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A Rumpus in K.C.

'SECOND EDITION' AND ALEXANDRIA 'HARMONIZERS' ROMP

Despite the fact that the attendance was down considerably from past years (appx. 7500), the competition raised the excitement to a much higher pitch than usual as the quartets and choruses battled for the top honors. The 51st Annual Convention and Contests held in Kansas City over the Fourth of July week pitched the elite against the elite in some extraordinarily fine singing.

SECOND EDITION from Louisville, Kentucky, proved to be the far superior quartet as they outscored the 2nd place BANK STREET quartet from Albuquerque, New Mexico, by 230 points. Rounding out the top five were the 139TH STREET QUARTET in third, followed by the SIDEKICKS in fourth, and the CHORDIAC ARREST repeating their fifth place finish of a year ago. The SECOND EDITION proved to be in a class by themselves as they sang three sessions in perfect harmony, finishing with "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey" and "We Make Mistakes" in the final set. The crowd really appreciated the second set in which they sang "I

Dream of Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair" and "Sweet Georgia Brown."

It was a different story in the chorus competition as the Alexandria, Virginia, HARMONIZERS outpointed the Louisville, Kentucky, THOROUGHBREDS by a mere 20 points. The Northbrook, Illinois, NEW TRADITION chorus followed in third one point behind the THOROUGHBREDS, with the Santa Fe Springs MASTERS OF HARMONY in fourth only 15 points behind Northbrook. All in all, only 36 points separated the top four choruses, and that is a tight contest. The Scarborough, Ontario, DUKES OF HARMONY finished in fifth place. Alexandria sang two great old songs, "Oh Pal How I Miss You Tonight" and "You're Nobody's Sweetheart Now" in their dynamic presentation.

Pioneer's IVY LEAGUE ended up in 34th position, with the SOUNDS OF TIME in 40th position. Both quartets sang exceptionally well. The Grand Rapids GREAT LAKES CHORUS finished in the 15th position out of 16 choruses.

All three of our groups are to be congratulated for representing our district heartily in the contests. To give you some idea of the closeness of the quartet competition, IVY LEAGUE was only 81 points from making the top twenty, not that far away.

In other activities at the convention, the International Board elected Charlie McCann of Nashville, Tennessee, as the 1990 International President. Ernie Nickosan of Lexington, Kentucky, was elected as the new V.P. on the Executive Committee. The A.I.C. (Association of International Champions) reelected Brian Beck as President, Ken Hatton and Doc Sause as V.P. and Secretary, respectively, and new treasurer Ben Williams. New P.R.O.B.E. officers elected included Bob Arthur of Monterey, California, as President, John R. Ward of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as vice president for public relations, Bob McDermott (your's truly) as vice president for bulletin editors, and Ray Heller of Kenosha as secretary-treasurer.

HARMONY ROUND-UP SEP 8-10

By Jim Stevens, DME

available.

A weekend at Pine Hill promises to give you and your chapter a good barbershop-shot-in-the-arm as summer vacations end and you begin to gear up for the fall season. Check to see if your chapter has the funds to pay all or part of your expenses/tuition. By the way, it is a legitimate chapter expenditure.

We will also have use of the camp's many recreational facilities including: swimming, boating, tennis, pool, volleyball and pingpong. AND... President Clay Jones has arranged for us to use a nearby private gun club for our After-Class-Bash Saturday evening.

\$65 covers food, lodging (bring your own bedding and towels), music and materials. Textbooks will be offered at one-half price. Beginning classes, advanced classes, specialty classes and coaching for the quartets attending as a unit will be offered. What a bargain!

If you have misplaced the information packet I mailed to you, why not fill out the mini application form on page 11 in this issue? Guarantee a spot in this exciting, informative weekend! Simply enclose the minimum deposit (\$35) and mail it to me, Jim Stevens, and I'll send or phone the necessary information to you. DO IT NOW!

AT LAST! We now have a site for Pioneer District's annual "Mini-Hep" school ... HARMONY ROUND-UP. Pine Hills, a camp located just south of Brighton, Michigan, on the shores of a nice private little lake. (See map) The weekend begins at 9 p.m. Friday, September 8 and concludes at about 11:30 a.m. Sunday, September 10.

By now you should have received a mailing from me outlining the various aspects of the weekend school. International music staff man Ev Nau, whose specialty is "The Successful Performance" will teach a class in Emceeing and headline a faculty of our Society's best coaches and teachers

LOGOPEDICS



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It's summer again and, of course, convention time. Congratulations to Grand Rapids on their performance at the convention.

I would like to thank all who helped at the Logopedics' booth. Our clock was once again a great attraction and brought in many bucks for our cause. Thanks for a job well done.

Our contributions are still running well behind previous years. I know this is a slow time of year, but we still need to keep up so that our programs can continue to move forward.

Our Labels program, which ended in March, raised 1,164,900 labels. This, of course, buys equipment for many of the programs that are run at the Institute. This was the biggest amount collected to date, and we in Pioneer did our part in this great effort. Keep up the good work and continue to give generously to this worthwhile project.

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THE PRESIDENT'S



CLAY JONES

PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT

CORNER

At the recent International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, this past July, the presidents of our Society's 16 districts met in what is to become an annual District Presidents' Conference in order to exchange ideas and to offer suggestions for everyone's benefit and especially to each IBM for consideration at the Executive/IBM Forum. I thought you might be interested in the results of our discussions. Of course the district presidents make recommendations only; we do not dictate policy. That's left to the International Board.

One of the hottest topics was the restructuring of the International Board. The international staff has been under a lot of pressure to reduce costs because of increased expenses and diminishing revenue. To avoid raising dues, the DP's are recommending a reduction in the field service staff, and reducing the number of past presidents on the board from four to two. Some of the currently scheduled field trips by Music Specialists for the remainder of 1989 may have to be scrapped, except for mini-HEPS which districts pay for anyway. Other steps at cost reductions are also being undertaken. Rewording of the "Qualifications for IBM" is recommended to eliminate confusing terminology, but the policy of line-officer succession is favored to ensure each district is properly represented on the board.

We recommended that the selection of choruses for international competition remain the same rather than being based on achieving a prelim score of 1000 points. That way each district will have a representative, even though some may not have scored as high as others in more highly competitive districts. To allow all choruses that scored 1000+ points to compete could make the competition too long and unwieldy.

