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Grosse Pointe will host Pioneer convention, October 18-20

by Mike Sullivan, Host Coordinator

Where will you be October 18-20? Host chapter President Rick Schafer, I, and all our members invite you to the convention.

Without sounding presumptuous, Grosse Pointe always seems to put that extra, special touch into any event. Plan on that certain "something" again this fall.

Hosting Grosse Pointe invites *all* district members, family's and friends to attend the barbershop event of the year. Wouldn't it be great to see all of our chapters represented on stage. We especially want to invite our newest chapter, Gaylord, to attend *en masse*. Even if you are not prepared to compete, come and enjoy the true barbershop fellowship, as we *convene*, as well as compete.

Ever improving district choruses will compete for the opportunity to represent the Pioneer District on the International stage in Indianapolis in July, 1997.

The chorus scores bunched near the top last April forecast a tough competition and a potential surprise in the outcome.

The quartet contest will select a *new district champion*, a thrill for all of us.

Non competing members may take the stage with the Joe Barbershop Chorus, at noon on Saturday.

As host coordinator, I invite all comments, suggestions and ideas that will help to make this the best convention ever in the Pioneer District, where our conventions are *always something special!!!* Call me at (810) 385-5721. And please visit our chapter hospitality room at the Sheraton Hotel.

"Ample camping for everybody," at Harrisville Labor Day, Harmony week-end

"The city is going all out," for the 35th anniversary of the Harrisville Harmony Week-end," Jim Pollard said. As the popular event had attracted such crowds that space was not always available, Pollard emphasized "Off site camping will be available and there will be ample camping space for everybody." Conklin Realty in Harrisville has volunteered to coordinate accommodations. You may reach that office at (517) 724-5162 for information about camp sites or rooms.

"It all began 35 years ago following a chance meeting between my family and barbershopper John Kee Smith and his wife, Myrleen, at the Bay City State Park," Russ

Seely reported. They agreed to meet the following year, up the Lake Huron shoreline at the "quiet little state park," at Harrisville. "The following year, there were nine of us, and the Harrisville Harmony Week-End was born," Seely said.

Barbershoppers, Sweet Ad's and families swelled attendance into thousands over the years and attracted the attention of art fair enthusiasts. Sharing the facilities caused overcrowding and barbershoppers numbers have been reduced, according to Seely.

Jim Pollard stated "Next year, the 1997 Harmony Week-End will move one week forward and will be held the week end before labor day," providing relief from the combined crowds.

This 1996 anniversary year will see the return of the *Four Fits* and the *Aire Male* quartets, early, original participants. Jim Pollard said he (Continued - please see Harrisville, page 5)



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Presidents Position

by President Larry Parker

Salt Lake City was fantastic

Several people I talked to, who regularly attend International conventions said the 1996 quartet and chorus competitions were the best they had ever seen. I will simply say, Salt Lake City was tremendous!

I was extremely proud of the performances by *Onyx*, *Genuine Blend*, *Firepower* and *The Great*



Lakes Chorus. The overall calibre of talent in this year's competition was absolutely overwhelming. Our Pioneer District representatives did a praiseworthy job in helping to make the contest a real treat to watch.

Every year hundreds of choruses and quartets vie for the chance to appear on the International stage. Winning that right to go, is within itself, a victory. In my book, everyone at Salt Lake City was a winner whether or not they received a medal. I'm sure that all of our competitors feel an inner sense of elation and self-respect for their performances. Again, I commend you all.

Our new way of doing business

Undoubtedly you have heard about the Society's Management Study Team and the concept of our new management structure. The changes begin at the chapter level and extend throughout the districts and on into the Society.

As for the chapter, the most immediate change at hand is the nomination and election of chapter officers for 1997. The new structure calls for, at a minimum, the following officers:

President - Secretary - Treasurer
 VP of Chapter Development
 VP of Music and Performance
 Chapter Board Members at Large

Chapters with larger memberships may have as many additional officers as needed.

All chapter nominating committees should now be looking for qualified persons to fill the positions. To assist the nominating committees, (Continued - please see PARKER, page 4)



Society Synopsis

by SBM Russell Seely

What price glory?

