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## LANSING CHAPTER MEMBERS, APRIL CONVENTION HOSTS, ARE COMING AFTER YOU!

by Doug Pearson, Lansing Chapter PR Officer

"Our goal is to make this three year stay in Lansing the best in convention history." Don Funk, Lansing Chapter Convention Coordinator, said. "We have a number of new ideas in store for all barbershop participants and visitors."

He emphasized that a prime objective is to increase the number of participants. Chapter members will take the "convention story on the road," Funk said. His immediate plans are to visit the Huron Valley, Kalamazoo and Flint Chapters with the **Patch Chords Quartet**. Stan Williams added that "chapter members will hopefully, visit each chapter in the district before the convention, April 23."

"I feel it's important to tell and sell the convention story on a personal basis," Funk continued; "And there's no better way than by chapter visitations."

"You don't realize the thrill, excitement and accomplishment of a district performance until you're on the stage -- you finish your numbers -- and you get that warm, friendly round of applause from an appreciative, truly, barbershop audience", Funk declared.

"We're anticipating a great convention," he emphasized. "We are working to make your stay in Lansing as entertaining, comfortable and memorable as possible."

*Additional convention coverage on pages 7, 8 and 9. Also, Myke Lucas calls for 30 quartets at convention on page 11.*

**Bob McDermott 1930 - 1992**

See Pages 5 and 6

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## VISITING NAME TALENT WILL COMPLEMENT DISTRICT DME STAFF AT MINI HEP, MAY 21 - 23

by Fred Kienitz, Director of Music Education

We are close to having our faculty in place for our Mini HEP School, May 21 through 23, in Lansing. Some very talented and well known barbershoppers are coming to help us become *better* barbershoppers.

To date we have: Jim Debusman, Vocal Production and Warm Up Specialist; Mel Knight, International Music Director and a man of numerous credentials; Reid Stewart, Certified Stage Presence Judge and Don Kahl, original tenor of the **Rural Route Four Quartet**.

We have also contacted Brian Beck and are looking for one more well qualified man to complete our staff.

Our guest quartet will be the **Cascade Connection**, Past District Champions from Oregon. They will help provide further teaching expertise.

Your Mini HEP brochure should be in your hands by mid February. Don't delay, mail your registration early. As an early registration incentive for our Canadian brothers, we will allow them to enroll at face, non discounted, value until May 8.

We must keep in mind that our membership is declining. We need you, well trained and on our "preservation and encouragement" team. Together, we can turn this problem around. I'll see you at Mini HEP.

*More on Mini HEP classes and other training, page 12.*

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**THE PRESIDENT'S**

**PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
ROGER LEWIS**

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Having just returned from Mid-Winter Convention in Corpus Christi, I'm filled with excitement about all of the things happening in the Society. We have a great year to look forward to -- Here are some convention highlights.

It sure is nice to be back in sunny, cold Michigan where the food isn't strange and the highest point of land isn't an overpass. In Corpus Christi you can literally see for miles but can hardly pronounce items on the menu.

**INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBER**

**MIKE O'DONNELL**

**SENIOR QUARTET CONTEST** - Rockies IV are the new Senior Champs, from the Denver area. Pete Tyre, the bass was the bari in the 1953 champs, the Orphans, and Wes Dorsey, lead, sang for years with the Four-in-Legion, from the Toledo area. Our own Vocal Gentry, placed 5th with a very strong performance. **Deja Vu** from Ontario ended up "Deja Vu all over again", in second place, for the second time in two years.

**HARMONY EXPLOSION.** There is a manual available that is being distributed to the music team. It is intended for use in schools. If your chapter would like copies, please contact International.

**CALGARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.** If you haven't made your travel arrangements, do it now! There are limited plane schedules/seats. Marge Kyvig or Helen Repair at Ermisch Travel, our district travel agent, will help you in every way possible. Be sure to tell them you're a barbershopper. Phone 1-800-999-5245.

Both the convention and the contest look great! Have you registered? We already have over 9000 registered, with more to come. Because the hotels are smaller, without large ballrooms, Saturday Night's Hospitality Party will be in the Convention Center. Fourteen of the sixteen districts, including Pioneer, will be participating in the party.

**Chairmen Of The Boards** quartet from Cincinnati, will compete in our spring contest. They missed their district contest due to a schedule conflict. Their goal is to earn the points to qualify for Calgary. Don Gray, tenor, and Don Jennings, bari, may be some familiar names in this quartet. They will not be considered competitors in the Pioneer District, other than trying to achieve the point total to assure a trip to Calgary. I judged them in JAD Divisional last year. They are a darned good quartet!

*Continued- See PRESIDENT, Page 4.*

Our trip started ominously with problems over the airline tickets from the society travel agency, Camelot. Arriving in Texas, we found others had the same problem.

The weather was pleasant, not hot. Jan forced me to take my golf clubs. I was able to get in 72 holes while she shopped with friends.

At the International Board Meeting, Past President Aramian, Larry Ajer, Ken Buckner and President Nickoson were presented plaques by Jim Miller, on behalf of the **Southern Gateway Chorus**, for their help toward achieving the championship. Special recognition was awarded Wilbur Sparks, for 27 years of service to the society.

A motion was made to immediately replace Executive Director, Joe Liles. In private session, the motion was defeated.

One issue supported 14 - 1, remains to be resolved, tabled until Calgary. That issue involves changing the rules to allow non-member female chorus directors. Many chapters claim a shortage of male directors. There are those who respect the talents of non-members but feel the Society should remain an all male singing society. I'm in that group.

Because of this delicate issue, I need your help. Chapter Presidents, poll your members. All of you, write and let me know your feelings. I will take those numbers to Calgary, either way. All studies indicate there are plenty of male directors, but I'll go with the majority.

The Board approved in concept, new categories for Contests and Judging. Final approval should be given by July, barring something unforeseen.

Indianapolis has been selected for the 1997 International Convention. See you all in Lansing, in April!

**THE EXECUTIVE PITCH**

by our Executive V.P.  
RUSSELL SEELY

***Here's the Pitch!***

As most of us are aware, the Lifeblood concept of barbershopping - that is, every man, in his own way experiencing the joy of hearing his voice contribute to barbershop harmony - will be introduced to the Pioneer District within a short period of time, so we've been informed.

The first efforts of the "dream team" led by Eric Jackson will be in the Central States District where 10 chapters are being selected to be used as a "test sample" for Lifeblood. Jackson made a presentation of the concept at our fall convention in Battle Creek.

Although we were disappointed we weren't the first district selected, it's probably a blessing to have someone else work out the bugs.

You may note I refer to Lifeblood as a concept. It is! It is not another membership program, although we feel it will stimulate growth. It does not have a text or handbook to follow. It is not meant to change your chapter (well, maybe not overnight). Some of our chapters are fortunate enough to fairly represent what Lifeblood is all about; every man in his own way, etcetera.

Do we need to change? I'd say yes, even if we weren't concerned about an ever aging, ever shrinking society. 'Reason being, to many fellas that join our society for the fun and camaraderie of singing "good ol' barbershop" are discouraged by the culture we seem to have evolved to.

That culture, as Eric Jackson put it, is something we're all aware of; heavy commitment to chorus activities including competition; BIG costly shows, complicated arrangements and on and on. There are some fortunates who realize there is life in barbershop beyond the chorus.

They will automatically relate to the Lifeblood concept. I can hardly wait for the dream team to arrive.

The district welcomes three new division vice presidents to our board, following their election at the fall convention. Ed McCarthy from Grosse Pointe is serving Division V. Mark Wilson, Gratiot County, will represent Division II while David Cole of Benton Harbor will be in charge of Division III.

We sincerely thank Deone Moore, Larry Parker and Ron Thomet for their contributions as previous Vice Presidents of those divisions. Well done guys.

Our old pal, Fred Kienitz became our Director of Music Education. Jim Stephens, former DOME will continue to run the backstage operation at conventions. We certainly thank him for his yeoman services as past DOME.

At the Lansing COTS board meeting, the district board shifted Saginaw and Swan Valley Chapters to Division II, to better geographically serve them.

