



pioneer TROUBADOUR



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



FEB·MAR 90



VOLUME 41 NUMBER 1

District Officers Realigned



MIKE O'DONNELL

NEW PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT

CLAY JONES AND FRAN JONES
RESIGN DUE TO JOB CHANGES

Clay Jones, who was elected district president for 1990, announced his resignation at the board meeting held in conjunction with the recently concluded district Chapter Officer Training School in Lansing. The resignation was the result of a job change which will take Clay and Carol to Crystal Lake, Illinois. Fran Jones, our district treasurer, has also opted to transfer to Wichita Falls, Texas, where he will assume duties as Controller of a White Consolidated division in that city. Both of these gentlemen and their wives will be sorely missed in the Pioneer District, but we want to wish them the best of luck in their new jobs and their new challenges.

Replacing Clay Jones as district president will be former Executive Vice President Mike O'Donnell. Roger Lewis will assume the duties of the executive vice president, and Mike Cirrito of the Lansing Chapter will be the new Director of Convention Planning and Special Events. All of these moves were approved at the December district board meeting.

Replacing Fran Jones as treasurer will be R. Stan Williams, also of the Lansing Chapter. He is presently employed in accounting with the State

of Michigan, and should prove a valuable asset in the financial department. His appointment will be confirmed by a voice vote of the district board shortly.



ROGER LEWIS

NEW PIONEER DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT

Mike O'Donnell, who has been a goer with both the Grand Rapids and the Lansing Chapters, should be up to the task ahead of him. He has proven himself an able administrator over the past years. Roger Lewis certainly has all the credentials, so between the two and the rest of the board, the Pioneer District should be looking up in the next few years. Lead on, gentlemen, because you have the district behind you.

In This Issue...

AIC Scholarships.....	14
Board, HDD Minutes.....	7
Boyer City "Bush League" Ad.....	10
Coming Events - District.....	14
- SWAC.....	14
District Officers.....	1,2
District Chapter News.....	8,9,10,11
District PFDY Contest.....	2
Harmony Hall Museum.....	5
History.....	4
Junior Quartet Contest.....	1,5
Logopedics.....	2,4
Lou Perry Scholarship.....	11
Meet Your D.M.E. Staff.....	6
Pioneer 50th Spring Convention...	12
President Mike O'Donnell.....	3
PROBE Hall of Honor.....	10
Wayne Chapter Show Ad.....	13
West. Michigan "Send-Off" Show....	3

JUNIOR QUARTET CONTEST

The Pioneer District Board of Directors, at its recently concluded December board meeting, put their seal of approval on the proposed Pioneer District Junior Quartet Contest to be held in conjunction with the Spring Convention in April.

The proposal was put together by our DME Jim Stephens and Bob McDermott to encourage the formation of junior quartets in our district and give them a chance to expose themselves to our art-form. While the idea of high school quartet contests is not new (Grand Rapids held several such contests in the early fifties), it is new for it to be sponsored by the Pioneer District. The contest is to be held under YMIH (Young Men in Harmony) guidelines. A complete list of rules and regulations and an entry blank are included in this issue on Page 5.

It is hoped that each chapter in the district will pick up on this idea and sponsor a quartet or two into the contest. We would like our first contest to be a big success, so we can expand on it in future years.

The contest will be held in the Branson Room of the Stouffer Hotel on Saturday afternoon, April 28, 1990, immediately following the District Chorus Contest. The format followed will be similar to that used for the Seniors Quartet Contest held last fall. We will have four competent judges scoring in the same manner as for our regular contests.

The major emphasis of the program is to acquaint young singers to four-part barbershop harmony. It may also have the advantage of acquainting many high school choir and glee club directors with the barbershop style. It is not intended as a recruiting tool for chapters in our district! It should be a lot of fun for both the quartets and the audience.

LOGOPEDICS



PIONEER DISTRICT LOGOPEDICS CHAIRMAN

Alex Willox
38174 S. Rickham Ct.
Westland, MI 48185
Res: (313) 728-6865

Pioneer did a great job for Logopedics in '89 and I wish to thank each and every one of you who participated in bringing in our \$38,827. Thanks to each chapter chairman and those who helped to organize golf outings, every quartet that sang, and each chapter that played its part. I have said many times it takes us all, not just some.

I did have the privilege of going to the Institute in January to see the fine work done there. The work that is accomplished and the people who do it are more than worthy of our support. Not only were we able to see the children at first hand, but we were also able to speak with the parents of a number of children. It was a weekend I will never forget! The love we shared from parents, children, and every worker was something I wish we could all experience. It's a privilege to serve as District Logopedic's Chairman in this great organization.

(SEE PIONEER DISTRICT CHAPTER 1990 CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOGOPEDICS ON PAGE 4 OF THIS ISSUE.)

District PROTY Contest

by Jim Styer

Be a stunning success! Get your name in lights! Gain district recognition for your chapter! Go down in history!

That's a lot of hype, eh? Well...so is public relations.

But there's some truth in the hype. You can be the Pioneer District's Public Relations Officer of the Year.

You need not be a PR expert to win -- just enthusiastic.

You can enter a general PR program through the year, a single special event, a series of events, a special publication.

It's easy compared to the PR work itself. Just compile a package of your work -- news releases, letters, news clippings, ads, brochures, handouts, posters, proclamations, photos, audio or visual tapes -- in short, any items that document your PR events and programs.

Submit this along with a cover letter, as brief or as long as you feel

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 12)

Pioneer TROUBADOUR

Official Publication of the
PIONEER DISTRICT
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.



1990 PIONEER DISTRICT OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL
1617 Fairlane
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
A/C 313 Res. 363-1368; Bus. 451-2857

INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBER
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
EARL W. BERRY
27130 Clairview
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
A/C 313 Res. 277-7130; Bus. 237-7928

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
ROGER J. LEWIS
20115 12 Mile Road
Battle Creek, MI 49017
A/C 616 Res. 965-5714; Bus. 968-9391

SECRETARY
JACK F. SCHNEIDER
1311 Northlawn St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
A/C 616 Res. 361-6820; Bus. 771-5225

TREASURER
R. STAN WILLIAMS
421 Franklin Street
Leslie, MI 49251
A/C 517 Res. 589-5586; Bus. 322-5996

VICE PRESIDENT DIVISION I
MIKE BOURGOIN
29673 Chester
Garden City, MI 48135
A/C 313 Res. 261-6938

VICE PRESIDENT DIVISION II
LARRY L. PARKER
1416 New York Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906
A/C 517 Res. 372-9389

VICE PRESIDENT DIVISION III
RON THOMET
1970 Pettis Avenue
Ada, MI 49301
A/C 616 Res. 676-2017

VICE PRESIDENT
DIVISION IV
ROBERT TRACY
502 W. Central
Mackinaw City, MI 49701
A/C 616 Res. 436-8766

VICE PRESIDENT DIVISION V
DEON MOORE
3835 Fehn
Hemlock, MI 48826
A/C 517 Res. 642-8786

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION
JAMES H. STEPHENS
6335 Clarendon
Canton, MI 48167
A/C 313 Res. 459-4011

DIRECTOR OF CONVENTION PLANNING
AND SPECIAL EVENTS
MICHAEL A. CIRRIOTO
1714 Vassar Drive
Lansing, MI 48912
A/C 517 Res. 485-0938;

CONTEST AND JUDGING (DACJC)
JOHN W. BAUER
6700 Black Bass Bay Road
Alpena, MI 49707
A/C 517 Res. 595-6550

TROUBADOUR EDITOR-DISTRICT HISTORIAN
ROBERT T. McDERMOTT
1859 Maryland Blvd.
Birmingham, MI 48009
A/C 313 Res. 647-4807

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$4.00 per year, Single copy price - 60¢

The Troubadour is the official publication of the Pioneer District of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. All articles not accompanied by a by-line have been written by the editor and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the members and officers of the Pioneer District or SPEBSQSA Inc. Space in the Troubadour will be made available for opposing points of view.

