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## Society VP will represent International at Pioneer convention

### Convention will feature new, plus tried and true events

by Mike Cirritto, District Director of Conventions

Everything is well under way for the Fall Convention, October 14-15, and host chapter, Grosse Pointe, anxiously awaits your arrival. We anticipate a great turn out of quartets and choruses as well as many who will not compete, but will enjoy the close harmony and the social event.

In addition to the International Chorus Preliminary and District Quartet Contest, we have scheduled the Quartet Jamboree, Friday following the evening contest, and the Mass Sing and Senior Quartet Contest at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

For the ladies, a 9 a.m. Saturday breakfast will feature a Magic Show by the Amazing Kildon, of the Lansing Chapter. Mall ladies wear shops will also demonstrate how to use a few key pieces of clothing to create many ensembles. Tickets for admission and breakfast are \$5.00 at registration.

The popular trolley will again shuttle between the Sheraton and Waverly High, where the Waverly Band Boosters will again operate the lobby concession. Back at the Sheraton, last springs highly successful Saturday BBQ will be repeated at pool-side from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Saginaw Highway has added three new restaurants: Applebees, in front of the Lansing Mall, the Cracker Barrel, West of the I-96 interchange, and the Outback Steakhouse between Creyts and Canal Streets.

And it's all in

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See convention schedule on Back Page.

Prolific arranger, former arrangement category judge, and current music category judge, Ed Waesche will represent the Society at our district convention, October, 14-15. Ed has served on the Harmony College faculty for many years; is a current member of the International Executive Committee and a vice president of the Society.



J. Edward Waesche

Ed is also Chairman of the World Harmony Council, has served as Chairman of the Future II Committee in 1987-88, DACJC of M-AD, 1985-86, ICJ Committee Chairman, 1981-82 and Arrangement Category Specialist, 1978-79.

He sang in two M-AD Champion Quartets; *The Townsmen* in 1965, and *The New Yorkers* in 1982. His quartets were International Semi-Finalists in 1965, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1983.

Ed arranged "*The Masquerade Is Over*," as sung by International Champs, Acoustix, as well as many other popular favorites you may have sang. They include: "*I Wish I had My Old Girl Back Again*," "*Sing Me That Song Again*," "*Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella*," "*What! No Women?*" "*The Church Bells Are Ringing For Mary*," and "*Mr. Touchdown, USA*," with Jack Baird.

Ed has served three SPEBSQSA chapters in an administrative capacity: Manhattan as Adm. Vice President in 1985; Hamptons as Program Vice President in 1976 and was Secretary/Treasurer of Huntington, North Shore, in 1960-61.

He is the Director of Strategic and Market Planning for the Grumman Corporation, Bethpage, N.Y. The firm is involved in aircraft, space, electronics, information management systems, technical services, commercial vehicles and energy products.

Ed graduated Cum Laude from Princeton University in 1953 with a BSCE. He served on the Huntington (NY) Arts Council in 1983-85.

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## Presidents Position

by President Russell Seely

When I was a kid, the first sign of fall was mom draggin' us kids to Sears to get our clothes and supplies for school. As an adult, I look forward to all the barbershop shows that I receive flyers on, and the up-coming District Convention.



Russell Seely

I'm elated to say that practically all of our Pioneer chapters hold annual shows of one type or another. It's a healthy organizational sign, not to mention the fun it is to plan, rehearse and perform for our community.

Which brings me to my point. Are we getting as involved as we ought to be, in our

local community? Since we are afforded so little, if any, free time on electronic media, the only way we can "*preserve and encourage*" is through live appearances at community or hopefully, school functions.

Where did you first hear a barbershop quartet? I'm sure we all have similar stories; a quartet came to our school - I heard a chorus at a shopping mall, or a service club or my neighbor "dragged" me to the local chapter show.

Well guys, it's still happening the same way. The only thing different now is quality. Audiences have become "purty darn smart" when it comes to live performances. If you give them a poor show, all barbershopping suffers. If it's a good one, you're almost guaranteed a future invitation to sing in your town, plus you almost always pick up at least one member.

There is nothing that promotes our craft better than a *class* performance in a community setting. Which leads me to my final point: When your chapter accepts an engagement, all members must be there and perform as well as you would on your own show. Too often, member turn-out for such engagements is poor. I've heard some reputable choruses in our district show up with just a handful of singers doing polecat songs, because they didn't have enough capable bodies to do their best stuff.

Pure and simple: When invited to sing, show up and do your best to *preserve and encourage*.

We trust you have all held your elections or will by convention week. Be sure all your new officers circle the first week-end in December

(Continued - please see Seely - page 4)



## International Perspective

by IBM Roger Lewis

I really have nothing to report from International, but would like to again remind everyone of our Quartet Jamboree at the convention.

### ATTENTION PIONEER QUARTETS!!!

Here is your opportunity to show off your quartet at a convention without the pressure or the restrictions of competition!!

Our **Second Quartet Jamboree** will be held in the Royale Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel following the quartet semi-finals on Friday, October 14.

It will start at 11:00 pm and run until ?????? You may sing anything you want -- show, contest, entertainment, tags, jokes, etc., **Show off your wares.**

Your length of performance will depend on the number of quartets that register, but plan a 10 - 12 and a 15 minute package.

You may just show up on Friday night and sing, but you will go to the end of the line and may get a shorter time to perform. Quartets that register in advance will be scheduled for a time slot.

