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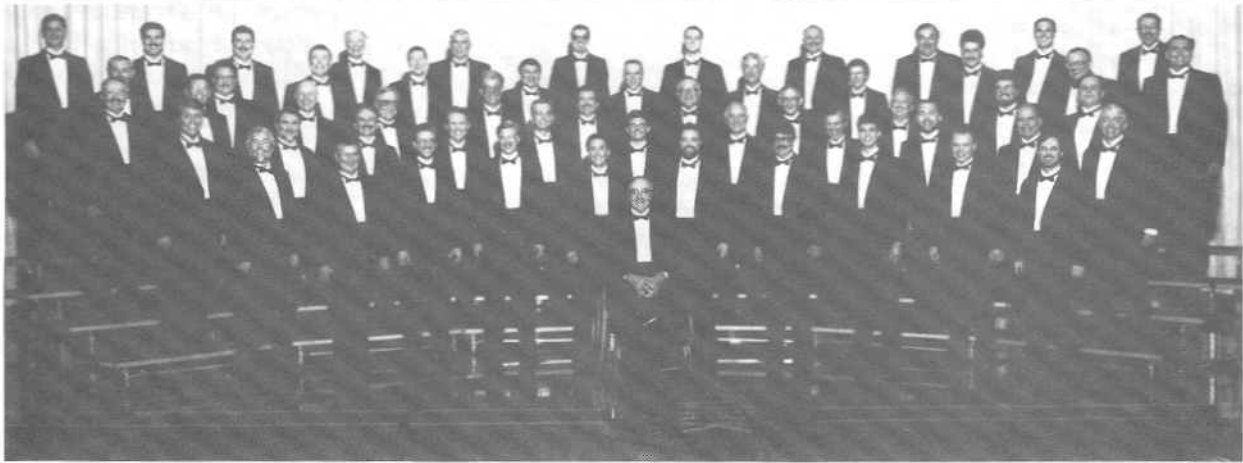
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Motor City Metro "City Lights" Chorus wins big in prelims & it's on to New Orleans! *Macomb Harmony Heritage finishes second, Holland Windmill third in close competition...*

For the first time in many a year Pioneer has succeeded in producing what should be a viable contender in International level competition. A new chapter and a new chorus under the direction of former *Gentlemen's Agreement's* bass, Bob Whitledge, have made their presence known by scoring an outstanding 1172 points in their first outing and outscoring Macomb County's *Harmony Heritage* Chorus, our 1991 international chorus representative, by 48 points. Macomb, under the direction of Jack Slamka, scored their highest total ever with 1124, but it still wasn't enough. The Holland *Windmill Chorus*, under the direction of Myke Lucas, finished a close third with 1082 and they

showed signs they are to be reckoned with in the future.

In total, sixteen choruses competed in the contest which was exciting from beginning to end. Every chorus can be proud of their performances.

The Holland *Windmill Chorus* won the Most Improved Chorus Award over the seven other eligible entries. This was a new award which will become a part of the fall contest regimen.

Judging from scores coming in from other districts in their international prelim chorus contests, the score of 1172 should

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Stay Tuned wins Pioneer District Quartet Championship

No real surprises here! Two new quartets (all with former champions) finished one-two in the Pioneer District Quartet Contest held in Battle Creek on October 18 and 19, 1991. *Stay Tuned*, composed of Denny Gore, lead; Brian Kaufman, baritone; Lee Hanson, bass, and Bruce LaMarte, tenor, finished 56 points ahead of *Opening Night*, another veteran foursome composed of Clay Shumard, lead; Jim Johnson, tenor; Kenny Gibson, baritone, and Norm Thompson, bass. Following closely in

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PLAY BALL!

by Larry Parker

Division II V.P.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 9, 1992**, as the next **PIONEER - ONTARIO DISTRICTS' DAY AT TIGER STADIUM.** The game will again be between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Tigers.

Our 1991 excursion was a success in every way, with the exception that there was no Tiger victory. There were 1,783 persons who acquired tickets through the district, and we estimate another 100 or so who obtained tickets on their own. We can only guess as to the number of barbershoppers on the field, maybe 400 to 500. We didn't have any way of ascertaining the exact number of singers. Next year, provisions will be made to count the number of barbershoppers attending the game. Between the two districts, we can foresee a total attendance in excess of 2,500 people.

I will contact each chapter president around the first of March with ticket information, etc. In the meantime, have a great holiday season and a Happy New Year!

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THE PRESIDENT'S



CORNER

PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT
MIKE O'DONNELL

A Farewell and "Big Thanks" to all of you...

At the House of Delegates last month I had the opportunity to thank all of those present for their support the last two years while I was your Pioneer District President. With my final article as President I thank all of you in the district for that same support. I know you will give Roger Lewis the same support!

Well, if I have to leave the job (and I do), then I can think of no better way than to finish with a fantastic convention. I still run across people who can't stop talking about it. Who would have thought that a brand new chapter would take the stage by storm and not let go until they had won the right to represent our district at the International Convention in New Orleans next July? If you weren't there to see it with the rest of us, I'm sorry, because the Motor City Metro *City Lights Chorus* under the direction of Bob Whitledge did just that. On behalf of the district I say thank you guys for putting the excitement back into our district! You will be true champions next July.

Not to be outdone was a memorable quartet contest featuring some of the best singing we've had in Pioneer in a long time. Coming out on top was *Stay Tuned* with a well deserved victory. However, right behind them were *Opening Night* and *Gangbusters*, and the three of them have given the district one heck of a

good reason to be excited about next April and the spring pre-lims. Now, if some other things come together as I've heard they might, we could end up with four to five quartets in New Orleans!

So, what's next? Well, by the time most of you get this, COTS will be over and your chapter officers who attended will be chomping at the bit to get down to leading the chapter in '92. I will be your international board member for '92-'93 and will be attending the mid-winter in January. If you have anything you'd like me to take before the international board, I wish you'd let me know.