Shirl' and I are off to Corpus Christi for Mid-Winter and to look up some great guys/woodshedders from AHSOW we had the pleasure of performing with on their Gulf of Mexico Cruise last November. The woodshedding even surpassed the weather, which was super. 'Wonder if they'd like to try "When the Maple Leaves Are Falling?"

Finally, in our abbreviated issue of the Troub, we referred to an increase in International dues. We were referring to the increase of 1992. No future increase is anticipated.

**PRESIDENT, from page 3.**

Starting in '94, we will run our own COTS, similar to the way we run our own conventions. Our Coordinator will be none other than JOHN T. GILLESPIE. More later.

So far, I haven't been able to find a replacement for Bob McDermott as Historian. His "*History of the Pioneer District*" book is near completion. Fran Durham will complete that, but we need a regular Historian. Please contact me if interested. Thanks.

**SPRING CONVENTION IN LANSING** is fast approaching. The MC at the chorus contest **will announce your chapter show** if you will write a brief announcement and get it to Russ Seely for approval. You must write the announcement. A flyer is not appropriate. See you at the convention!

## In Memoriam: Bob McDermott; 1930-1992

by Jim Styer, District Director of Communications

Former Troubadour Editor and international PROBE President Bob McDermott died on Sept. 30, 1992 — but not before his Pioneer District and PROBE had the opportunity to express to him and his family how highly he was regarded.

In fall 1990, Bob was inducted into the Pioneer District Hall of Fame, the district's highest honor.

Last summer, he was named to the Hall of Honor of PROBE, the Society's affiliate for Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors. He was present at the international convention to receive the award — PROBE's highest. The award, presented to men who have served PROBE at least 10 years, recognizes service beyond that required by any office held.

And in August, 175 friends from his Detroit-Oakland chapter and the district, plus several past international board members, gathered for a tribute to him and his barbershopping career. Joining Bob and wife Dottie were three of their four children. The evening climaxed with a powerfully tender presentation of "Old Songs are Just Like Old Friends" by Power Play, the father-and-sons quartet that tugged the heart-strings of so many barbershoppers at the international convention.

McDermott, of Birmingham, had resigned earlier in 1992 as PROBE president and as Troubadour editor when he learned he had cancer. He continued as district historian.

McDermott was a PROBE bulletin contest judge and PROBE vice president for bulletin editors in 1990-91, and became president in October 1991.

As co-editors of Detroit-Oakland's "Gentlemen's Songster," he and Tom Uicker were named PROBE's Bulletin Editors of the Year in 1991.

His Pioneer District historical exhibit was displayed in 1990 at the Michigan Historical Museum and at the 1988 international convention, where it won a second-place award.

McDermott's last major goal will be

realized. He was working on a 50-year history of the district, the Society's first district, formed in 1940. The material already had been compiled, and he was working on the last chapter at the time of his death. The history will be completed and published in book form.

McDermott was born in Janesville, Wis., where he began barbershopping in 1961. He transferred into the Pioneer District three years later.

During his 28 years in Pioneer, he held several offices in the Oakland County and Detroit-Oakland chapters. He received several awards for his bulletins, and was 1971 chapter Barbershopper of the Year and 1980 Area Counselor of the Year. He was division vice president, executive vice president, district president in 1985-86, and an international board member in 1988--89. He also was a member of the international Archives Committee and a secretary of judges.

A General Motors engineer, he retired in 1985, after which much of his time went to barbershopping.

McDermott, a bass, made more than 40 appearances on the competition stage with the Oakland County Wolverine Chorus and the Detroit-Oakland Gentlemen Songsters, including five international contests. He sang with two quartets, the Conchords and the Innocent Bystanders, and emceed several district contests.

Ever a recruiter, he had 13 Man of Note awards. One time, he brought in a whole quartet.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 214, Southfield MI 48075.

Bob leaves behind wife Dottie; daughters Shawn, Nancy and Tracey; son Dennis; and six grandchildren and many barbershopping friends.

His "Gentlemen's Songster" said it well: "Adieu, old friend, until we meet again."

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## Recollections on Bob

By Fran Durham

(Ed's note: Fran is a member of Bob McDermott's Detroit-Oakland Chapter and a long-time friend.)

We have many fond recollections of Bob as a family man, as his three girls and boy and our three girls participated in Labor Day activities at Harrisville State Park, sponsored by the Oakland County Chapter. Included were a kids' theater matinee, and numerous sporting events for kids and adults. Funds raised go to the Institute of Logopedics.

Bob wanted a sailboat in the worst way. But Dottie, his wife, realized owning a boat would involve maintenance costs, a boatwell, storage and all. She foresaw every weekend being a boating weekend at the exclusion of other activities. Bob persisted. Dottie relented. Bob named the boat "Dottie's Concession."

Some other chapter members also had boats, and there were many good times, with Bob thoroughly enjoying sailing.

Several chapter members and wives formed potluck groups. We, Bob and Dottie were in the "St. Clair Group," now in its 20th year. We meet several times a year at each others' homes, and spend a weekend at the Captain's House of the St. Clair Inn. In the early years, we often stayed up most of the night. Now, we laugh at lot at the pictures taken there in past years.

The McDermotts were part of a chapter winter weekend. The gals "played in the snow" with the guys when it started, but now have been spending more of their time in front of the fireplace.

The Durhams and McDermotts became very close over the years. Dottie will be included in all events the Detroit-Oakland Chapter participates in. She already has attended a chapter benefit show for Children's Hospital.

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## PROTY Entries Due March 15

by Jim Styer,  
District Director of Communications

Do you think you're a good chapter PR officer? Have you had some good experiences in promoting your chapter and barbershopping?

Tell us.

Write up a summary of what you did, what the results were and why you're proud of it. No minimum or maximum length; whatever it takes to help us decide that you're worthy of recognition. Enclose any backup material you might have, like clippings, brochures, audio or video tapes, etc.

If you don't have lots of clips or tapes, send whatever you have or whatever you think shows you at your best.

That's your entry in Pioneer District's 1992 Public Relations Officer of the Year contest.

The entry can relate to a single project or a program comprised of several activities.

All you district and division officers - and any chapter member, for that matter -- can nominate any chapter PRO for the award. Just send a written nomination with enough information for us to evaluate his work, or encourage him to submit his own entry.

Mail entries as soon as possible. Deadline: March 15.

The award will be presented at the spring convention, along with a professional evaluation of the work and some helpful PR tips.

Our district winner will be entered in the international Public Relations Officer of the Year contest, which is being resurrected after a four-year lapse.

Mail your entry 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 Sundays.

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**THERE'S LOTS TO DO IN LANSING**

by Mike Cirritto

There isn't much free time during barbershop district conventions. But there's lots to do in the Lansing area.

Barbershoppers might arrive a bit earlier Friday or leave later Sunday to take in some of the attractions. Wives and children can consider them on Saturday morning while chorus members are rehearsing.

Information on Lansing sights and activities will be available at the convention registration desk.

-- Three riverboats ply the Grand River. Largest is the enclosed, 3-deck Michigan Princess, which holds 330 passengers. It's available for dinner cruises and can be chartered by a minimum of 50 persons. Brochures will be at the registration desk so your chapter can begin planning a cruise.

-- For shopping, the Lansing Mall on Saginaw Road is nearby, with 100 stores. There's also Saginaw Road itself, downtown Lansing, Frandor Shopping Center, college-oriented downtown East Lansing and the Meredian Mall to the east in Okemos. For arts and crafts, visit specialty shops in Grand Ledge, 5 miles west of the Lansing Mall. For antiques on your way in or out of Lansing, it's the town of Williamson, 5 miles east of Okemos or 20 miles from the Sheraton.

-- Some attractions are free and open on weekends, including the just-renovated state Capitol downtown, the Michigan Historical Museum just west of the Capitol, MSU's Kresge Art Museum and the MSU Museum on the environment and dinosaurs.

-- Also open weekends, with an admission fee, are Impression 5 science museum and R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, both downtown.

If you want more information on Lansing now, contact the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau. Their materials include a 42-page visitors' guide for shopping, restaurants and attractions. They're at 119 Pere Marquette, PO Box 15066, Lansing MI 48901-5066. Or call toll-free, 1-800-648-6630.

