL CONTEST TIME CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Due to an unfortunate double booking of the Kellogg Auditorium in Battle Creek on Saturday, October 15, the times for the Chorus Contest and the Quartet Finals have been changed. The Chorus Contest will begin one hour earlier, at 11:00 a.m. instead of 12:00 p.m. The Quartet Finals, usually scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, will start at 9:30 p.m. The second half of the Saturday evening show will be shortened considerably to accommodate the late hour.

As a result of the above time changes, the House of Delegates meeting has been moved to 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, instead of the usual 8:30 p.m. start. We know this causes some inconvenience for many coming in early on Saturday, but it is still better than moving to and using a different facility.

The above time changes do not affect the Friday schedule which has the Board of Director's meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and the Quartet Semi-Finals scheduled for 8:30 p.m. in the evening.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1988

- 7:30 a.m. HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING  
Stouffer Hotel
- 11:00 a.m. INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
CHORUS CONTEST - Kellogg  
Auditorium
- 3:00 p.m. SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST -  
Stouffer Hotel Ballroom
- 9:30 p.m. DISTRICT QUARTET CONTEST  
FINALS - Kellogg Auditorium

## SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST

The Senior Quartet Contest has been moved to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon at the Stouffer Hotel Ballroom. This had been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Hopefully we will have enough entrants to make this contest possible. Quartets wishing to enter can do so by filling out regular quartet competition entry blanks and sending them to our DACJC John Gillespie. The regular 14 day prior rule does not apply to Senior Quartet Contest entrants, and entry blanks can be turned in until 12:00 p.m. on October 15 at the registration area. Be

sure to indicate in bold letters on the entry blank "SENIOR QUARTET CONTEST", so there will be no confusion as to regular quartet entrants and the seniors entrants.

Remember, each member of a senior quartet must be a member in good standing, be at least 55 years of age, and the total for all four members must be at least 240. A panel of four judges have been assigned for this contest, and regular contest rules will apply.

# LOGOPEDICS



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Hello to all of you! Our summer has pretty much ended and doesn't this colder weather feel great? It makes you want to do something, and that is helping the Institute of Logopedics and our goal of \$1,000,000.

Now is the time we have to start pushing for our \$35,000 goal, and we've only three months to do it!

Two weeks ago I watched the Jerry Lewis telethon for MDA, and came up with the idea of reaching our goal by convention time, and announcing to that big audience that we've reached our goal! Wouldn't that be great, by not having to wait until December 31 for the results? Let's give it a shot so we know where we stand!

Last year as of August 31, 1987, we stood at \$12,113. This year on the same date we are at \$17102 for a difference of \$4989. We've got about \$18,000 more to reach our goal. I'm sure it will happen, because I have that much more confidence in you guys and you're great! Our biggest monies come in the last quarter.

The following chapters donated in July and August. Clinton Valley and Pontiac made the Gold. A big applause for chapter chairmen Gordon McGill and Len Barnes, and their chapters. Thank you, guys! Grand Rapids made the Silver, thanks to Cliff Gritter and all of his chapter. The Saginaw Chapter also got the Silver, and thanks to Wilbur Stuber and his crew. It's chairmen like these fellows who will make our '88 year a success.

Two people were memorialized at the Institute, Donna Persons and Majorie Gross, and our deepest sympathy to their families. Speaking of memorials, in the August/September of the Troubadour, on page 3 under "Pioneer District Memorials," the following name was misspelled. MINTA M. SHEPARD should have been spelled MINTA M. SHEPHERD. Our apologies.

Only one quartet donated and that was my own SONGS 'R' US. Come on, quartets, we need you to make 1988 a success.

There are several who have given only pennies, and others with none. Come on guys, let's hear from you before convention as we need your support. Let's make 1988 a year to remember! Will see you all in Battle Creek.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S

## CORNER



PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
EARL W. BERRY

## ARE WE BECOMING TOO COMPLACENT?

As I write this editorial, I know that I should be upbeat and positive in all aspects of the article. I've tried to do that in the past, and will continue to do so, but sometimes I get a little upset about certain aspects of our general well being as chapters, as a district and our Society as a whole. Let me explicate:

I receive the general membership summaries each month from our International Headquarters in Kenosha. When I received the July, 1988, summary, I almost fell out of my chair. Pioneer District showed a loss of 92 members in one month. Now, I realize that there will be some late renewals, but this still will be the largest loss this District has suffered in its history. Gentlemen, I think it's time to pull up our bootstraps and go to work on membership. We have all the tools and know how available, and its about time we start using it.

Jim Warner, our International President, is as concerned as I am. He has asked our District, within 30 days after the fall convention, to set specific goals for its membership levels at 12/31/88, 3/31/89, and 6/30/89. He is also asking each district to set similar specific growth goals for, at least 12 specific chapters in the district, and to identify at least two new (realistic) extension site possibilities. He believes that with active chapter and district leadership we can reverse the trend--permanently.

He further believes, as I do, that in spite of the present membership trends, that our momentum is strong, as demonstrated by attendance at conventions, by the great singing, and by the general enthusiasm which we have experienced throughout the first part of 1988.

In addition to the above, I'm also concerned about the status of our district Mini-HEP school. Only four quartets and 26 other guys took advantage of the fine faculty 'ole John Bauer

lined up in September. How can you beat the CLASSIC COLLECTION and the other talent he had? Perfecting the craft of the art of singing is what it's all about, isn't it? Let's make plans now to attend next year's school and take advantage of this great opportunity.

This district has some of the finest barbershoppers in the Society, and I know they can rise to the occasion when seriously challenged. I'm challenging all of you now, including myself, to build our district to greater heights than we've ever been before. Together we can do it, and I'm counting on you!

## NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

December 3, 1988, 1:00 p.m. at the Stouffer Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan, in conjunction with the District Chapter Officer Training School.

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



## Dr. Fran Durham

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## The Executive Pitch



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

In the coming months your district board, and in particular your DME's, are going to be stressing every vocal teaching program and tool available to us with one thought in mind...improving our singing ability! That is the bottom line. As the DYNAMO II program states, we can improve our numbers (and, incidentally, our enjoyment of our hobby) if we sing better. If we will improve our musical abilities we the membership and the pleasure we derive from our craft will take care of themselves.

The tools for improvement are all in place and available to every chapter. DYNAMO II is one part, but we aren't taking advantage of this nor the other programs that will help us develop our singing ability. Did your chapter send representatives to Mini-HEP on September 10 and 11? Has your chorus availed itself of the District Chorus Coaching Program? Does your chapter have a quartet promotion program and encourage your quartets to attend HEP schools? What about "Young Men in Harmony"? Do you have a YMIH Chairman and is he in contact with local school chorus and choir directors? Have you been to DIRECT HIT?