Memories of the Tiger ball game still linger on and at the last convention it was announced Larry Parker will once again coordinate the game for '92 which will be August 9 against Toronto.

New change in starting times for board and house of delegate meetings

There will be a change in times for both the district board meeting and the house of delegates meeting next spring. The board will meet Friday mornings and the HOD will meet in the afternoon. This will mean your delegate will have to arrive by noon Friday but, it will also mean there will be plenty of time on Saturday morning for everyone to be at the chorus warm-ups or Joe Barbershopper chorus rehearsal.

Thanks again to everyone for a wonderful two years. I wrote very early on in one of my articles this quote: "You will never know the joy of leading until you stop following." It's been a joy and I hope someday you get to find out for yourself just what I mean.

YOURS IN HARMONY AND LOVE.
MIKE

Toughest job in a chapter is editor,

He must hunt for his news like a predator,

'Though his deadline's behind,

Little help can he find,
And the printer is always his creditor.

(Byron L. Rice)

INTERNATIONAL BOARD BRIEFS



By Int'l Board Member
EARL BERRY

BERRY'S SWAN SONG

Where does the time go? 20 years ago I was introduced to "barbershopping" by a business associate, and within six months I was asked if I would accept the position of chapter secretary. Little did I know that this was only the beginning of a challenging administrative role in my new hobby.

After having served in other chapter offices, the opportunity to serve at the district and international level became a new challenge. Fortunately for me there were many personal accomplishments because of the great support I received from my fellow barbershoppers.

This support continued on not just from my personal chapter associates, but with the many new friends I worked with at the district and international level. The camaraderie that develops among fellow barbershoppers is something that I will always cherish. On many occasions I have had the opportunity to say "It's great to be a barbershopper!" Who knows, maybe now I will concentrate on singing in a quartet?

Last but not least, these many jobs that I have been privileged to perform could not have been accomplished without the support of my wife, Mimi.

Gentlemen, thanks for this wonderful experience! IT TRULY IS GREAT TO BE A BARBERSHOPPER!

THE EXECUTIVE PITCH



by our Executive V.P.
ROGER LEWIS

Maybe you were there on that July Sunday morning in 1980 at the Morman Tabernacle when Bill Thornton and the *Vocal Majority* sang that Barry Manilow song, touching every heart and bringing out every handkerchief. Just listening to the song, or watching it on the *Vocal Majority* "Memories" tape vividly brings back that moment, and once again, I reach for my hanky. It was a time very special to every barbershopper who shared the experience...the thing that great barbershop memories are made of.

But the message is even deeper than the emotion of the performance. As we look forward to 1992, each member in Pioneer need to join that *One Voice* if we are to move forward in the basics of **SINGING, MEMBERSHIP, and FUN**. We have a great team--Board, Committees, Music and Membership and supporting cast., each of whom is willing and anxious to be the "**ONE VOICE**" that leads us toward a new and great year. Society wide, membership is dropping, just as it is in most volunteer, service and leisure organizations. Our leadership team has the plans and the dedication to reverse this trend.

ONE VOICE

"JUST ONE VOICE, SINGING IN THE DARKNESS, ALL IT TAKES IS ONE VOICE, SINGING SO THEY KNOW WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, AND WHEN YOU LOOK AROUND, YOU'LL FIND THERE'S MORE THAN ONE VOICE, SINGING IN THE DARKNESS, JOINING WITH YOUR ONE VOICE EACH AND EVERY NOTE, ANOTHER OCTAVE, HANDS ARE JOINED AND FEARS UNLOCKED, IF ONLY ONE VOICE, WOULD START IT ON ITS OWN, YOU NEED JUST ONE VOICE, FACING THE UNKNOWN AND WITH THAT ONE VOICE, WE'LL NEVER BE ALONE, IT TAKES THAT ONE VOICE. JUST ONE VOICE, SINGING IN THE DARKNESS, ALL IT TAKES IS ONE VOICE, SHOUT IT OUT AND LET IT RING. JUST ONE VOICE. IT TAKES THAT ONE VOICE, AND EVERYONE WILL SING."

As president, I'd like to see us establish three goals for the district that apply to thew district as a whole, divisions, chapters, and even every barbershopper. Bobby Wooldridge said it well at the house of delegates when he said, "Sing more. Sing better. Have more fun singing". If this is what we choose (we'll try to establish goals at the COTS board meeting) we would need to establish measureable goals and strategies for achieving these. Perhaps some of you have some ideas, please call or write if you do. (I haven't asked Bobby for his permission to "preserve" his thoughts, although I'd bet he'd be pleased if we did.

Pioneer has a great history. Today we are making the history for our future. We need to insure that we are building the **PRIDE, SPIRIT, AND INNOVATION** that continues the legacy that we are entrusted with. Together, we can make it happen. I'm willing to start by being the "**ONE VOICE**". Will you join in?

GROSSE POINTE CHAPTER MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO DEAF BLIND CLUB

In photo at right, Mike Sullivan, center, presents a TDD, Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, to Tommy Rutherford, right, a member of the Deaf Blind Club of Detroit and Alice Raftary, left, Associate Director of the Greater Detroit Society for the Blind.

Sullivan is the Charities Chairman for the Grosse Pointe Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. The chapter has long been active in performing at various community civic functions, nursing homes, and in putting on their annual shows. They meet at the Neighborhood Club on Tuesdays.



ADD-A-LINE



by Jim Styer

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION OFFICER

International Executive Committee recommending cuts in PROBE budget

A 23 percent cut has been proposed in the budget for PROBE. This would include cutting the quarterly PROBE moter publication from 16 to 8 pages. PROBE is the official Society affiliate for communicating and sharing ideas among all PR Officers and Bulletin Editors. All are members and all get PROBE moter, the only direct way of communicating with all of them.

The cut is part of Executive Committee budget recommendations. The International Board will act on them at the mid-winter convention in January.

Other budget items also would be trimmed, including Music Department staff travel and the number of Harmonizer pages.