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Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd hotel choices. If the housing bureau cannot complete the request, they will telephone the individual making the request. The hotels make every effort to honor and fulfill each request but cannot guarantee each request.

**HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND TROLLEY  
SHUTTLE SET FOR LANSING  
CONVENTION, APRIL 23 - 25**

by Mike Cirritto and Jim Styer

Much will be different but much will be the same as the Pioneer District Convention moves to Lansing. The Lansing Chapter will host the initial session this spring.

The Headquarters Sheraton Hotel is off I-496 at Creyts road. Four other hotels (all listed on the hotel registration form on the reverse side of this page) are conveniently nearby. Competition will be held in the single level Waverly School, a few minutes away.

A convenient and "fun" trolley will shuttle between the headquarters hotel and the school, for an hour before and after each event. Reasonable priced weekend trolley passes will be available at the convention registration desk.

Quartet performances will featured at the Mass Sing, tentatively scheduled for 4:30 PM, Saturday, on the center stage of the Lansing

Mall. The mall is 1 1/2 miles north of the headquarters hotel. Dining after the sing will be facilitated by a choice of twelve restaurants in the mall, or several others nearby, on Saginaw Avenue.

On Friday, the District Board of Directors will meet in the morning and the House of Delegates in the afternoon, both at the Sheraton. Quartet semi finals will begin at 8:30 PM, at the school.

The Joe Barbershop Chorus will sing at noon on Saturday, commencing the afternoon of chorus competition. District Quartet Finals will take the stage at 8 PM, followed by the Collegiate Quartet Contest.

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I'm happy to have this job and glad Roger asked me. I am intensely aware that I will be a lo-o-ong time approaching the expertise of our lost friend, Bob McDermott. Please bear with me. I'll do my best.



Gordon Gunn,  
Editor

My wife, Margaret, and I raised a family of six. with those responsibilities; sometimes working out of town and even some periods of disability, I have been an on and off barbershopper with the Muskegon Chapter since 1960. Margaret, the greatest barbershop fan I have ever known, has always encouraged my return to barbershopping.

Each time I've re-upped, I've soon been involved in editing a chapter bulletin, chapter public relations and show publicity. Back in '62 I inaugurated a barbershop radio program in Muskegon. We were "on the air" for half an hour each week, featuring a chapter quartet or our chorus when possible, but more often with barbershop recordings. I also chaired chapter shows in '90 and '91. And, I sang lead with the Port City Chorus when Al Burgess directed us to fourth place at international in Philadelphia, in 1961.

Now, I've done little professional writing, (much more barbershop writing) but I earnestly believe in effective communication and I definitely have strong feelings about "*preserving and encouraging*" barbershop singing.

With your help, these TROUBADOUR pages will report and promote Pioneer Barbershopping as completely, accurately and attractively as we are able. To do that we need articles, photos and input from each chapter as well as Pioneer officers, chairmen and anyone else with something to contribute. Please include your name, title, chapter, address and telephone number on all copy. (My address along with publishing and copy deadline information is on page two.)

Nuff said, except:

***"It's Great to be a BarberShopper!"***

**1993 CONVENTION REGISTRATION**  
**PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION APRIL 23-25, 1993**  
**LANSING, MICHIGAN**

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EARLY REGISTRATION: \$15.00 PER PERSON

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**EARLY REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 9, 1993**

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PIONEER DISTRICT S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. INC.**  
**MAIL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:**

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**421 FRANKLIN STREET**  
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**NOTE:** ALL-EVENTS PASSES WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK; SHERATON LANSING HOTEL (HDQRS). SINGLE-EVENT TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT REGISTRATION DESK OR WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL: FRIDAY \$7.00; SATURDAY NOON \$8.00; SATURDAY EVENING \$10.00. CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE.

EACH MEMBER OF A COMPETING QUARTET OR CHORUS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR AN ALL-EVENTS PASS. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD DISQUALIFY THE QUARTET OR CHORUS FROM THE CONTEST.

**REFUND POLICY:** REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE REFUNDED TO PERSONS CANCELING IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE 12:00 NOON OPENING ON FRIDAY.

**ADD-A-LINE**

by Jim Styer  
DISTRICT COMMUNICATION OFFICER

Hey, isn't this great! The Troub's back!

It was frustrating not being able to get you the district news, or to talk with you through these columns. And I know all district and division officers felt the same way.

Meanwhile, you kept asking, when's the Troub coming back? So, the Troub's important to you, too.

The temporary loss of the Troub should help a lot of us realize how important it is to communicate and share information.

And maybe it'll help encourage you to participate more in that communication, now that the Troub's back.

Often, district and division people write articles, send letters or hold meetings, but get very little feedback. That makes it hard to know what you want to know, what you're doing, what you're thinking, what your problems are, how you've succeeded, where we can help you, how you can help us.

Now that the Troub's back, you can start communicating again:

-- Send Editor Gordon Gunn articles on what you're chapter's doing.

-- Send information on your quartet.

-- Write letters to the editor. Express your opinions.

-- Read and respond to columns by district officers

and chairmen. Write us. Call us. Gripe if you don't like what's being done. Offer your ideas on how things can be done better.

-- Tell us your problems. There are people throughout the district who can help.

-- Share with us your successes. Success stories can help other chapters. And you can benefit from their success stories. Now that the Troub's back, we'd like to hear from you.

**DOES YOUR CHAPTER** have a PR Officer? At least four don't list any. And I rarely hear from the others.

Maybe you're doing so well you don't need any suggestions or help. If so, tell me how you do so well. Then we can help increase PR and membership in the other chapters. It's money in your pocket. With more membership, you won't as likely face a district dues increase. Or maybe you're not doing so well. Let me know and I'll try to help.

**DOES YOUR CHAPTER** have a bulletin? Few of you mail them regularly to me or Roger Morris, let alone your District President or Kenosha. Four chapters sent bulletins in the past quarter, 9 others earlier last year, 4 others in 1991 -- 17 total.

Over 2 years, 14 chapters sent none: Alpena, Coldwater, Flint, Holland, Huron Valley, Kalamazoo, Monroe, Monroe North, Muskegon, Pontiac, Port Huron, Swan Valley, Wayne and Windsor.

But 27 chapters list BEs. Of those, only 4 are new. Maybe many of you have BEs and no bulletin. Now that the Troub is back, maybe you'll see now nice it would be to have a chapter bulletin back, too.

Roger or I will work directly, one-on-one, with chapters that want bulletin help. Just ask.

By the way, if you have any tips, send them my way. I'm now a BE, too.

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**Ed. note(s)** One page that had to be cut from this oversize edition, was a listing of all the comparative scores of society choruses and quartets following last falls contests, as prepared by Jim Styer. We certainly do have room to report that **OPENING NIGHT** ranked sixth among all quartets.

Among the choruses, Motor City Metro's **CITY LIGHTS**, ranked number 17, while Hollands **WINDMILL CHORUS**, scored in 34th place.

I'm not trying to replace the Sears catalogue with this issue. It just seems everybody is playing catch up, making up for lost time and writing copiously.

There was a consensus that the upcoming convention must be well publicized - even to the point of printing the registration forms again. And we certainly had some good information about the important Mini HEP to be passed along.

To those who's well written articles we had to shorten considerably, we apologize. For those articles we had to put aside altogether this time, perhaps they will used later on. We are grateful for all the good copy - keep it coming.

Did'ja notice, I used the editorial "we" in the last two paragraphs. Speaking for the *Troub*, I'm not supposed to write "I". I promise, from now on, I'll whee.

"We" read an article that most barbershoppers would likely enjoy. It's "*Don't Let the Singing Stop*", page 167, in the *February Reader's Digest*.

This has been repeated several time already, but we'll say it once more. The deadline for copy for the April/May issue will be March 15!

Have had several complaints already, from men not receiving their *TROUB*. Make sure Kenosha has your current address. The *TROUB* will not be forwarded.

It's Great to be a  
Barbershopper!



### JASON FOX, KALAMAZOO, NAMED TO DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS POST

by Jim Styer

More help in public relations now is available to chapters and to the Pioneer District.