PUBLISHED: February, April, June, August, October, and December

POSTMASTER:

Mail undeliverable copy to:

Detroit-Oakland Chapter, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.
Robert McDermott
1859 Maryland Blvd.
Birmingham, MI 48009

ADVERTISING RATES:

Full Page \$80.00
Two Thirds \$60.00
Half Page \$50.00
One Third \$40.00
One Sixth \$30.00
Quartet Card (per issue) \$13.00
Quartet Card (per year) \$50.00

TROUBADOUR DEADLINES AND MAILING DATES

EDITION	COPY DEADLINE	APPX. MAILING DATE
February/March	January 15, 1990	February 1, 1990
April/May	March 15, 1990	April 1, 1990
June/July	May 15, 1990	June 1, 1990
August/September	July 15, 1990	August 1, 1990
October/November	September 15, 1990	October 1, 1990
December/January	November 15, 1990	December 1, 1990

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

The TROUBADOUR is mailed with labels supplied by our International Headquarters. If you have moved, or plan to change your address, please notify your Chapter Secretary and International Hdqtrs., SPEBSQSA, 6315 3rd Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140-5199. Give them your name, Member Number, Chapter Number, your old address, and your new address. This will insure your continued receipt of the TROUBADOUR. DO NOT CONTACT your editor, as he cannot effect a change of address, and this will only cause unneeded delays in the delivery of your TROUBADOUR and your HARMONIZER. Failure to notify in this manner results in your district paying the U.S. Post Office forwarding and return postage fees!

THE PRESIDENT'S

CORNER



PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT
MIKE O'DONNELL

To paraphrase an old movie title, "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM," a little over two months ago at the fall convention the House of Delegates saw fit to re-elect me for another term as EVP. Then, as most of you know by now, things began to change quickly. I received a call from Clay Jones. Due to a job change, he had to resign as District President. At COTS in Lansing we reluctantly accepted Clay's resignation and the board elected yours truly as President. Needless to say, Clay will be greatly missed. His energy and contributions to the district seemed endless. Good luck, Clay, in your new endeavors.

Stepping in to take over as EVP will be Roger Lewis. Roger was Director of Convention Planning and Special Events. Filling Roger's position will be Mike Cirrito, former president of the Lansing Chapter. Both of these men will be welcome additions to the district in their new positions.

On top of all this, Fran Jones told me two weeks ago that he had accepted a new position with a firm in Wichita Falls, Texas, and would have to resign as District Treasurer. Here is another man who has served the district and his chapter "above and beyond." We will truly miss him. The only good news is -- we'll no longer have to keep up with the "JONESES". Moving into the treasurer's job will be R. "Stan" Williams. Stan is also a member of the Lansing Chapter and is currently their treasurer. For those of you who don't know him, you're in for a treat. When it comes to spending money, Fran Jones was a "liberal" compared to Stan.

So, with all these changes, where does that leave the district? I believe we will still be in good shape. I had a meeting with Roger Lewis last weekend in Battle Creek. We reaffirmed our pledge to the district that we made at COTS to make ourselves and all the district officers available to help YOU. DME Jim Stephens has pledged his support with a new musical team that is ready and willing to come out and coach your chorus. Don Bazely is just waiting to hear from your chapters about conducting DYNAMO I or II or a

mini-DYNAMO for YOU. The "MEMBERSHIP BEGINS WITH ME" program works and all you have to do is try it!

The chorus coaching program for chapters who have not competed for two or more years is still available. You must have all four parts and a permanent director. If you compete in a district contest after receiving the coaching you will be reimbursed for 50 percent of the cost of coaching. Such a deal and still no one has taken advantage of it yet! A new mini-hep is being planned for 1990. The site, classes, and cost will be announced shortly. Jim Stephens already has several top notch instructors lined up.

In addition, I've requested eight past presidents of the Pioneer District to join me in formulating a Five Year Work Plan for the district. I strongly believe we need such a plan much like you need a road map when you take a trip. Without a plan we will still get where we are going but we might waste a lot of time and money getting there. If these men should contact you for your suggestions I hope you will lend them your support.

Since taking office I've already had the pleasure of visiting five chapters in the district. Between directing the Lansing Chapter, judging in other districts, my family, and my job, I hope to find time to visit the rest of you this year. In each case, when asked to speak, I've had one theme which I'll share with you in this article. "THE JOB WON'T GET DONE JUST SITTING BACK AND WAITING FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT." We all are the key to making the chapter successful. There are plenty of things you can do to help and all you have to do is volunteer.

Eleven years ago when I joined the Grand Rapids Chapter I didn't have the foggiest idea what was going on. I just knew I was having a good time and wanted to do what I could to help. Don Lacy was Chapter President and I remember him inviting anyone down to the board meeting the following Monday night. I went and volunteered to handle the "ever-glow" party. Ten years later -- here I am, District President. I'd like to think I've contributed at each level of office. Others will be the judge of how good I've done but I GUARANTEE you, I've never enjoyed my hobby more. Think about it and the next time someone asks for your help, raise your hand. You won't regret it!



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

"The Barbershop Quartet with the Built-in Beat"

Western Michigan Send-Off Show

by Mike O'Donnell

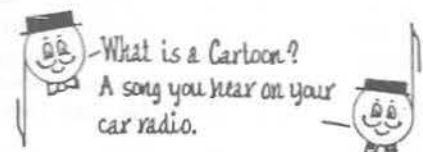
Mark your calendars! JUNE 2, 1990, Big Rapids, Michigan. The beautiful new Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Ferris State University. This will be the date and site for the first ever, West Michigan Send-Off Show.

Plans are a little vague right now because I have been waiting to hear from several chapters as to whether or not they would be willing to support such a venture. As it stands right now, I've heard from Cadillac (15-20), Holland (40), Lansing (9), Battle Creek (# unknown), Boyne City (18-25), and Grand Rapids (55). I'm still waiting to hear from Sault Ste. Marie, Alpena, Traverse City, Muskegon, Gratiot County, and Benton Harbor-St. Joe.

These were the only chapters contacted for two reasons. First of all, we recognize the potential conflict with both the Windsor and Can-Am shows and secondly, we felt the support for this type of show would have to come from the west side of the state. In reality, we also had to accept the fact that most of those who attend Windsor and Can-Am come from the eastern part of the state. It was felt this would be a perfect opportunity to get together on this side of the state to help raise funds for our international reps -- nothing more. THIS DOES NOT MEAN OTHER CHAPTERS/CHORUSES/QUARTETS would not be welcome. The more the merrier!

This is intended to be a ONE DAY drive in and back affair for those who do not want to stay overnight. For those who wish to spend the evening, the Clarion is offering a special \$56 per night package. Other hotels in the area charge around \$48.50 such as the Ferris Inn. There will be a buffet dinner put on by the hotel for \$15 per person. This includes tax and gratuity. Camping is available in the area for those who wish. Right next to the Clarion is the beautiful and TOUGH Katke golf course. If there is enough interest we will hold a golf outing for everyone.

ALL CHORUSES and QUARTETS will be invited to put on a Mini-Show. The cost will be \$10 for a single, \$18 per couple and \$22 for a family. This is intended to be a family day/weekend so we hope you bring everyone. I will have more details in the April/May Troubadour. In the meantime, if you wish to help just give me a call or drop me a note.