In 1989, we are going to be making a major effort to strengthen and back up your musical leadership teams with emphasis on these programs and others on the drawing board. For example, we will be encouraging the formation of a Chorus Director's Guild and a Director's Pool for chapters struggling to find a director. We will also be conducting classes for Section Leaders. These are very important people among your musical leaders and they should not be relegated to merely "attendance takers" or "disciplinarians".

When your DME or divisional (assistant) DME visits your chapter, welcome him as a counselor and teacher. Ask about these programs and learn how he can help you musically.

And finally, a message for all assistant DME's: If you haven't attended Harmony College or at least a mini-HEP lately, you are not doing your job! Anyone seriously interested in becoming OR CONTINUING ON as a DME absolutely must attend one mini-HEP or Harmony College. Otherwise you are wasting your time

and the chapter's time that you are supposed to be helping. If you can't participate in a Harmony Education Program, you should not be a DME. Let's all take advantage of every opportunity to learn to sing better and we'll all benefit.

IF YOU AREN'T INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO SING BETTER, JOIN A BOWLING TEAM INSTEAD!

### NEW SONGS FOR LOGOPEDICS

Lee Nickerson, the 84 year old songwriter from Rancho Bernardo, California, has five new songs coming up to sell for the benefit of Logopedics, which has received \$4800 from his efforts since 1984.

The new numbers are: "The Girls That I'd Like to Forget", arranged by Fraser Brown; "Nobody Else", a ballad with a great Dennis Driscoll arrangement; "You've Gotta Know How to Dance", a tongue-in-cheek comment on the increasing influence of Stage Presence, arranged by the incomparable Lou Perry; "In My Home Town", with a unique treatment by Lloyd Steinkamp; and "You're the Only Girl I Ever Really Loved", arranged by Buzz Haeger.

These five new songs are fine additions to a current list of six numbers that offer a great variety. Starting back in 1984 came "That Crummy Old Quartet of Mine", which was arranged by Lou Perry and has been done in contest in four Districts and at International. Then in 1985 Mo Rector did a fine arrangement of a comedy number called "She's Too Much Woman For Me". This was followed by a sentimental ballad, "Just Another Dream", with the Lou Perry touch, and "That Barbershop Rag", a ragtime number arranged by Dave Briner that has done well in contests. In 1986 Dennis Driscoll did a super arranging job on a good show tune, "That's the Kind of Girl I'm Looking For", and Dave Briner arranged "Barbershop Parade", a little 45-second march to get a chorus or quartet on stage when there is no curtain.

The songs are \$5.00 each, with permission granted to copy, perform, or record. All proceeds go to Logopedics. Lee's address is Apt#101, 17189 W. Bernardo Dr., San Diego, California 92127.



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## A Memorial Tribute

### TOM POLLARD

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of longtime Wayne member and former Division I District Vice President, TOM POLLARD.

Tom, who had retired to Florida after several bouts with ill health, was back in Michigan awaiting the birth of his third grandchild, and suffered a heart attack during the early morning on Tuesday, September 20 and slipped away quietly in his sleep.

For many years Tom was the choreographer and stage presence coach for the Wayne Chapter as well as for quartets and choruses throughout the district. He was Division I DME, Division I Area Counselor, District Vice President and the major personality behind the Harrisville Labor Day Harmony Weekend for 25 years. But he was most noted for his quartet achievements, particularly as lead of the 1960 District Champion and 4 times International Representative AIRMALES quartet.

Tom also sang lead earlier with the 1954 District champions, the PITCHBLENDIAIRES and represented Pioneer twice with them, finishing as high as 13. His most recent quartet, the CADENCE COUNTS, retired in 1982.

Our District as well as our Society has lost one of its most outstanding sons. He will be greatly missed.

### CLAY JONES

IN MEMORY OF  
Thomas M. Pollard

DATE OF BIRTH  
July 11, 1926

DATE OF DEATH  
September 20, 1988

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INTERMENT  
Glen Eden Cemetery

# From Atop of the Bull



BY YOUR EDITOR AND DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBER - BOB McDERMOTT

You may wonder what in the world would our editor be doing printing a picture of himself aboard a real live bull in this publication. Well, it's an answer to a challenge, really. It seems our DACJC and former International President John Gillespie said that (I quote), "McDermott, you don't have the guts to publish that picture!" Well, John, you are wrong! There is the picture for all the world to see! It was taken while I was attending the San Antonio Convention at the Rio Cibola Ranch, and it was a great night for everyone attending, including John Gillespie, who has problems flying down stairs!

On a serious note, your editor has a real lost feeling in his heart because of the death of one of the great Pioneer District barbershoppers Tom Pollard. I have known Tom and his wife Gloria for many, many years, and can appreciate more than most the amount of effort and enthusiasm he gave to our district and the Society. He was "Mister Wayne Chapter" to me, and was "MISTER HARRISVILLE" for all of us. He will always be remembered in our district history as one of our mainstays. If it weren't for guys like Tom Pollard, where would this Society be?

## PUBLIC RELATIONS A BIG ASSET

Our chapters will have a tremendous opportunity at this year's Chapter Officer Training School (COTS) to take advantage of the new Public Relations Course being offered for the first time with an International faculty member teaching a brand new program. It would be wise for every chapter to send at least one member to this course, and help end this "secret Society" syndrome we've been accused of. Here's your chance, guys!

## QUARTET HAPPENINGS

Just thought I would pass along a few tidbits I've picked up recently concerning district and international quartets.

The original BOSTON COMMON are back together singing as a quartet.

The LEGACY, consisting of former medalists Denny Gore (lead), Clay Shumard (bari), and Wendell Pryor (tenor), have teamed with newcomer Mike McClary (bass) to form a new quartet. They tentatively plan to compete in Battle Creek in October.

The 139TH STREET QUARTET have replaced lead Larry Wright with former NEW TRADITION tenor John Sherburn. The NEW TRADITION has apparently disbanded.

Bari Brian Kauffman has left the HI TECH quartet to team up with Wally Dorosh (lead), Len Johnson (bass), and Steve Boughner (tenor), to revive the GREAT LAKES EXPRESS, our 1979 District Quartet Champions. They also finished 15th that year at International. HI TECH will be seeking a new baritone to replace Brian.

## STYER WINS P.R. AWARD - FROM PAGE 1

A copy editor and TV Preview editor at the Battle Creek Enquirer, Styer has been a Cereal City Chapter member for four years and its P.R. officer for two years. He began working on district convention activities last year. He also was an instructor for a weekend class for other public relations officers in the district last December.

Styer has worked at the Enquirer since 1970, having previously worked in the Niles, Grand Rapids and Detroit areas.