The budget is being tightened because of falling membership, said Ray Heller, Society Manager of Communications. However, tightening PROBE might be false economy. The PROBE budget is \$5,200 — only 13/100 of 1% of the Society's \$4.1 million budget. The cut would be \$1,200. That's 3/100 of 1%. The cut would drop the PROBE outlay from 15 to 11 cents per Society member.

The effect might be much greater than the amount of the cut. PROBE hasn't been very effective in recent years. And

PROBE moter has been mostly for bulletin editors, because PR people weren't participating much. So it's easy to understand why some people feel PROBE can be cut.

But the cut comes as work has started to reinvigorate PROBE and make it an effective part of Society PR efforts. Goals have been set by the new PROBE officers, PROBE moter this fall had more material of use to PR officers, a new PR award has just been instituted, a new program of sharing the "how to" of chapter PR successes through PROBE moter is being prepared, more effective PR and BE manuals are being considered. And all this has been done in just a short four months.

Also, PROBE officers are communicating more among themselves, and with the International staff and the PR Committee. This is necessary for effective planning and coordinating efforts, and for effective external PR and marketing.

A PR Study Committee is expected to recommend continuation of PROBE and better coordination with the PR Committee. The International Board will also consider this in January — even as it considers cutting PROBE's budget.

The budget also includes expenses for the Bulletin Editor of the Year contest. Will this be trimmed, too?

The cut comes amid growing awareness of the need for good PR and marketing to stem membership loss - the very cause of the budget problems. International staffer Gary Stamm, in a thesis on marketing, has proposed that hiring a marketing director might gain the society \$37,000 -- 7 times the amount of the PROBE budget, 31 times the amount of the proposed cut.

The cut comes at the end of a year in which International President Bob Ceamal has promoted "Progress begins with PR." PR begins with internal communications. And that's PROBE's job.

The cut comes as 1992 International President Terry Aramian wants us to "Discover a New World." It takes money

to travel to new places. But it's only 15 cents per member. What do you think? Are you concerned by a 23 percent cut for PROBE, a half-size PROBE moter, a smaller Harmonizer? Or wouldn't it make any difference to you?

Let Terry Aramian know what you think. Write him at 47-A Dot Ave., Campbell Calif. 95008. Don't quote me; tell him in your own words, no matter what your position. Also tell Mike O'Donnell, who'll become Pioneer's international representative next month. His address and phone numbers are on Page 2.

And please send me a copy of your letter(s). Thanks.

New award offered in communications

Chapter Public Relations Officers now have a new chance for recognition. The new PR award was endorsed by District Communications Officers at the fall Leadership Forum.

Guidelines are loose, to encourage recognition of good communications or marketing jobs, whether internal or external. The new "Award of Merit in Communications" (that's a broader term than "Public Relations") will be presented to any member deserving of recognition, but not so often as to make it commonplace.

There are no deadlines. Nominations from anyone are encouraged. This award also could improve internal communication, by encouraging chapter PROs and other members to let the district know of PR activities at the local level.

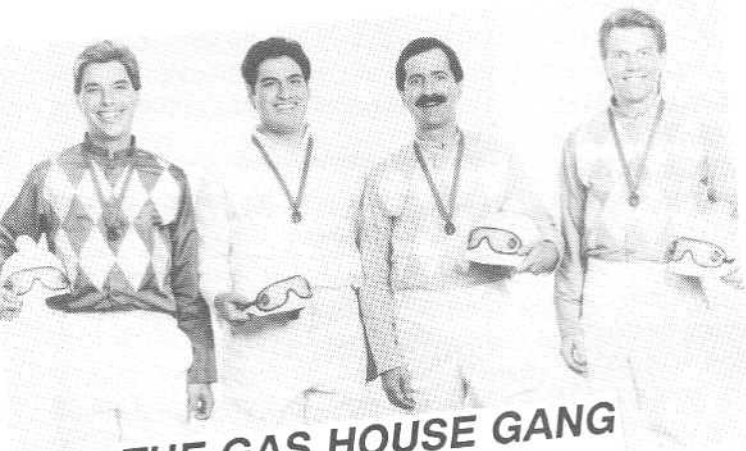
The award, in two-color script, will refer to the specific activity for which the recipient is honored, and will be prepared by the International communications department.

This will supplement the District PROTY award program. Any winners of the new communications award will automatically be eligible for the PROTY award.

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New Communication Awards offered

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The award is to be presented at a gathering of other members, including the general public if possible. Presentation will be made by both the Director of Communications and the District President whenever possible.

The district will work with the local chapter in making sure area media and the district bulletin get a story on the winner. Winners also will be recognized in the Troubadour and periodically in PROBE moter.

The award was instituted partly in response to some PROBE members and PR officers saying good PR should be recognized. The award eventually might lead to a new PROBE international PR award. Study is beginning on new guidelines for that. The PROBE Public Relations Officer of the Year program was discontinued two years ago.

If you know a member or activity that might be considered for this new award, please call or write Jim Styer, Pioneer Director of Communications.

PROTY entries are due by February 15

Entries are being accepted for Pioneer District's 1991 Public Relations Officer of the Year. It will be presented at the spring convention. You also can get a professional evaluation of your work and it could be used as an teaching example for other PR Officers.

The entry can relate to a single project or a program comprised of several different activities. Compile your clippings, letters, brochures, audio and video tapes, etc. Submit them with a description of your PR program (because all your behind-the-scenes work probably isn't obvious) and why you're proud of what you accomplished. No minimum or maximum length on this.

Mail entries as soon as possible. Deadline: Feb. 15, 1992. Get started before the Christmas crunch.

All DVPs, assistant DVPs and chapter presidents are urged to help identify good PR and encourage PR Officers to participate in this award program.

Submit entries to Jim Styer, Director of Communications, 72 Allison Dr., Battle Creek MI 49017-1828. Any questions? Need help? Call 616-965-6456, late afternoons and weekends.