History in the Making

By Historian Bob McDermott

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

The 1944 district contest was held in February in Muskegon, the home town of Frank Morse who had succeeded Joe Wolff as district president. Other officers for 1943-44 were Carleton Scott, Gordon Grant, and Walter Bradley. The contest belonged to the HARMONY HALLS with Ed Gaikema, Bob Hazenburg, Ray Hall, and Gordon Hall and which had attained medalist status at the 1943 International Contest in Chicago a few months earlier. In second place were the VETS FOUR of Kalamazoo (Harrington, Vaughn, Spicketts and Johnson) and in third the AMBASSADORS OF DETROIT (Scott, Marsden, Jones and Wolff). The GAY NINETIES of Kalamazoo (Rushmore, Leonard, Floyd Deem and Donald Deem) took fourth place and in fifth place was the CONTINENTALS of Muskegon (Freye, Bishop, Rex Weaver and Peterson).

The Society became International in name and in fact in March of 1944 when the Windsor, Ontario, Chapter was organized. The Canadians took to barbershopping with great enthusiasm and immediately started organizing other chapters in the area. When the Ontario District was organized, Windsor became a part of that district but their inter-society activities remained tied more to Michigan than Ontario and, on their own petition, Windsor became a part of the Michigan District in 1959. This arrangement is apparently working out well with this chapter and the district has benefited by having this fine group of barbershoppers associated with it.

(More next issue)

DISTRICT HISTORY TO BE DELAYED

It is unfortunate but your editor has to announce that the Pioneer District History which we promised to have published by this spring, will be delayed at least another six months. It seems the organization and fact finding which your editor has had to do is much more time consuming than originally anticipated, and rather than put out an edition which is not up to standard, we will delay it. You can count on it being published in the next year if all things work out, and I can foresee no reason why it can't be. Thanks for your forbearance.

SPOTLIGHT on LOGOPEDICS



Dr. Fran Durham

I have just returned from a very successful bi-annual seminar at the Institute of Logopedics on January 4-7, 1990. All of the District Logopedics Chairmen (with one exception) and the five members of the International Logopedics and Service Committee were there. In addition, our International President Charlie McCann, and the President of the Harmony Foundation, Burt Huih, were in attendance.

What made this seminar so special was the presentations given by the staff at the Institute on Friday, January 5. The presentations focused on one student, David, who has been at the Institute three years. His case history was presented to us by each staff member in any way connected with his being at the Institute, starting with the Director of Admissions who provided information about the admissions and recruiting process. Information about funding was provided by Cindy Beck. Funding for students at the Institute comes from several sources, including the local school district, the state in which the parents live, from the parents on an ability to pay basis, and from financial assistance from various sources. In David's case, because his handicaps are multiple and somewhat unique, the cost of funding is about \$10,000 a month. We, as barbershoppers, provide a significant amount of that funding.

We then heard presentations about David's educational and residential program. Again, unique because of his multiple handicaps. Then followed presentations about therapies for David, both physical and occupational. In addition, we learned of the speech-language therapy that David is receiving. We also learned of behavior intervention techniques used with David. Dr. William Svoboda provided us with David's medical history, outlining the multiple handicaps with which he's afflicted.

David's teacher and paraprofessional then spoke to us about his current edu-

ational program. David's house mother concluded the presentation outlining what it is like living with a multiply handicapped child. Finally, we were privileged to meet David. He is not the same boy who came to the Institute three years ago.

Because of the dedication of the staff, David has made tremendous progress. David is a boy whose local school district was unable to adequately provide for him because of the severity of his handicaps. David is "making it" at the Institute.

Incidentally, we in the Pioneer District exceeded our goal in 1989 and should congratulate ourselves. Our goal in 1990 is \$38,000. Wouldn't it be nice if every chapter reached the silver level of giving with a per capita of at least \$25 per man. If we did, we'd far exceed \$38,000. Let's go for it!

1989 CHAPTER LOGOPEDICS SUMMARY

(As of December 31, 1989)

CHAPTER	MBRS	AMT	PER MAN
<u>GOLD AWARD</u>			
MACOMB CTY	59	\$4,713.60	\$79.89
PONTIAC	23	1,650.00	71.74
GROSSE PTE	86	4,335.00	50.41

SILVER AWARD

ST. JOE VLY	12	\$ 500.00	41.67
WAYNE	92	3,408.00	37.04
CADILLAC	33	1,208.00	36.61
SAGINAW	39	1,334.00	34.21
DET-OAKLND	110	3,619.62	32.91
LANSING	69	2,168.71	31.69
KALAMAZOO	48	1,416.44	29.51
TRAV CTY	35	1,000.00	28.57
PORT HURON	13	370.00	28.46
CLINTON VLY	28	2,000.00	28.43
ALPENA	26	700.00	26.92
FLINT	48	1,250.00	26.04
GRATIOT CTY	50	1,275.00	25.50
HOLLAND	42	1,050.00	25.00

BRONZE AWARD

GR RAPIDS	110	\$2,620.77	23.83
HURON VLY	43	904.40	21.03
SWAN VLY	26	530.00	20.83
MILFORD	27	405.00	15.00
SLT STE MAR	36	522.00	14.50
WINDSOR	46	460.00	10.00

OTHER

MONROE NO	37	\$ 300.00	8.11
BATTLE CRK	51	382.50	7.50
JACKSON	10	70.00	7.00
BEN H-ST JOE	29	104.00	3.59
DEARBORN	13	25.00	1.92
BOYNE CITY	35	-	-
COLDWATER	19	-	-
MONROE	47	-	-
MUSKEGON	28	-	-
PIONEER DIST	1333	107.00	.08

TOTAL **\$38,827.04**

AVER PER CAPITA **\$29.13**

JUNIOR QUARTET CONTEST

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1990
4:00 P.M.
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) All quartet entries must be sponsored by a chapter in the Pioneer District.
- 2) Entry requirements:
 - Quartet members must be students in high school and/or 19 years of age or under.
 - Need signature of music teacher or school administrator to verify ages.
 - Entries must be received seven days prior to the contest (April 21, 1990).
- 3) Each participating quartet will sing two songs in the barbershop style (i.e. voicing, arrangement, unaccompanied, etc.).
- 4) There will be a four member panel of judges trained in the barbershop style of music to adjudicate the following categories: SOUND, INTERPRETATION, STAGE PRESENCE and ARRANGEMENT. These are the categories used at all SPEBSQSA contests. Regular SPEBSQSA Contest rules will be observed with the exception of the timing.
- 5) Music sources:
 - From the files of the sponsoring chapter.
 - Specific barbershop music the school music teacher has heard.
 - From the "Recommended List of Arrangements for Young Men in Harmony," including the YMIH Songbook which is available from SPEBSQSA, 6315-3rd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140-5199.
- 6) The quartet with the highest net total score will be declared the winner.
- 7) Timers will not be used in the contest.
- 8) The sponsoring chapter will be responsible for transportation to the contest site and any necessary housing and chaperoning required.
- 9) Trophies will be awarded for first and second place quartets. In addition, the winning quartet will be sponsored by the district at HARMONY ROUND-UP (which is our annual weekend barbershop school). In case the winning quartet cannot attend, the second or alternate quartet will be invited.

Pioneer TROUBADOUR

WASELCHUK SEEKS HELP FOR
HARMONY HALL MUSEUM
OF BARBERSHOP HARMONY

by Dan Waselchuk

Gentlemen Songsters, I need your help!

We've made great progress this past year in building a museum to capture the flavor of our Society and to provide a place to preserve our rich history and heritage for future barbershoppers.