## PIONEER LOGOPEDIC'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the second year in a row the Windsor Chapter hosted the Pioneer District "Sing and Swing" golf tournament for the benefit of the Institute of Logopedics on August 13.

Many fine prizes were won by the "singing duffers" who turned out for the big event.

John Case of the Chatham Chapter was the big winner (Omigosh, the Ontario District won!), winning a weekend for two at the Hilton in Windsor and a Sunday brunch at the Red Oak Inn in Windsor.

Yours truly was the tournament winner of the "Low Net Trophy" with a 73. Chuck Egan of the Detroit-Oakland Chapter had low gross.

A fine thanks to all who participated, and also to the many prize contributors, especially the Hilton Inn Windsor, the Red Oak Inn Windsor, Labatt's Breweries, Hiram Walkers and all the others. When in Windsor, guys, please bring your business to these people. (See pictures, this issue)

## PETER AUBRY, PRESIDENT WINDSOR CHAPTER

## WHAT IS A P.R. MAN?

By Joe Witmer, PROBE VP - for Public Relations (Condensed)

The PR man is the right hand of the membership VP and the annual show chairman. He works with the sing-out coordinator, especially in enhancing the PR potential of freebie chorus performances and in gathering new names for the annual show mailing list.

Teach the "right member" how to be a good public relations man and you may have a hungry tiger who will tackle the job for three or four years. But get him started on the right foot. Send him to COTS this year!



"Now's there's a note you don't hear very often!"

# COTS

DECEMBER 3-4, 1988

The theme for this year's Chapter Officer Training School is "BEYOND THE GOLD." We are entering our second half-century and we want to enter it with a BANG! We would love to see every elected officer for 1989 attend our district school this year. It will be held this year at the Stouffer Hotel in Battle Creek, and the facilities there are great.

The International faculty and a brief biography on each is presented below:

**DEAN:** JIM DE BUSMAN, is from our International Staff in Kenosha. He is a certified Sound Judge as well as being a Music Generalist on the staff. If you don't know Jim, you haven't been around, as he is one fantastic guy. His DYNAMO presentations are something to behold!

**PRESIDENT'S CLASS:** ART MAYNARD, comes from the North Brookhaven, NY, Chapter of the Mid Atlantic District. He has 16 years in the Society and 10 years on the COTS faculty, having served in all chapter line offices and many district positions, including COTS Coordinator for MAD.

**MEMBERSHIP V.P.'s:** TOM WICKENHEISER, from the Minneapolis, MN, Chapter of the Land O' Lakes District. Tom has 20 years with the Society including 14 on the COTS faculty. He has served in all of the chapter and district line offices, and also as a member of the International Membership Committee. Tom has over 40 Man of Note awards and appeared in the movie "Slaughter House Five."

**PROGRAM V.P.'s:** BURT HUIH hails from Twin Falls, Idaho, and is a member of the Evergreen District. He has 26 years in the Society with six years on the COTS faculty. He has held most chapter and district offices, and is a past International President. He is a judge candidate as well as serving on the International Harmony Foundation Committee.

**MUSIC V.P.'s:** GEORGE COTTON, has 25 years in the Society including three on the COTS faculty. He calls the Vancouver, B.C. Chapter his home, a part of the Evergreen District. He has served as P.V.P., A.V.P., and Music Director at the chapter level, and as a DYNAMO Instructor and DACJC at the District level. He also is a certified Interpretation Judge.

**SECRETARIES:** DAVID MAW, 19 years with the Society and three on the COTS faculty. He has held the office of President and Secretary in his chapter, and has been an A/C, DVP, Secretary, and DACJC at the district level. He belongs to the Etobicoke Chapter of the Ontario District.

**TREASURERS:** DAN WHEDON from Beaverton, OR, where he is a member of the West Portland, OR, Chapter of the Evergreen District. He has 11 years in the Society and one year on the COTS faculty. He has been MVP, Treasurer, and Secretary at the Chapter level and an A/C at the district level. He has 10 Man of Note Awards.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** TERRY JORDAN is from the Alexandria, VA, Chapter of the Mid Atlantic District. He has 24 years in the Society and one on the COTS faculty. He has held the chapter offices of PR, PVP, MVP, and President (2 years), has worked on District Public Relations and as a co-editor of the district bulletin. He was the 1988 Mid-Winter Convention Public Relations Chairman. He has won the 1982 International Public Relations Award as well as his district's PR award in 1987. He seems well qualified to lead our Public Relations course in Pioneer this year.

**D.O./A.C.'s:** CLAY JONES and MIKE O'DONNELL, both of whom are well known to you in Pioneer District, as they are our District Executive Vice President and Division III Vice President

**GENERAL MUSIC SESSIONS:** JIM STEPHENS, our tremendous sound ambassador. I think you'll agree, we couldn't have a finer music man on board.

**BULLETIN EDITORS:** BOB McDERMOTT, yours truly to be specific. We did not have a class last year because we did not have at least five men sign up, and the same is true this year. It is our feeling that if five men do not sign up, there really is no need to have a class. I will always be available to help bulletin editors on a personal basis if enough don't sign up for the class. Hopefully enough chapters will feel it important enough to send their bulletin editor this year.

**INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS:** FRAN DURHAM, will be representing the Institute and will be addressing the attendees at the general sessions. Fran, as you know, is a member of the Societies' International Service Committee, and we are very fortunate to have Fran on board for these meetings.

So what does all of this add up to? Well, it certainly points up the importance of COTS and the necessity of every chapter taking advantage of this fine faculty and this great opportunity to further enhance your chapter to do the things we should be doing to build this fine Society of ours. If we're not growing, it's because we're not taking advantage of the opportunities coming our way. This is one of them! Let's show the other districts Pioneer is for real! Make sure your incoming officers attend!

## COTS TO OFFER NEW P. R. COURSE

By Bob Morrissey, Int'l PR Committee

Helping your chapter communicate more effectively will be the focus of a new course being added this year to the lineup of learning opportunities at chapter officer training schools (COTS) throughout the society.

The COTS course will offer guidance and practice in public relations designed to help chapters publicize their activities in news media, keep members informed of happenings in their chapter and officers aware of membership interests, attitudes and concerns. The course will offer tips chapters can use to keep members up-to-date on district and society activities, attract new members, and support key annual events.

Enrollment in the course will be open to men who already have been designated to serve as their chapter's public relations officer, bulletin editor, or anyone else who has an interest in the field.

"We've suffered from our failure to give public relations proper attention," SPEBSQSA President Jim Warner said in announcing the course. "There's much more to PR than getting our names in the paper. Carefully planned public relations programs can strengthen our society and assure that barbershop harmony endures."