Another successful International convention is behind us with several items of interest to note and reflect on, like:

How must those leg-weary, voice weary and budget weary competitors from Northbrook, Illinois feel after finishing second for the fourth year in a row? Silver is great but those guys must be talking to themselves. Their imaginative director and musical genius, Jay Gialambaardo pulled-out all the stops with his toy soldier presentation complete with twirling rifles and mechanical-like marching only to have the very

professional performance by Dr. Greg Lyne's *Masters of*

Harmony not only outscore them but by a sizeable margin. And just think; the *Vocal Majority* is eligible to compete next year. What's an Italian to do?

The Great Lakes Chorus should be proud of their performance though I'm sure they're disappointed with their ranking, (20 out of 22). If your wondering just how well they did perform, I suggest you head down to Indianapolis next July to witness just how awesome the chorus competition is. The commitment to excellence these International choruses display makes one wonder; can Pioneer really compete? Until we conform to the ritual the top ten choruses seem to adopt which starts with recruitment and ends with total dedication to that commitment, I'm afraid we'll always be an also ran. This isn't a criticism of any or our past rep's or their leadership/director teams for the past twenty years. It's simply a fact of life and it sure doesn't appear it's going to get any easier. But then, again, "What price glory."

Our three fine quartet also found the International trail pretty rugged. We'll always be proud that Pioneer qualified three quartets, but remember, the scores they achieved in our prelim's kind-of gave us an idea of where they would probably wind up. In our age of computerization, Internet and the like, it wasn't but moments after the final prelim scores were tallied when your favorite quartet was sitting in *some* position on a composite score-sheet for the (Continued - Please see SEELY, page 4)





District President Larry Parker is pictured presenting their Society Charter to members of the Gaylord Chapter, on June 24

Gaylord Charter Night proves Barbershop is Love—Again!

by Hank Hedges, Director, Harmonie Meisters Chorus

Grosse Pointe, Alpena, Lansing, Boyne City and other chapters were represented as their members came to sing the Gaylord Chapter and the *Harmonie Meisters* chorus into the Society in numbers exceeding 120 brothers and their families.

Larry Parker presented the charter and SBM Russ Seely stressed the importance of Heartspring and Sing America/Sing Canada. Seely closed with remarks emphasizing the importance of bringing youth into barbershopping.

The Harmonie Meisters, now eight months old as a singing club, were overwhelmed with the support and well wishes from all who attended. Thanks to all who helped launch our new chapter.

We are now looking forward to our next appearance, in the Gaylord Alpinefest, July 19.

and *Standing Room Only* were in those exact positions long before the Salt Lake City convention took place. Sure, there was some forward and backward movement in the final outcome, but most end up in about the same position. One dramatic forward move was that of former Pioneer, Clay Hine (son of Tohm, Detroit #1) and his hilarious quartet, *Fred*, who were ranked 15th prior to SLC and finished with a 4th place bronze medal. So, what does all this prove? Certainly not that men from California, Georgia or, god forbid, Ohio are better singers and performers than those from Pioneer. The difference friends, is the approach the successful competitors employ. They regularly attend Harmony Education programs, accept constant coaching from wherever they can including their own competition, in so called "top-gun" programs.

I'm convinced that if a quartet aspires to reach their ultimate capability whether for a show or contest - it must think in terms of *at least* a 5 member group. The fifth member must be a truly committed coach who must monitor *his* quartet every move and seek help to improve his own skills and well as the skill of the quartet. I'm certain if

Pioneer quartets would adopt this practice we'd soon have quartets challenging the cuts at International. I *know* we have the talent. We simply must hone it.

But I wonder, what are we trying to preserve? Come on fella's, lets have fun with this hobby.

The highlight of a rather sober Society Board meeting at Salt Lake City was the selection of Tim Hanrahan to serve a second term as president. Charles Watson from the Johnny Appleseed District was elected executive VP.

The transition to the new Society structure is progressing with minimal detours. Chapters should be receiving all kinds of instructions in the next few months.

Pioneer's own Roger Morris was elected to the PROBE Hall of Fame, and my "second favorite tenor," Bill Wickstrom, was awarded his 50 year membership pin at the convention

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I have mailed copies of the job descriptions to all chapter presidents. After the nomination process is complete, elections *must* be held in October and completed by October 15.