The Littlest Theatre is complete. High tech in an 1890's setting to enjoy video tapes of our great moments!

Artifacts, memorabilia, and records of our past are preserved and stored in the archives, computerized for access by barbershoppers and researchers. New material is coming in continually.

Right now we're planning additional exhibit space, audio booths, and other exciting enhancements (a museum is never really completed), but here's where I need your help.

Heritage Hall is supported solely by contributions from individuals, quartets, and chapters. I need your help as members to support this very important project. By your contributions you will help preserve our Society's unique history for future generations.

Encourage your chapter and district also to budget a contribution annually in addition to the wonderful support they've given our Service Project. And, of course, your own donation will be most welcome!

Thanks so much for your support.



the... **FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY**
...barbershop quartet...with:

contact: ray grutter	ray grutter - bass
5407 claudia se	dave kutter - bari
kentwood, mi 49508	rom thomet - tenor
hm 534-4273 bus 451-6358	jim westveld - lead

JUNIOR QUARTET CONTEST

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1990, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
SPONSORED BY THE PIONEER DISTRICT OF S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

ENTRANT

NAME _____

REPRESENTING _____ SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ SCHOOL PHONE NO. _____

NAME OF MUSIC TEACHER _____

QUARTET NAME _____

NAMES:	TENOR _____	AGE _____
	LEAD _____	AGE _____
	BARITONE _____	AGE _____
	BASS _____	AGE _____

If contact person is one other than the music teacher named above, please enter name here:

NAME _____ Tel. No. _____

SPONSORING CHAPTER _____

SPONSORING CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE _____ PH _____

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAT APRIL 21, 1990. MAIL ENTRIES TO:

AL FISK
845 DRESSLER
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48063
PHONE: (313) 651-3796

Meet your DME Staff



Jim Stephens District Director of Music Education

The Pioneer District DME Staff has been restructured for the '90s.

Using specialists in barbershop experience, we should be able to answer your chapters needs anytime you call upon us. If your chorus needs coaching, call us. If you need help with a script, call us. Feel a need to get back on track? Call us! We can even conduct a one day school for your chapter or a group of chapters. Just give us a call.

Remember, we are here to help, be it coaching, administration, craft, vocal techniques, arranging or directing. You name it, we will find someone to help.

Here are the men who have been appointed to the staff.



DON BAZELY -- the Dynamo Program.

Don has been in barbershop and quartetting since 1956. His quartets include the BORDER CHORDERS, SOUVENIRS, GENERATION GAP, HARMONEERS, and is currently starting a brand new "Soo" quartet that doesn't yet have a name. He loves tags and woodshedding, and has studied piano and violin. Don can also coach, teach craft or direct. He is currently the director of the Sault Ste. Marie Chapter.



AL FISK -- Craft, Directing, Coaching, Arranging and YMIH.

Al began his barbershopping career in 1978 when he was a music student at MSU. He formed a quartet called SUBTLE IMPRESSIONS and joined the Lansing Chapter. He was graduated in 1978 with a degree in Public School Music and began his teaching career in High School music in the Hazel Park system.

He became the director of the Oakland County WOLVERINE CHORUS in 1979, leaving after five years to pursue his Master's degree. Al received his Masters in Music Education in 1985, and the following year (you guessed it), he was back directing, this time with the Clinton Valley Chapter.



DAN LABUMBARD -- Chapter Administration, Script writing, Packages, Emceeing.

Dan returns to the DME staff, having been a DDME and an Assistant DME under Jim Stephens before. He is an accountant by day and is active in community theater as well as his barbershopping.

He joined the Jackson Chapter in 1964 and progressed through all of the chapter offices except treasurer "because Joe Hubbard wouldn't give it up," Dan says. He became a district officer as Division VP, the Executive VP, and finally District President in 1980.

All of this administrative background led to his becoming a member of the International COTS faculty for the past ten years. In addition to his musical theater roles, Dan has sung in five quartets, the most famous being the WARREN G. HARDING MEMORIAL FOUR, and he currently sings with YOUR FAVORITE QUARTET.



DON STEWART -- Vocal techniques, Chorus Warm-ups, Coaching

Don began barbershopping in 1973 with the Oakland County Chapter. He has also been with Wayne, but is currently a member of the Detroit-Oakland Chapter where he serves as coach and Music VP. His quartet background began with the METRO CHORDS followed by successful stints with both the CROSSTOWN EXCHANGE and HEIRLOOM.

Don attended Harmony College where he studied voice with Dr. Paul Mayo. It is the excitement and success of this experience that finally convinced Don that he should share his expertise by serving on the DME staff.

Please feel free to call on any of these men or myself to assist your chapter in the form of clinics, coaching, consulting, YMIH, or the DYNAMO program. Phone numbers can be found in the Pioneer District Directory.

WENDELL

DENNY

LEGACY

CONTACT: D. GORE
34096 WILLIAMSBURG
STERLING HGTS., MI 48077
(313) 939-5852

MIKE

CLAY

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 20, 1989

BOARD ACTIONS:

Moved, seconded and carried that DVP Thornet, DVP Parker and DME Stephens be confirmed as officers for the balance of 1989 due to resignations.

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

Moved, seconded and carried that the advance registration fee be \$15 and the late registration fee be \$20 for future conventions beginning with the April, 1990, convention.

Moved, seconded and carried that single event quartet preliminary tickets be \$7, chorus contest tickets be \$8, and the quartet finals ticket be \$10 for all future contests.

Moved, seconded and carried that the district have only one music school in the future, that being Harmony Round-up.

Moved, seconded and defeated that the Harmony Round-up school be self supporting and the DME budget be \$1,130.

Moved, seconded and carried that the expense of the district directory be limited to \$1,500.

Moved, seconded and carried that the distribution of the net income from conventions for the travel fund be changed to 40% for the year 1990 only.

Moved, seconded and carried that the chapters be billed \$.50 per man to supplement the cost of the printing of the district directory.

Moved, seconded and carried that the music education budget be \$3,400 for 1990.

Moved, seconded and carried that the awards presentation procedure proposal be accepted.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Area Counselor of the Year award selection procedure proposal be amended to indicate that the total points be divided by the number of chapters assigned and that the modified proposal be accepted.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING - OCTOBER 21, 1989

HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTIONS:

59 officers, committee chairman and delegates were in attendance, and seven guests. International President-elect Charley McCann addressed the delegates at the onset.

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

Moved, seconded and carried that the district budget as presented be accepted.

DOC Lewis requested chapters to have bids for 1 year and 3 year packages submitted for 1993-95 as well as requests to host the 1991 and 1992 conventions in Battle Creek.

A Junior Quartet Contest will be held in the spring providing quartets are available.

Harold McAttee was introduced as the 1989 inductee to the Pioneer District Hall of Fame.

The Monroe North Chapter was presented their charter by President Jones. Wayne County Chapter was the sponsoring chapter.

Moved, seconded and carried that the nominations as presented by the nomination committee be accepted by acclamation and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate as presented.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DECEMBER 9, 1989

BOARD ACTIONS:

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted.

Moved, seconded and carried that two people can be inducted into the Hall of Fame annually.

Moved, seconded and carried that the district secretary make distribution of the 1990 District Directory to each of the district officers, committee chairman and chapter officers and that additional copies be made available at \$1 per copy paid to the district secretary. Matter will be brought up at the Spring House of Delegates meeting to act on original motion assessing a \$.50 per man charge to each chapter.