LOGOPEDICS

By Pioneer District Logopedics Chairman ALEX WILLOX

We are heading down the home stretch again and I see the contributions picking up. I'm hoping to see more Gold Awards this year. Keep pushing as I'd like to see every chapter medal this year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

LOGOPEDICS SUMMARY AS OF 10/2/91

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MBRS</u>	<u>PER CAP.</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
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BATTLE CREEK				
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BOYNE CITY	598.00	33	18.12	BRONZE
CADILLAC	491.00	38	12.92	BRONZE
COLDWATER	80.00	8	10.00	BRONZE
DETROIT-OAKLAND	1,666.50	94	17.25	BRONZE
FLINT	885.75	44	20.13	BRONZE
GRAND RAPIDS	3,382.08	95	35.60	SILVER
GRATIOT COUNTY	41.00	50	.82	
GROSSE POINTE	300.00	90	3.33	
HOLLAND	500.00	55	9.09	
HURON VALLEY	528.20	39	13.54	BRONZE
JACKSON	50.00	31	1.61	
KALAMAZOO	500.00	51	9.80	
LANSING	3,112.45	75	41.50	SILVER
MACOMB COUNTY	1,453.14	67	21.69	BRONZE
MILFORD	500.00	32	15.63	BRONZE
MONROE	380.00	26	14.62	BRONZE
MONROE NORTH	224.00	41	5.64	
MUSKEGON	500.00	31	16.13	BRONZE
PONTIAC	1,986.50	37	82.77	GOLD
PORT HURON	62.50	17	3.68	
ROCHESTER	62.50	43	1.45	
SAGINAW BAY	386.00	31	12.45	BRONZE
SAULT STE. MARIE	700.00	46	15.22	BRONZE
SWAN VALLEY	1,002.60	21	47.36	SILVER
TRAVERSE CITY	500.00	37	13.51	BRONZE
WAYNE	3,501.50	101	34.67	SILVER
WINDSOR	460.00	45	10.22	BRONZE
PIONEER DISTRICT	691.00			
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$25,826.32</u>			

Motor City Metro wins big in Prelims

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fare very well in the New Orleans's competition. See the article below on the singing order for choruses in New Orleans.

Singing order for choruses in New Orleans announced

Beginning with the 1992 international chorus contest, there will be up to 20 choruses competing. These include the top-scoring chorus from each of the 16 districts, plus any choruses invited from affiliate organizations.

If any open slots remain, and there are three for 1992, top-scoring choruses from SPEBSQSA are invited to participate. Therefore, the *Mainliners* from Bryn Mawr, Penn.; *West Towns* from Lombard, Ill.; and the *Pot O' Gold* chorus from Bay Area Metro in California, will be competing with the 16 district winners and the chorus from Sheffield, England.

Listed below is the order of appearance and their preliminary scores (if known).

1. Sound of the Rockies -RMD-(1168)
Denver Tech, Colo.
2. Heart of America -CSD-(1189)
Kansas City, Mo.
3. Northwest Sound -EVG-(1162)
Bellevue, Wash.
4. Pot O' Gold -FWD-(1170 pro-rated)
Bay Area Metro, Calif.
5. Hallmark of Harmony -BABS-(?)
Sheffield, England
6. Big Chicken - DIX-(1179)
Marietta, Ga.
7. Dukes of Harmony -ONT-(?)
Scarborough, Ont.
8. Thoroughbreds -CAR-(1214)
Louisville, Ky.
9. Sun Harbor -FWD-(1198 pro-rated)
San Diego, Cal.
10. Mainliners -MAD-(1170)
Bryn Mawr, Pa.
11. City Lights -PIO-(1172)
Motor City Metro, Mich.
12. Chorus of the Genessee -SLD-(1091)
Rochester, NY
13. Southern Gateway -JAD-(?)
Cincinnati, Oh.

14. Heralds of Harmony -SUN-(1107)
Tampa, Fla.
15. OK Chorale -SWD-(?)
Oklahoma City, Okla.
16. New Tradition -ILL-(1206)
Northbrook, Ill.
17. Great Northern Union-LOL-(1223)
Hilltop, Minn.
18. Narrangansett Bay -NED-(?)
Providence, R.I.
19. West Towns -ILL-(1183)
Lombard, Ill.
20. Harmonizers -MAD-(1215)
Alexandria, Va.

As can be seen from the above, the chorus contest in New Orleans will be a real humdinger. One of the things to bear in mind when looking at the scores is that each district contest had a different set of judges, and therefore one can only conclude that the scores are somewhat indicative of their placement on that particular day. A lot of things can happen between now and next summer, and all of the choruses will be striving to improve their overall performance. So look for a real barn-burner in New Orleans! Pioneer should do well.



STAY TUNED

1991-92 Pioneer District Quartet Champions - L to R: Bruce LaMarte, tenor; Dennis Gore, lead; Lee Hanson, bass; Brian Kaufman, bari;

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3rd place was *Gangbusters*, which actually moved up from fifth place in the semi-finals to third place in the finals. The *Rhythm Factory* placed fourth followed by the *Blue Ribbon Coalition* in fifth. All in all, the quartet competition was indeed as fierce as the chorus competition, giving the Pioneer District audience a real thrill.



Shown above is Pioneer District President Mike O'Donnell presenting the charter to the new Motor City Metro Chapter President Jack Drennan. Seated at right is Bob Whitledge, the *City Lights* Chorus director. Presented 9/18/91.

Three inducted into Pioneer District Hall of Fame at district convention



Three Pioneer District stalwarts were inducted into the Pioneer District *Hall of Fame* at the recently concluded House of Delegates meeting at the fall convention in Battle Creek.

Pictured above receiving their *Hall of Fame* pins from Executive President Roger Lewis for outstanding service to the district, include: At top: Jack Schneider, our district treasurer of many years. At bottom: Jim Stephens, our district director of music education. Previous *Hall of Fame* winners are shown in the background during the presentation ceremonies.