If you are competing and still want to sing in the Jamboree, that's OK too. Just call me in advance - or simply show up.

And for you fun and harmony lovers, following the first successful Jamboree, we have moved to the Royale Ballroom to provide more room and seating. Join us, Friday night.



Roger Lewis



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## The Executive Pitch

by Larry Parker, Executive V.P.

### Chapter elections and COTS

By October 15, 1994, and the fall convention, each chapter should have elected their 1995 officers. Each chapter should immediately



Larry Parker

submit the names, addresses, telephone numbers and office titles to Jack Schneider, District Secretary.

The new officers will assume their positions January 1, 1995, but meanwhile, COTS is scheduled for the weekend of December 3 and 4, 1994. (See COTS, page 9.)

COTS was designed to give our new officers a fresh approach to chapter leadership by providing manuals and materials with hands-on instruction in the latest concepts from experienced instructors. Attendance by members holding office for the first time is most important.

The training received concerning membership, program, financial matters and other aspects of chapter operations is vital to success within themselves and their chapters.

Members who are repeating the same office would also be wise to attend. There is always something new to learn and you can relate to others, your first hand knowledge of successful operations within your chapter.

Tuition for each student at COTS is an eligible chapter expense. This is one event every chapter should make plans and budget for each year. Education breeds success and everyone wants to be successful. See you at COTS!

(Seely - continued from page 1)  
for our COTS school. It will be held at the Kellogg Education Center on Gull Lake. (Ed note - See article and map, page 9) This is our second year at facility and honest guys, it's beautiful with a homey atmosphere and a good menu. This will be our first District run COTS, under our very capable coordinator, John Gillespie. You won't be disappointed.

Our personal barbershop summer was filled with picnics, boat parties, lakeside meetings and plenty of singing. We attended the Buckeye Invitational in Columbus, Ohio with mixed reactions. It's a monumental undertaking for a

chapter event, and personally, I felt it was more of a Mini-International than a fun filled weekend I expected. Very serious indeed, and if you don't believe me, ask the **Harmony Hounds** or the **Grand Rapids, Great Lakes Chorus**, our rep's to this acclaimed event.

### Burt Szabo announces retirement; Ev Nau named Manager of Membership Development and Outreach

Kenosha, September 13 - Dr. Burt Szabo, Editor-Music Publications, has announced his retirement from the International staff, effective January 1, 1995.

A 45-year member of the Society, Szabo began working at Harmony Hall in 1983, overseeing the music publications program. "For more than 11 years, Burt has worked tirelessly, and with great skill, to ensure that our members have the best possible music to sing," said Dan Naumann, SPEBSQSA Director of Music Education and Services. "The Society is indeed indebted to Burt not only for his dedication, but also for sharing with us his considerable talent and insight."

The music publication program will be continued by a volunteer editorial committee under the direction of Naumann. "We will be making more use of our talented volunteer corps of arrangers," said Executive Director Joe Liles.

Szabo's retirement precipitated a reassessment of the best use of existing staff in executing the Board-approved Work Plan. "By shifting some of the responsibilities for the publishing program to volunteers, we will be able to reallocate some staff resources to further emphasize membership growth," said Liles. "Membership growth must be our top priority right now."

To this end, Harmony Hall staffer, Ev Nau has been promoted to the title of Manager of Membership Development and Outreach, effective October 1, 1994. Nau will serve as liaison to the district Directors of Membership Development, the International Membership Development Committee and the Youth Outreach Committee.

A Society member since 1976, Nau joined the Harmony Hall staff in 1988 as Music Specialist/Media and Performance, drawing on his considerable experience as a writer and producer of barbershop shows and his many years as a performer and coach of quartets and choruses. Since 1992, he has also served as marketing specialist for merchandise operations.

Nau's background as an educator includes a B.S. in Education from Northeastern University, ten years teaching junior high English and countless SPEBSQSA workshops, COTS, Directors College and Harmony College.

**take note**by Fred Kienitz,  
Director of Music Education

Can we talk? Do you get excited when your chapter chorus is invited to perform in your community? You know, the good old sing-out, a chance to share our art form with our friends and neighbors so they too may experience the joy we are having, ringing chords?



Fred Kienitz

have a quality product.

Unfortunately, too many of our Pioneer chapters do not or cannot share this enthusiasm simply because they do not have a good product to offer. This of course, brings to mind the basic rules of good merchandising.

First, we must ascertain that we do

Second, it must be attractive and fill a need for the community, and finally, it must be properly marketed.

This will be part of my focus in the spring. I plan to have a centralized weekend workshop on how to build a 25 minute, can't miss performance package, using simple music that is familiar to both singer and audience. The workshop could also be a class for the 1995 Roundup in May.

Your chorus director and the full music team and anyone else in the chapter involved with shows and show production would benefit tremendously from the workshop. Watch for further announcements, including the time and date, in the *Troubadour*.

Lest I forget, The **Joe Barbershop Chorus** will perform again, at the convention, prior to the chorus contest, Saturday at noon. Jim Johnson will direct. He has requested that all singers report for rehearsal to the Waverly High School Gym, Saturday at 10:30 am.

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**Ed Notes** - "the Q word" column, (see page 8) debuts in this issue. We have repeatedly invited district quartets to submit photos and news of their activities, but for so long, without response.