Moved, seconded and carried that the definition of a "novice" quartet for contest purposes be changed as follows: "A novice quartet is defined as a quartet competing in the fall district quartet

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 11)

1990 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION
APRIL 27-29, 1990

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

REGISTRANTS NAME _____

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

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

CHAPTER NAME _____

COMPETING QUARTET? YES ___ NO ___ QUARTET NAME _____

COMPETING CHORUS? YES ___ NO ___ CHORUS NAME _____

VOICE PART: TENOR ___ LEAD ___ BARI ___ BASS ___

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$15.00 PER PERSON
LATE REGISTRATION: \$20.00 PER PERSON

EARLY REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 13, 1990

FEE ENCLOSED FOR _____ PERSONS @ \$15.00/\$20.00 TOTAL \$ _____

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

MAIL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

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

NOTE: ALL EVENTS PASSES WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK LOCATED IN THE STOLFFER BATTLE CREEK HOTEL (HTHS)

DISTRICT NEWS

Macomb County

by Dave Pickett

Macomb County was well represented at the SMAC Ladies' Night, with 25 members from our chapter attending. It was different to have a mass chapter officers installation performed by our District President Clay Jones. 1990 chapter officers inducted included: President, Dave Anderson; Membership VP, Steve Charleston; Program VP, Michael Jaissle; Music VP, Michael Pepperman; Public Relations VP, David Pickett; Secretary, Michael Slupinski; Treasurer, Larry Buescher; Music Director, Jack Slanka; Bulletin Editor, Roy Gurney; Quartet Activities, Floyd McDaniel; and Logopedics, George Van deVelde.

Nine officers attended COTS in Lansing in December. On January 6, they held a program planning session for 1990. There will be more at a later date on Macomb's 1990 program, but be prepared for a full year with Macomb.

1990 will see Macomb actively pursuing a growth in members, increasing our music repertoire, promoting the chapter and the Society, winning at Battle Creek this April and taking a shot at being the district International representative in the fall. How's that for ambition. Our new officers are planning a great year, so look out guys, we have just begun!

Don't forget to send in your birthday cards for Pioneer's Fiftieth Anniversary. Macomb would issue a challenge to the other chapters on who can send in the most on a per member basis. Are you up to trying to beat us? Lets show the world what Pioneer barbershoppers are made of.

Macomb has installed a chapter phone and soon will have a code-a-phone attached to it. The number is 313-795-0074. It will supply information on our chapter and our programs. Call us up.

Muskegon

by Fred Kendall and Imre Bryant

The SHORELINE Chorus installed its recently elected chapter officers at a dinner party at Morrows Restaurant near Muskegon on December 28.

The dinner party was dedicated to wives and sweethearts of chapter members. Entertainment, other than barbershop harmony, was provided. Honored guests were District VP Ron Thomet, Dale Mattis, and District President Mike O'Donnell, who presided at the installation of chapter officers.

Inducted were Chapter President Tom Porritt, Membership VP Mike Simpson, Program VP Dave Maloley, Secretary Bernie Kitchen, Treasurer Don Wood, Music Committee Chairman Tom Benton, PR Committee Chairman Fred Kendall, Logopedics Chairman Bob Weber, Young Men in Harmony Chairman Webb Scrivnor, and Board Members at Large Ed Bont and Dick Dewitt.

The chapter is fortunate in that five of our officers were able to attend Chapter Officers Training School in Lansing on December 9 and 10, and still return in time for our performance at J. C. Penney's Christmas celebration on the evening of December 10.

The SHORELINE Chorus has been quite active during the Christmas season. After the Penney's performance, Chorus Director Webb Scrivnor arranged an evening of caroling in his home town of Grand Haven on December 14. In addition to singing for the public the chorus was asked to sing a few carols for two private Christmas parties on this occasion. Two gentlemen from our audience who expressed an interest were invited to sing with us. They accepted our invitation to sing that evening and are very good membership prospects.

On December 16 the chorus performed at a Christmas party for the employees of Dana Printing Company at the Spring Lake Holiday Inn. Bari Dick Warner, who is an employee of that company, took some good natured ribbing when his quartet LAST CHANCE sang their portion of the evening's entertainment. The 45 minute program was well received by our audience and also by some young people in the lobby which was adjacent to the banquet room where we performed.

Muskegon's annual show is scheduled for March 31 and Show Chairman Gordon Gunn and his committees are busy working on all details necessary for a successful show. This is our chapters Fiftieth Anniversary and Gordon is pulling out all the stops to make this a truly memorable show. Chapter officers and members are convinced that 1990 is the year Muskegon will begin to glow and grow.

Stop in and see us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 1860 Hile Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

Detroit-Oakland

by Herman Schwarzenegger

The Christmas season is over and DOC is moving full tilt forward into the strenuous preparations and rehearsals for our big "Broadway Memories" show to

be held on February 16 and 17. Just to show you how serious we are, we're holding two Saturday rehearsals to bring the show up to the perfection levels we feel necessary.

It isn't just the rehearsals that are necessary, but the selling of tickets and ads, the making up of the show program, the scene settings, the script writing and the many more nuances that are so important to the overall flow of the show. So far everything is in order, so look for another fantastic production by the Detroit-Oakland music organization.

But it hasn't all been work for the "Songsters" who participated in the SMAC Ladies' Night held at the Clawson-Troy Elks Club on December 1. The order of events on that evening included the induction of our officers along with the Wayne and Macomb Chapter officers for 1990. Added to the festivities was the awarding of our BOTY Award to Tom Uicker and the prestigious Hal Bauer Award to Earl Berry, our incoming International Board member.

Officers inducted included: President, Bill Wickstrom; Program VP, Terry Webner; Membership VP, Nick Pastor; Music VP, Don Stewart; Treasurer, Bob Taylor; Corresponding Secretary, Tom Barnett; Recording Secretary, Bob Kirby; Imm. Past President, Rene LeBlanc; and Board Members Duane Dorow, Bill Juchartz, and Tom Uicker.

DOC is looking forward to the 1990 year as a year of membership growth, and lots of activities, as well as an improvement in our music programs. Hopefully, this year will also see an increase in chapter quartets, something very important in our overall scheme of things. Who knows, maybe this year ole' Herman may get into one!



HIS MASTER'S VOICE
QUARTET
Contact: Don Gray
9 Filson Place
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(513) 421-2413

International Seniors Quartet Champions, 1988

Tenor:
Bob Reidenbach

Lead:
Bill Brooks

Bass:
Ralph Shonk

Baritone:
Sam Love



Contact:
Sam Love
(216) 477-7847
1718 Woodlawn
Ave. N.W.
Canton, Ohio 44708

Pontiac**DISTRICT NEWS**

by Bill Pascher

In the blink of an eye we pass from one year to the next, from the decade of the 80's to the decade of the 90's. We wonder, will the next ten years be as exciting and as memorable as the past ten? We think so -- probably even more so. Barbershopping has a way of doing just that.

Officers were installed on December 5 at the Spring Lake Country Club by Division Five Vice President Paul Lehmkuhle. The gala dinner crowd witnessed the swearing in ceremonies and the individual pledges of these elected officers: President, Larry Hornsby; Membership VP, Leonard Barnes; Program VP, Roger Horton; Music VP, John Smith; Secretary, Roger Holm and Treasurer Dick Johnson. Hornsby, Barnes, Smith, and Johnson held the same offices in 1989.

Representation at COT School was magnificent. Besides elected officers Smith, Barnes and Holm, the following appointees were present: Jeff Doig, Bulletin Editor; Bill Pascher, Public Relations; and Bill Dabbs, substituting for the PVP.