The classes at this year's Chapter Officers Training Seminar (COTS), December 7-8, will be full of new and valuable information concerning our new management structure. If you are to be an officer in 1997, by all means make plans to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns about the transition process, please call me or any other member of your district board.

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whole world to examine. Kinda scary when we consider that: first *Nightlife*, then *Yesteryear*,

Ed Notes – 'Tis sad, we believe. This is not a knee-jerk, spur-of-the-moment reaction. Been thinking about this for some time.

It has been more than a year as we best recall, since we read in some Pioneer chapter copy that the particular chapter's board of directors had approved an application for membership of an individual, "pending an audition."

Review again if you will please, number 4 of the Society's Code of Ethics. I quote, "We shall accept for membership only congenial men of good character *who love harmony* *OT* have a desire to harmonize."

Probably serious quartets and choruses, seeking to improve or maintain a level of competence, ought to be selective relevant to the personnel who will sing in the group. In those instances, an audition is likely a sensible practice.



Editor: Gordon Gunn

The problem, as we see it, is the blurring of identities of the barbershop chorus and the barbershop chapter.

We plead here that any applicant who otherwise meets the criteria of the Code of Ethics and who *loves harmony* (and by the way, who likely will contribute much to the cause) ought to be admitted to membership in the chapter. And the chapter ought to function as a separate entity, not only as an alternate identification of the chorus.

We contend in fact (look it up), the dynamic growth of the Society ceased and was reversed during the time frame that chapters and their functions were obscured by total concentration on activities of the chorus.

This is not to belittle barbershop choruses. When I was yet able to sing, I enjoyed singing in a chorus and I surely yet enjoy listening to a good barbershop chorus. But we cannot believe that those not able to sing to the satisfaction of an auditioning committee or a chorus director ought to be excluded from membership in the Society.

I would wager; If all present members were required to re-qualify by audition, the ranks of the Society would be even further diminished. Many devoted, hard working barbershoppers would be gone, and many tasks undone.

As for me, not now able to sing at the level of competence required, I am grateful that I am yet able to contribute, with these pages, to the " ...Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America."

Grand Rapids, *Great Lakes Chorus*, selects Ann Jarchow as new director

by Dick Williams

Our outstanding director, Jim Pollard, has indicated he will likely move from the area to pursue his calling to the ministry.

The Grand Rapids Chapter is happy to announce it has selected a new director, Ann Jarchow, hopefully to lead it into the next millennium. Ann is eminently qualified and comes highly recommended by Greg Lyne, Jim Casey and David Wright.

She currently directs the Grand Rapids Sweet Adelines where she has displayed exceptional skill in Music, direction and choreography. Her Sweet Adeline chorus has been exceedingly competitive in the rugged Region 3 Sweet Adeline competitions. She has directed at Sweet Adeline International level.

Please pass along your best wishes to Ann. She is well known, and will undoubtedly become better known, to Pioneer Barbershoppers.

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will sing lead with the *Aire Males* "...in place of my dad."

Seely said the Saturday night show and the "big show" at the Harrisville Marina on Sunday afternoon sometimes features as many as 30 quartets. Fine quartets, both barbershoppers and Sweet Ad's and including International competitors, show up to camp, enjoy the fun, and are enlisted to sing in the shows, he reported.

Week-end activities otherwise include a golf outing with proceeds to Heartspring, the art fair, coho fishing, barbecues and an ox roast, with many events sponsored by area business people. Seely said area business also contribute generously to "the cause."

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<p>HIGH BID A Barbershop Quartet</p>	
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Pioneer District is #1 in "Operation Harold Hill"

Sound the trumpets, raise the banners high and lift your voices in songs of rejoicing, for the Pioneer District finished number one in Operation Harold Hill among all Districts in the Society. The District accumulated the most points and had the highest percentage of achieving the goals of new and reinstated members.

The District broke two membership records for the months of January and June on their way to achieving a total of 18 points. Enrolling a total of 29 members in January and 30 members in June broke old recruiting records for those months. The District was awarded five points for each month. Target figures were exceeded each of the four months in between and the District received two points for each month. In achieving 18 points, the District will be awarded two registrations to the 1997 International convention in Indianapolis.