Well, our perseverance has been rewarded. We have stories from the **Rising Tide** and the **Signature** quartets. We surely hope others will also submit copy, and the column will continue to carry quartet news, if and when we receive it.



**Gordon Gunn,**  
Editor

WGVU, PBS TV in Western Michigan said they will likely broadcast the special "Keep America Singing" during their December pledge drive. That period will commence "A r o u n d Thanksgiving time."

Perry and Cathy Mellifont of Spring Lake, had quite a tale to tell of the

Barbershop Quartet Festival at Bolton Landing, N.Y., over the Labor Day Weekend. Perry sings with the **Holland Windmill Chorus**. The trip was in celebration of their 35th Wedding

Anniversary they said, when we ran into them in a Grand Haven restaurant.

They were enthusiastic in their description of the event. Kathy spoke of being entertained by "The top ten quartets in the country," mentioning, **Ambiance, Jokers Wild, City Lights, Nitelife, Standing Room Only, By Design** and the **Louisville, Thoroughbred Chorus**.

They recommended the annual event to "any barbershopper."

**Update** reports that the **Variety** a popular FWD show quartet has a bit part in a segment of the TV show **Burkes Law**. John Rambo, Bob Clark and Joe Palmquist appear on camera while Bill Wilson's lead voice appears to be coming from the well-known actor Darren McGavin, the guest star of the segment. The title of the segment is "King of the Country Club." It is scheduled to air as the third show of the fall season on CBS.

We have a **District Directory change of address** to report. On page 12, change Youth Outreach Chairman, Jamie Carie's address to: 422 Green Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. His new telephone number is (517) 627-3933.

Mike Cirritto reports the Sheraton Hotel and the Hampton Inn are booked full for the fall convention. Looks like another biggie, and likely another great good time. Don't miss it.

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## District Board seeking suggestions for names for district divisions in new alignment

The District House of Delegates approved a new alignment of district divisions, April 22, 1994. The board has requested that members of the district submit suggestions for names, rather than the present Roman Numeral designations of the now, six divisions.

### Division I

Detroit-Oakland  
Grosse Pointe  
Macomb County  
Milford  
Pontiac  
Rochester

### Division III

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Grand Rapids  
Holland  
Muskegon

### Division V

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Gratiot County  
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### Division II

Battle Creek  
Jackson  
Kalamazoo  
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### Division IV

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Boyne City  
Cadillac  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Traverse City

### Division VI

Motor City Metro  
Huron Valley  
Monroe  
North Monroe  
Wayne  
Windsor

Please notify Jack Schneider, District Secretary, of your suggestion for a name for any of the District Divisions.

## Sing-Out for membership

by Larry Parker, Director of Membership Dev.

At your choruses' last sing-out, did you do anything other than perform? Did you narrator invite men interested in singing to attend a meeting? Did anyone follow-up that announcement by handing out printed materials containing information about your chapter? If the answer is no to any of those questions, you chapter may need to evaluate and re-work a portion of it's membership program.

Every chapter should have some sort of chapter handout to distribute at performances in the community or in response to phone calls from your telephone listing in the phone book. Ideally, you should have an individualized chapter handout flyer, pamphlet or booklet containing brief notes on the chapter, details on availability, a chorus picture, time and place of your chapter meeting and a phone number of the contact man for additional information.

A less expensive solution is to order the "Invitation to Join us in a Song" brochure (Stock no. 4205) from the Society. This brochure makes a great introduction to the barbershop hobby. It can be used as a self mailer and has a space to write or type in your own chapter contact information.

There are several ways to publicize, advertise or market your chapter and chorus. Select a program that will best suit your chapter and build on it. Success can be achieved only by those who make an attempt at it.

## 1994 Harmony College

by Larry Parker

Thirty-seven Pioneer District members from eleven chapters attended the 1994 edition of Harmony College at St. Joseph, MO, July 31 through August 7.

Twelve of those attending represented three quartets: From the Traverse City Chapter, **Backward Glance**, with John Meyers, Neil Nugent, Robert Sutton and David Wylie. From Lansing, **High Fibre Octaves**, with Dave Barret, Bob Fox, Marv Rhynard and Frank Richards. And from Motor City Metro, **High Bid**, with Wally Dorosh, Phil Haynes, Marvin Moran and Robert Riedel.

Others attending: From Battle Creek - Roger Lewis; Cadillac - Jeff Wheeler; DOC - Paul Bergman, Robert Hodge, John Northey, Nick Pastor, Bill Power, and Tom Uicker; Flint - Fred Kienitz; Grand Rapids - Bruce Evans; Grosse Pointe - Bob Demchak; Kalamazoo - Ed Fritzen, Gene Hanover; Lansing - Dave Hundt, Gary

Morgan, Larry Parker; Motor City Metro - Dennis Gore, Ruben Queen; Traverse City - Paul Elpers, Eli Berry, Dan Decker, Dean Fisher, Francis Sanborn, Clyde Whipple; Wayne - Austin Quinn.

The school's Saturday night show, "A Great Day for the Irish" was written and directed by none other than Pioneer District's own, Dennis Gore. Denny displayed his many talents in this fun and lively show.

On another good note, Bob Demchak received a "Lou Perry Scholarship" to Harmony College in recognition of excellence in arranging. The award is made from a scholarship fund in the name of noted barbershop arranger and composer Lou Perry, a.k.a. "The Tucson Troll."