The MERRY MOTOR MEN Chorus for the fifth consecutive year, was expanded (by invitation) by 10 men to form the Christmas Carol Chorus, directed by Bill Pascher. Six performances followed, highlighted by the second annual "Christmas Capers Show," attended by over 300, and co-sponsored by the Community Activities, Inc. of Northern Oakland County.

The benefits of this activity were many: (1) the stimulation to the special chorus of a stage performance; (2) the public service of a free show; (3) the gathering of over 500 food articles for the Waterford Goodfellow's Christmas Baskets; (4) the collection of nearly \$200 for Logopedics by Len Barnes, assisted by George Van DeVelde, and (5) the inner satisfaction of "good will to all" by each and everyone involved.

Pontiac wishes to extend grateful appreciation to everyone who made this activity successful, especially the following for their wonderful performances: The Oakland Shores Sweet Adelines, THE LAST GOODBYE quartet, the HARMONIC PROGRESSION quartet, and the JUST IN TIME quartet.

Of the ten non-barbershoppers who swelled the ranks of the "Christmas Carol Chorus," four have joined, and two others are expected to stay with the MERRY MOTOR MEN.

The busiest quartet in the district must have been THE LAST GOODBYE. Their December calendar lists 12 performances, from a private home birthday party to churches, retirement homes, malls, and the annual Christmas

dinner of the Oakland Executive employees. Combine this with three separate rehearsals and you have a very busy bunch, especially for a senior quartet with combined ages of 273 years. But they say, "We're still having fun!"

Opportunity still exists for someone to step into the directorship of this chorus, whether they are experienced, or be they neophytes looking to "try their wings." Call Larry Hornsby at 666-4836 or Bill Pascher at 391-0572.

The chapter's 47th annual show is on the horizon, having been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 8, 1990. A new director could be worked into only a portion of the show, if he wished. Nothing is accomplished without communication.

Lastly, readers are urged to mark their calendars with Friday, March 30, as the Carroll P. Adams Memorial "Bennington Trophy" will again be up for grabs (for the 47th consecutive year). The Society's oldest revolving trophy is awarded to the visiting chapter having the highest percentage of their members in participation at this Pontiac Woodshed Contest. The highest scoring woodshed quartet is presented with individual lapel awards for their keeping.

Kalamazoo

by Lee Snow

We all know that the purpose of the Society is to promote quartets singing barbershop harmony. Throughout the entire '89 year, we've increased our registered quartets from two to five. In addition, we had five members, including one quartet, LUCKY CHANCES, attend Harmony College.

The year of 1989 was pointed with many chorus and quartet performances. It started with our forty-eighth annual show in March, featuring the fine voices of LEGACY and the SIDEKICKS quartets. The chorus had a great time on stage doing our rendition of the Disney Show.

I believe the audience, as well as the chorus, did not expect the complete and enjoyable performance put on by the children playing parts in the show. The chorus was "up-staged", but we were happy and the kids had a great time.

As to our quartets, the KEYNOTE ADDRESS led the way by competing in October against our district's finest quartets and making the cut, which was great. In the fall KEYNOTE was happy to be featured on the Meadow Show Boat.

The BLUE PLATE SPECIAL has been very busy around Kazoo, as always.

The AIRE-DO-WELLS finest hour came on April 1 with the singing of the Canadian and American anthems to a hockey crowd of 3000 plus at Wing Stadium Kazoo.

LUCKY'S CHANCES and the GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERLY (?) are tuning up to show off in the spring show on March 10, 1990.

The chapter had a great time hosting the Spring Convention in Battle Creek, and also traveling to Grand Rapids to be part of the gathering to show support for the GREAT LAKES Chorus on the way to the Kansas City Contest.

We end the year on a positive note, "C#," I believe. At our Christmas party we enjoyed having Ron Thomet, Division III Vice President, giving us a hand in installing our new officers for 1990, as follows: President, Lee Snow; Membership VP, Dan Connors; Program VP, Mike Graham; Music VP, Bill Oswal; Secretary, Frank Sebastian; Treasurer, John T. Gillespie; and Board Members Tom McCoy, Ken Barrett, and Ron Bower.

The chapter was proud to bestow the Barbershopper of the Year Award to a man who has contributed so much to the Society and to the chapter. Besides holding nearly every office in the chapter and the district, he was also our Society's International President in 1984. Congratulations, and many thanks, Mr. John T. Gillespie!

Men, we have been a respected voice for many years in the Pioneer District, and now, we are enjoying our efforts as a revived chorus. Hey, you other choruses out there, be on notice that the Kalamazoo MALL CITY Chorus, with smoo-o-o-th Ed Fritzen in charge as our director, will be a sound to contend with in the 90's. Happy new year to all.

Grosse Pointe

by Jim Kinner

As usual, the Christmas season was quite busy. Our big performances this year were the Lion's Party and our annual bus tour. Every year the Lion's Club buses the elderly and handicapped to Appollo Hall, near City Airport. They provide them with a great sit down meal which is served by the Lion's members, and then put on an evening of entertainment. One of the acts, of course, is the Grosse Pointe Chorus. Then on December 10 the chorus boarded their chartered bus for the annual visit to several East Side nursing homes.

Prior to our chapter Christmas party, the chapter broke into a few singing groups and caroled at super markets,

DISTRICT NEWS

Huron Valley

by Dave Spizarny

Performances at the Ypsilanti Senior Citizens Home, Briarwood Mall, Saint Francis Cabrini Church, and the Ann Arbor Board of Realtor's Holiday banquet made December a busy month for the Huron Valley HARMONIZERS. The performances went extremely well, and were highlighted by Kelly Brummett singing "Jean" to Jean Willing, the Ann Arbor Board of Realtor's president.

January promises much hard work as we prepare for our March 3 show, "What a Country", at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. The show features the CHIEFS OF STAFF, the 1988 International Champions, and HERE COMES TREBLE, a comedy quartet from Canada. "What a Country" guarantees an entertaining evening, so mark your calendar now!

After many years of service to Huron Valley, Jim Stephens has agreed to direct the Wayne RENAISSANCE CHORUS. Although we are saddened by one of our perennial workhorse's transfer, we wish him luck in his new challenge. The list of Jim's contributions to Huron Valley is lengthy, and our gratitude can never be appropriately expressed. Losing the SOUND AMBASSADORS is almost as painful.

Their participation in chapter functions, their generosity with Logopedics, their consistently entertaining performances, and, most of all, the comradery will be missed by us all. Thanks again for helping to make Huron Valley so special.

Wayne

by Scott Casey

WOW! You won't believe what has been happening over at the Wayne Chapter the past few months. We worked our proverbial posteriors off in preparation for the Fall Convention chorus contest, and want to wish Grand Rapids all of the best as they prepare to represent Pioneer at the International next July. Give them the very finest you have to give!

Next we received word from Matt Coombs (pronounced 'Combs') that "opportunity was knocking" in the form of a job opening with Walt Disney Productions in Florida. So in early October a Director Search Committee was formed to find that very special individual to fill those very talented shoes. Lo and behold, the next thing we know, we have the unparalleled Jim Stephens (many times District Music Educator) out front and are we ever proud to call him our own!

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 12)

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PROBE HALL OF HONOR

by Dee Paris, Int'l PR Committee

PROBE President Bob Arthur has appointed the Hall of Honor selection committee and invited all PROBE members to submit their nominations for consideration. Committee members are Dee Paris and Wilbur Sparks, both selected for the first Hall of Honor last year, and Ray Heller, a PROBE officer and the Society's Director of Communications.

Nominees for the honor must have voluntarily served PROBE at any Society level for at least ten years. They need not have been PROBE officers but must have been PROBE members during that period. The nominee need not be living to be considered.