One recipient of the award who is deceased was Clarence A. Jalving, a former member of the Holland Chapter and who was the Pioneer District president in 1953-54, and also served as the international president in 1959-60. Members of the Holland Chapter were present to receive the award in his honor.

The *Hall of Fame* award is the most prestigious award given by the Pioneer District. So far, 48 men have been inducted into the *Hall of Fame*, 31 of whom are deceased. The award was started in 1974 and covers the entire 51 years of the district.

The *Hall of Fame* nominating committee was chaired this year by Roger Lewis, the district executive vice president.

Grosse Pointe Quartet wins 1991-92 Seniors Quartet Championship



Pictured above from the Grosse Pointe Chapter are the *Friends Indeed* quartet, the winners of the Pioneer District Seniors Quartet Championship held at the district convention.

The quartet, from left to right above, include: Hank DeMars, tenor; Howard Masters, lead; Gordy Dubrul, baritone, and Nels Gregersen, bass.

Seven quartets vied for the championship of the Seniors, the largest number of entries to date in this increasingly popular contest. Judges for the contest included John Bauer, the district DACJC, as chairman and Sound judge, Mike O'Donnell as Interp judge, Gene Hanover as Stage Presence judge, and Marv Skupski as Arrangement judge. Bill Warner served as Secretary with your editor serving as Master of Ceremonies.

A crowd of better than 400 jammed the Branson Ballroom to hear and cheer the quartets on in what proved to be a very good contest, as all of the quartets sang well and proved that it doesn't matter how old you are when it comes to good singing.

BULLETIN EDITORS TAKE NOTE: Pioneer's chapter bulletin contest will soon be off and running

It is hoped that all of our chapter bulletin editors will be entering the district bulletin contest which commences on January 15, 1992, for bulletins published in 1991. Roger Morris is our bulletin contest chairman, and entries must be submitted to him by January 15, 1992. Editors who have published at least eight bulletins during the year are asked to submit three copies of three consecutive issues published during the year for judging. The critiques received are well worth the effort, and in addition, the top two winners will receive fine trophies for their efforts. The field is wide open, so plan to enter now. Roger's address can be found in the directory

SPOTLIGHT
on
LOGOPEDICS



Dr. Fran Durham

Logopedics Class to be held at COTS

By the time you receive this issue of the *Troubadour* the COTS class in Lansing will be over, and hopefully we will have had a successful Logopedic's class.

Detroit-Oakland Benefit Show

The Detroit-Oakland Chapter held a benefit show for the Stroke Survivor Unit at Beaumont Hospital which has units in Royal Oak and Troy, Michigan. It was held on Friday, October 25, 1991, at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

As you may know, there has been much discussion at the international level about supporting local charities along with continued support of our unified service project, the Institute of Logopedics. The show came about because a former Oakland County Chapter member, Ray Strachan (who used to sing with the *Wonderlads*), suffered a stroke at age 52 and was treated at the Stroke Survival unit. The therapist used music as part of Ray's therapy.

Ray was and is communicatively handicapped, so doing a show for the unit complimented our support of the Institute of Logopedics. An important point to be made is that doing the benefit did not detract from the chapter's financial support of the Institute. I would encourage other chapters in Pioneer to consider supporting worthwhile local charities. Such activity is good for the Society and is good for the local charity, and in addition gives the chapter local PR which certainly can't hurt. Be sure going in, however, that such support is over and above your commitment to the Institute.

With DOC's Benefit Show, all talent was donated. The show format was kept simple with expenses kept to a minimum. Proceeds, after expenses, were turned over to the Stroke Survivor Unit through the Beaumont Hospital Foundation. Beaumont printed the flyers, program, and tickets. They also handled the publicity. I think you'll find that any charitable organization that you may want to work with will be able to do whatever they can to help promote the activity. I will discuss this at COTS in more detail. You'll find that supporting a local charity can be mutually beneficial.

FROM THE MAILBOX



October 30, 1991

Dear Bob:

Just a note to thank everyone in the district who supported us in the recent district contest. We are, as we said at the time, very happy to have come out on top in a **VERY** tough contest. It is, by far, the most competitive contest we've ever seen in this district and that is a good sign for all of us. Next year the international will hear from the Pioneer District and I know that all the qualifying quartets will give the Pioneer District members something to cheer about.

On a personal note, *Stay Tuned* has some people we'd like to thank publicly. In the rush of the moment we neglected to mention some important individuals without whom it would not have been possible to win. First and foremost, our coaches: to Lyle Pilcher who was responsible for our Sound, Interpretation and for saying "you guys have just got to get on top of this Stage Presence--it's your worst category." (We took him seriously!); and to Bob and Sally Whitledge for helping us keep things in balance and for providing the encouragement, drive and inspiration when it looked like things were getting tough.

Of course, we must always thank our wives, not just for their encouragement, but for their faith in us (and for not saying how it really sounded when we knew it sounded bad). They are the glue that holds us all together. They should get medals for their patience. (I'm speaking personally here.)

And last, but not least, all of our friends who were so thrilled that we had won. It is gratifying when someone warmly and sincerely says "we're glad you won"--it makes all the hard work worthwhile.

We look forward to the spring competition and to the future for the Pioneer District. The future looks bright and we are pleased to be a part of it. As your new district champs we would like to help out any chapter in the district with a guest night or special chapter function (based on availability). Please contact me and we'll compare schedules. Sincerely,

Denny Gore for
Stay Tuned





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CHAPTER NEWS

DETROIT-OAKLAND

by Tom Uicker

October was a busy but most enjoyable month for the Detroit-Oakland Chapter. First, a contingent of seventeen members managed to surprise octogenarian Ed Fach with a special pin from the international board in recognition of his over 50 years in the Society. Ed's 52 years of membership make him a true senior in barbershop circles. Interestingly enough, DOC's own *Pension-Aires* quartet, who helped spring the surprise on Ed Fach, has an octogenarian of its own. Tenor Ed Aron is still singing sweet at 88.