If you've never attended Harmony College, you have missed on of the most educational and fun-filled weeks of a lifetime. Why not plan now for next years dates: July 30 through August 6.



## Everything is new about the "Rising Tide" quartet

by Bob Weber, bass

It was nip-n-tuck getting our new quartet registered, because our registration was submitted almost simultaneously with our tenor's application for Society membership. It took some fancy coordinating on the phone with the accomodating folks in Kenosha to complete the registration.



Introducing the **Rising Tide** quartet. (l to r) John Fuller, bari - Bob Weber, bass - Paul Henrikson, lead and Edgar Watson, tenor.

We decided on our name, **Rising Tide** in April, on the night of our Muskegon Chapter's annual show, where we sang on the After-Glow.

Recently it seems, the word is out that we are available to sing. On the last day of July, we were called to perform at the White Pine Village, a tourist attraction near Ludington. In early August we sang for the 61st Class Reunion of the Muskegon Heights High School Class of "33" at Rafferty's Restaurant, and a 50th wedding anniversary at the Cross Winds Restaurant in Whitehall.

We're sharing our favorite hobby with great audiences and even getting *paid* for it. Surely, "It doesn't get any better", than that.

## "Just Singing in the 'Rain'?"

by Jim Ryan, *Signature* quartet

If you felt raindrops inside your hotel at the spring convention, you were likely in the crossfire of barbershoppers locked in the heat of a squirt gun battle.

It started a year before at Harmony College, 1993, when the Pioneer District was represented by several quartets. *Signature* had consented to learn a song for the Saturday night show and **Full Chord Press** was in the enviable position of singing the jingles and call letters for the "RADIO DAYS" show.

The two quartets got together with **Forever Yours** on Thursday for a little party, and props for the show, the *squirt guns* came out of storage. After a .007 type shoot out, we were privileged to spend some time getting to know those fine singers. We shared our experiences of the week at Harmony College and laughed over the shenanigans of the staff.

We saw the "Press" again at the DOC show in February, and finally, fate re-joined the quartets at the 1994 Pioneer spring convention.

Knowing this would be the "Press" last shot in competition, *Signature* dropped the gauntlet and armed both quartets for shoot outs in the hospitality rooms. Neither quartet saw the other until the fateful meeting in the wee hours at the Hampton Inn. *Signature* was singing for Traverse City members when shots rang out from all different directions and *Signature* was unarmed. The drenching of both quartets followed, amongst much audience laughter.

Both quartets enjoyed entertaining the Traverse City throng and ended the night arm-in-arm, together in a last song. "*From the First Hello.*" We hope everyone in the district and Society can enjoy the kind of camaraderie we've found with **Full Chord Press** and many other barbershop friends. We love our hobby!

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**SUMMARY**  
September 1, 1994  
by Alex Willox, District Chairman



**'94 COTS SET**  
by John T. Gillespie  
District Coordinator

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FLINT	
GRAND RAPIDS	562.86
GRATIOT COUNTY	50.00
GROSSE POINTE	34.50
HOLLAND	165.00
HURON VALLEY	
JACKSON	110.00
KALAMAZOO	425.00
LANSING	1,851.00
MACOMB COUNTY	135.00
MILFORD	312.00
MONROE	310.00
MONROE NORTH	50.00
MOTOR CITY METRO	478.12
MUSKEGON	556.50
PONTIAC	660.00
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ROCHESTER	
SAGINAW BAY	
SAULT STE. MARIE	
SWAN VALLEY	57.25
TRAVERSE CITY	
WAYNE	1,478.47
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PIONEER DISTRICT	50.00
<b>TOTAL, SEPTEMBER 1</b>	<b>11,365.73</b>

Pioneer's 1994 Chapter Operations Team Seminar, or the more familiar COTS with a new name, will again be held at the Education Center of Michigan State University's W. K. Kellogg Station on the shores of Gull Lake, December 3 and 4.

This year the seminar is totally sponsored by the Pioneer District. We will have a veteran International faculty. They are;

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| Dean             | Gary Stamm       |
| President        | Art Maynard      |
| Membership VP    | Tom Wickenheiser |
| Program VP       | Doran McTaggart  |
| Music VP         | Syl Wettle       |
| Secretary        | Jack Wentworth   |
| Treasurer        | Merrit Auman     |
| Public Relations | Ted May          |

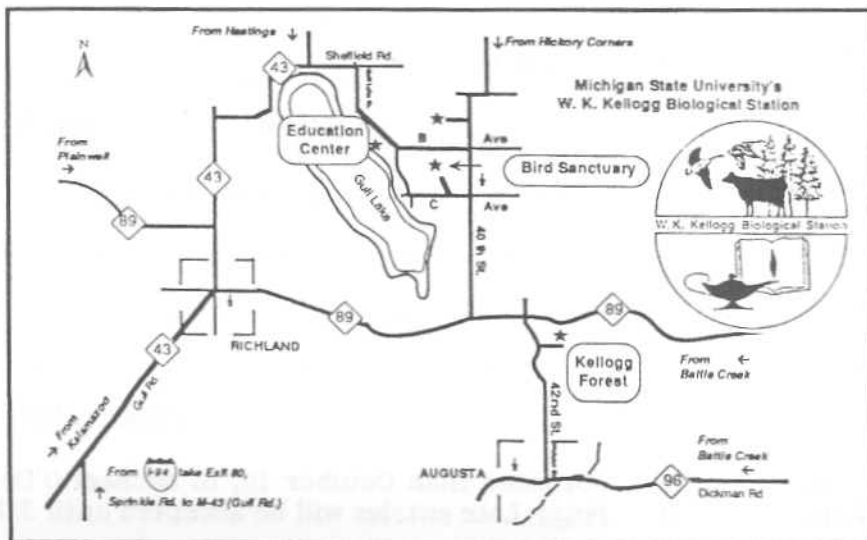
Those who attended last year will remember the beautiful setting, surrounding the former summer residence of cereal company founder and philanthropist, W. K. Kellogg. The Education Center is about midway between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. (See map below).