Because all districts are suffering financial difficulties, it was suggested that chapters be asked to voluntarily donate 10 cents from every anticipated show ticket to be designated to the District Music Education Fund for staging mini-HEP schools, coaching seminars, etc. A check can be sent to the district based on the anticipated

sales when sending in ASCAP fees. This is a subject that can be brought up at our next House of Delegates meeting in October.

It was revealed that the Rocky Mountain District offers small choruses who choose not to compete or can't qualify for the minimum number as prescribed by Rules and Regulations be allowed to stage a "performance package" in which they can present a 12 to 15 minute show complete with script, props, narrator, step-out quartets, etc., as long as the songs are restricted to "Barbershop" and are done within the prescribed time frame. They can then receive the judges A&R but without score or placement. The judges merely act as coaches and can point out weaknesses, strong points, etc. and make recommendations for improving performance capabilities.

At the same time it would be entertaining to the audience and break up the monotony of a formal competition and give all chapters an opportunity to show off without the embarrassment of point score. This is a topic I will bring up at our next board meeting and HOD also, as I feel it may have a lot of merit. Rocky Mountain President, Dave Clark, says it almost doubled their convention attendance. I think it's a great idea. How do you feel? Let me or your chapter delegate know before next fall's convention.

There were many other items of value discussed at the DP Conference and I'll be bringing them before you in future issues of the "TROUB", but right now I want to call your attention to one extremely important event: the Harmony Round-Up being held September 8-10 at Pine Hills Camp and Retreat Center near Brighton. DME Jim Stephens has lined up a great weekend of coaching for quartets, choruses, directors, arrangers, script writers, show production crews, etc., and all at a very reasonable rate. Check his article elsewhere in this issue for details and make plans to attend what promises to be a tremendous educational and fun filled weekend.

BOARD MEETING

BOARD BRIEFS

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -- 4/21/89

Moved, seconded and carried that the minutes and reports included in the consent calendar be accepted as presented.

Moved, seconded and carried that we pay Austin Quinn an amount not to exceed \$200 to cover his expenses of taping our contests this spring.

Moved, seconded and carried that a letter be sent stating the Pioneer District Board of Directors supports the proposed bid for Detroit to host the 1994 International Convention.

Moved, seconded and carried that the expenses of DYNAMO'S and DYNAMO candidates be reimbursed by the district when a chapter holds a program, to be coordinated and approved by the DME. A follow-up visit by the DYNAMO would be required to see that all facets of the program are in place and operational. This visit will also be reimbursed.

Moved, seconded and carried that \$750 be added to the 1989 budget to subsidize the DYNAMO'S and DYNAMO candidates to reimburse them for their expenses.

Moved, seconded and carried that the district reimburse 1/2 the cost of a double room for two nights up to a maximum of two times per year per candidate judge up to a maximum of \$1000 annually for all candidate judges commencing in 1990.

Moved, seconded and carried that the proposed policy manual be accepted as presented.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Pioneer District hold a Junior Quartet Contest at the Spring Convention in 1990. The contest would follow the international guidelines and will be under the auspices of the DME and his committee who will establish rules and procedures for holding the contest.

Moved, seconded and carried that an amount not to exceed \$150 be appropriated to design and construct a properly engraved trophy carrying case for the newly created Hugh Ingraham Memorial Trophy that will be presented to the International Quartet Champion annually.

Moved, seconded and defeated that the district remove the 14 day late entry provisions as it pertains to the district contests.

Moved, seconded and carried that the 14 day rule for district contest remain in place and any exception to the rule be left to the discretion of the DACJC in the case of extenuating circumstances.

Moved, seconded and carried that Dale Hanson be selected as Area Counselor of the Year for 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK SCHNEIDER, District Secretary

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The Executive Pitch



by our Executive V.P.
MIKE O'DONNELL

Just back from Kansas City and my head is still filled with some great and not so great memories of the 51st Convention. The not so great was the 1400 miles of driving to and from Kansas City, in case you're curious.

Once again the competition was outstanding as the scores indicate. I don't know how, but each year the competitors keep getting better and better. This year was no exception. We can all be proud of our representatives from Pioneer as they did their best. The GREAT LAKES CHORUS finished in 15th place in the chorus contest, while THE IVY LEAGUE finished in 34th and the SOUNDS OF TIME in 40th in the quartet contest. This may have been one of the best competitions I've seen so far. SECOND EDITION won the quartet contest by a whopping 200+ points and the ALEXANDRIA HARMONIZERS edged out the LOUISVILLE THOROUGHBREDS by twenty points in the chorus contest.

A major change in future quartet competitions was approved by the International Board. Starting in the spring of 1990, each district will send two representatives to the convention plus two from our affiliates (one each from BABS and SNOBS), with the remainder of the quartets to be selected based on a point threshold which will be determined by the International Board in January, 1990. If the threshold were set at 1875 points, for example, any quartet scoring 1875+ would qualify. The number of quartets competing has been increased from 51 to 54 also, so there will be 19 remaining slots to be filled by the highest scoring quartets in the Society.

I need your HELP! I am chairing a committee charged by the President to try and select an alternative site in Michigan for an International Send-Off Show on an every other year basis similar to the CAN-AM JAMBOREE. It should be large enough to handle 600+ people with camping and hotel/motel accommodations as well as the ability to cater food. It must be a location where out district's best quartets and choruses can sing as well as all invited choruses

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and quartets. Ideally, I feel it would be in the best interests of all Barbershoppers in Pioneer if it were centrally located, such as in Mt. Pleasant, for example. If you know of such a spot, please let me know or any of the other members of the committee. They are: Dale Mattis, Fran Jones, Russ Seely, Earl Berry and Jack Schneider and are all listed in the District Directory.

Although it is only July, don't forget that Chapter elections are in October and COTS is in December in Lansing at the Radisson Hotel. Your elected chapter officers should attend as well as Logopedics, Public Relations, Bulletin Editors and YMIH chairman.

SPOTLIGHT on LOGOPEDICS



Dr. Fran Durham

LANGUAGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

"Communication is more than just talk" is a slogan used often by the Institute of Logopedics in describing its programs for students with communication disorders and multiple disabilities. Just as some of our students need to learn different methods of communicating besides verbal speech, we as a nation are learning different ways to talk about persons with special needs.

Thanks to guidelines printed by the National Easter Seal Society and the United Cerebral Palsy Association, among others, the way we refer to individuals with disabilities is changing for the better. Unconsciously, we often refer to individuals with special needs with outdated language that portrays dependency and helplessness. Our language often has not kept pace with the technological, medical and legislative advances for individuals with disabilities.