The COTS course is the latest of several steps the society has taken to tell its story more widely. The steps included hiring Hill and Knowlton, the prestigious public relations firm, to publicize SPEBSQSA's 50th Anniversary, formation of a public relations committee comprised of barbershoppers with demonstrated achievements in the communications field, and dedication of a full-time position on the international office staff to public relations.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS GAINS IMPORTANCE

by Dick Teeters, PROBE President

One of the most important jobs in a barbershop chapter is that of public relations. It is probably also the least understood.

For 50 years, our Society has existed and the chapter public relations officer has been told to promote barbershopping, his chapter and the Society, but has received virtually no direction on how to do this. As stated by John Mulkin, member of the public relations committee, "We train vice presidents, and a good p.r. man can contribute more to membership and program at a chapter than both the v.p.'s put together. (Ed. Note: John was our p.r. instructor at previous COTS, but only one or two chapters availed themselves of his expertise. What a shame!)"



## Report



by 'Ole JOHN BAUER

## DYNAMO II PROGRAM

Pioneer's second Dynamo program this year was completed at the Wayne Chapter on July 22-23, with Dynamo Peter Hughes from the Ontario District, and our own Don Bazely, Assistant D.M.E. doing the instruction. With the certification of Don as a Dynamo, Pioneer can now boast of another first! Congratulations, Don! There are two or three other chapters presently interested in hosting a Dynamo program in the near future. Let me know the dates you are shooting for, guys, and 'ole John will set it up for you.

## MINI-HEP, BATTLE CREEK

On September 9-11, a total of 40 eager Pioneer barbershoppers traveled to Stouffer's for a weekend of education, fun and fellowship under the guidance of 'ole John and a faculty of nine others. Headed up by the 1982 International Champions, the CLASSIC COLLECTION, other faculty members included: Mel Knight and Ev Nau, International Staff, Phil King, West Towns chorus, and our own Jack Slamka and Jeff Gougeon, Macomb County Chapter. Four quartets were in attendance--PAST TENSE, THE NOTEWORTHYS, YOUR FAVORITE QUARTET, and the FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY. By using a faculty and student body vote, the quartet showing the most improvement over the weekend, and winning a free scholarship to the next Pioneer Quartet Clinic, was YOUR FAVORITE QUARTET! Congratulations! All classes requested by those attending were covered, either in all-day sessions or in mini-classes.

On Saturday night, the quartets attending the classes appeared on a Mini-Hep Show open to the Battle Creek public. They were assisted by the Battle Creek Cereal City Chorus under the direction of Dorn Burrill, and followed by the CLASSIC COLLECTION who received two standing ovations. Many thanks to Jim Styer, Pioneer Convention Publicity Chairman and the Battle Creek Chorus for making the last minute idea and event successful.

## INTERNATIONAL STAFF VISITS

Ev Nau, the "new guy on the block" from the International Staff, finished the school and then visited four Pioneer Chapters the following week on September 12-15. Chapters visited and exposed to his expertise in show production and stage presence were: Gratiot County, Pontiac, Port Huron, Coldwater and Jackson. Many thanks Ev, and welcome!

Jim DeBusman will be coming back to Pioneer from December 1-8, and will be Dean of our COTS Dec. 3-4 in Battle Creek at Stouffers. He presently has three open dates to fill: Thursday, December 1, and Wednesday and Thursday, December 7 and 8. Any chapter interested in having Jim visit you on those open dates, holler out to 'Ole John, and we will be happy to schedule same for you.

## NEW DIVISION I DME

As a result of Dave Duncan moving from Windsor and going out of our District, he had to resign as Division I DME. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Gougeon to that position for the balance of this year and know he will fill that position very well. Congratulations, Jeff! Many thanks also to Dave Duncan for his efforts over his term in that position.

See all of you in Battle Creek on October 14-16!



update

A forthcoming issue of Time magazine is scheduled to carry an article about the Society. Since the publication is weekly, we probably won't have enough advance notice to let you know which issue, but it should be this month. Media coverage of the golden anniversary convention was excellent, especially the story carried by CBS network news.

COTS will start soon. Talk it up and get all chapter officers to attend. This year's sessions will be new, so even if an officer is continuing in his position, he should enroll. In particular, make sure you have a Chapter Public Relations Officer for the coming year. The International Office is sponsoring a completely new course for Chapter PRO's in each district, a major step in an effort to bring barbershopping out of the closet.

Participate in the Award of Harmony program, our "citizen of the year" award for your community. It's a great way to get involved in the community, make your chapter better known and maybe bring some new members out of the woodwork.

Registration forms for the Midwinter Convention in Honolulu are included in the July-August issue of The Harmonizer, to be in the mail around the end of August. Convention dates are January 16-22; headquarters will be the Pacific Beach Hotel on Waikiki.

New man on the international staff is Everett Nau, formerly of the Northeastern District where he was Barbershopper of the Year for 1988. He works with Gary Stamm and his title is Music Specialist/Media & Performance. Nau is a teacher, writer, and amateur thespian; his area of specialty will be working with chapters on show production and stage presence and he will assist in the audio/visual area.

On a related note, Gary Stamm's title has changed to Manager of Media and Performance. Previously, his title was Manager of Audio-Visual Services.

The first edition of the 50th anniversary song book has been sold out. The second printing will arrive in two weeks and will sell for \$15 (catalog #6061). We have received good reviews from those who have read the new history book. Lots of fascinating stories about our Society, its personalities, quartets and choruses, plus excellent photographs, many never seen in print before. Order a copy (catalog # 4064).

The Sheridan Road property in Kenosha--Harmony Hall East--has been renovated to accommodate expansion of the Print Shop and merchandising operations. Other portions of the building are being remodeled to permit expansion of facilities rented by the Society to the Wisconsin Parole Board.

At the San Antonio convention, the international board officially adopted "Keep the Whole World Singing" as the Society's motto.

Any of the Society's educational tapes can be made available to your local public or school library for \$15. The library may purchase the tape at that price, or your chapter may wish to make a gift of the tape as a public relations gesture. Give us the name of the library and a local contact; we will send the tape direct and bill your chapter. Also, Society phonograph records and audio tapes are available for contribution to libraries or radio stations on the same basis for \$2 each. You provide the Order Department with the name of the library or station, the title of the recording desired and a contact name and we will mail the record or tape and bill your chapter.

**MEmembership...**  
**begins with ME!**

## Battle Creek

# DISTRICT NEWS

"Michigan Journal," a production of WGUV/WGVK, TV Channels 35 and 52, is preparing a program on barbershop singing in West Michigan.

Featured on the show will be the Battle Creek Chapter of SPEBSQSA, Inc. Program Host Pegg Carroll and a TV camera crew were at the Battle Creek Chapter's meeting and rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12.

The half-hour program on barbershop singing is scheduled to air on the twice-monthly "Michigan Journal" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 25. WGUV/WGVK is the Public Broadcasting affiliate for the Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo areas.