The Seminar will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 3 and conclude approximately at noon on Sunday, December 4.

Chapter secretaries will receive the registration packet in October. Please respond promptly. If last years attendance is an indicator, reservations will fill rapidly.

Trained leadership will go a long way toward assisting your chapter to a successful 1995.

"We Sing  
That They  
Shall Speak"



## Convention will host seventh annual Seniors Quartet Contest

by Bill Wickstrom, Contest Chairman

The Seniors Quartet Contest, now a district annual fall convention major event, will be held in the Royale Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, Saturday, October 15, at 4:00 PM. It is hoped this years contest will rival last years which saw 12 quartets perform for more than 400 conventioners. The official entry form for competitors is on this page and all eligible quartets are urged to file early.

The purpose of the contest is to provide an on stage quartet opportunity for the older segment of our membership who wish to sing for the convention audience in a somewhat more informal and less rigorous setting than in the regular district quartet contest. The emphasis in this contest is on participation and encouragement as opposed to strictly competition.

Singers must be dues-paid members of the Pioneer District, but the quartet need not be registered with the Society. Each participant must be minimally 55 years of age by contest date, and the totaled age of the members of the quartet must be minimally 240 years. No more than two members of a competing quartet may have been members of the same district championship quartet.

Each foursome will sing two songs and will be scored according to the current official Society quartet contest rules by the best qualified judges available. Uniforms are optional and will not be judged. Official scoring summaries will be published but there will be no A&R sessions. Members of the winning quartet will be presented with appropriate trophies as a memento of their accomplishment and will be invited to sing at the auditorium following the Saturday night district quartet finals contest.

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL PIONEER DISTRICT SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1994, 4:00 PM - ROYALE BALLROOM, SHERATON HOTEL, LANSING

We attest the following men are paid-up members of the Pioneer District and the International S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc., and are eligible to sing in this contest. The quartet is not required to be registered with the International Society.

NAME OF QUARTET: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>BIRTH DATE</u>	<u>AGE ON 10/15/94</u>
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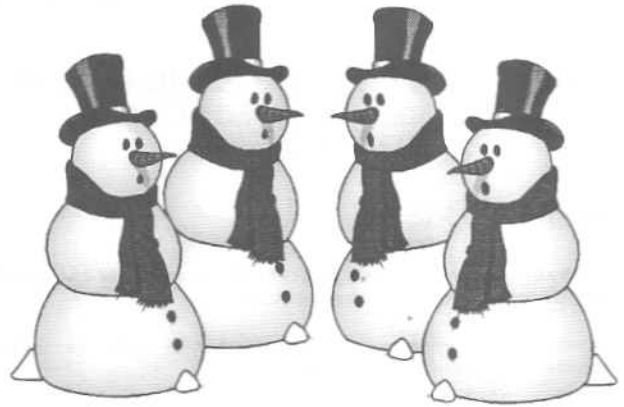
BASS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL QUARTET YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form not later than October 10, to Michael O'Donnell, 1617 Fairlane Drive, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. **Note:** Late entries will be accepted until 3:00 pm on October 15.

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PIONEER DISTRICT - SPEBSQSA, INC.  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 1994

BOARD ACTIONS

Moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented.

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

Moved, seconded and carried that District Golf Shirts be sold for \$25.00 with \$2.00 being paid to the host chapter.

A merchandising committee was established to determine what District items, if any, we could sell by mail order or in the Barbershoppers Shop.

It was determined that we are subject to sales tax on items sold in the Barbershoppers Shop.

Moved, seconded and carried that any Past District Champion Quartet be allowed to sing in the fall contest for evaluation purposed only.

Dobb Printing will continue to print the *Troubadour*.

Moved, seconded and carried that we have Film Arts take our contest pictures for the next two contests.

Moved, seconded and carried that we recommend adoption of Article 17.03 of the by-laws to the House of Delegates.

Moved, seconded and carried that we support the highest scoring Pioneer College Quartet with the same amount per man as we do for other competitors at the International Contest.

Moved, seconded and carried that the District purchase a cash register for use in the Barbershoppers Shop for no more than \$250.00

HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTIONS

Moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented.

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

The Pioneer District 50 Year History is now available for purchase.

The amendment of by-law 18.04 was accepted and applies to the 1994 election of officers.

Moved, seconded and carried that Lansing be selected as the convention site city for 1996-1998.

Heartspring remains the Society's official charity. We should continue our support as we have in the past. Any local charities we contribute to should be over and above our usual Heartspring contributions.

Moved, seconded and carried that by-law amendment 17.03 for breaking ties in contest be adopted.