For example, how often do we hear the term "handicapped person" which implies a state of separateness or total disability? When we stop to remember that a person with a disability is a person like anyone else, we avoid stereotyping phrases when referring to that individual. The National Easter Seal Society goes so far as to say replace the term "handicap" with "disability" since a disabling condition may or may not be handicapping.

Most important, the person's name should be referred to first, followed by a descriptive phrase: "John, who has a disability,..." Because the individual is not the condition, talking about a person as "a stroke victim," "an epileptic," "an autistic child," etc., is inappropriate and demeaning to that individual. The phrases, "a disabled person" and "the disabled," also are inappropriate.

Likewise, categorical terms such as "hard of hearing," "deaf" and "blind"

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AUGUST 19, 1989

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - PIONEER DISTRICT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING - 4/22/89

Moved, seconded and carried that the amended minutes be accepted.

Moved, seconded and carried that the consent calendar reports be accepted as presented.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Detroit-Oakland Chapter be selected the host chapter for the 1990 Spring Convention and that the Lansing Chapter be selected host chapter for the 1990 Fall Convention.

Moved, seconded and carried that the amended budget including the \$750 for DYNAMO and DYNAMO candidate expense be approved.

Moved, seconded and carried that the proposed by-law amendment included with the consent calendar eliminating the Junior Quartet Champion award be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK SCHNEIDER, District Secretary

From the pen of Your Editor



INTERNATIONAL BOARD REPORT

By Bob McDermott, Int'l Board Member

The following were the major actions taken at the recently concluded International Board meeting held at the Kansas City Convention.

1. **QUARTETS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION** - The number of quartets competing will be increased from the present 51 to 54. They are to be selected as follows: The first and second place quartet in the International Preliminary Quartet Contest held in each district and four quartets from our affiliates, two from the British association (BABS), one from Sweden (SNOBS) and one from the new affiliate in Holland (DABS). The remaining entrants (18) will consist of quartets attaining a score equal to or higher than a qualifying score recommended by the International Contest and Judging Committee at its annual fall meeting and ratified by the International Executive Committee and the International Board at Midwinter Convention. While there may be other stipulations concerning what-if situations, the key is that each District Associate Contest and Judging Chairman shall ensure that at least one-half of the panel at the International Preliminary Contest for quartets be from out of the district in which the contest is being held.

2. **CHORUSES** - There is no change in the present chorus regulations, except that BABS and SNOBS have been invited to send one chorus each to the San Francisco competition in 1990.

3. **ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM** - A new concept was introduced that will concentrate on giving recognition to the chapters that do all the right things in areas of membership, quartet and chorus activities, schools and other areas. There will no longer be a district achievement program!

4. **HOUSING** - A resolution was passed which requires all Barbershoppers attending an International Convention to arrange for housing through the convention housing bureau.

5. **AFFILIATE AGREEMENTS** - The board approved the affiliation agreement for the Dutch Association of Barbershop Singers (DABS) and for the Australian Association of Men Barbershop Singers (AAMBS).

6. **BUDGET SLASHING** - Because of the shortfall in revenues caused by the low attendance (7,775) at this convention, and the loss of revenue from our decreasing membership rolls this year (-624) as compared to last year, several expenditure cuts were passed including the elimination of the COTS faculty meeting in Kenosha this year and staff travel for members of the Music Department has been cancelled for the remainder of this year. More cuts may still be required.

7. **SOCIETY FLAG** - Four finalist renditions of the proposed Society flag were rejected and sent back to committee.

8. **ELECTIONS** - The 1990 Executive Committee was elected as follows: Charlie McCann, President, Jim Richards, Imm. Past President, Terry Aramian, Vice President - Treasurer, Bob Cernal, Vice President, and Ernie Nickosan, Vice President.

STYER AWARDED "PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER OF THE YEAR" AWARD FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR



For the second straight year, Jim Styer of the Battle Creek Chapter received the International "Public Relations Officer of the Year Award." The prestigious award was announced and presented to him at the just-concluded convention in Kansas City, Missouri, during the annual meeting of the Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors (P.R.O.B.E.).

Styer, who has been very active in running the public relations for our Pioneer District conventions, was awarded the trophy based on his excellent leadership in directing the PR efforts in celebrating the Societies' 50th Golden Anniversary celebration at our 1988 Spring Convention in Battle Creek. At that time he was instrumental in the promotion of the 50' Anniversary birthday cake and the attendant publicity connected with the celebration.

Styer, 48, is the public relations officer for the Battle Creek Chapter. He is employed by the Battle Creek Enquirer as a copy editor and TV Preview editor. He has worked at the Enquirer since 1970, having previously worked in the Niles, Grand Rapids and Detroit areas.

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could be phrased more sensitively as "persons with impaired hearing," or "individuals with a total vision/hearing loss."

By using language in ways which emphasize the uniqueness and worth of all persons rather than differences among individuals, and by portraying individual qualities and achievements rather than disabilities, we can help counteract stereotypes and further enrich the lives of those with disabilities.

DIVISION IV'S FIFTH ANNUAL LOGOPEDIC BENEFIT SHOW

by Dale Hanson

The Division IV Fifth Annual Logopedics Benefit Show is well underway. The date has been set for Saturday, September 30, 1989, with two shows, at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Once again the show will take place in the elegant Cheboygan Opera House in Cheboygan, Michigan. The acoustics in this beautifully restored 19th Century auditorium are out of this world.

Local quartets participating include HARMONY ON TAP from the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Chapter, the EXECUTIVE SUITE from the Cadillac Chapter, the THUNDER BAY CLASSICS and the NEW HARBOR TONES, both from the Alpena Chapter.

The Division IV "CHORUS OF THE NORTH" will again perform. This chorus is composed of the Alpena's LUMBERMEN'S CHORUS, the Boyne City SNOW BELT CHORUS, the Cadillac INTER-LAKES CHORUS, the Sault Ste. Marie NORTHLAND CHORUS and the Traverse City CHERRY CAPITAL CHORUS.

Two feature quartets have been signed up. ACCOLADE, a champion Sweet Adeline quartet and the 1979 Pioneer District Champions, the GREAT LAKES EXPRESS.

Instructions to obtain tickets and lodging are included in our ad found elsewhere in this Troubadour.

For the ultimate barbershop sound experience, make plans to join us at the Cheboygan Opera House on September 30, 1989.