The District was given a target of recruiting 102 members during the six-month campaign. The actual number signed was 146 members for 143.14%.

On the chapter level, three chapters recruited 10 or more members during the campaign. Lansing with 14, Flint had 13 and Kalamazoo signed 10. Marathon award winners, signing at least one member each month, are Lansing and Flint. There are 16 chapters who will receive awards at the House of Delegates Meeting on Friday, October 18. There will be five gold medals, one silver, one bronze, and nine certificates of participation to be presented at that time. Chapter Membership Vice Presidents will be notified and will be asked to attend the meeting to accept their just rewards.

With exceptional retention during the second quarter and the smashing success of Operation Harold Hill, the Society now has 34,287 members on its rolls. This could not have come about without the

dedication and perseverance of the Society's staff, membership committee, and all the Joe Barbershoppers out there who are really concerned about preserving our hobby. You are to be congratulated!

And now on to the next task at hand. It's called "LET'S MAKE A DEAL." By this time all chapter MVP's should have received the information and good news about this new membership campaign. It's a 100-day event that begins September 1 and runs through December 9, 1996. To be eligible for awards, chapters must register by August 31, 1996. Chapters may choose whatever means of recruiting they wish, but they must commit to a goal first. So, "Let's Make A Deal." It's similar to the old TV game show. You can select Door Number One, Door Number Two or Door Number Three. Each "door" has a prize behind it which you will earn if you meet your end of the deal, a specific number of new or reinstated members.

Door #1, a \$50.00 gift certificate from the Harmony Market Place. Door #2, a \$100.00 gift certificate, Door #3, a \$200.00 gift certificate. The object is to commit wisely to your "door." If your chapter exceeds its commitment, it will receive an additional bonus of a \$25.00 gift certificate for each additional new member above the commitment.

If your chapter does not fulfill its commitment, but achieves a lower level, it will receive nothing. There are "zonks" as well, hence the reason to commit wisely and realistically. For full details, see your chapter MVP.

Have fun with this campaign and help continue our drive to success. Let us not stand on our laurels. Do NOT let this opportunity slip by. The future of our Society is still in our hands!

**PIONEER DISTRICT, SPEBSQSA, INC.
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
APRIL 26, 1996 MEETINGS**

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.

President Parker indicated only the names of the members that have fulfilled their pledge in the Harold Hill program be printed (in the *Troubadour*, as requested by the Society). The names of those still attempting to fulfill their pledge should not be printed.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Lansing Chapter members be asked if there is someone with adequate storage space for the District equipment requiring storage at a reasonable fee. If not, Don Kill was to proceed with the rental of a storage facility.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Macomb County Harmony Heritage be permitted to sing in the chorus contest but not be eligible for awards as their entry form was not received prior to the entry deadline.

The Black Swamp Chapter requested a transfer to the Johnny Appleseed District. There were no objections; therefore, it will be acted upon by the Society at Salt Lake City.

Moved, seconded and carried that the newly defined Vice President positions proposed by the Society Restructuring Team be adopted including the combining of the EVP and Membership Vice Presidents positions.

Moved, seconded and carried that the motion directing that any chorus receiving a disqualification not be eligible for the Most Improved Chorus Award be rescinded.

Moved, seconded and carried that any chorus receiving a zero score from any judge in the last fall contest be ineligible for the Most Improved Chorus Award for the next fall contest.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Lansing Chapter be recommended as the host chapter for the fall 1998 convention.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. ACTIONS:

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

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

Moved, seconded and carried that the District adopt the seven vice president positions recommended by the Society Restructuring Team including the consolidation of the EVP and Membership VP positions.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Lansing Chapter be the host chapter for the fall 1998 convention.

Moved, seconded and carried that a group of our officers speak to the Sheraton Hotel to have their prices reduced for services provided for the function rooms in the future as we are no longer able to have hospitality rooms in sleeping rooms.

It is time to solicit bids for the permanent convention site beginning January 1, 1999 for three years although this is not a requirement - only preferred.

Awards were presented to Dan Bezaire, Windsor Chapter, for second place and Art Lane, Holland Chapter, for first place in the Bulletin Editor of the Year Contest.