Jason Fox, a Kalamazoo radio DJ, has been named district Public Relations Officer.

Fox will work with Jim Styer, district Director of Communications, to:

-- Publicize district events, including conventions.

-- Provide advice and help to chapter PR officers.

-- Provide expertise in radio promotion for the district and chapters.

Fox said he particularly would like to work with chapters in preparing radio public service announcements.

The effect of his work already was evident at fall convention. The area CBS-TV affiliate aired a 2-minute segment on the convention Thursday and at least twice Friday and once Saturday. Tape was shot at the Kalamazoo Chapter meeting. Fox also faxed competition results to a wire service for use by radio stations around the state.

Fox has been a disc jockey at WRKR-FM in Kalamazoo for four years.

He's been Kalamazoo Chapter PRO for a year, has increased radio and TV exposure for the chapter, and is talent coordinator for the Kalamazoo Holiday Parade, in which the chapter has appeared twice.

He's an on-again-off-again student in mass communications and meteorology at Western Michigan University.

He started barbershopping four years ago, when a friend took him to a meeting. "I enjoyed the music, saw the fun the guys were having and, well, I was hooked", he said.

Fox and his wife, Letitia, were married July 4. She's treasurer of the new Kalamazoo Chapter Women's Auxiliary.

He can be reached at (616) 327-4954. Or write him at 3565 Fawn Cove, Apt. 1, Portage Mi 49002.

Other members of the district communications team include Marvin Burke, associate for the Detroit area, and Roger Morris, associate for Bulletin Editors. They are listed in the district directory.

### MYKE LUCAS WILL PROMOTE QUARTETING IN DISTRICT; CALLS FOR "30 QUARTETS IN LANSING"

by Gordon Gunn

"This is a job which I look forward to and one which I hope will contribute to putting the 'Q' back in S P E B S Q S A", Myke Lucas said. He is the newly appointed Pioneer District Quartet Promotion Chairman.

A 40 year barbershopper, Myke sang in several fine quartets in earlier years, the **Chord Counts**, one of the best remembered. Now the dedicated director of Holland Chapter's impressive **Windmill Chorus**, it is obvious that he is yet, a staunch advocate of barbershop quarteting.

In a letter to chapter officers Lucas wrote; "Our immediate goal is 30 quartets on stage in Lansing, in April." Then, he proposed a brief meeting at the convention for all those involved in quartet promotion, "to discuss the subject in detail".

"I am concerned with the direction in which our quartet activities have gone", he said.

He emphasized the need to "...provide our audiences and our members with an appreciation for and an awareness of, four part harmony in it's original art form of four voices, four personalities and four egos all wrapped up in the wonderful charisma of sharing a song in barbershop style."

Lucas cautioned that otherwise "...we may lose members with talent and individuality, which are principal to the growth and perpetuation of this marvelous hobby."

He said, "Achieving this goal will take a lot of help, and that's where you come in." He would like to hear from anyone who will assist with the cause. You may reach Myke at (616) 942-8040 days or (616) 842-5446 evenings.

#### ENTERTAINMENT!



A Barbershop Quartet

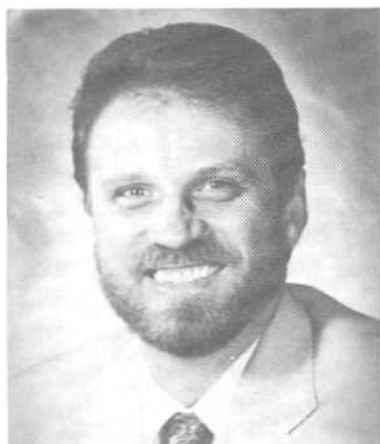
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**JIM DEBUSMAN; INT. STAFF, HAS  
EXPANDED RESPONSIBILITIES.  
'93 ASSIGNMENT INCLUDES PIONEER**

*Kenosha, Dec 22* - Music Specialist Jim DeBusman is now Music/Membership Specialist. His added duties include; Co-coordination of COTS with Patrick Tucker-Kelly, International staff World Harmony Liaison, District Music Educator and Leadership Forum Coordinator.



**Jim DeBusman**

Those are in addition to prior duties including quartet promotion and development, coordination of Society's curriculum, instruction for vocal techniques and sound management along with overseeing quartet development and the Coaches Guild.

Jim teaches at Harmony College, Directors College, district music schools and is involved in coordination of the Society's Young Men in Harmony and DYNAMO programs. He also serves as dean at district COTS.

His 1993 assignment includes Pioneer, Ontario, Seneca Land and Southwestern districts. Jim said he is currently "becoming more familiar with each district's strength and weaknesses" and; "Follow up on a regular basis and being the outside resource available for information and assistance in district matters is a high priority".

He said single chapter visitations will be de-emphasized. Locally, Pioneer President Roger Lewis explained that Jim will "train the trainers".

DeBusman has been a barbershopper since 1969, a member of the international staff since 1985 and is a Society Certified Sound Judge. Jim served as director of the Eugene, Oregon Chapter. He sang lead in two district finalist quartets and tenor with the 1982 Evergreen District champion, *The Cascade Connection* quartet. Jim has competed in two international quartet and chorus contests.

He was Chairman of Choral Activities at South Eugene High School where he directed state,

*Continued - See Debusman, next page.*

**take note**

by Fred Kienitz,  
District Director of Music Education

**PIONEER HARMONY ROUNDUP AND MINI HEP  
SCHOOL: MAY 21-23, MSU CAMPUS, E. LANSING**

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULED AT DIVISION SITES**

We will mail fliers to each Pioneer District member in late February, with registration forms for the Mini HEP school, including cost of classes. Classes will be assigned according to the order in which registrations are received. Mail promptly to reserve your choice. Classes lacking sufficient registrants will not be held.

CLASSES OFFERED INCLUDE:

1. Music Development
  - A. Sight Reading
  - B. Vocal Production
  - C. Interpretation
  - D. Sound Development
2. Stage Presence
3. Training for Directors
  - A. Front Line Directors
  - B. Assistant Directors
  - C. Aspiring Directors
4. Coaching
  - A. Chorus
  - B. Quartets
5. Training; Chapter & Aspiring New Coaches
6. Instruction: How Judges Score a Contest
7. Script Writing, Show Production, Lighting & Sound
8. General Session for all Participants
  - A. Tag Singing
  - B. Warm-up Techniques
  - C. Woodshedding

Other training plans are underway for the '93 barbershop year, all designed to help members hone their singing skills.

Jim Debusman training visits:

April 26 - May 1 ..... Vocal Production Warm Ups.  
May 17 - 23 ..... Section Leader Training.  
Sept. 27 - Oct. 2 ..... Assistant and Aspiring Directors training.

The training will be conducted at a centralized chapter location within each division.  
*Continued - See Kienitz/Mini HEP, next page.*

## AL FISK, YMIH CHAIRMAN, NEEDS YOUR HELP. HE WRITES -

Gentlemen:

As you will recall, our first Collegiate Quartet Contest, last year, went very well with three excellent entries. We wish to have another successful contest in Lansing, but once again, we need your help.

Please contact your local college and show them this flyer. (at right) If there are college men in your chorus or chapter, encourage them, and help them to get involved.

I believe we will have the contest on Saturday night's quartet finals, while the scores are being tabulated.

Please have all interested quartets contact me with all information about the quartet.

Thank you, for your support.

Hummmmbly,  
Al Fisk

P. S. Please make plans to attend Mini-HEP school this year. You'll be glad you did.

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regional and national festival-winning choirs. He was a choral instructor at the University of Oregon for five years and Pacific Lutheran University for one year.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from Portland State University and a Master of Music degree in conducting and voice from Pacific Lutheran University. He is a Society Certified Sound Judge.