A 'Strange' Chapter Guest Night

by Jack Oonk

It was not a normal guest night at the Holland WINDMILL Chapter Clubrooms this past June 20. IT WAS A WAR! A challenge was thrown out by chapter members living in neighboring Zeeland, Michigan, that the Zeeland members could out sing, out comedy, out whatever the rest of the membership could do. At stake was the chapter name...Holland Chapter or Zeeland Chapter. It was a dogfight to the very end with both sides showing no sportsmanship.

Unbiased judges for the competition included the Mayor of Zeeland, Don Disselkoen, the Zeeland High School Band and vocal directors, Dan Ritsema and Timothy Oonk. Also judging were Tom Oonk, who is director of vocal affairs for Zeeland's office furniture giant, Herman Miller and Ron Essink, former Zeeland High School State heavyweight wrestling champion and retired Seattle Seahawk star offensive tackle. Ron handled the few complaints that were voiced.

Mayor Disselkoen represented the judges, and offered many cutting comments before showing great political savvy by proclaiming the affair a draw. The WINDMILL CHORUS and guests then took to the risers and under the guidance of Myke Lucas, had a 20 minute "learning session" on what barbershopping was really all about. It was a great night for members and guests alike and only time will tell how many of our guests will join the singing ranks of a growing WINDMILL CHORUS.



QUARTETS SANG ABOUT THE DELTA AND ABOUT BASEBALL



WE HAD A SKIT FROM THE HOLLAND COMMUNITY THEATER AND "ROCK" FROM A ZEELAND HIGH SCHOOL COMBO

WE HAD CAVE MEN AND GUYS FROM OUTER SPACE



WE INTRODUCED A WINDMILL CHAPTER INSTRUMENTAL GROUP CALLED THE "SOUND EDITION", 3 GUITARS, STRING BASS, PERCUSSION AND PIANO THAT REALLY TORE UP THE PLACE ALONG WITH GREAT SOLOS.

WE HAD DOOR PRIZES THAT INCLUDED A SELF PROPELLED "TORO" LAWN MOWER (A REAL LAUGHER), AND WE HAD DON LUCAS AS OUR CALM AND COOL, WELL DRESSED EMCEE.

Cadillac

by Steve Kelly

Here is the FIRST EVER report for the Troubadour.

Well, the new kids on the block in the Pioneer District are really getting things done. Our show on May 20, entitled "Everything's Coming Up Roses," was a smashing success. We would like to thank publicly the great, GREAT LAKES CHORUS, the FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY, the TOUCH OF CLASH and LEGACY for really making the show a great one. Thanks to all involved we were able to donate additional money to Logopedics now totaling over \$900. Not bad for a small first year chorus.

The INTER-LAKES CHORUS, as some may not know, is in its third chartering. The chorus originally called the MACKINAW TRAIL CHORUS started in the early 1950's. The chapter last lost its charter some 12 years ago before starting up again in 1987. In the fall of 1988 the new INTER-LAKES CHORUS placed 12 out of 15 for the highest showing ever by a Cadillac chorus. We believe we will become one of the best small chapters in the Pioneer District and make you all proud to have us on board.

In other news, we lost one of our most valuable players, Paul Stabile, to the Sault Ste. Marie Chapter. After chairing the show, serving as PVP and as assistant director, Paul got the call to go back to his home town. However, the quartet EXECUTIVE SUITE still plans to stay together even with Paul being so far away.

We do plan on competing this fall and look forward to seeing you all there.

DISTRICT NEWS

Detroit-Oakland

by Herman Schwarzenegger

Well, it's summertime, and that brings all kinds of outdoor activities to the Detroit-Oakland Chapter. Starting in July, we will be holding our annual Bob-Lo Moonlight Cruise on the Detroit River. As of this writing we have 11 quartets lined up to sing in addition to three choruses. I hope you were all on board, since you won't have this issue in hand until after the big event.

Many of us will be competing in the Pioneer District Logopedic's Golf Tournament on August 5, and that looks to be a fun tournament. When this editor plays it is usually spray alley, so wear your war helmets!

Our next singing performance will be at Shain Park in Birmingham on August 17 for the general public. This has been an annual performance for us for many years and usually attracts a 1000 or more people. Hopefully it won't rain this year. Last year THE GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS were televised, and the show was televised on the local cable channel. It came off very well on TV as part of their "Concert in the Park" series.

We are hosting the S.M.A.C. Chapters' family picnic to be held this year at Camp Dearborn on General Motors Road near Milford. All kinds of family entertainment will take place, and the kids should have a ball with all of the activities they have there. Plan on attending this great outing. Singing will be at the top of the agenda for this fantastic outing.

We're hard at work on our fall competition songs and about ten more for our February show. Seems like everytime we turn around somebody puts new music in our hands, but that's what it is all about. We are particularly happy with our summertime attendance, averaging 50 or more members at every meeting.

We've ordered our new uniforms, so you'll see a complete new chorus in the fall. New songs, new uniforms and a new positive attitude will turn some eyebrows this fall. If we keep this up, we may even get a smile out of Cy Pelican.

Grand Rapids

KANSAS CITY SEND-OFF HELD AT GRAND RAPID'S HARMONY HALL

by Mike O'Donnell

What a party it was as five choruses from the West Michigan area gathered at the Grand Rapids Chapter Harmony Hall on the night of June 27 to wish the Grand Rapids Chorus well in their quest for excellence in Kansas City. In addition, numerous quartets were invited to sing and entertain an audience of 300 which had gathered for the evening.

In attendance were chapters from Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Lansing, Holland and the WEST SHORE SWEET ADELINES Chorus under the direction of Nancy Shumard as well as the Pioneer District Representatives, THE GREAT LAKES CHORUS.

Quartets that sang were: THE LUMBERTOWN CHORDSMAN, FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY, HARMONY SEEKERS, THE KEY-NOTE ADDRESS, CROSSROADS (New from Grand Rapids), EXPANDED SOUND (The Loton Willson Bush League Champs), forgive me -- but two other quartets I did not get the name of, and finally the COLLECTORS CHOICE from Lansing.

A special touch was added when the Holland Chapter presented a check for \$500 to the Grand Rapids Chapter for their travel fund and then served notice to get the h--- out of the way of the Windmill Chorus this fall!!