PROBE is the acronym used for the organization of Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors.

Nominations must be in writing, must cite the services rendered and must explain why the nominator believes the individual should be recognized and how the Society benefitted. Nominations must be received by May 1, 1990 and must be sent to: PROBE Hall of Honor, P.O. Box 6141, Silver Springs, MD 20916.

The awards will be announced at the PROBE meeting held during the international convention in San Francisco next July.

In the Spring a Barbershopper's fancy turns to
Boyne Country and the
Loton Willson Bush League
Show & Quartet Contest
Saturday, May 5, 1990



OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

45th Annual Bush League Contest
May 5, 1990 - Boyne City, Michigan

Quartet Name _____

Contact Man _____

Tenor _____ Bass _____

Baritone _____ Lead _____

Chapter Name _____

New Quartets and those not registered with International are welcome.

NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED!

Registration time 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - May 5, 1990

THE DILWORTH INN

Entry Deadline

May 5, 1990

Program Deadline

April 16, 1990

Return to:

Bill Woodbeck

7234 Barney Road

Alanson, MI 49706

616-548-5841

Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS APPOINTS

NEW DIRECTORS

by Mark Savage

The Grand Rapids Chapter Board of Directors has announced its selection for the new director and associate director of the GREAT LAKES Chorus, following a three month, nationwide search.

Dale Mattis, 39, of Holland was chosen as director of the 70 man chorus. Mattis has been a member of the barbershop Society for 13 years, beginning in Holland's WINDMILL Chorus, and was one of the original members of the DUTCH MASTERS quartet.

Mattis brings to the podium a solid background of musical training, having graduated from Northern Michigan University in Marquette with a music major. He has twice been director of the WINDMILL Chorus, and served at the helm of Muskegon's SEAWAY Chorus, before being named to the GREAT LAKES Chorus.

Mattis views his role of director as that of a honer. "I have seen great strides in our chorus in a short period of time, and I want to continue to improve our sound," he said. "I want to do what the chorus wants to do, and I know they want to get better at their hobby."

Jerry Koning, 32, of Grand Rapids, was named as Associate Director of the GREAT LAKES Chorus. Koning also brings a solid music background as a vocal music graduate of Calvin College. Jerry has been singing barbershop for 15 years, and was the tenor of the 1986 Pioneer District Champion quartet, the TOUCH OF CLASH. He shares Mattis'

views on the need for continued improvement and will work on vocal techniques with the chorus.

The GREAT LAKES Chorus has been the Pioneer District's singing representatives to the SPEBSQSA International contests for the past three years, and has been on the international stage in six of the last ten years. The chorus, under Mattis, won its qualifying competition in Battle Creek in October to sing in San Francisco the first week in July. At that competition, the chorus will be competing against 16 other choruses including a chorus from Great Britain, the HALLMARKS OF HARMONY from Sheffield, England.

LOU PERRY HARMONY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

by Mel Knight

Attention all barbershop arrangers! The competition for the 1990 Lou Perry Scholarships is now open. All arrangers, novice to experienced, who would like to expand their skills by attending Harmony College in 1990 are encouraged to enter.

These scholarships are now in their third year and interest is increasing. Last year 19 barbershop arrangers applied. Two or three scholarships are awarded each year, depending upon the revenue earned from the scholarship endowment. Scholarship winners are awarded full tuition to Harmony College.

Here's how to apply: each applicant submits four copies of his best barbershop arrangement plus four copies of a brief statement explaining why he is interested in receiving the scholarship. This material should be sent to Don Gray, Arrangement Category Specialist, 9 Filson Place, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Entries will be judged by Don and the Arrangement Board of Review. Deadline for having the paperwork in Don's hands is March 15, 1990.

Don't let this great opportunity pass you by. Send those arrangements and applications to Don pronto!

(BOARD MINUTES - FROM PAGE 7)

contest for the first time with no more than two members who had competed in another quartet at previous fall district quartet contests."

Letter of resignation from President Jones was read as result of his taking a new position in Illinois. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that Mike O'Donnell become the new district president, Roger Lewis the new executive vice president, and Mike Cirrito the new district director of conventions and special events effective January 1, 1990.



The GREAT LAKES Chorus will be under the watchful eyes of Associate Director Jerry Koning (left) and the new Director Dale Mattis.

UNIFORMS!

DETROIT-OAKLAND CHAPTER SELLING

Two Sets of Good Used Uniforms
for
Chorus of 55-60

\$20.00 each or Best Offer

- 1) LIGHT GREEN TUX w/VEST, FANCY SHIRT & SHOES
- 2) RED TUX with BLACK PIPING

Packaged & Hanging in Wardrobe Boxes

Contact: Detroit-Oakland Chapter Uniform Committee
(313) 562-1989 or (313) 383-1566

Pioneer to celebrate 50th Anniversary during convention

by Jim Styer

Spend a weekend reveling in old-fashioned close male harmony -- one of America's original art forms -- at the Pioneer District's spring convention on Friday and Saturday, April 27-29, in Battle Creek.

And help celebrate a birthday -- the 50th year of the Pioneer District, the first in the Society. The convention hosts will be the Detroit-Oakland Chapter, who celebrated their fiftieth last year.

Special guest will be Betty Ann Cash, daughter of our Society's founder, O.C. Cash. As excited about barbershopping as her late father was, she will participate in many convention activities and tell some great stories about the early days.

Late Friday, the convention will feature a birthday party with cards sent by members and fans throughout the world -- including you.

Whether you can attend or not, join in the fun by sending a card -- home-made or store-bought -- to Happy Birthday, Pioneer, P.O. Box 50, Battle Creek, MI 49016. Button hole other chapter members and friends to send cards, too. Numbers are what count. Send them NOW, so they can be counted, sorted and prepared for display.

The convention also will feature an historical exhibit on barbershopping, coordinated by district historian Bob McDermott, which will be shown a week later at the state historical museum in Lansing. That's being arranged by Mike Cirrito, Lansing Chapter public relations, and our new district convention chairman.

A new convention feature will be a Junior Quartet Contest on Saturday mentioned on page 1 of this "Troubadour." All of these activities will take place at the Stouffer Hotel, the convention headquarters. In addition to the contests which will be held at their usual times, a mass sing will be held in McCamy place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, followed by a free quartet show. Quartets wanting to participate must contact convention PR Chairman Jim Styer in Battle Creek by March 15.

A chorditorium at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday will feature quartetting, conviviality and refreshments for \$2. In addition, a ladies' hospitality room will be open during the convention.

The district board will meet at 1 p.m. Friday with the House of Delegates meeting on Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

(PROTY CONTEST - FROM PAGE 2)

necessary, summarizing your PR program. Also, it would be helpful to have a short biographical sketch of yourself that can be used for a press release when you win.

These guidelines are general, to encourage as many entries as possible. You don't need a blockbuster event to win, just guidance of good PR.

Mail your entry by March 15 to Jim Styer, Director of Communications, 72 Allison Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49017. If you have any questions, feel free to write or call 616-965-6456.

Even if you don't win, you'll gain. All entrants will receive suggestions on improving PR. And...don't forget to begin saving your materials for entering the award program next year.

(GROSSE POINTE - FROM PAGE 9)

restaurants, and bars. Donations for these efforts will go towards our Logopedic's fund. Check the Logopedic's summary in this issue of the Troubadour and take note that the Grosse Pointe Chapter has attained the Gold Award.