Jim has three children - Michele, Rob and Deonna. He and his wife Barbara, live in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Kienitz/Mini HEP - Continued from page 4

A DME staffer will notify each chapter of the schedules and other details. The schedule will likely interfere with some regular chapter

## 1993 COLLEGIATE QUARTET COMPETITION

For further information and an entry form, call or write:  
Al Fisk, Pioneer District Chairman, Young Men In Harmony,  
845 Dressler, Rochester, MI 48307 - (313) 651-3796

### PRIZES

Grand Prize:	\$4,000
Second Place:	\$1,500
Third Place:	\$1,200
Fourth Place:	\$1,000
Fifth Place:	\$ 800

### ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to men under the age of 23 as of July 1, 1993 (i.e. born after July 1, 1970). A quartet may include no more than two men who have ever held membership in SPEBSQSA. An exception is granted to participants in the 1992 Collegiate Quartet Competition who have since joined the society.

### QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS

The Pioneer District will be represented at the international finals by the district champion.

### DATES

Preliminary - Pioneer District Contest, Saturday April 24, 1993 at Lansing, Michigan.

Finals - Wednesday, June 30, 1993, at the SPEBSQSA International Convention, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**JUDGING** - In all contests at all levels, certified SPEBSQSA contest judges will score in the areas of Stage Presence, Sound, Interpretation and Arrangement using normal contest rules.

**ENTRY FEE AND REGISTRATION** - The registration fee for the preliminary rounds will be \$40.00 per quartet, payable to "SPEBSQSA, Inc."

meetings. However the benefits derived may well be worth missing one chapter meeting.

This is my first opportunity to reach each of you as your newly appointed Director of Music Education for the district. I accepted the position with a great deal of excitement and an equal amount of trepidation. However, my predecessor, Jim Stephens, agreed to guide me over the rough spots and vowed not to let me goof up too badly.

Remember - Just between you and me, we can make these training opportunities a fantastic Barbershopping experience.

**Register Early for Mini HEP!**

**POWER PLAY IN DEMAND, MAKE RECORDING**

by Jim Styer

Pioneer District's **Power Play** has made a very favorable mark in the Society, is in demand, and apparently plan to be around for some time.

The dad and three kids who placed 14th in international competition semifinals impressed barbershoppers throughout the Society so much that they're booked well into 1994.

And they've made a recording. The tape and CD, entitled "*The Best Times*," is available by mail order. (Ed. - see ad below)

The Slamka quartet - dad Jack, sons Mike and Mark, with cousin Don from the Macomb Chapter - have earned much adulation, including commendations in at least two other district bulletins.

Evergreen's *Timbre*, reporting on the summer competition, said:

"The performance of the evening didn't come from an Evergreen quartet or even from a medalist. Power Play, from the Pioneer District, held the audience as they sang "Little Boy." Made up of a father, two sons and a cousin, the

foursome sang this ballad while three of them were frozen, except for brief vignettes, while the father spoke about days gone by. It was an incredible experience."

They placed 15th with their first set, "The Moment I Saw Your Eyes" and "Old Songs Are Just Like Old Friends." Then they edged up to 14th in the semifinals with "Dear Old Dad" and "Little Boy." The crowd continued to applaud long after the last chord had echoed through the vast Superdome.

Their interpretation and stage presence scores easily ranked with the top 10 quartets, and they placed third on SP with "Little Boy."

Many thought they'd be finalists, including Don Bagley of 1988 quartet champs **Chiefs of Staff**; Grady Kerr of Dallas, who predicts results before the contest; and a Harmony Inc. judge, who uses the same scoring as the Society.

Power Play wasn't at the Pioneer fall convention because of other commitments. But they have been working for several months on their competition package for this spring.

According to a source very close to the quartet (admittedly biased), the package will be even more impressive than last year's.



**"The Best Times"**

There are no better words to describe what POWER PLAY has experienced over the past few years. Now, we are ready to share these times with you in our first recording.

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\*The Moment I Saw Your Eyes\*Joshua\*  
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Mail completed order form with checks made payable to **POWER PLAY**  
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The distribution, sale, or advertising of unofficial recordings is not a representation that the contents of such recordings are

## A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE & ICE CREAM; TWENTY SEVEN-PIONEER'S AT HARMONY COLLEGE '92

By Larry Parker, Division II Vice President

On August 2, 1992 twenty-seven enthusiastic barbershoppers from eight Pioneer District Chapters travelled to Missouri Western State College to gain a wealth of knowledge from a well planned and well presented Harmony College. Members attending were from, DETROIT-OAKLAND: Paul Bergman, Nick Pastor and Tom Uicker. FLINT: Fred Kienitz. KALAMAZOO: Herb Dykema, and Blaine Simon. MACOMB COUNTY: Mike Slupinski. MOTOR CITY METRO: Cliff Morrow, Ruben Queen and Bob Wisdom. MUSKEGON: Mart Bomers, Roy Rock, Dick Warner and Bob Weber. TRAVERSE CITY: Eli Berry, Dan Decker, Dean Fisher, Al Gallaway, Les Main, Pete Nelson, Fran Sanborn, John Taylor and Clyde Whipple.

Classes ranged from Creative Interpretation, Vocal Techniques and Woodshedding to Waltz Clog, Quartet Coaching, Saturday Night Live and many, many more.

"August 1992's weather was very much cooler than normal", said long time member, Herm Dykema. "In '91 and past years, temperatures have ranged from the mid 90's to well over 100 degrees."

The record for ice cream consumption was broken again. The seven hundred plus students and faculty consumed almost 900 gallons of the delectable delicacy.

Many of those in attendance are looking ahead to August 1 - 8, 1993, when Harmony College will again open it's doors to all barbershoppers. You too should go, and now's the time to make your plans. If you haven't been there yet, you're missing a great opportunity to experience at first hand the many wonderful things our society has to offer.

*Ed. Note - Charlene at International said, "Call us, we'll sign you up for Harmony College." (That's 1 800 876-SING.)*



AL BURGESS,  
PIONEER'S 1992 HALL OF FAMER

by Mart Bomers, Muskegon Chapter Historian

All who know Al Burgess' many contributions to Pioneer District barbershopping over many years, especially Muskegon Chapter members, were very pleased with his 1992 induction into the District Hall of Fame.

As Al was unable to be present at the Battle Creek convention, Ron Thomet, in one his final appearances as Division III V. P., made the presentation to Al at the Muskegon Chapter's Christmas Party.

Al directed Muskegon's Port City Chorus in international competition on four occasions, earning 4th place in 1959 and '61. He served in almost every chapter post and was Pioneer District President in 1964 - 65.

Al still speaks emotionally, telling of his visit to the Institute of Logopedics with the Society's international charity selection committee, while an international board member. "There were no dry eyes when we voted. I think everybody had decided before we entered the meeting room", he repeated recently.

He had been a professional musician with several big bands before settling in Grand Haven and beginning a long career as a music teacher and choir director. He is also an published composer and arranger of several songs.

Al first joined a barbershop chapter in Portland, Michigan in 1950. Moving to Grand Haven two years later, he transferred his membership to Muskegon, where he sang in a number of quartets. He said he most enjoyed singing "with the Beaconaires."

Still a barbershopper, he has curtailed many of his activities for health reasons. On the occasion of the Muskegon Chapter's 50th Anniversary Show in 1990, Al took the stage to direct the celebrating Shoreline Chorus for one more song.



*"Stay Tuned..."*

Bruce LaMarte  
Brian Kaufman  
Lee Hanson

Dennis Gore (313) 939-5852  
34096 Williamsburg, Sterling Heights, MI 48312



SUMMARY OF MINUTES - PIONEER DISTRICT, S.P.E.B.S.O.S.A., INC  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

**OCTOBER 16, 1992**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as presented.

The EVP report was removed from the consent calendar for further discussion. All other reports were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report indicated an updated balance of \$15,474.00 on hand.

The EVP Seely reported that do to lack of attendance and the time commitment, he recommended future District hospitality rooms be eliminated. If any room is desired, it should be the responsibility of the competing chapter. There will be no further District involvement.

DME Stephens submitted his resignation. Fred Kienitz has been appointed Jim's replacement.

Earl Berry has accepted the position as Senior Outreach Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

Association of Past Champions - a motion was made, seconded and carried that a report be presented at the spring board meeting.

1993 COTS will be held at the W. K. Kellogg Center on Gull Lake.

Tiger Day will be June 13, 1993.

NEW BUSINESS

Dual District Dues - The motion that dual members only pay district dues once beginning 1/1/93 was defeated.