The program will include the Cereal City Chorus in rehearsal and chapter quartets. The chapter has six registered quartets, the greatest number of any chapter in the Pioneer District.

Tentative pre-production plans also include appearances by:

--The HARMONY HOUNDS, the chapter's comedy quartet which disbanded in 1987 after 29 years.

--The NITTY GRITTY GOOD TIME FOUR, a comedy quartet consisting of three members from Grand Rapids and Roger Lewis of Battle Creek, who also is chairman of the twice-annual barbershop district conventions held in Battle Creek.

--The oldest and youngest chapter members, Ken Yaw, 80, and Chris Rabbit, 11.

--Harold McAttee of Lansing, a barbershopper for 48 years, whose quartet defeated the BUFFALO BILLS of "Music Man" fame in the 1949 International Convention. The BILLS won the next year.

The program also is to include segments on the history of barbershop singing, since SPEBSQSA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The Pioneer District, the first District organized, played an important part in the early Society History.

JIM STYER

## Clinton Valley

Yes, the Clinton Valley Chapter (Heart of the Hills Chorus) of Rochester is alive and well. This is my third year of directing this fun bunch of guys, and we invite you to come visit us sometime. We still meet at the American Legion Hall (downtown Rochester, corner of Third and Walnut) on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m.

Here are just some of the highlights of our most exciting year:

In April, we staged another successful show to a full house at Rochester High School. Guys like Bill Taggart, Wayne Andrews, George Schmidt, Ray August, and Dave Pearcy helped insure the success of our performance which featured the FAMILY FORUM, HIGH TECH, and the CRYSTAL CLASSICS.

On April 29, we sang the National Anthem at Tiger Stadium for our second straight year. We were one of the first ensembles to be asked to perform, and we hope to sing for the Tigers every year. Our performance was shown on PASS Cable Television and aired by WJR Radio 76.

In May, the chorus performed at Hazel Park High School as one of the featured ensembles on their Spring Concert.

On July 14, we performed after the Rochester Community Chorus at the Rochester Concert in the Park Series. Our program drew a standing ovation and was filmed and shown by United Cable channel 52 (which airs throughout the Rochester/Troy area and surrounding communities).

Kenosha honored our chapter by announcing the 1987 Chapter Achievement scores. The Clinton Valley Chapter finished first (out of eight Pioneer District Plateau One Chapters) with 415 points. Furthermore our point total put us 11th (out of 241 chapters) in the whole Society.

We keep extremely busy with our chorus and our quartet performances, including contest, annual show, hospitals, retirement homes, restaurants, "pubs", church gatherings, parties, malls, outdoor festivals, concerts, civic functions, and corporate meetings. Our membership is approaching 30, and we are looking forward to a bigger and brighter future.

AL FISK

## Detroit-Oakland

Things are busy as usual here at DOC as we swing into the fall months. Contest preparation is taking a lot of our time, including a three day chorus retreat at Pine Hill camp near Brighton. We also have been delighted to have Darryl Flinn with us on two occasions, and Ken Buckner on one to give us some much needed coaching on our contest set.

Our Songster's Ladies are putting on a fund raising dance for the chapter on September 23 at our old Lathrup Village meeting hall. It's to be a "Western Style Jamboree" and should be a lot of fun.

On Sunday the GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS will be performing at the City of Southfield's "Autumnfest", and this should expose our chorus to a large Southfield audience.

Quartet contests with Grosse Pointe, the Wayne Interchapter Octet Contest, and the Grosse Pointe "Komedy Kwartet Kontest" are in the offing in the next month, in addition to the Fall Contest which should be a hum-dinger.

## TRAVELING JUG

The Detroit/Oakland "Brown Jug" is traveling somewhere in the District. We hope that all chapters who receive it will keep it moving, and please send us the attached postcards so that we can keep track of it. Remember, it has to be moved in two weeks to another chapter, and no chapter should receive it more than once. All the proceeds go to our two International bound quartets next year, and it sure would be nice to have a nice sum of money to cover their expenses. The last time I heard the "Jug" was in Lansing. Keep it moving, guys.

HERMAN SCHWARZENEGGAR

## Grosse Pointe

We've had some activities here in Grosse Pointe, but I'll be glad when the summer is over.

We were on the DOC Bob-Lo boat, and then had the Warren Tank Arsenal performance on July 30. This is the seventh year Grosse Pointe has sang for the TACOMB community annual summer outing for the employees, families and friends. They had some military displays, games for the children and special events for everyone. The appearance of the LAKESHORE CHORUS is one of many different performances presented during the day.

Immediately after singing at the tank plant, 30 chorus members teed off for 18 holes of golf at the Gowonee Golf Club in Mount Clemens. Each foursome consisted of three barbershoppers and one club member. We were forced off the course by severe thunderstorms after roughly 15 holes, depending upon the foursome. We showered and had a fine dinner at the club. After dinner, 45 members of the chorus sang for the club members and their families. Of course, they wanted us to sing longer. We did a little social singing after, and I tried to find out what was the occasion for the party. The answer, "to host the Grosse Pointe LAKESHORE CHORUS." This was our third year to be invited to Gowonee and I can't wait until next year.

The very next day we sang at the Grosse Pointe pier. This party was the

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# DISTRICT NEWS

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biggest weekend in Grosse Pointe Farms. The weekend tops off the annual regatta weekend. We had about 36 guys there for the first time, but they are already asking to have us back next year.

On August 7 we all went to Harsen's Island for golf and picnicing. We played nine holes of scramble (Longest ball) and cooled off at the club. Then we went back to Don Adam's cottage for prime rib and sweet corn. Some of the lighter weights indulged in the ladies' home made cakes and pies. We had an afternoon of a bocce ball contest and a fishing contest. I almost forgot! We did some singing!

A small group of Grosse Pointers went to Harrisville for Labor Day weekend. The majority of us rent a whole motel for the weekend. There was plenty of singing and socializing. The fisherman brought in salmon galore for our Friday evening dinner. Dinner is always followed by a campfire and sing-a-long.

In addition, we played 27 holes of golf, had a volley ball game with ten men (most of whom were over 60) and a 16 person Euchre tournament in which the winners enjoyed, but none as much as the booby prize winner.

For several years we have bar hopped in 18'-26' cruisers, which was always an enjoyable affair. This year two of our members came up with a 53' Hatteras piloted by Dale Petroskey, and a 42' Chris Craft piloted by Ed McCarthy. 25 guys enjoyed the outing on September 11 starting from Metropolitan Beach. We sang everywhere!

JIM KINNER

## Holland

The Holland Chapter has had one of its more successful summers, in spite of the heat. That may explain why the Board is working on a project to air condition our meeting hall. The chapter has also raised enough money to fix the roof, and other projects keep our members busy.