On Christmas day, when most of us were enjoying our turkey and pies, crowds were served smorgasbord dinner by the Mt. Clemens business men. They were also entertained by volunteers as they enjoyed their dinner. The people being treated here were not necessarily infirm or handicapped, they just didn't have anyone with which to share Christmas. Now, it just so happened, that one of Grosse Pointe's fine quartets were part of the show (on Christmas Day). They were the JUST FRIENDS quartet, with lead Howard Masters, bass, John Wade, tenor, Hank DeMars, and bari, Mike Proffitt. God bless you boys!

We're working on our annual show, "Grosse Pointe Goes Bankrupt." We'll play two nights, April 20 and 21. We'll probably use a song or two in the spring convention., and if we follow the pattern, our contest uniforms will be optional and we'll have the show scenery at the district convention.

Our Ladies' Night will be held at Blossom Heath on the shores of Lake St. Clair. Fifty-five bucks covers everything and the party is open. Call John Wade for tickets at 313-885-9421.

I know this is quite early to mention the annual Grosse Pointe Golf Outing to North Carolina, but I want Bob McDermott (our editor) to be ready. (Edit. Note: Unfortunately, I can't make it this year, so guess you'll have to report on it yourself, Jim, in your usual inimitable style.)

(WAYNE - FROM PAGE 10)

Almost simultaneously the yearly elections are held and we have a new board of directors. The Wayne Chapter wants to thank Roger Smith for his two years as president and all the contributions he has made to that position. Lew Koppitch moves over from music vice president to president. Ken Casey (that's my dad) takes over Lew's spot. We're trying something a little different this year and having co-program vice presidents with Bill Babb and myself filling that very challenging position.

While all of this is going on, Hal Thompson, this year's show chairman, is marshalling all of our resources together and getting the theme, music, and all the other million details in line for the annual spring show. Between Hal, Freddy MacFadyen, Ken Casey, Roger Blair and many others, the show is in good hands. We're looking forward to another fine "Wayne Production" and having the NATURALS and the GAS HOUSE GANG headlining the program. Everyone interested in getting tickets for the spring show, call now! The first weekend in March, as usual, is the time, and we do expect two more sell-out crowds, as usual, so do not delay! (Call Scott Casey 522-5333).

In a new position being created, Austin Quinn has been appointed to the job of chapter communication officer. Talk about a man just chock full of ideas. We're blessed (as usual) to have such talent in our chapter.

We want to take this opportunity to give Clay Jones, our Pioneer District President and long time Wayne Chapter baritone, our love and appreciation for all that he and Carol have given to us over the years. Good luck and the very best to you two in your new home and job.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone in April at the spring convention as we pass along the District Chorus Champion trophy and personally enjoying another fine demonstration of talent, both with the quartets and the choruses. See you all in Battle Creek.

BARBERSHOP LUNCH BUNCH

Barbershoppers in the Detroit area have two opportunities to join with other local barbershoppers and enjoy a "singing lunch." On the first Friday of the month, members assemble at the Knights of Columbus hall at 6177 Chicago Road (1 block east of Mound and 1 block north of 13 Mile) in Warren at 12:30 p.m. to eat and sing and enjoy camaraderie. On the third Friday of the month, members assemble at 12:30 at Reedy's Saloon located at 1846 Michigan (2 blocks west of Tiger Stadium) in Detroit. These are great opportunities to meet new fellows and lock some great chords with other barbershoppers.

**The Wayne Chapter
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.**

Proudly Presents

*"The
First
Nighter"*



A Barbershop Harmony Extravaganza



The Gas House Gang

>>>> 1989 International Semi-Finalists

featuring **The Naturals**

<<<<

1989 International Finalists



and the Fabulous RENAISSANCE CHORUS

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MARCH 2 & 3, 1990,

8:00 pm, Mercy High School,

11 Mile Rd. at Middlebelt

All seats \$9.00, Students and Seniors \$6.00 (Friday only), Afterglow \$8.00

for Tickets and information call (313) 420-0978

Coming Events...

FEBRUARY, 1990

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

MARCH, 1990

- 2-3 WAYNE Chapter Show
3 HURON VALLEY Chapter Show
10 KALAMAZOO Chapter Show
10 MONROE NORTH Chapter Show
24 JACKSON Chapter Show
25 MONROE Chapter Show
31 MUSKEGON Chapter Show

APRIL, 1990

- 7 GRAND RAPIDS Chapter Show
7 WINDSOR Chapter Show
7 SWAN VALLEY Chapter Show
8 PONTIAC Chapter Show
20-21 GROSSE POINTE Chapter Show
27-29 PIONEER DISTRICT Convention and Contests, Battle Creek, MI

MAY, 1990

- 5 BOYNE CITY "Bush League" & Chapter Show
12 CADILLAC Chapter Show
26 ALPENA Chapter Show

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

PLEASE NOTIFY:
Jack Schneider
1311 Northlawn, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Res. (616) 361-6820
Bus. (616) 771-5225

Detroit Oakland Chapter, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A
Robert McDermott
1859 Maryland
Birmingham, MI 48009

FORWARDING AND RETURN POSTAGE
GUARANTEED. ADDRESS CORRECTION
REQUESTED.



Postmaster: Dated Material - Please RUSH!

AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE PIONEER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA, INCORPORATED.

S.M.A.C. CALENDAR

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF CHAPTERS

FEBRUARY, 1990

- 22 SMAC MEETING - At the home of Bill Warner, 23531 Meadowlark, Oak Park, MI 48237. All SMAC Chapter representatives are requested to attend this meeting! 8:00 p.m. sharp!
23 MACOMB COUNTY "Pre-Boyne Quartet Contest" - @ Cross Lutheran Church, 35851 Utica Road, Fraser, Michigan, 8:00 p.m.

MARCH, 1990

- 9 DEARBORN CHAPTER "Tag & Shaggy Dog Contest" @ Dearborn Elk's Lodge, Dearborn, MI, 8:00 p.m.
30 PONTIAC CHAPTER "Woodshed Contest", CAI Bldg., 5640 Williams Lake Road, Drayton Plains, MI, 8:00 p.m.

JUNE, 1990

- 8 DETROIT-OAKLAND "Return of the Jug" Night, Site to be announced. 8:00 p.m.
16 PIONEER & ONTARIO DISTRICT'S CAN-AM Show in Chatham, Ontario. Details to be announced in next issue.

NOTE: The above dates have been cleared by chapter SMAC representatives. If you have any other dates to be listed or added, please contact Bill Warner @ 542-0581, Bill Wickstrom @ 756-4294 or Earl Berry @ 277-7130.



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit 475
ROYAL OAK, MICH.

AIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Association of International Champions (AIC) is offering young barbershoppers the opportunity to qualify for Harmony College scholarships. The one week course will be held at Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, Missouri, July 31 to August 6, 1990.

These scholarships allow young men to participate in the greatest experience of barbershopping available and take what they learn back to their chapters. This is one of the best ways to increase the quality of barbershopping as well as extend its horizons through youthful exuberance.

In the past several years, the AIC has provided over \$50,000 to this scholarship program. This is money invested in our Society and in the education of the youth of our Society. What better way can we build on tomorrow than by teaching and sharing the joy of barbershopping with our youth?

Applicants must be first time attendees who will be no older than 24 years on April 15, 1990. See the January/February Harmonizer for application form or call/write: Mel Knight, Director of Music Education and Services, SPEBSQSA, 6315 Third Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140-5199.

SEND IN THOSE BIRTHDAY CARDS!

HELP PIONEER CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A BIRTHDAY CARD.

MAIL TO: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PIONEER
P. O. BOX 50
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN 49016

ALL THE CARDS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT OUR PIONEER DISTRICT "GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY" CONVENTION IN APRIL, 1990.