Master of Ceremonies for the event was Division Vice-President Dale Mattis who kept the evening moving along. The singing started about 8:30 and by 10:05 p.m. the time had arrived for the GREAT LAKES CHORUS to "strut their stuff!" Looking sharp in their new casual traveling outfits they took the risers and blew out the back wall with their first number -- "End of the Road." Not satisfied with just the back wall they proceeded to take out the entrance

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Southeastern Michigan Association of Chapters Picnic

An Olde Fashioned Honest to Goodness

Sunday Afternoon Picnic Sponsored by SMAC

Fun & Games for Everyone

At

Camp Dearborn Sunday Aug. 20, 1989

From

7:00 AM To 10:00 PM

All Members of Chapters In The Metro-Detroit Area Invited, Your Friends Are Welcome

Gate Admission Fees: Dearborn Residents \$2.00 Beverages Supplied By: Grills & Refrigerators
PER CARLOAD Non-Residents \$6.00 Detroit-Oakland Chapter are available

DISTRICT NEWS

(GRAND RAPIDS FROM PAGE 8)

way with a powerful rendition of "Changes." No matter what happens in Kansas City the audience knew they had just heard the best Pioneer has to offer and gave the men of THE GREAT LAKES CHORUS a standing ovation. Clay Shumard then led the audience in "We Sing That They Shall Speak" and "Keep the Whole World Singing" followed by a hearty "It's Great to be a Barbershopper," and with a lump in my throat I said, "Amen!"

Grosse Pointe

By Jim Kinner

In the last issue of the Troubadour I mentioned that the Grosse Pointe Chapter and friends met for the sixth annual golf and barbershopping trip to the sandhills of North Carolina. This year, some of the members motored and others flew to North Carolina.

Grits, apple pie and watermelon were the menu for the five day adventure of golfing, singing and just plain relaxing (??) from a busy year of chapter activity. The Pinehurst Chapter joined in on Saturday, May 6, for a friendly round of golf and four part harmony until late in the evening.

Tom Pacquin is the proud owner of the green "Masters" jacket for 1989. Ray Starrette and Bob Rancilio were chairmen for the event. Ray provided the information for this segment of our article. (See pictures of the event on page 12 of the June-July Troubadour.)

Grosse Pointe, directed by Russ Seely, was one of the choruses performing at the Cabota Send-off. I wasn't available for the Tuesday practice prior to the Send-Off but I heard they were considering "One Meat Ball."

On May 28 we did a roving performance at the Grosse Pointe Kerchevel Block garage sale. This is one of the annual events but it does have an unusual twist -- the garage is the four level parking area behind Jacobsons.

Our next performance was for the Baptist Church at Eight Mile and Mack. I got lost because of my confusion over Eight Mile versus Vernier so I showed up a little later than I had planned. When I finally arrived I was the third lead to show up so I received a warm welcome. We joined the audience in an ice cream and cake social later.

We were able to see the Freedom Festival fireworks show on June 30. The occasion was a fund raiser sponsored by Sigma Gamma who are responsible for a major portion of the Children's Hospital charitable support. The party was held at the Stroh Place and we sang right at the water's edge. The boats on the river were crowded together just like the people on shore. The fireworks show was great, but I never heard the big one go off. The ride home out Jefferson from down town to St. Clair Shores was the most excitement I've had since the typhoons off Japan in WWII.

We had a little send off party for Sully Mazur and Gene Honderich who have retired and are moving to Arizona. John Wade emceed. Sully and Gene each sang with every quartet they were a members of while with Grosse Pointe. Spaghetti and meat balls were served after. Those ole' devils leaving us is a great loss to our chapter.

Macomb County

by Roy Gurney

Since the HARMONY HERITAGE CHORUS sang at the Send-Off show at the Cabota Club in Windsor, we've continued to work hard and do some local performances. Again, we support the Bob-Lo Boat cruise with Detroit-Oakland. That's always a good time that a lot of people look forward to.

On August 5 we will host the District's Logopedics Golf Outing at the Rammler Golf Club. This one is for everybody who likes to chase that little ball around, or, if you just like to sing, that's good enough too. Each foursome will be given a tag to sing as they make their way around.

The Macomb County Chapter is also hosting the district convention this fall in Battle Creek. Dick Donovan will be the general chairman and we're all looking forward to serving the district as well as competing. We'll see you all there.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2nd ANNUAL SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1989 - 4 P.M. - STOLFFER'S HOTEL BRANSON ROOM - BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

The following men are currently paid up members of the Pioneer District and the International SPEBSQSA. They are eligible to sing in this contest.

NAME OF THE QUARTET _____
 CONTACT MAN _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY AND ZIP _____
 HOME TELEPHONE _____

	NAME	CHAPTER	BIRTH DATE			AGE ON 10/21/89
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TOTAL QUARTET YEARS						

RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (BEFORE OCTOBER 17) TO: JOHN T. GILLESPIE, 712 NEWGATE ROAD, KALAMAZOO, MI 49007
 (Note: Late entries will be accepted until 9 a.m. on October 21, 1989 at the registration desk at the Stouffer's Hotel.)

Wayne

By Scott Casey

Well, here we are again after an absence of a couple of issues, but the Wayne Chapter is alive and well! We have been busy as the dickens doing what we all enjoy so much, and of course that is SINGING!

We had a marvelous "Pitch Pipe Parade" this spring, performing to two virtual sell-out crowds of more than 2000 barbershop fans. The theme for the show "You Keep Coming Back Like a Song" was an absolute delight to work with.

Then, it was back to work right away for the Spring Contest, and boy did we ever work! With some terrific coaching from Roger Lewis and Joe Connelly, we were able to regain the title of PIONEER DISTRICT CHORUS CHAMPIONS once again.

Congratulations to our Wayne Chapter Quartets IVY LEAGUE and SOUNDS OF TIME for representing Pioneer in Kansas City!

We have had a number of "special performances," and have more on the schedule. Most recently we had the great pleasure of performing out at the Salvation Army Camp for a group of campers who were of "musical orientation" and boy did they ever enjoy the show, if the screaming and swooning was any indication! Later this month we will be entertaining the residents of the fair city of Livonia on their "Music Under the Stars" program.

In addition to all of this, we've arranged for Joe Connelly to return for some more impartation of his expertise, as we prepare for the Buckeye Invitational in mid-August. It is truly an honor to be participating in the debut of this event. We have every intention to do the Pioneer real PROUD!

As we have done all of this, we also have many things to give thanks for, and to direct our prayers to. First, thanks for the return of the patriarch of our chapter Al Fricker, from a round of illness, and then our prayers for the swift recovery of Ken Casey from a fight with a nasty infection (hopefully in time to do the emceeing in Columbus). Also, I was informed that Carole Jones, wife of our district president Clay Jones, underwent surgery, and is now recovering at home. The Wayne Chapter and the entire district membership will be thinking of her and her family.