50 year members "Cap" Mac Clean, Leroy Lake, Casimer Mackowiak and Bill Wickstrom were recognized for their years of service.

Charities awards were also presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Schneider
District Secretary

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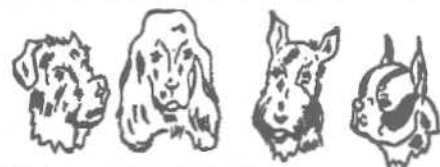
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This notice is given as required by article 7.03 of the Pioneer District by-laws.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider, Secretary



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A TROUBADOUR SALUTE
TO

Dick Williams

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

Grand Rapids Chapter

by Dick Williams

Salt Lake City is now history, but what a wonderful and exciting convention. It was great to be a part of it. The singing in both the quartet and chorus contest was fantastic.

The quartet champion is *Nightline* with *Yesterday* finishing second. The *Masters of Harmony* chorus took all the marbles with *New Tradition* second.

Pioneer can stand tall and be proud of the fine jobs *Onyx*, *Genuine Blend* and *Firepower* did. Those guys gave 110%.

As for your chorus rep's; were a little bloodied but remain unbowed. We did our best. It's just we were 523 points off and 77 men short. But wait'll next year guys - we'll show 'em. Just wait!

Seriously, the chorus remained very upbeat and positive about our efforts. We want to do it again.

Alert, alert, for all barbershoppers near and far, this is an invite to the annual *Herm Baker Corn Roast*, Tuesday, August 13, at 7 PM. Cost is \$5.00. There will be plenty of corn-on-the-cob and hot-dogs along with door prizes plus lots and lots of tag singing and woodshedding. Just plain old fashioned fellowship. **No women allowed - men only.**

For more information call John Baker, 1-800-258-6153. John will give you all the information you need and will also fax directions at your request. This is BYOB's.

Grand Rapids would once again like to thank all of you for your support and well wishes both here and in SLC. Your love for this great hobby of ours and for us, truly made us feel humble and we wish we could have done a little better for all of you.

We have a saying and it is never more true than in this great barbershop society we all love: "There are no strangers amongst us, only friends we haven't yet met."

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

by Tom Uicker, Bulletin Editor

Thanks to all the chapters for supporting the traveling Jugs. Both completed their rounds this year despite delays during the Thanksgiving to Christmas rush. Over \$1000 was collected as they travelled about the district. The money was split between *Onyx* and *Firepower* to support their travel to the Salt Lake City convention. Unfortunately, *Genuine Blend* was unable to attend the "Return of the Jugs Night," and did not share in the returns.

The jugs will sent out again very soon. Next year's travel won't be as costly since the convention will be in Indianapolis, but maybe we can be represented by three or four quartets to share the money.

With July 1st behind us, the Harold Hill program has officially ended. Detroit-Oakland was one new member shy of the bronze award. However, since we signed two new members last December before the program started and one reinstatement in July, after the deadline, I feel we are doing our part for the cause. Congratulations to Membership VP Earl Berry and his assistant Lou Maglione.

After three-and-a-half years of meetings in Royal Oak, the *Gentlemen Songsters* will finally have a chance to sing for the home town crowd. We will perform July 24, at the Summer Concert Series. Of course that date is past as you read this, but at this writing it is very much in the forefront of our minds. Thanks to *Passport* and *Crosstown Exchange* who have agreed to share the stage with us. The gig is also due to the hard work of Lou Maglione.

Between preparing to strut our stuff before the local throng and learning new songs for our annual show next February, we have not found summer to be filled with lazy, crazy days, But there is always time for one more song. So if you are foot-loose and looking for something special some Monday night (or Thursday afternoon) pop over to Starr Presbyterian Church at 13 Mile and Crooks Road in Royal Oak and let us sing one with you.

Grosse Pointe Chapter

by Mike Sullivan

The Olympic games will never be the same after we were there in 300 A.D. We bid a fond farewell to Caesar Disgustus, Pontius Pirate, Linus Scrimmage, Seelyopia, and Blabbius Mouthus. as Grosse Pointe leaves Olympia and heads for Lansing. After two great performance nights (Continued next page)

(Grosse Pointe continued)
and our own rendition of "The Old Thongs," Grosse Pointe prepares to meet any challenges head-on.