Performance Review Program - Due to the success experienced a motion was made, supported and carried that we continue to participate in the program.

50 Year Member dues - A motion was made, seconded and carried that we waive District dues for 50 year members.

Budget - A motion was made, seconded and carried that the proposed budget be accepted.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Motion was made, supported and carried that the amended minutes of the April meeting be approved.

Consent Calendar reports - No reports were pulled from the calendar. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the reports be accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Tiger Day will be June 13, 1993.

Dual District Dues - A motion was made, seconded and carried that we not waive duplicate payment of District dues by dual members.

50 Year Members - plaques were given to each 50 year member of the Pioneer District.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded and defeated that we no longer pay the registration fees of District representatives competing at International.

A motion was made, seconded and defeated that the District approve no more special assessments unless they are for very limited and specific purposes and will benefit all chapters and their members.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we waive the District dues for 50 year Society members.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the proposed budget be accepted as amended.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we continue to be a pilot District in the Performance Review program unless we are selected as the Lifblood district.

ELECTION OF 1993 OFFICERS

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the proposed slate of officers be elected.

AWARDS

Al Burgess was announced as the newest inductee into the Pioneer District Hall of Fame for his contributions to the Muckagon Chapter, the Pioneer District and to International.

**DECEMBER 5, 1992**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as presented.

A general discussion was held regarding the duties of the DVP & ADVP for the ensuing year. It was determined the chapters with declining membership numbers over a several year period would be concentrated on this year in an attempt to strengthen those chapters.

Conventions were discussed in attempt to obtain greater attendance. A proposal will be put together for the spring board meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we discontinue the District Achievement Awards as there will be no means of obtaining the information any longer.

We will again seek an individual to volunteer as the District Barbershoppers Shop Chairman.

It was suggested that the chapters donate some of their charitable contributions on a local level to obtain more media exposure.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we solicit funds at the Saturday night finals for a travel fund for the College Quartet that represents the District at the International contest.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we have a 1/2 page complimentary ad placed in the *Troubadour* to promote Ermisch Travel as our District travel agency.

COTS will be held at Gull Lake in 1993. The coordinator will be John T. Gillespie. There will be no COTS in 1994; therefore, we may have to request that chapters elect their officers for a 2 year period. Otherwise we may have to have them attend a COTS in a neighboring District.

A motion was made, seconded and defeated that the DMD and the DCO be added to the District Board of Directors.

The need for financial reserves was discussed. A study will be made and discussed at the Spring Board meeting.

It was determined that we should have a divisional tag contest with the finals being held at the convention.

A "Sing With The Champs" proposal was discussed and will be presented at the spring board meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the DME have a petty cash fund of \$250.00.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Saginaw Bay and Swan Valley Chapters be placed in Division II.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we purchase 150 golf shirts to sell in the Barbershoppers Shop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Schneider, Pioneer District Secretary

NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

April 23, 9:00 AM, Sheraton Hotel,  
Lansing, MI in conjunction with the  
District Convention.

This notice is given as required by Article 7.03 of the Pioneer District By-laws.

All District Board of Directors meetings are open to all District members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Schneider, Secretary



July 8, 1992

Dear Pioneer District Friends:

The **Opening Night** Quartet would like to applaud the fine efforts of both **Power Play** and the **Metro City Lights Chorus** for their outstanding performance in New Orleans. Power Play was superb in both sessions and had much of the audience (as well as the four of us) adding them to the prestigious list of the Top Ten. Unfortunately, it was not to be ...this year! However, it was very clear that their time has surely arrived. What a great impact they made as members of Pioneer. We were proud to share the stage with them.

City Lights had an excellent package as well and left no doubt in one's mind as to the potential they have. Their musicality was most obvious and their sound scores certainly reflected it. We commend every chorus member and want to wish both Bob and his music/leadership team the very best in the future.

And hats off to **Silver Lining**, our representatives to the first ever International College Quartet Contest. They made us so proud as they competed in a very high powered field of talent. Oh, to be that young again ... and talented too. The four of us are in complete agreement - we despise each and every one of them!!!

In closing, it is with deep gratitude that we say thank you to the members of Pioneer and how much we appreciate all of you. Your generous gifts of support and encouragement both prior to and throughout the convention week meant a great deal to us. Your kind words and caring support will not be soon forgotten. Thanks so much for being there for us. We look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming convention and at chapter shows this coming year.

Yours In Harmony,  
Jim, Clay, Ken and Norm  
OPENING NIGHT

Dear *Troub* Reader,

As a survivor of 20 years of barbershop chorus and quartet singing, I've witnessed, and been a part of many Pioneer District peaks and valleys.

One of the peaks occurred last summer when the **Patch Chords** were fortunate enough to be the featured quartet as part of the Battle Creek chapter guest night series.

In a thorough, professional manner, Membership VP Jim Styer planned and implemented these guest nights and Program VP Bob Dininny put together a program in absolute textbook fashion. It was a joy to behold.

The scenario was "The Old Songs" opening, welcoming guests, a stroll down memory lane with old-time favorites, a welcome by the chapter president; two songs by the chorus; review of another song by the director; introduction of guests by name with the members singing "You're As Welcome as the Flowers in May"; guest quartet; more chorus singing; tags; learning a new song; and the traditional musical ending.

By the time this well-planned and well-publicized evening was over, the prospective member has become totally immersed in our great idiom ... he had a tremendous feel for our fabulous hobby. And, most importantly, he knew he was *wanted* and would be *appreciated* in our fantastic fraternity.

After being part of this top-notch membership evening, there's no doubt in my mind that all chapters in our district could use virtually the same format to their advantage.

All chapters are looking for new members. And our district has a ready-to-use formula. If your chapter doesn't have something like this already in place, why don't you give Jim a call or drop him a line. I know he'll be absolutely delighted to share this winning formula with you and your chapter.

Doug Pearson,  
PATCH CHORDS Quartet  
Lansing Chapter

(ED. NOTE: The formula Battle Creek used is taken directly from the Society manual "Membership Begins with Me." Others who can help implement it are Dick Campbell, District Director of Membership Development or call Kenosha's Patrick Tucker-Kelley.)



## District '92 Logopedics Contributions Total \$32,286.82

*Furniture City Chord Company Again Sets Quartet Pace With \$1,556.16*

### Pioneer District Logopedics Summary, December 31, 1992

by Alex Willox, Logopedics Chairman

#### QUARTET CONTRIBUTIONS

FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY	\$1,556.16	FOUR SCORE AND MORE	\$100.00
ROCHESTER IRREGULARS	650.00	GOOD NEWS AMBASSADORS	75.00
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PICTURE THIS FOUR	110.00	GRAND TRAVELERS	20.00

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<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PER CAP</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
ALPENA	\$675.00	27	\$25.00	SILVER
BATTLE CREEK	320.00	32	10.00	BRONZE
BENTON HARBOR-ST. JOSEPH		29		
BOYNE CITY	315.00	29	10.86	BRONZE
CADILLAC	326.00	31	10.52	BRONZE
COLDWATER	70.00	7	10.00	BRONZE
DETROIT-OAKLAND	3,730.00	87	42.87	SILVER
FLINT	686.00	39	17.59	BRONZE
GRAND RAPIDS	4,946.86	98	50.48	GOLD
GRATIOT COUNTY	1,650.00	58	28.45	SILVER
GROSSE POINTE	1,336.50	89	15.02	SILVER
HOLLAND	700.00	60	11.67	BRONZE
HURON VALLEY	960.13	37	25.92	SILVER
JACKSON	545.00	30	18.17	BRONZE
KALAMAZOO	2,023.00	57	35.49	SILVER
LANSING	2,335.83	76	30.73	SILVER
MACOMB COUNTY	711.00	84	8.46	
MILFORD		33		
MONROE		27		
MONROE NORTH	336.00	37	9.08	
MOTOR CITY METRO	2,455.00	60	42.92	SILVER
MUSKEGON	600.00	33	18.18	BRONZE
PONTIAC	1,152.00	22	52.36	GOLD
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ROCHESTER	1,700.00	47	36.17	SILVER
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SWAN VALLEY	900.00	18	50.00	GOLD
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WAYNE	706.00	58	12.17	BRONZE
WINDSOR	500.00	46	10.87	BRONZE
PIONEER DISTRICT	155.00			
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>32,286.82</u>	<u>1264</u>	<u>= \$25.64 PER CAPITA, DISTRICT TOTAL</u>	

*"We Sing That They Shall Speak!"*

Notes of Interest  
From the Convention  
Committee After the  
October Convention:

by Jim Styer

Announcements of chapter shows, dates and name of headline quartets will be added during the spring chorus competition. Chapters are responsible for giving the emcee a written announcement.