The *Gentlemen Songsters* chorus, with only thirty men on stage, earned a very respectable eighth place in the fall chorus contest. One week later, we pulled together a fine, albeit poorly attended, show to benefit the Stroke Survivor Project at Beaumont Hospital. (I suspect Dr. Fran Durham has reported more in depth on this topic elsewhere in this issue.)

Then, on November 1, DOC hosted another fabulous Canadian Night with over 200 people from 14 Pioneer and Ontario district chapters. Eleven quartets and five choruses performed for us; interspersed with plenty of gang singing, woodshedding, and fellowship. Chairman and emcee for this event was our president Bill Wickstrom. His efforts as well as the hard work of the chapter have made this annual event something to look forward to in Southeastern Michigan. If we could find a bigger arena, as easily accessible and centrally located, then maybe we could rival the popularity of Ontario's "Dawg House Night" (hosted by my former chapter, Kitchener-Waterloo).

Even as you read this, Detroit-Oakland will be in the midst of its annual caroling effort at local hospitals and nursing homes. We are visiting four sites this year; one each week in December. We are also hard at work on songs for our February show, *A Musical Valentine*, coming up on Valentine's Day and the day after. (See ad elsewhere in this bulletin.)

I am pleased to announce that Don Stewart will be taking over the reins of leadership for the Detroit-Oakland Chapter. Past-president Bill Wickstrom is moving up to District VP--Division I. Paul Bergman still serves as Music Director for *The Gentlemen Songsters*.

GROSSE POINTE

by Jim Kinner

Our ladies' auxiliary promoted a bus tour to Opryland in mid-September which several couples attended, including Reuben Queen and his wife, Dorothy.

Our second chapter show this year highlighting the *Blue Grass Student Union* and the *Suntones* was a huge success.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had their third annual Octoberfest October 6 in Bill and Bev Shier's back yard. The bratwurst and sauerkraut and apple desserts were plentiful and good. (Ed. Note: Has he ever said the food was bad?) What was most entertaining was listening to that mixture of Anglo-Saxons and Italians singing German songs. Ach der lieber!

Well, the district convention has come and gone again without Grosse Pointe placing first place in the chorus competition. I can't understand it. On the other hand the singing quality of the choruses and quartets has again surpassed that of the previous competition. As we had anticipated, Grosse Pointe's own barbershop Hall of Famer, Russ Seely, was elected to be the Executive Vice President of the district at the House of Delegates meeting. Congratulations, Russ.

Grosse Pointe went on a mystery bus trip October 29. They wound up at the Macomb Chapter meeting. The Macomb boys were somewhat down because of their position in the district contest. Their gloom was soon blown away with the singing and the camaraderie.

We celebrated our installation of officers at our annual COIN Night Dinner Dance, November 6. Mike Proffitt was elected to lead us through 1992.

Our real happy news is that Dick Barber (80 years old) married Edna Fisher (77 years old) on November 6. Just to remind the barbershoppers who Dick Barber is, he is the shortest guy in the chapter other than Hal and Mickey Trombley. Dale Barber was best man (Dale celebrated his 60th birthday the same day). The maid of honor was the bride's daughter.

We're practicing Christmas Carols in preparation for our annual Christmas Nursing Home Bus Trip Singout December 15.

Happy Holidays to you all from the Grosse Pointe Chapter.

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SCORING SUMMARY
Pioneer District Chorus Contest
 Battle Creek, Michigan
 October 19, 1991

THE PANEL OF JUDGES

Chairman	Harold Ebel	Faribault, MN	LOL
Sound	Paul Grimm	Berwick, NS, CAN	NED
	David Patterson	Clinton, MA	NED
Interpretation	Judd Orff	Stillwater, MN	LOL
	Meyer Press	Sharon, MA	NED
Stage Presence	William Hafley	Warrensville, NC	DIX
	Dale Teoray	Forest Lake, MN	LOL
Arrangement	Dave Briner	Anaheim Hills, CA	FWD
	Tom A. Gentil	Cincinnati, OH	JAD
Secretary	T.M. "Mike" Hines	Cedar Rapids, IA	CSD
Asst. Sec'y	Bob McDermott	Birmingham, MI	PIO
Timekeepers	Dick Campbell	Battle Creek, MI	PIO
	Dick Smith	Battle Creek, MI	PIO
Prac. Pnl. Chmn	John Bauer	Alpena, MI	PIO

	SND	INT	SP	ARR	TOT	MEN
1. Motor City Metro City Lights Chorus	494	338	329	11	1172	56
2. Macomb County Harmony Heritage Chorus	461	323	331	9	1124	62
3. Holland Windmill Chorus	444	320	313	5	1082	50
4. Grand Rapids Great Lakes Chorus	408	300	291	11	1010	49
5. Gratiot County Midstatesmen Chorus	407	281	285	6	979	39
6. Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus	402	283	281	3	969	42
7. Lansing Capitol City Chordsmen	393	258	297	11	959	37
8. Detroit-Oakland Gentlemen Songsters	380	265	274	5	924	30
9. Kalamazoo Mall City Chorus	356	222	226	5	809	40
10. Cadillac Inter-Lakes Chorus	315	221	223	6	765	25
11. Battle Creek Cereal City Chorus	345	234	178	2	759	21
12. Flint Arrowhead Chorus	291	212	223	1	727	21
13. Traverse City Cherry Capitol Chorus	279	220	201	12	712	23
14. Huron Valley Huron Valley Harmonizers	284	209	211	3	707	15
15. Jackson Town and Country Chorus	294	204	181	10	689	20
16. Milford Mill Valley Chorus	290	201	179	3	673	21

Motor City Metro is the champion and will represent the Pioneer District at the 1992 International Chorus Contest in New Orleans.
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SCORING SUMMARY
Pioneer District Quartet Contest
 Battle Creek, Michigan
 October 18 & 19, 1991