The WINDMILL CHORUS has not taken a rest, either, having sung around the Holland area, twice in Saugatuck, and once in Hudsonville. Mike Lucas continues to inspire with his leadership, and president Darrell Vande Hoef keeps us on course with our plans for the Logopedics Show, November 5 and next year's Tulip Time Show, May 19.

Of course, we must mention the great time had by those who attended the "Third Annual Chester P. Oonk Tag Contest" on July 23. In addition to the informal singing during the day, the contest featured several "pro" quartets

and more than a few "not-so-pro" contenders. The Pro Division was won by THE MUSIC MART from Terre Haute, Indiana, and the Novice Division was won by an area quartet, THE CHORD CHORDS. With the wonderful sounds of barbershop quartet singing, the wonderful taste of great food, and the wonderful warmth of fellow barbershoppers, it's no wonder everyone had a good time!

WEBB SCRIVNER-ERNIE EVANGELISTA

## Lansing

Heavy showers and a generally gloomy atmosphere couldn't dampen the spirits of the Lansing Chapter on Labor Day as the chorus participated in the City of Lansing "Riverfest" on the Grand River. Twenty-five CAPITOL CITY CHORDSMEN rode the stern-wheeler riverboat and sang to smallish crowds and a large live television audience on Lansing's Channel 6.

The chapter also participated in the lighted float parade which was part of the same Riverfest celebration. A 50th Anniversary float was constructed by chapter members Karel Taborsky, Jim Blair, Don Funk, Joe Barden, Dick Bell, Jules Hanslofsky, and Mike Cirrito. The float featured a SPEBSQSA log, barber chair and pole, and a chapter quartet. The lighted float parade has become a celebrated event in Lansing and provided good publicity for both the chapter and the Society.

In other news: Lansing survived the drought and the chapter ran a full schedule of summer activities. Our annual Crazy Quartet contest was won by the FOWLerville FOUR, featuring Larry and Lenny Wise, Murray Borek, and Roger Cahaney. The annual golf scramble tournament was won by the team of Larry Parker, Murray Borek (Mr. and Mrs.), Don Horton and son Randy. Our summer singers provided substitute choir services in St. Johns, Wacousta, Riley, and Fowlerville.

Fall chorus activities opened with the fifth annual Kiwanis/Lansing Chapter barbershop benefit in Owosso, featuring a "Barbershop and Broadway" theme. An all-day chorus coaching clinic with Bill Rashleigh is also planned for late September.

As always, we're looking forward to the District Convention and a chance to ring chords with our old friends in the Pioneer District.

STEVE TCHUDI

## Muskegon

There have been a few changes in Muskegon, but we are alive and well. President Monte Rogers had to resign due to business pressures and Fred Kendall assumed command. Dick DeWitt

was then appointed Membership Vice President in Kendall's place. Bill McDonald was traveling so much that he had to resign as secretary. However, Bernie Kitchen stepped in to finish the term. The nominating committee is hard at work getting a fantastic slate of officers to serve next year.

After our show last Spring, the board decided to relax this summer, and P.V.P. Randy Nurmi planned outings, picnics, golf games, etc. But, now, it is time to have another kind of fun singing good old barbershop harmony. Meeting nights are still at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 1960 E. Hile Road, but are now held on Thursday nights in order to accommodate our new chorus director, Dale Mattis. With a new director, a new set of officers, new music, and the return of members new and old... Muskegon Chapter is under way. We are all looking forward to the coming year with pleasure and anticipation. IT'S GREAT TO BE A BARBERSHOPPER!

FRED KENDALL

## Wayne

WOW!! Where to start? With a limit of 350 words, this may be a little tough to squeeze in--here goes...

D.Y.N.A.M.O. II. That's what we did on July 22-23, we DYNAMO'ed our brains out!! Over 50 members came out for the Saturday session and did we ever get this program off to a rip-roaring start. Over the ensuing weeks, with a ton of organizing by our President Roger Smith and Music Vice President Lew Koppitch in conjunction with the executive board and the music team, we've established and adopted the new policies and programs for the complete implementation of the DYNAMO philosophy.

Our quartets are staying busy and perfecting and expanding their packages. In addition to all of the regular quartets active right now, (i.e. HI TECH, ANYTHING GOES, THE VERY IDEA, et al) we are excited to announce the reorganization of the FOUR PART FORMULA!! All of the original members will be back together to put out some of the finest barbershop chords in these here parts.

In July, we had the honor of performing the Star Spangled Banner at Tiger Stadium. Due to scheduling, television/movie star Pat Morita sang along with us, quickly adopting to the barbershop arrangement of the national anthem. Apparently someone liked our performance so well that the performing chorus was invited back to the stadium on September 19 and as of yet undetermined dates next year! (Ed. Note: Because of a rain delay at Tiger Stadium on the 19th, the chorus sang

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# HARRISVILLE LABOR DAY WK. END

## HARRISVILLE HAPPENINGS

By Jim Pollard and Wayne Brumm



Barbershoppers and Sweet Adelines from all over the state converged on Harrisville, Michigan, for the big Labor Day Weekend. Did rain, cold air and wind stop all the festivities? Absolutely not!! Whenever barbershoppers get together, nothing stops them from singing and having fun.

Starting the festivities on Thursday was a golf tournament sponsored by the Wayne Chapter which was a tremendous success with all the monies donated to Logopedics. Friday night was for touring the local pubs. The Greenbush Tavern set up a big tent in back with a stage for all of us to gather and perform.

The Wayne Chapter rented the new Springport Hills Golf Club for a singing get together. Many quartets stopped by to entertain. Many groups ended up at Muehlbecks and sang until dawn.

Saturday afternoon was another golf tournament sponsored by Macomb County to again donate all monies (\$250) to Logopedics. This tournament was a lot of fun.

Saturday night was the annual show at Maria Hall and went without a hitch. Approximately 20 quartets and choruses entertained there with great appreciation shown by the audience. A special salute to Wayne Brumm for a great emceeing job.

Sunday morning, several of our groups performed at the local churches with free will offerings going to Logopedics. Sunday afternoon, despite the on and off rain, the outdoor show at the harbor was a big hit, with the exception of one missing factor. For 25 years Tom Pollard did a super job emceeing the show, but due to health reasons he had to step out of the lineup this year. (Editor's Note: Due to Tom's untimely death on September 20, we feel Tom, one of the greatest barbershoppers who ever lived, should be memorialized at Harrisville in some way. I'm open to suggestions. Bob)

The 23 quartets and choruses did a remarkable job in entertaining the large audience. A few who were there included the 4 PART FORMULA, THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT, FAMILY FORUM, ANYTHING GOES, THE IVY LEAGUE, HARBOR TONES AND VOCAL GENTRY. Some of the choruses included the RENAISSANCE CHORUS, the HARMONY HERITAGE CHORUS, the LUMBERMAN'S CHORUS, etc. Some Sweet Adelines: TURNING POINT,

NEW REVUE, FORWARD MOTION, the SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS, THE JILL PINES CHORUS, etc. What a terrific show!