Our best wishes also go to our super human Membership V.P. Dave Smith as he and his family prepare to temporarily move across the pond to England. We know for sure that B.A.B.S. is getting one terrific baritone and enthusiastic barbershopper.

DISTRICT NEWS

It has been busy, and will continue to be so for the rest of the year, but, most importantly, it sure has been fun! See you all soon in Harrisville and Battle Creek.

Holland

by Jack Oonk

GREAT DUCK CHASE TICKET SALES ARE SLOW

The Holland WINDMILL Chapter reports slow ticket sales to district members on their August 19 District Whing-Ding. We are hoping that a bunch of you give us a call and tell us that you are going to attend. We have a great time planned for you, so do yourself and us a favor and make it a point to attend. Come with the gals, come with the guys, just make sure you get to the Great Duck Chase. If you need more information, your chapter president has brochures for you. To order tickets, please call me, Jack Oonk at (616) 772-4381 (office) anytime during the day or leave a message in the evening. The Great Duck Chase is a good old fashioned "Dutch Fun" Whing Ding that you need to take part in.

C. P. OONK "TAG" CONTEST SEEKS SINGERS

We have a bunch of talented TAG singers looking to sing with you at the C.P.O. Tag Contest. It's worth the price of admission just to be able to tune into a tag with some of these guys. Come on down and "belt" a few with us at the Great Duck Chase. If you have any questions concerning the Tag Contest or the event, call Myke Lucas at (616) 942-8040.

SOCIETY RECOGNIZED FOR LOGOPEDICS SUPPORT

by Dee Paris

In an impressive ceremony on May 25, 1989, International President James D. Richards and Executive Director Joe Liles accepted a Distinguished Service Award from the National Council on Communicative Disorders for the Society's support of the Institute of Logopedics.

The presentation ceremony was held in the Terrace Theater of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The audience included more than 70 barbershoppers from seven area chapters.

The National Council (NCCD) recognized the Society for "more than eight million dollars in support of clinical work and training of clinicians and researchers in communication disorders."

The award resulted from a nomination prepared and submitted by Gene Keener of the District of Columbia Chapter.

The award to the Society was presented by Ed Walker, a blind radio and television personality and member of the District of Columbia Chapter. The presentation included Walker singing bass with the FEDERAL CITY FOUR with an onstage person signing the words to "Lida Rose" for the deaf. Even the barbershoppers understood the sign indicating the ringing of the chapel bells.

Other presenters included James Brady, former press secretary to President Ronald Reagan, who has experienced the effects of a head injury upon language and Annie C. Glenn, wife of the U. S. Senator, who is an active supporter after overcoming her stuttering problem.

Host of the program was Stephanie Beacham, known for her role in "The Colbys" and currently in "Dynasty." She is known for both stage and screen roles and was a recipient of the NCCD award in 1988 for having achieved acting success despite her personal experience with hearing loss.

The National Council on Communicative Disorders, which is responsible for the planning and presentation of this annual awards program, is made up of 28 organizations devoted to communication problems including speech, language, hearing and deafness, audiology, aphasia, stuttering, dyslexia, mental retardation and learning disabilities. Other member organizations include the Easter Seal Society, American Business Clubs, Psi Iota Xi and the Veterans Organization for the Hearing Impaired.



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A PROFOUND BARBERSHOPPING EXPERIENCE OF LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE

CHAPTER OFFICERS BE AWARE!

YOUR CHAPTER MUST PURCHASE A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) \$5.00 DUCK CHASE TICKETS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROFIT ACQUIRED FROM THE GREAT DUCK CHASE DISTRICT WHING DING!

WRITE: WINDMILL CHAPTER, 102 S. RIVER, HOLLAND, MI 49464
OR CALL (616) 772-4381

Fall Convention Highlights

by Jim Styer

As the Pioneer District's fall convention nears, the convention committee is continuing to seek ways to increase attendance and meet members' needs.

The convention will be held from Friday to Sunday, October 20-22, at the Stouffer Battle Creek Hotel, with contests at the Kellogg Arena. Hotel and convention registration forms are in this issue of the Troubadour.

NEW THIS FALL

-- To encourage more family participation, a ladies' hospitality room will be added, open during non-competition hours. Past District President Earl Berry is in charge. It will be staffed by the wives of the district officers. Also, arrangements are being worked on for a fashion show on Saturday morning. *CALL BILL KNORF*

-- An hour of free coaching will be offered Sunday morning to the four lowest-placing quartets in the semi-finals who indicate an interest in advance. The coaches will have seen the Friday night performances. Quartets must sign up for this when they register for competition. Chairman of Judges John Gillespie said, "Hopefully this will encourage and attract more quartets who don't think they are ready for competition, and will give them an opportunity to score higher next time."

-- A golf outing is to be held on Friday morning for early arrivals. The chairman is Roger Smith of the Wayne Chapter.

CHORUS COMPETITION TIME CHANGE

The chorus competition will start at noon instead of 11 a.m. Saturday to give more time for morning activities and chorus preparation. Incidentally, children 12 and under will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

SENIORS' CONTEST

A seniors' quartet contest, initiated last fall, will be held at 4 p.m. in the Bransom Ballroom. (See entry form in

this issue.) Last year's winners were the FOUR FITS, the 1965 District Champs.

FUN TIME

A mass sing will be held at 5 p.m. at the McCamly Place, next to the hotel. A free quartet show will follow this, if enough quartets sign up. Eight showed off their stuff last spring in this very popular event. Quartets must sign up by calling Jim Styer, convention public relations, at (696) 965-6456 or 964-7161 as soon as possible.

The Phoenix Big Band -- a highlight of the past two conventions -- will play for listening and dancing starting at 7 p.m. on Friday night instead of Saturday night as in previous conventions. An OKTOBERFEST is planned for Saturday evening, with a German Band playing beginning at 7:00 p.m. Quartets will entertain during breaks on both evenings if they so choose.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TO BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 20, 1989, 1:00 P.M., STOFFER HOTEL, BATTLE CREEK, MI, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

DECEMBER 9, 1989, 1:00 P.M., RADISSON HOTEL, LANSING, MI, COMBINED WITH THE CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL.

This notice is given as required by Article 7.03 of the Pioneer District Bylaws. All district board meetings are open to all Society members.

THE DISTRICT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 1989, 8:00 A.M., STOFFER HOTEL, BATTLE CREEK, MI. ALL CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE!

CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT ADDED

By Roger Smith

An additional attraction to our fall convention has been added this year with the Friday morning golf tournament. The tournament which starts at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning will be played at the Marywood Golf Club in Battle Creek.

Marywood is a private course turned public in the 1920's. It has rolling hills and beautifully landscaped tee boxes and plays to 6822 yards from the blue tees. Detroit News writer Vartan Kupelian called it, "About as good as it ever gets on the public course level."

Directions: Take Hamblin (street in front of the Stouffers) west to the corner (McCamly) and turn right. Take McCamly through four lights until it ends at North Avenue and turn left. Follow North Avenue for approximately six miles - course on right. (Approximately three miles past Morgan Road.)

Hey, this sounds like fun!

1ST ANNUAL PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION GOLF OUTING

MARYWOOD GOLF CLUB
21310 NORTH AVENUE
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1989 - TEE TIMES START AT 9:00 A.M.

GREEN FEES WITH POWER CART \$25
OPTIONAL LUNCH \$9.00

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ROGER SMITH
4941 HEATHER DR. APT 11 BLDG 4
DEARBORN, MI 48126

(Please make checks payable to the WAYNE CHAPTER and indicate your foursomes, preferred tee times, etc.)

KEEP TUNED FOR MORE INFO!

Directions to Pine Hills



8540 Hamburg Road
Brighton, MI 48116
313-231-2211

APPLICATION FOR PIONEER DISTRICT MINI-HEP "HARMONY ROUND-UP"

YES! I want to be included in Pioneer's weekend school "HARMONY ROUND-UP" being held at the Pine Hills Camp near Brighton, MI on September 8-10, 1989. Enclosed is my deposit/full payment of _____. (Make checks payable to the Pioneer District)

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____

or QUARTET _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
Number Street City

MAIL TO: JIM STEPHENS, 6335 CLARENDON, CANTON, MI 48187 (313)-452-4011

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OTHER STUFF

Stouffer Hotel again will serve an inexpensive buffet dinner in the hotel lobby late Saturday afternoon. The Macomb County Chapter is the host chapter for this convention.

The Barbershopper's Shoppe will be open throughout the convention for records, tapes, books, pitchpipes, etc.

Activities being considered for future conventions include more emphasis on chorus plateau awards, especially for smaller choruses; craft sessions for all barbershoppers; and a lunch and tour of Binder Park Zoo for the youngsters.

Please pass on your ideas for convention activities to Roger Lewis, our District Convention Chairman, in Battle Creek.

Singers Seek a Record

by Jim Styer

Help barbershop singers get in the record books!

Send a birthday card!

The Pioneer District -- the first in the Society -- is celebrating its 50th Birthday Anniversary next spring.

And it hopes to get the World's Largest Number of Birthday Cards!

Cards have been promised by Betty Anne Cash, daughter of Society founder O. C. Cash; Frank Rice, member of Cash's OKIE FOUR quartet; and many barbershoppers who attended the international convention. District presidents

have offered their cooperation, and this may be promoted at many fall conventions.

But the record only can be reached with cooperation of ALL barbershoppers throughout the world. It's up to you! Mail cards to:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PIONEER
P.O. Box 50
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Put your address, chapter and district on both the envelope and the card to help in verifying and sorting the cards. Postcards are welcome, too.

The postal box is now open. Deadline is March 31, 1990. But send cards as soon as possible, so they don't all have to be counted next spring.

If cards are sent by every barbershopper and wife or girlfriend, that's more than 70,000. While 200% of membership is a lot to expect, there are many friends and followers. Also, send separate cards from each chorus and quartet, AIC members, Sweet Adelines, the mayors of every town with a barbershop chapter, music teachers, students, church choirs, bands, symphony directors, county and state officials and governors of every state and province. Everyone you can contact.

A birthday party with the cards will be held at the Pioneer District Convention April 27-29, 1990, in Battle Creek, complete with a quartet dressed as mail carriers. Reports will be sent to national new media.

Jim Styer, district director for convention PR, welcomes any questions or suggestions. Write him at 72 Allison Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49017. Phone (616) 965-6456 or 964-7161.

History in the Making

BY YOUR PIONEER DISTRICT HISTORIAN
BOB McDERMOTT

PIONEER DISTRICT HISTORY

(The following is the seventh in a series of articles excerpted from Mark P. Roberts' "THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT AND ITS MEN OF HARMONY.")

At one time, Michigan was the leader in membership, in number of chapters, in number of quartets and in just about every facet of barbershopping that could be counted, weighed or measured. We have hosted four International Contests and Conventions; ours was the first district and we had the first district contest; our Detroit Chapter held the first Parade of Quartets and we were the first to have a local association of chapters (now called Divisions). We have produced more than our share of international officers and board members and committee heads. Even today the Michigan District rates high when the ratio of barbershoppers to the general population of the district is considered. A district with a population of twenty million should have more barbershoppers than one with eight million.

EARLY CONTESTS AND CONVENTIONS

During the early years, the district contests and district conventions and meetings were held separately, the contests in mid-winter and the meetings in the summer. There were no International Preliminaries until 1945 when sectional preliminaries were held and these were repeated in 1946 and 1947. The first District Preliminaries were held in 1948, following which the district's two business meetings were

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OLD FASHIONED

OCTET CONTEST

HOSTED BY THE WAYNE CHAPTER

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29, 1989

8:00 P.M.

DEARBORN ELKS CLUB 1946 Lodge

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ADMISSION \$5.00
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LATE SNACK

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held in conjunction with the spring (International Preliminaries) and the fall (District Quartet Contest).

Following the 1940 and 1941 contests, the District did not hold a contest in 1942 but concentrated on the National Contest at Grand Rapids. A district meeting was held in 1942, however, and Joseph P. Wolff of Detroit, the first president of our first chapter, was elected District President and Johnny Buitendorp of Muskegon was made Secretary. Joe Wolff made a strong talk at this meeting against commercializing barbershop singing and this wise counsel should be heeded today when the product, all too often, is commercialized all out of proportion to our needs to preserve and encourage our kind of singing.

The 1943 District Contest was held in Saginaw on February 23. The Saginaw officers were Carl Wood, J. George O'Brien, Gordon Grant and Ray Campau, all well known and to become better known in district and national affairs later on.