QUARTET	SND	INT	SP	ARR	TOTAL
(Four Songs)					
1. Stay Tuned	960	645	646	27	2278
2. Opening Night	916	645	643	18	2222
3. Gangbusters	887	601	615	-1	2102
4. The Rhythm Factory	841	582	586	29	2038
5. Blue Ribbon Coalition	849	593	584	10	2036
6. Brighter Side	852	559	560	22	1993
7. Great Escape	770	565	571	18	1924
8. Dutch Masters	787	533	533	-28	1825
(Two Songs)					
9. Collector's Choice	360	235	247	3	845
10. Furniture City Chord Company	350	238	232	13	833
11. Grand Prix	342	223	216	4	785
12. Musicians Coalition	308	203	216	3	730
13. The Lucky Chances	317	210	201	2	714a
14. Suitable Union	300	207	202	-4	705
15. Four Ever Yours	270	201	228	-2	697
a - Time Penalty 16 points (2 seconds)-Article 18					

Stay Tuned is the Pioneer District Champion.

Musicians Coalition is the Novice Champion.

SCORING SUMMARY
Pioneer District Seniors Quartet Contest
 Battle Creek, Michigan
 October 19, 1991

THE PANEL OF JUDGES

Chairman	John Bauer	Alpena, MI	PIO
Sound	John Bauer	Alpena, MI	PIO
Interpretation	Mike O'Donnell	Grand Rapids, MI	PIO
Stage Presence	Gene Hanover	Bridgman, MI	PIO
Arrangement	Marv Skupski	Westland, MI	PIO
Secretary	Bill Warner	Oak Park, MI	PIO

QUARTET	SND	INT	SP	ARR	TOTAL
1. Friends Indeed	183	128	105	7	423
2. The Rusty Hinges	165	125	109	6	405
3. Class Reunion	168	111	114	6	399
4. The Grand Travelers	173	114	87	2	376
5. The Four Score and More	150	97	106	-2	351
6. The Last Goodby	150	108	91	1	350
7. Four Old Parts	156	105	88	-2	347

Friends Indeed is the Pioneer District Seniors Quartet Champion.

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DUE TO INCREASED COSTS OF PUBLISHING AND MAILING, ADVERTISING AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE TROUBADOUR HAVE INCREASED SLIGHTLY. SEE PAGE 2 FOR NEW RATES EFFECTIVE WITH THE FEBRUARY/MARCH, 1992, ISSUE OF THE TROUBADOUR.

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CHAPTER NEWS

MUSKEGON CHAPTER

by Fred Kendall

The Muskegon Chapter is a very happy and busy group--busy in the following ways; A) Attended Fall Convention, B) Manufactured and sold submarine sandwiches, a semi-annual money raiser; C) Have held a "Membership is Me" campaign starting on October 21, October 28, November 7 with an Open House on November 14; and D) Are busy preparing a yuletide program for the "Festival of Trees" benefit at the Frauenthal Theater on December 3.

On October 3 our chapter switched over to the Bryn Mawr experiment. Although we are not a large group we have diversified to the extent that we offer Barbershop Craft, including music sight reading, tag singing, and woodshedding. Our chorus is preparing Christmas Carols as well as reviewing our regular performance numbers and preparing new numbers for our March 14, 1992 show, and oh, yes, our potential contest numbers, also.

We would like to single out our chapter's busiest member--Web Scrivnor. Web directs the chorus, prepares a weekly bulletin for each of our members, and writes and publishes the minutes of our board meetings. In addition, this past year he has been re-writing our Chapter By-Laws--How do you thank him?

Our annual Christmas dinner for members and wives will be held at the Bil-Mar Inn, in Grand Haven on December 29. At this event it is traditional to install our 1992 officers.

We wish the district a very merry Christmas, and many thanks for the services rendered.

ROCHESTER CHAPTER

by Bill Taggart

Preliminary numbers are in, and it appears that our 1991 annual show was financially successful. We already know, of course, that it was musically successful, from the compliments received from patrons and sponsors alike. Doren McTaggart did his usual fine job as M.C., the chorus was sparkling, and the guest quartets were terrific, the crowd always loving the antics and the music of *The Ivy League*.

With the show part of history, the *Heart of the Hills* Chorus will now focus on preparations for the Christmas season. First rehearsal of the seasonal music was November 13, and we had a terrific time. It was great to have a return visit from some of the guests of the previous week's Guest Night, and these men seemed to be having a lot of fun.

We have good news and bad news for this year's Christmas schedule. The bad news is that for the first time in many years we have had to pass on participating in the annual Rochester Christmas Parade, because eight of the Chapter "movers and shakers" (including all the experienced float decorators and the owner of the float) will be out of town. The good news is that they are going to be out of town attending COTS.

Another Letter to the Editor



Dear Bob et al,

Actually, this is to all the editors out there in the Pioneer District. I want to urge and encourage you to submit your bulletin to this year's "District Bulletin Editor of the Year" contest. As with chorus competition, the bulletin contest is judged by experienced people throughout the Society who can give you many suggestions on how to improve your publication, making a better communication tool for your chapter.

Last year, *The Gentlemen's Songster* was the only entry in the district bulletin contest; the year before, there weren't any. This year *The Gentlemen's Songster* is ineligible to compete; the field is wide open.

And the best part is--most of the work is already done. The bulletins are already written. All you have to do is select your three best consecutive issues, get the required number of copies, and mail them in before the deadline. What have you got to lose? **GO FOR IT!**

Tom Uicker, co-editor
The Gentlemen's Songster

DIRECTORS COLLEGE AND HARMONY COLLEGE DATES

In order to assist you in planning, here are the dates:

Directors college--July 12-19 at Cathage College in Kenosha. Fee of \$345 includes all room, board, materials, and transportation to and from Milwaukee Airport. Application is in the Sep/Oct *Harmonizer* and Jul/Aug *Direct Line* publication.

Harmony College--August 2-9, 1992 at Missouri Western College in St. Joseph, Missouri. Fee is \$315 which includes room, board and transportation to and from Kansas City Airport. Application will appear in Nov/Dec *Harmonizer*.