All in all there were 20 different chapters represented this year at the Harrisville Harmony weekend. Every year, the Harrisville Arts Council gives an award to the barbershopper who travels the farthest to attend Harmony Weekend. This year the award went to Curt Seely, formerly with the Detroit-Oakland Chapter, who came all the way from Lakeland, Florida. Welcome back Curt, and thanks for being with us.

On Sunday, the Harrisville Parade which gets bigger and better each year featured John Wearing as the Grand Marshall with several quartets performing on the floats. John also did a bang-up job explaining the history of barbershoppers coming to Harrisville for 26 years in a television interview at his campsite.

An award given each year is to the chapter with the largest percentage of its membership attending Harmony Weekend. This year, with 55.8% of its membership in Harrisville, the trophy was awarded to the Wayne Chapter for the third consecutive year. Congrats, Wayne!

As stated earlier, all the proceeds from church offerings, golf tournaments and passing the can went to Logopedics. A couple not so publicized functions for Logopedics were offered in the park itself. The recovery station (I'm still not sure what that means) operated and a special raffle was done Sunday afternoon for a beautiful quilt. Some one had to man the recovery station and head up the raffle, and the guy who kept popping up there was Don Cline, ably assisted by his wife Carol. They dedicated almost their entire weekend for Logopedics. Dick Van Dyke and Wayne Brumm assisted on Sunday afternoon. Gladys Badgley did a color display with her cosmetics and raised almost \$80 by herself for Logopedics. A special salute goes to all of these people for helping the Pioneer District to raise money for our National Service Project. I know I speak for all when I say thanks, guys and gals. It takes special people to do special things.

Many said that this was their best Harrisville ever, in spite of the occa-

sional rain and roaming, raving Rangers! But the biggest benefactor of all was Logopedics. In addition to monies mentioned above, here were some other contributions, including the IGA Store (\$100), Muehlbecks (over and above her contribution of trophies, prizes, and refreshments for two golf tournaments, "Momma" Ilona presented an additional \$100 via ANYTHING GOES for their appearance in the Sunday parade), FAMILY FORUM (\$210), Recovery Station (\$500) and the Macomb County Raffle (\$355). All in all, approximately \$1900 was raised for Logopedics, not bad for just one great weekend.

Incidentally, the "golden raspberry" award goes to Clay Shumard for refusing to do the Hokey Pokey!



L to R: Craig Pollard, John Wearing (Grand Marshall), John Smith and wife

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five or six more songs to the delight of the audience.)

I would like to take this opportunity to identify the "unidentified" gentleman in the picture with our illustrious Immediate Past President Ken Casey, on page 12 of the August/September issue of the TROUB. His name is Eric Crockford, a member of BABS in England. Eric and his wife Joyce decided that for their very first trip ever away from their home town of Southampton, that the place to go would be the International Convention just over the "pond" in San Antonio. Eric sings with the Solent City Chorus and sings bass in his quartet CHORD-ON-BLUE. We were delighted to have Eric visit with our chapter for an entire month this summer.

In addition to the intensive preparations we're going through for the Fall contest (including a coaching session with Joe Connelly, who is the lead of the INTERSTATE RIVALS), we've got engagements at the Renaissance Center, South Lyon Pumpkin Festival, a Logopedics job at the Wayne Congregational Church in Wayne, and, what is looking to become a traditional event for us, a Cabaret concert, organized by our fabulous auxiliary, in early December. BUSY is the password for the rest of the year!

SCOTT CASEY

# History in the Making

BY YOUR PIONEER DISTRICT HISTORIAN  
**BOB McDERMOTT**

## PIONEER DISTRICT HISTORY

(The following has been excerpted from Mark P. Roberts' "THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT AND ITS MEN OF HARMONY." We will publish this on a continuing basis in future issues.)

### DISTRICT ORGANIZED

In June of 1940, and still with only four chapters in the fold, the Detroit Chapter, through Joe Wolff, its president, invited the other three chapters (Flint, Lansing, and Grand Rapids) to join it in organizing a state association of chapters. A meeting was arranged in Detroit for June 8, 1940, and the Michigan District was formed, a constitution adopted and officers elected. These officers were Carroll P. Adams, President; Ed Schwoppe, Vice President; Guy Stoppert, Secretary and Roscoe Bennett, Treasurer. This was the first appearance of Carroll Adams in an official capacity and no one yet has matched him for vision, organizing ability, hard work and desire to see the barbershop idea exploited to its utmost potential. Under the relentless drive of Adams and other district officers, a pattern emerged which was to make Michigan the barbershop capitol of the world.

### FIRST PARADE OF QUARTETS

In the evening of the day the District was organized, the Detroit Chapter staged the Society's first Parade of Quartets. This was staged in the ballroom of the Book Cadillac Hotel to start a series of shows that are still going. Almost all the quartets on this first show were from the Detroit Chapter which, although having about sixty members at the time, put eight quartets on stage and this was upped two years later to 11 quartets. The reasons for this tremendous participation by local singers are interesting, but that is another story (Ed. note: Wish we could know!). These early affairs were stag and beverages were served during the show. This made for a good full evening with the chords and the beer flowing along beautifully in a poor man's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," it seeming that the more you had of one the better the other sounded and tasted. So there we were inventing the afterglow and, in our innocence, not even knowing it. Upon sober reflection, which, of course, was the next day, we decided that there was a time to sing and a time to drink, but that the twain should not meet at showtime when the general public was invited. Whatever we may have concluded, it took a couple of years to get the beer out of our shows and even our first state contests were a

bit on the soggy side. In any event, this first Parade of Quartets was great fun for us and our guests, and it established the fact that people wanted to hear our music and would even pay money for the privilege, with or without beverages.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE TO S.M.A.C. CHAPTERS

All representatives of the SMAC Chapters are requested to bring their tentative 1989 schedules to COTS so that we can coordinate schedules of the Chapters within and around the Metro area. We were quite successful this year in avoiding conflicts because we preplanned last year at COTS. Make sure your PVP or other representatives have your chapter's information.

We will also discuss the upcoming plans for our bid for the 1993 International Convention for Detroit. Only three cities are bidding for 1993, and they are Salt Lake City, Calgary, and Detroit. We feel we have a good chance this time around.