Dan Casamatta, Grand Rapids Chapter, was awarded the PR Officer of the Year award.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider, 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:

October, 14, 1994, 9:00 a.m. Sheraton Hotel,  
Creyts Road at I-496, Lansing, Michigan,  
in conjunction with the  
Fall District Convention,

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

All District Board Meetings are open to all District Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider,  
Secretary

**NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING**

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

December 3, 1994, 9:00 a.m., Kellogg  
Center, Gull Lake, Michigan,  
in conjunction with the  
Chapter Officers Training School.

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,

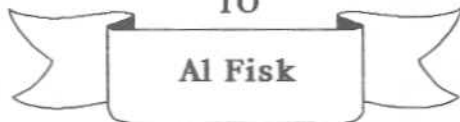
Jack Schneider,  
Secretary



## PIONEER CHAPTERS IN ACTION



### A TROUBADOUR SALUTE TO



Al Fisk

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

### Rochester Chapter

by Al Fisk, Music Director

The Heart of the Hills Chorus and chapter quartets - the Uncalled Four and the Chordmeisters - have completed an incredible summer of tons of fun and lots of singing. Although finishing first in our plateau from time to time is exciting, we feel it more important to be seen and heard in our community.

Our calendar:

- 5-30 Memorial Day, Cemetery Ceremony.
  - 6-10 Oakland University Athletic Directors Retirement Brunch. ( We sang National Anthem and other songs for earlier basketball game.)
  - 6-15 Orchard Lake St. Mary's Founders Day Fund-raiser. (1000 men)
  - 6-18 Lake Orion Senior Center.
  - 6-18 Beaumont Hospital Cancer Survivor's Party. (Quartet)
  - 6-19 Tiger Game
  - 6-25 World Cup Celebration. (Rochester)
  - 7-8 Private Party - Pittsburgh. (Quartet)
  - 7-15 Birmingham Sidewalk Sales. (Quartet)
  - 7-19 Ladies Professional Golf Association Banquet at Indianwood Country Club.
  - 7-21 Danish Village Annual Picnic. (Quartet)
  - 7-24 Van Hoosen Farms Museum Craft Show. (Quartet)
  - 7-27 Oakland University Summer Concert Patio Series. (Quartet)
  - 7-30 Henry Ford Birthplace Memorial Garden unveiling. (Quartet)
  - 8-13 Two private parties. (Quartet)
  - 8-17 Orchard Lake St. Mary Women's Founders Day Fund-raiser. (500 women)
  - 9-11 American House Retirement Home.
  - 9-?? Rochester Arts and Apples Festival.
  - 11-5 Annual Show with Lansing Chapter's Patch Chords and seventh place International quartet, **Great Stage Robbery.**
- And in November, 1995, Our Annual Show, featuring Acoustix.

### Jackson Chapter

by Chris Davis

Our Town and Country chorus has had a busy summer. In July we sang for worship services at the Lutheran and College Baptist Churches in Hillsdale and then for the folks at a retirement home in Brooklyn.

July also provided a most enjoyable evening when the Huron Valley chorus invaded, bringing the "Little Brown Jug." We had fun reminiscing with Jim Stephens and his gang, followed by indulging in Pizza and liquids at the local eatery. We enjoyed another good time delivering the "Jug" to Battle Creek, singing together and meeting new friends.

A long time member of the Hudson Chapter, E. A. Vandezande has joined us. He is a welcome addition to our bass section.

Sometimes we think of our Director, Dave Tuckey, as a real task-master. His eyes move so fast, he can spot anyone breathing at the wrong time. Then too, he can find a wrong note in a haystack. But we really respect his knowledge of music and appreciate the way he has improved our sound.

### Detroit-Oakland Chapter

by Tom Uicker, Chapter President

Detroit-Oakland has led a rather quite summer after the hustle and bustle of hosting the district convention last spring. We did venture out to surprise a couple of chapters with those new "Traveling Jugs," and we had a fabulous time with Windsor at Grosse Pointe's inter-chapter quartet competition. But aside from a gig at the church where we meet, we haven't been performing much.

That isn't to say our members haven't been busy. I don't know how many of our family attended the summer convention in Pittsburgh - we don't pick up the tab for that - but we did pay tuition for seven students at Harmony College. (They ranged in experience from three freshmen to one who has attended six years in a row.)

We have decided not to compete at the district convention this fall. Instead, we will be devoting our time and energy to honing our craft and preparing for several sing-outs at Christmas as well as our annual show in February. Meanwhile, a number of our boys will be in Lansing to sing in the Joe Barbershop Chorus and to cheer on the other choruses.

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Detroit-Oakland, continued from last page)

I also want to invite all the nearby groups (and those who like to travel) to come on down to St. Aidans hall, in Livonia, on the first Friday in November; it's *Canada Night!* Detroit-Oakland is hosting another mini-chorus competition and it's bound to be loads of fun. I'm sure that PVP Darl Wiley will be in touch with your PVP's with details and instructions. The hall is the same place we held the "Return of the Jug" last June.

So good luck to all you competitors in the fall convention. If we don't see you there, we'll see you at St. Adains hall on November 4.

## Monroe North Chapter

by Dale Cousino, Business Manager

Welcome to the fall of 1994. Once again our chorus is busy planning our future shows. We will do a benefit for the "River Raisin Centre for the Arts," in November. The show will feature our "Song of the Ladies" and is really fun to sing. The Centre has done a great job of refurbishing the old Monroe Theater and we are proud to help them with a barbershop night of entertainment.