Just like International: A TV monitor in the auditorium lobby fed live pictures of the competition inside. Before the competition started, tapes ran of earlier competitions.

Logopedics raffle ticket sales were \$1,033. Net was about \$800.

Total registration was 881. Single-ticket sales were 56 Friday, 122 Saturday afternoon, 100 Saturday night. Arrangements will be made to try to alleviate the confusion of having both single-event tickets and pre-registered badges at the box office just before competitions.

The district hospitality room was not successful because of the several hospitality rooms run by chapters. A decision will be made in March on whether the district will again host a hospitality room.



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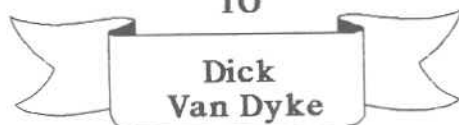
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## PIONEER CHAPTERS IN ACTION



### A TROUBADOUR SALUTE TO



**Dick  
Van Dyke**

His was the first chapter copy received for this edition. Early copy helps, a lot! Dick writes for the Macomb County Chapter. Thanks too, to all contributors. There could be no TROUB without you! The next copy, photo and advertising deadline is March 15!

### MACOMB'S HARMONY HERITAGE CHORUS WILL SING HOSPITAL BENEFIT

#### "PHANTOM OF THE BARBERSHOP", Chapter Show - March 5 and 6

by Dick Van Dyke

**Happiness Emporium - Power Play - Signature!!!** Sound like a great show? Well sir, add to that line up the **Harmony Heritage Chorus** directed by the dynamic duo, Mike and Mark Slamka and you have our annual show entitled "PHANTOM OF THE BARBERSHOP."

This is obviously a play on the popular opera currently enjoying so much success around the country. Our phantom is home-grown Floyd McDaniel. He intersperses some great barbershop music with his own adaption of slap-stick humor in the fast paced, two hour show.

The show will play March 5th and 6th. For tickets you may call Vince Koelzer at (313) 264-5275 or contact any chapter member. Prices are: \$25.00 premier; \$13.00 reserved or \$9.00 general admission.

The Harmony Heritage Chorus recently performed at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for a group of doctors from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Mt. Clemens General Hospital staff. The chorus will sing a benefit for the hospital on February 21 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

Over ten chapters were represented at our highly successful Quarter Quartet Contest in November. Thanks to Stay Tuned for their masterful judging and usual great singing. We would welcome your non-registered quartet at our next quarterly contest. Call me, Dick Van Dyke at (313) 585-4331 for more information.

MACOMB COUNTY CHAPTER - ONWARD AND UPWARD

### ROGER LEWIS REPEATS AS BATTLE CREEK "BARBERSOPPER OF THE YEAR"

Chapter Will Offer "VAUDVILLE  
MEMORIES", Saturday, May 23

by Jim Styer

Roger Lewis has been named Barbershopper of the Year by his Battle Creek chapter. Even though he's district president, he still found time to contribute a great deal to the chapter in 1992.

Despite his busy barbershop and work schedule, he participated in 75 percent of chapter meetings and joined other chapter members in directing when we lost our regular director.

His biggest contribution was conceiving and organizing the "Harmony Hounds" first reunion in 34 years. The reunion was featured as part of the chapters 50th anniversary show, one of the most enjoyable and emotional shows the chapter has ever staged.

He's also an active board member and on the director search committee. A chapter member more than 30 years, he was also BOTY in 1976.

The chapter show Saturday, May 23, will be unlike any you've ever seen, with maybe as many as six directors. "Vaudeville Memories", written by chapter members Ben Jerzyk and David Alan, will have skits, blackouts, audience participation, wildly funny songs and appearances by Al Jolson, Charlie Chaplan and W. C. Fields.

Dorn Burrill resigned as chorus director. Anyone out there wanna direct an enthusiastic chapter and have lots of fun? Roger, Ben Jerzyk, Dick Smith, Dick Campell and Bob Dininny have been helping out in the interim.

The Cereal City Christmas Chorus with former director Giff Richards up front, sang for 12 audiences in 3 weeks. We had as many as 47 men on stage, the largest number in many years.

Several Christmas chorusters could become new members. How great it is to have new members: Two who joined last summer are now on the board. That's enthusiasm!

Battle Creek started Pioneer District's first ever Harmony for Lunch Bunch last month. Eating, singing, tags, woodshedding, whatever, with no director telling you what to do. Just fun! Roger Lewis and Frank Manwaring, a Far West transplant organized it. Fridays at Riverside Country Club. Join us!

## KALAMAZOO PLANS FOUR QUARTETS FOR APRIL CONTEST

by Jason Fox, Public Relations Officer

Wow, are things happening in the Kalamazoo Chapter. It was an honor to have been the host chapter for the District's fall convention. All the guys and their families enjoyed the weekend and we highly recommend chapters consider hosting an convention.

Current plans are for four chapter quartets to compete in Lansing in April. **Lucky Chances** and **High Bid** will join the **Harmony Forum** and the **Picture This Four**, who's performances we were so proud of in October.

Our **Mall City Chorus** placed eighth last fall. We are proud because we once again improved our score. With our growing enthusiasm, we know we will increase our score again in April and be the most improved chorus next October. Gene Hanover has been chorus director since August. Ed Fritzen is now the assistant director.

The chapter entered a float in the pre Christmas, Kalamazoo Holiday Parade, seen by more than a hundred thousand along the route and on TV. We also sang at New Years Eve at Kalamazoo's New Years Fest at Bronson Park. The event drew more than ten thousand people.

Some chapter wives have formed an auxiliary; **Mall City Harmony\$**. Kathy Ditto and Sharon Ramlow are Co-Chairpersons. The auxiliary will help with the Kalamazoo hospitality room at conventions, organize a cheering section for our competitors at contests and generally assist with chapter functions.

Our annual show, set for March 27, will feature a jazz theme.

## ROCHESTER CHAPTER OUTGREW MEETING HALL

by Al Fisk, YMIH Chairman

The Rochester Chapter and **Heart of the Hills Chorus** continues to grow in numbers and musicianship. We have outgrown our old meeting hall and now meet on Wednesday at 8 PM in the choir room of the Rochester Adams High School.

Our November show featured the **Happiness Emporium**, **Opening Night** and our own, plateau winning 45 man chorus. Our chorus, with the **Rochester Irregulars Quartet**, did our usual 15 - 20 Christmas performances, including the Rochester Christmas Parade.

Fred Kienitz, our new Pioneer DME, spent a January Saturday with us, in our first coaching session. It was a very worthwhile and enjoyable experience. We plan to use his talents on a regular basis.

Our Officer Installation Program featured a dinner dance and a wonderful performance by

the **Cherchez Les Femmes Trio**. They performed 40's style doo wap, a la' **The Andrews Sisters**. A member of the trio, the lovely and talented **Phyllis McCaffey** is the wife of our own handsome and talented tenor, **Bob McCaffey**.

We hope to see you in Lansing with a 50 (that's FIFTY) man chorus!

## MARV RHYNARD, STAN WILLIAMS, CO- BOTY'S IN LANSING - "MR T" ALSO HONORED

by Blaine Simon

Plus copy from Bob Fox' *Woodshedder*

The Lansing Chapter named **Marv Rhynard** and **Stan Williams**, Co-Barbershoppers of the Year, at the annual banquet, December 12. These two have been outstanding in the cause of barbershop in '92.