### DIVISION IV LOGOPEDICS SHOW A SMASH!

Five Division IV Chapters teamed up to present the fourth annual Logopedics Benefit Show at the Cheboygan Opera House in Cheboygan on September 24, 1988. 90 members from the Boyne City, Sault Ste. Marie, Cadillac, Traverse City and Alpena Chapters participated to make this one of the finest shows ever.

Two distinct choruses were made up of the chapters, with Boyne City, Cadillac and the Sault making up one and Alpena and Traverse City making up the other. The finale included all the members of both choruses.

Five barbershop and one Sweet Adeline quartet headlined the balance of the show. The THUNDER BAY CLASSICS from the Alpena Chapter lead off, followed by the HARBOR TONES also of the Alpena Chapter. The NEW REVUE (featuring 'ole "What's her name?"), the 1987 Sweet Adeline Region 2 Quartet Champions, rounded out the first segment of the show.

The second half included HARMONY ON TAP from the Sault Chapter, THE EXECUTIVE SUITE from the newly chartered Cadillac Chapter, and was capped off with our 1987 District Champions, HI TECH.

The proceeds weren't totaled as we went to press, but it look like a good house for both performances. Many thanks to Bob Tracey, Don Bazely, Bill Daugherty, and all the others for putting together a fine package.

### ATTENTION BULLETIN EDITORS

ANNOUNCING THE 1988 PIONEER DISTRICT "BULLETIN EDITOR OF THE YEAR" CONTEST

**ELIGIBILITY:** All Pioneer District chapter bulletin editors are eligible to compete, provided they have published a minimum of SIX (6) issues on a monthly or a bi-monthly basis by the same editor, or SIX (6) issues during the year by the same editor, other than a monthly schedule. To be eligible for the International Award, however, the editor must have published TEN (10) issues of a monthly bulletin, or TEN (10) months of bulletins on other than a monthly schedule, during 1988.

**JUDGING PROCEDURES:** Editors shall submit for judging THREE (3) copies each of THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE issues published during 1988. ONE (1) copy submitted must be RUN-OF-THE-PRESS ORIGINAL PRODUCTION COPY, the remaining TWO (2) may be photocopies, although originals are preferred. If you are eligible for the International Contest (10 issues), it might be wise to submit FIVE (5) copies each of THREE (3) consecutive issues, so that you can receive critiques on issues not previously marked on the first judging.

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURES:** Entries must be mailed in a strong manila envelope to Bob McDermott, 1859 Maryland, Birmingham, MI 48009, not later than January 15, 1989. The top two scorers for the District Championship will be announced during the Pioneer District Convention at Battle Creek in April of 1989. However, editors who have not published Ten (10) bulletins during the year will be eligible only for the district award. The other top two bulletins who have published TEN (10) bulletins during the year will be submitted for International judging, and will be eligible for an International award.

Entries submitted will be judged by a single panel of THREE (3) judges, with ONE (1) judge to be assigned to each of three categories as follows: CONTENT (1000 points), LAYOUT AND REPRODUCTION (600 points), and GRAMMAR AND STYLE (400 points). Judges will use the Society's international judging forms in rating entries. Judges will be selected by the International PROBE Vice President for bulletins. Ties will be broken by the Content category scores and second by the Layout and Reproduction scores.

The main object of the Pioneer BETY contest is to promote improved communication at the chapter level by encouragement of better bulletins. As in the case of musical competition, each editor should recognize that comments, critiques and suggestions are offered to promote understanding and improvement.

Hope we have a lot of entries, and good luck to all of you! This year we will again be awarding trophies designed by Roger Morris at the spring convention for the district.



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SCORES?



WHO, ME?



I DID NOT CHEAT!!



LET ME HEAR IT, FELLOWS!



WHY SO FORLORN, CHUCK?



I PLAY GOLF WITH MY EYES SHUT, TOO!



I MISSED THAT PUTT BY THAT MUCH!



CHOW DOWN!



YOU'D THINK DUGAN HAD WON THE WHOLE TOURNAMENT!



LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!



FORM YOUR "OHS" BOYS!



FORE!!!



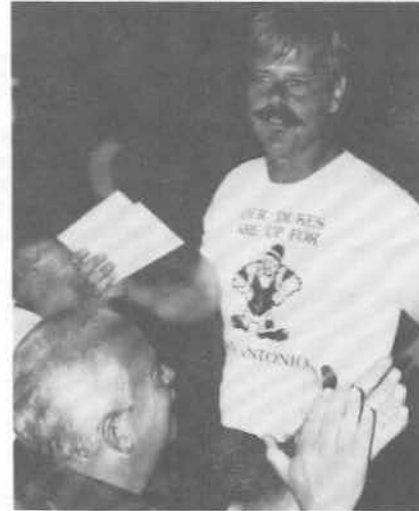
ANDY McCANN SAYS, "I THINK I'LL BUY  
ED McCARTHY ANOTHER DINNER!"



LET'S HEAR IT, FELLOWS!



GEORGE BARTLETT CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT LOOT



I HUMBL Y ADMIT I HIT DUGAN  
WITH A GOLF BALL!



SCORES, ANYONE?



HERE I COME!



THAT WAY, GUYS!



ROGER CAN'T GET IT GOING AND BOURGOIN  
HAS HIS SCORES MARKED ALREADY!



I CAN'T STAND THOSE PANTS!!



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## OCTOBER, 1988

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

## NOVEMBER, 1988

- 5 SAULT STE.MARIE Chapter Show

## DECEMBER, 1988

- 3-4 CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL--Battle Creek, MI

## FEBRUARY, 1989

- 4 DETROIT-OAKLAND Chapter Show
- 11 MACOMB COUNTY Chapter Show
- 25 LANSING Chapter Show

## MARCH, 1989

- 10-11 GROSSE POINTE Chapter Show
- 11 KALAMAZOO Chapter Show
- 18 HURON VALLEY Chapter Show

## APRIL, 1989

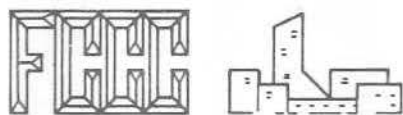
- 1 ST. JOE VALLEY Chapter Show
- 29 COLDWATER Chapter Show

## MAY, 1989

- 21 MUSKEGON 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.

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### S.M.A.C. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### OCTOBER, 1988

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

#### NOVEMBER, 1988

- 4 DETROIT-OAKLAND "Canadian Night" at the UAW Hall, 1640 Stephenson Highway, Troy, MI (on Stephenson just North of 15 Mile Road), 8 p.m.

- 18 WAYNE CHAPTER "PPOT" Night - Site to be announced.

Note: The above dates have been cleared by Chapter S.M.A.C. representatives. If you have additional dates or other information, please contact Bob McDermott (647-4807) or Bill Warner (542-0581). Start lining up your 1989 dates now, so we can discuss them at COTS in December.



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