We are also really enjoying learning the new music for our annual show, March 11, 1995. The show is entitled "Songs From World War II" and they are fast and tough to learn. We are very fortunate to have both *Keepsake* and *The Allied 4* for the show. What a treat! We can truly say that night will be barbershop at it's best. Watch for our ad in the next *Troubadour*.

The summer and fall have found our chorus performing sing outs and we have certainly enjoyed our practice sessions. Each evening we get together seems to just fly by and we leave feeling that much more time is needed to accomplish what we planned.

Everyone was delighted to see Dale Schroeder back for practice recently. We all hope for his full and speedy recovery.

The Monroe chorus wishes everyone a great fall singing.

## Holland Chapter

by Art Lane, BE and PR Officer

Our chapter has tried various ways of saying "thank you" to our wives and sweethearts for their patience and support, but this years Ladies Appreciation Night, topped them all. On a warm, pleasant Tuesday evening in August, we skipped a chorus practice and boarded the excursion boat, *Wynken, Blynken and Nod*, and set out on a dinner cruise.

The craft seated our crowd of 75 comfortably and we moved at a stately pace past coves and cottages on Lake Macatawa, as fisherman, pleasure boaters and people on shore waved a

greeting. Quartets fore and aft created songs and tags. A guitarist set the mood between quartets.

We slipped through the channel to Lake Michigan to the cheers of bathing suited throngs on the pier. As the boat cruised the glassy surface of the big lake, the crew served dinner. After desert, some danced while others viewed the dunes and the setting sun.

As we re-entered Lake Macatawa in the gathering darkness, lights from cottages along the way, led us to the mooring.

Board member Dale Bekker organized the nautical appreciation event. For his excellent work he received our applause, promotion to First Lord of the Admiralty and a lifetime appointment as Meteorologist Royal.

Recent Barbershoppers of the Month named by the chapter are:

\*\* Jack Oonk, for April, in recognition of his hard work and enthusiasm as program chairman. Jack also played a key part in our "Remember Radio" show, as the sound man.

\*\* Bill McAndrew, for May. Our genial, tag-singing Belasco of barbershop was production manager for "Remember Radio."

\*\* Art Lane, Editor of the chapter's monthly *Windmill Blade*, for June.

\*\* Bob Wingett, for July. He and his wife, Dolores are always there to help, at every function.

Borrowing an idea from the *Harmonizer*, Membership Chairman Dale Van Langeveld has handed out buttons to members. They say, "I love to sing -- do you?" They are expected to initiate conversations leading to an invitation to membership. Dale asked members to wear the buttons, set personal goals of recruiting, dispel the image of singers hanging on a lamppost, and "create the new image of skilled, precise harmony done in the spirit of cooperation and fun."

When Holland members Jim Wojahn and Dick Plaisted got to their seats at the International convention, they found that somebody in Seventh Heaven has arranged the seating. They were next to a chorus from Zaanstad in the Netherlands. The two sets of Hollanders are now exploring possible visits. Some day the *Whale City Sound* of Zaanstad may visit the *Holland Windmill Chorus*, or vice versa. Jim and Dick learned the Netherlands don't sing barbershop in Dutch (as the Holland, Michigan chorus sometimes does.) All the music for the Zaanstad chorus is sent in English, straight from Kenosha.

Fifteen quartets competed July 30, in the Ninth Annual Chester P. Oonk Memorial Tag Contest. Winner in the professional class was *Good Luck*, composed of Fred Schumat, Scott Schuster, Mike Oonk and Dan Doctor. Winner in the novice class was *Alley Cats*, Doug Lane, Chuck Wilson, Dale Bekker and Art Lane. Chef Don Lucas presided over a roast pig and a vat of heartwarming chili, preceding the singing.

## Grosse Pointe Chapter

by Mike Sullivan, Program VP

There just aren't enough hours or days in the month to keep up with the Grosse Pointe Chapter. We've broken the 100 member mark and are closing in on 110. What's the secret? Sing! Make it FUN, keep the members busy, Sing! and don't take yourself too seriously. It works!

June saw the chapter invade McTaggart's Canada. I found a meatball, I think! The comradeship of members from all chapters harmonizing for a common goal is reward enough. We returned the favor by inviting those foreigners to Trumbull & Michigan Avenue to relax and enjoy the American game of baseball and American harmony. Sore losers.

Not content with the invasion of Canada, we surreptitiously attacked the Macomb County Chapter on June 21. The battle of the quartets was furious and much controversy arose as to the outcome. The only quartet I remember was the second place finisher: **Stacked Ham and Cheese** (where I sang lead). Macomb really extended the red carpet and our chapter really took advantage of it. Our thanks to their tireless PVP, Floyd McDaniel.

July was picnic month for the chapter and 95 members and wives arrived at the shores of Hansen's Island and the new Don Adams Estate on the waterfront. It was a great day for singing and epicurean delights.

Next, to the shores of Lake St. Clair for a Tuesday meeting at the home of Bill "Can't we sing 'Wagon Wheels' one more time?" Lane. The lure of the water in August drew 50 or so members to the Annual Grosse Pointe Poker Run to various clubs on the lake. An armada of sailing ships conveyed these true sailors of the sea and harmony to their ports of song.