There were ten well deserved nominations for the award; a sign of a very active Lansing Chapter. Criteria is based upon, but not limited to, attendance, leadership, participation, recruitment, quartet activity, attitude and action in supporting barbershop! Stan and Marv tied in total points.

Marv, a four year barbershopper, sings in the **High Fibre Octaves** senior quartet. He has and is, serving as Membership VP.

Stan, an eight year member, is with both the **Long and Short of It** and **Alternotes** quartets. He has served as chapter treasurer and is now the district treasurer.

Karel, "Mr. T" Taborsky was presented with a special award at the meeting, in recognition for all he has done and his willingness to pitch in at any time.

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## HOLLAND CHAPTER PRESIDENT CALLS FOR "BOLD AND AUDACIOUS GOALS"

by Art Lane

The Holland Chapter has been challenged by it's new president, Tim Shinsky, to set "Bold and audacious goals for ourselves" and to work "as hard as we need to, to reach those goals." The goals include:

- Placing 100 men on the risers and competing on the international stage.
- Acquiring a chapter hall big enough to put on shows, with plenty of rehearsal space.
- Developing relationships with overseas chapters.
- Cutting the time needed to learn music through renewed personal commitments and hard work of section leaders.
- Taking an active part as a service organization in the Holland area.

The chapter met in December to discuss goals and started working toward them in January with a guest night which attracted 10 prospects for the risers.

Past international President, John T. Gillespie, with his wife Betty, joined us for dinner in January. The event included our installation of officers and an appreciation night for wives of chapter members.

As installing officer, Gillespie presented each officer and our director an autographed piece of sheet music, appropriate to his job in the chapter.

Our own chef, Darryl VandeHoef, supervised the serving of roast beef and chocolate pie, and the husbands served the wives, for once.

The Holland Windmill Chorus, which placed second in the fall district contest, is preparing for April under the direction of Myke Lucas. We'll have new songs and a desire to create, as one judge told us, enough "vocal and visual artistry to push it across the top."

We sang a concert on the redeveloped Kalamazoo River Waterfront in Allegan; a pumpkin Festival Show in Zeeland and helped the Coldwater Sweet Adelines celebrate their 35th anniversary with two shows at the century old Tibbits Opera House.

Best of all was our Windmill Chorus' appearance at the Buckeye Invitational in Columbus, Ohio. We "played the Palace," a vast, ornate old theater across the street from the capital building. We heard some great choruses and more fine quartets than you could count -- and were invited back for 1993!

## GROSSE POINTE HELD BENEFIT PARTY

by Jim Kinner

On Saturday, November 7, our Charity Chairman, Michael Sullivan, held a party to benefit St. John's Hospital and Medical Center Pilot Program for the deaf and hearing impaired. It was a sing-a-long and old-timers party with beer and food at 1940 prices. The 115 in attendance agreed the party was lots of fun and Chairman Sullivan was elated with the financial results.

We celebrated our installation of officers at a dinner dance November 10. Our 1993 officers and board members are: Mike Proffitt, President; Chris Miller, Membership VP; Ray Starrette, Program VP; Len Schweitzer, Chorus Manager; Hank Demars, Music VP; Rudy Breiling, Secretary; Leroy Lenhart, Treasurer; Russ Seely, Chorus Director; Dale Barber, Logopedics Chairman; with Ed Mc Carthy, Jack Messina, Mike Sullivan, and Rick Schaeffer, Board Members at Large. The inauguration ceremony was conducted by our newly appointed Division VP, Ed "Crash" Mc Carthy.

This years show theme is baseball and we're hard at work on the music. It is everyone's guess what we'll be doing at Spring Convention. We'll see you all at Lansing and we'll find out together.

our Ladies Night will be held at Blossom Heath, February 27, a semi-formal dance and dinner. Guests are welcome.

We wish to ofer our condolences in the passing of our dear friend, Bob McDermott, to his wife Dorothy and the children. He will be deeply missed throughout the society. Rest in Peace, Bob.

A note of thanks is in order to all who work so hard on the *Troubadour*. For years it has been an important communication device, an energizer and a common sounding board. Many of us took it for granted and only missed it when an issue didn't arrive.



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## MONROE NORTH PREPARING FOR MARCH 13 SHOW

by Dale E. Cousino

1993 finds our voices as well as our energy, fine tuned and most enthusiastic about this year.

We are most concerned about providing our audience with a memorable performance on our March 13 show. We also realize that under the apt direction of Hugo DeWinter, the chorus will continue to enjoy practice as well as performances, and yet have our show ready. Our show will feature **The Naturals** and **Opening Night**. Wow! For show info please call Dale at (313) 379-9434 or Don at (313) 242-4256.

Our chapter now has two active quartets promoting the craft; **The Chordial Four** and **Deck of Cards**. We spend some time at each practice, quarteting in a variety of ways. This reporter sure hopes we never forget the "Q" in SPEBSQSA.

President Harvey Gruenwald with VP Don Schroeder and our entire chorus are actively seeking new members. Who can say no to singing with such a great bunch of guys?

## GRATIOT COUNTY MUSIC AIDS NEEDY CAUSES

by James R. Hall

In the past few months our music has helped us provide money for: Christmas toys for needy children; a group assisting retarded children and adults; and a local church. Local nursing home residents also invited us back once more. It feels good knowing that barbershop can not only please the ear but support important causes too.

Our '93 board returned from COTS with plenty of energy and many new ideas.

"*You're the flower of my heart...*" Our annual ladies night in February gives us a chance to honor our sweethearts. They truly deserve a special night, since they allow us to spend so much time in this wonderful hobby.

I would like to recognize Willard Wilson, who has taken our historian position and given it new life. He is not only preserving our current history but has brought up some neat memories from the past.

We are now using the quartet teaching method to learn new music, and the results are amazing. It's a difficult adjustment at first, but well worth the effort.

With the recent addition of Ken Warner Jr. and Ken Klumpp, we now harmonize with 65 enthusiastic members! Welcome, guys.

We are looking forward to the spring convention in Lansing. Let's give the Lansing

chapter lots of support. I'm also interested in the new focus on fun and fellowship. If we celebrate barbershop harmony first and de-emphasize the purely competitive spirit, we will all be winners.

## MUSKEGON SHOW APRIL 3; PLAN MORE PERFORMANCES FOR COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

by Tom Porritt, Chapter Secretary

**Opening Night** and **Bits and Pieces** will be the featured quartets when the Muskegon Chapter, with the **Shoreline Chorus**, offers it's 53rd annual show, April 3rd. All will be presented at the Frauenthal Theater, scene of most of our shows since 1940, and of past Pioneer District Contests.

The chapter, committed to becoming better known in the community, is planning more performances.

The chapter held an all day planning session January 9th to help sort out the many things the membership wants and needs, and to find ways to get them done. There are new officers in many positions, and each officer left the session with specific assignments.

The new leadership team recognizes that there are many men in the community that should be members of the chapter, but just have not been approached in the right way - yet. Evidence of this can be seen in the growing list of 49 men that Membership VP, Frank Scott, has of current and potential members.

Each will be approached individually to bring them into membership and to assure that current members renew. There have been as many as 35 men at rehearsals recently, a thirty percent increase over the same period last year.

All of the above requires a lot of work on the part of members and officers. It is taking place as the chapter is seeking ways to make sure that "every man, in his own way, experiences the joy of hearing his voice contributing to barbershop harmony", each and every week.

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Our *different* contest was started 47 years ago by the late, beloved member of our chapter, Loton Willson, for whom the event is now named. Novice quartets gain valuable experience in real competitive conditions, judged by qualified judges. The judges will offer evaluations and advice at a clinic following the contest. Many district champions won their first contest at Bush League in Boyne City!

Any quartet who has never competed at International nor placed in the top 3 at a district contest is eligible. The rules are the same as the other contests – except there is no penalty for lack of costume.

There is no entry fee. Simply send the name of your quartet and members with name and address of your contact man and chapter affiliation to: Murray Borck, Route 1, Box 148, Central Lake, MI 49622. Or you may register at the school, the day of the contest from 9 AM to 1 PM.

After 47 years, Bush League is still going strong! There is no thrill like your first competition. This is the excitement of Bush League! This is BarberShopping at it's best!