KANSAS CITY Chorus & Quartet Contest Photos

CONTEST PHOTOS COURTESY OF DICK STUART, PROBE



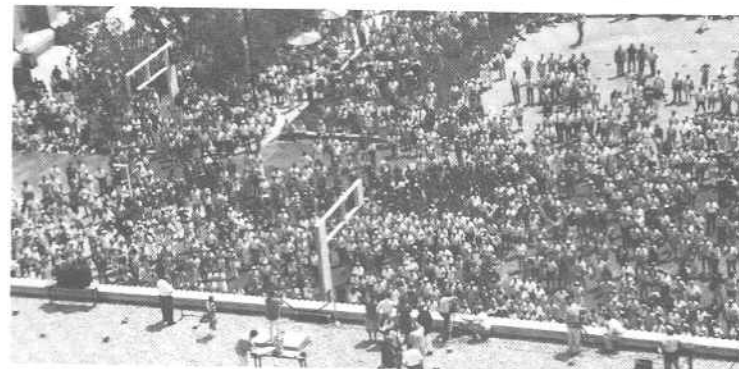
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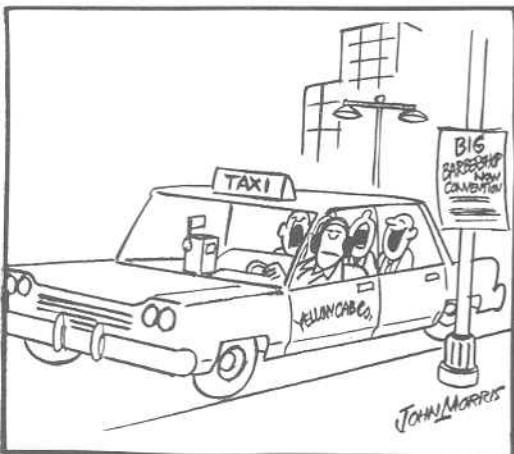
GREAT LAKES CHORUS

SOUNDS OF TIME

THE GREAT DUCK CHASE
 A PROFOUND BARBERSHOPPING EXPERIENCE OF LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE
DISTRICT WING-DING
 HOLLAND, MICHIGAN
 AUGUST 19, 1989
DON'T MISS IT!



BOTTOM 2 PHOTOS - AT LEFT IS THE BRAND NEW INTERNATIONAL QUARTET TROPHY TAKEN JUST BEFORE IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE WINNING QUARTET. AT RIGHT IS A PHOTO OF THE MASS SING HELD AT THE CROWN CENTER PLAZA. MEL KNIGHT IS DIRECTING THE CROWD AT THE PODIUM. (TAKEN FROM YOUR EDITOR'S ROOM IN THE WESTIN.)



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Coming Events...

AUGUST, 1989

- 11-12 BUCKEYE INVITATIONAL
Columbus, Ohio

SEPTEMBER, 1989

- 8-10 HARMONY ROUND-UP - Pine
Hills Camp, Brighton, MI
(See article-this issue)

- 30 DIV IV LOGOPEDIC'S SHOW
Cheboygan Opera House,
Cheboygan, MI, 3 P.M. &
8 p.m. - \$8 per person

OCTOBER, 1989

- 7 GRATIOT COUNTY Chapter
Show
- 20-22 PIONEER DISTRICT Fall
Convention - Battle
Creek

NOVEMBER, 1989

- 11 BENTON HARBOR-ST. JOSEPH
Chapter Show

JANUARY, 1990

- 23-28 MID-WINTER CONVENTION
Tucson, Arizona

FEBRUARY, 1990

- 3 MACOMB COUNTY Chapter
Show
- 16-17 DETROIT-OAKLAND Chapter
Show

MARCH, 1990

- 10 KALAMAZOO Chapter Show

MAY, 1990

- 19 BATTLE CREEK 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
311 Northlawn, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Res. (616) 361-6820
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Detroit Oakland Chapter, S.P.E.B.S.O.S.A.
Robert McDermott
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S.M.A.C. CALENDAR

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS

AUGUST, 1989

- 5 PIONEER DISTRICT LOGO-
PEDIC'S GOLF TOURNAMENT
Ramler Golf Course,
38180 Utica Road, Ster-
ling Heights, MI 10:30
a.m. (See ad last issue)
- 20 S.M.A.C. PICNIC - Camp
Dearborn near Milford.
11:00 a.m. til' ? All
SMAC members, wives, and
families are invited.
Sponsored by DOC.

SEPTEMBER, 1989

- 21 S.M.A.C. MEETING - Bill
Warner's House, 23531
Meadowlark, Oak Park, MI
48237 -All SMAC repre-
sentatives are requested
to attend this meeting!
8:00 p.m. sharp!
- 29 OCTET CONTEST -Sponsored
by the Wayne Chapter -To
be held at the Dearborn
Elks Club, Dearborn. 8
p.m. \$5 & Cash bar.

NOVEMBER, 1989

- 17 CANADA NIGHT - Sponsored
by D.O.C. (Site to be
announced) 8:30 p.m.

DECEMBER, 1989

- 1 S.M.A.C. LADIES' NIGHT -
Clawson-Troy Elks Club,
1451 E. Big Beaver Road,
Troy, MI. Dinner, Dancing
and Awards Night- 7 p.m.
- 3 PONTIAC "Christmas
Capers" - Waterford CAI,
Waterford, MI

NOTE: The above dates have been
cleared by chapter SMAC repre-

sentatives. If you have any
other dates to be listed or
added, please contact Bill
Warner @ 542-0581, Bill Wick-
strom @ 756-4294 or Earl Berry
@ 277-7130.

NEW FREE LOAN VIDEO TAPE!

Gary Stamm, who is from our inter-
national staff in Kenosha, informs us
that the International Office has just
released a new entertaining video tape
entitled, "Mid-Winter Convention." This
VHS tape runs 21 minutes and is a
hilarious spoof of investigative television
news programs.

The news team sets out to uncover
the shortcomings of a mid-winter bar-
bershop convention. You'll get to hear
the in's and out's of this fun event.

The best part is that the tape can be
borrowed FREE by contacting the order
desk at 1-800-876-7464. If you would
like to purchase a copy, you may do so
for a mere \$10.00. It makes a great
chapter or is fun for home viewing.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If this tape is as
good as some of Gary's previous tapes,
I think it definitely merits your atten-
tion. How can you go wrong when it's
for FREE!)

A WICKSTROM SPECIAL! A three
legged dog walked into a western town
with a six-shooter around its waist. The
sheriff asked, "What are you doin' in
town?" The dog replied, "I'm lookin'
for the man that show my Paw!"



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