On August 23, Detroit-Oakland PVP, Darl Wiley and Windsor PVP, Ron McDermott, mustered their troops to challenge our chapter to a Tri-Chapter Quartet contest. Twenty-three quartets competed, and I only heard "Wild Irish Rose" once. There was a winning quartet, but in reality, we were all winners. Remember? FUN!

Though not a sanctioned chapter event, Harrisville over Labor Day brought at least 30 members together for a weekend of harmony. It is little known that our own Russ Seely and a few other barbershoppers started the Harrisville weekend 30 years ago, before the arts and crafts aspect even existed. Later, they thought it would be a nice touch to invite a "couple" of artists. Mark Labor Day 1995 for a taste of real barbershop.

We've had to cool our heels as the major task of hosting the October convention was accepted by the chapter. It will definitely have the "Grosse Pointe" touch.

See you at the convention!

## Muskegon Chapter

by Frank Scott, Membership VP

When the Norton Shores branch of the Muskegon County Library made a 12 x 6 foot display case at the library available for our use, we got busy. Webb Scrivnor, Roy Rock, Fred Kendall, Dick Matt and Frank Scott filled the case with memorabilia calling the public's attention to 54 years of Muskegon barbershopping.

Photos include the Port City Chorus at



A portion of the barbershop display at the Muskegon County Library

International convention, many early quartets and even a program for the Sixth Annual Ladies Night (1946), which listed the names of then current, 333 members of the Muskegon Chapter.

We included "Young Men in Harmony" material, "Harmony Explosion" sheet music, the Society's Vision Statement and a poster about our upcoming, April annual show, among many other items. The display began August 29 and will remain through September 30.

Sunday, September 3, The Shoreline Chorus, with the **Four Score and More** and three-quarters of the **Rising Tide** (Mike O'Donnell filled in at tenor) quartets entertained at the Sixth Annual "Heritage Days" celebration in Hart, Michigan. Mike O'Donnell directed the chorus as we sang the national anthem for the flag raising and presented two half-hour shows.

Dr. Burt Szabo, International Editor-Music Publications visited Western Michigan September 29 and 30. He attended our Open House Meeting on the 29 and also visited local schools with the **Four Score and More**, demonstrating barbershopping for the youngsters. Local music educators and students have been invited to our chapter's 54th Anniversary Party. The chapter was chartered October 1, 1940.

A 12 year Society member, who directed the St. Cloud **Minnesota Saints Chorus** for five years, Dick Matt recently became the ninth new member to join our chapter this year.

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## *Pioneer District 1994 Fall Convention October 14-16, Lansing Michigan*

### 1994

- Oct. 1 Gratiot County Show
- Oct. 8 Swan Valley Show
- Oct. 14-15 Dist. Conv., Lansing
- Nov. 5 Grand Rapids Show
- Nov. 5 Rochester Show
- Nov. 5 B. Harbor/St. Joe. Show
- Dec. 9-10 Motor City Metro Show

### 1995

- Jan. 22-29 Midwinter, Tuscon, Ariz
- Feb. 17-18 Detroit-Oakland Show
- Mar. 3-4 Wayne Show
- Mar. 4 Lansing Show
- Mar. 11 Monroe North Show
- Mar. 18 Kalamazoo Show
- Apr. 8 Muskegon Show
- Apr. 28-30 Dist. Conv., Lansing
- May 6 Boyne City Bush League
- May 6 Jackson Show
- May 19-21 Harmony Round-Up
- Jun. 9 Windsor Send-Off
- Jul. 2-9 Int. Convention, Greater  
Miami, Fla
- Oct. 20-21 District Convention

NOTE: All chapter show activities must be cleared through the District Secretary and ASCAP, BMI and Canadian Chapter CAPAC fees paid. Only those thus cleared will be listed herein. **PLEASE NOTIFY:**

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### Schedule of events:

#### Friday

- \*Registration, Lobby, Sheraton Hotel - (Moved to Waverly H.S. box office 30 minutes before each event.)
- \*District Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
- \*District House of Delegates meeting, 2 p.m., Royale Ballroom.
- \*Barbershop Shop - all hours except during contests.
- \*Raffle, Associated Charities, lobby, Sheraton Hotel.
- \*Concession Stand, lobby, Waverly H.S. by Band Boosters.
- \*Trolley Shuttle, Sheraton - Waverly H.S., \$2.00 all events or \$1.00 individual events, at registration desk.
- \*Quartet Preliminary Contest, Waverly High, 8:30 p.m.
- \*Quartet Jamboree, Sheraton, Royale Ballroom, 11 p.m.

#### Saturday

- \*Registration, Lobby, Sheraton Hotel - (Moved to Waverly H.S. box office 30 minutes before each event.)
- \*Joe Barbershopper Chorus, 12 noon, followed immediately by Distict Chorus Contest.
- \*Mass Sing, followed by Senior Quartet Contest, Sheraton Ballroom, 4 pm.
- \*BBQ Ribs and Chicken Buffett, Sheraton Pool Side, 4 - 7:30, pm, all you can eat, \$9.00.
- \*District Quartet Finals, Waverly H.S., 8:00 p.m.
- \*Afterglow-Chorditorium, Sheraton Hotel following contest.
- \*Hospitalty rooms for all hotels/motels will be posted in Sheraton lobby. Chapters - notify Mike Cirritto.