HARMONY ROUND-UP WEEKEND SET FOR JUNE 19-21

Harmony Round-Up weekend has been moved to June 19-21, 1992, at Michigan State University in East Lansing. With virtually all state colleges and universities changing to semester schedules, it has become necessary to move our long standing August/September weekend to late spring, this year into June and next year into late May.

Upon learning of the new dates, President Roger Lewis suggested that we consider a mid to western area district Send-Off show on Saturday night of the Round-Up. What a great idea! The Windsor Chapter sees no conflict with their efforts in Windsor. Larry Parker, president of the Lansing Chapter, as well as being Division I VP, thinks Lansing might be willing to assist or take on the project. The *City Lights* and the possible quartet representatives have been alerted. Everything seems in order to go ahead with the idea. All we need now is your support!

Watch for flyers and listen for announcements at your chapter meetings and at our spring convention concerning this event.

Harmony Round-Up promises to be bigger and better than ever. (**) Sign up now! Complete the mini-application below and send full payment before March 1 and save \$15 off the regular \$80 fee. Note: MSU Send-Off tickets will be an additional charge (this cost has yet to be determined).

(**) Gene Hanover is busy again getting instructors and coaches for us, although last year's faculty will be hard to top.

Chorus Director Development

Another new idea! Director training classes at our district school always seems to be cancelled for want of enough students. Well, this time we have selected a site accessible to parts of four districts, Pioneer, Cardinal, Johnny Appleseed and Illinois.

WHERE: Fort Wayne, Indiana
 WHEN: Saturday, January 11, 1992
 TIME: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 FEE: \$5.00 (Covers lunch and materials)
 CLINICIAN: Jim DeBusman, Int'l Music Staff

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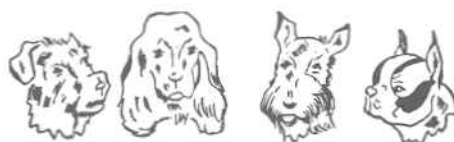
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Fees not refundable after June 1, 1992.

Every chapter within a four hour driving distance of Fort Wayne should send at least one representative to this one day event. Develop your chorus director, section leaders, assistant directors, warm-up person, song leader, etc. There is something for everyone, and, this session will not be cancelled!

Information is being sent to all chapter officers. If they can't help you then call me, Jim Stephens, at 313-459-4011, or Gene Hanover at 616-465-6223.

We hope every chapter in the Pioneer District will take advantage of this fine opportunity. See you in January!



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Coming Events

FEBRUARY, 1992

- 14-15 Detroit-Oakland Chapter Show
*Gas House Gang, Swing Street
Stay Tuned*
29 Lansing Chapter Show

MARCH, 1992

- 14 Huron Valley Chapter Show
14 Kalamazoo Chapter Show
14 Monroe North Chapter Show
Chordiac Arrest, Stay Tuned
14 Muskegon Chapter Show
21 Grand Rapids Chapter Show
*Chiefs of Staff, Happiness
Emporium*
21 Grosse Pointe Chapter Show
29 Monroe Chapter Show

APRIL, 1992

- 4 Milford Chapter Show
24-26 Pioneer District Convention at
Battle Creek

MAY, 1992

- 2 Boyne City BUSH LEAGUE
Contest and Show
2 Swan Valley Chapter Show
9 Pontiac Chapter Show
15 Holland Chapter Show
16 Cadillac Chapter Show

JUNE, 1992

- 19-21 **HARMONY ROUND-UP** at
Michigan State U.

OCTOBER, 1992

- 2-3 Grand Rapids Chapter Show
16-18 **PIONEER DISTRICT** Convention

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

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College-age Quartet Contest scheduled for July in New Orleans *An idea long overdue!*

Contributed by Joe Liles

A barbershop quartet contest for college-age men is scheduled to take place as part of the 1992 international convention in New Orleans. This will be an event for men 23 years of age and younger, residing in the United States and Canada. No Society registered quartets may enter and no more than two Society members may sing in a competing quartet.

A cash prize of \$4,000 will be awarded the winning quartet, with additional cash prizes awarded to quartets finishing in second through fifth places. Prize money will be raised through ticket sales to the final event and from a portion of proceeds from preliminary contest rounds held at the district level.

This event is the brainchild of Pete Neushal, baritone of the 139th Street Quartet. Pete is chairman of the event;

registration and coordination will be handled by Lani Dieter at the international office. If you have comments or suggestions about the contest, contact Pete at (213) 639-4920 during the day, or (213) 541-7452 in the evening. Information about the contest is being mailed to college and university music departments, music fraternities and college MENC chapters. The success of the event will depend upon the efforts of barbershoppers in our districts and chapters, however.

Al Fisk, our district YMIH chairman, has been selected to chairman this activity for the Pioneer District. His primary job will be to encourage the formation of quartets through contact with chapters, and with college and university music departments. In addition, he will have charge of the contest at our spring quartet preliminary contest.

Chapters are encouraged to seek out members who are college students and encourage formation of quartets. They can also contact colleges and quartets directly, working in cooperation with the district college chairman, Al Fisk. Music can be provided by chapters and qualified barbershoppers can serve as coaches.

Demonstration quartets visiting college music departments can generate enthusiasm for the barbershop style. Individual students or embryonic quartets can be invited to chapter meetings to hear examples of quartet singing. Once they have experienced participation in a barbershop chord, these young men will be ready to form quartets.

Posters, informational materials and entry forms can be obtained from the Communications Department at the international office in Kenosha.

This activity can be beneficial to the Society in a number of ways. Most important, it can introduce barbershop harmony to musical young men who have not heard it before.

But also, local publicity can be generated as a result of formation of quartets and presentation of these quartets at contests or shows. Local fund-raising events can be held to help college quartets get to New Orleans, and these can also generate favorable publicity for barbershopping. Departure of these young men for New Orleans can produce local publicity, as well.