Our district champions *Firepower* even got into the act. Jamie Carey, lead, inquired if the package show was available on the market. It was only the spark of an idea in the heads of yours truly and our director, Russ Seely several months ago, but bloomed into a full blown production with togas, chariots, flying trapezes, acrobats, a complete olympian stadium, and a collection of Greco-barbershop songs.

A full complement of chapter members attended the Windsor Send-Off in June. Our members are starting to catch on as they are now bringing their own accompaniments. The fun part is explaining to Canadian customs why you are bringing meat balls to a spaghetti dinner.

Grosse Point was again proud to represent barbershop music at the annual Jacobson's garage Sale, located in a three story parking structure. Members shopped, sang and shopped as local entrepreneurs and artisans displayed their wares. Our chapter usually gains a new member or two from this event.

Always looking for a reason to sing, six of our staunchest singers and golfers trekked north to attend the Charter Night celebration of the new Gaylord Chapter. The *Harmonie Meisters* under the direction of Hank Hedges are a welcome asset to the Pioneer District. Stopping at Gaylord a few weeks later I found the Flint *Arrowhead Chorus* Director, John Noteware, singing in the tenor section. You never know who will show up at a meeting. Welcome to barbershopping.

Grosse pointe will again share the campfires and starlight with London and Sarnia, Ontario chapters at Harmony Woods in August. Hopefully, their local brewmaster has been productive. If you still have the camping bug, don't forget Harrisville, Labor Day week-end.

If you are free in March, 1997, join Grosse Pointe as we go on the cruise of the century with Celebrity Cruise Lines. About twenty couples are committed. We would love to have other district members join us as we sail the Western Caribbean.

If you want to recruit and retain new members, stay active and offer variety. It works for Grosse Pointe. See you in Lansing, to convene.

Muskegon Chapter

by Bill Tobias, Music VP

Like many of you, Muskegon's *Shoreline Chorus* has had a busy summer. On parade floats we have paid homage to Michigan's home-grown asparagus in Shelby and helped our fair city kick off it's Summer Celebration. On many a Sunday, we have raised a joyful noise unto the

Lord in area churches. Yet to come will be the NBD Community Picnic, a few more Sunday morning performances, and our annual summer family picnic.

As is true in many an organization, success or failure rests on the talents of it's membership. Many are called to wear different hats depending on what roles are needed. Quite a few chapters are blessed with talented members who just have to know where and when they're needed. We have one such special individual here on the Lake Michigan shoreline. I have had the honor and privilege these past six months to have served as co-Music Vice-President with this wonderful gentleman. This man is Mr. Wilbur "Webb" Scrivnor.

I first got to know this kind-hearted gentlemen when I was putting out the 4-CAST for the Grand Rapids Chapter. He was always available whenever I needed suggestions on how to produce a better quality publication for the membership. He still generates a bulletin for almost every rehearsal, week after week, including songs our director, Mike O'Donnell wants us to practice or expects us to know. Our monthly activities are included along with rules of our Society and much need-to-know information. His organizational skills also come into play at every one of our chapter board and music committee meetings through his preparation of agendas. Chapter President Mike Simpson has come to rely on Webb's agendas to keep the meetings running ever so smoothly.

Like many, he is also a twenty-five percenter, a quarteter, or one-fourth of the *Four Score and More*. He has the ability to sing all four parts. Whenever his services are needed as director, he ably stands before us and leads us on, often using the piano to get us back on key. I wonder if his many years as a music educator have caused his ears to be super strong, or just numb (it's about that set smile that goes on his face quite often).

According to Webb, one of his proudest accomplishments was leading the *Port City Chorus* to International competition in Chicago in 1966. Muskegon's finest went on stage with twenty-one out of twenty-two active chorus members. He remembers everyone made it to each rehearsal the three weeks prior to contest. The chorus didn't take all the honors, but still managed to have a great time.

On behalf of each and every member of the Muskegon Chapter, I wish to thank Webb Scrivnor for being a mentor, a friend, a leader, and a true example of what it means to be a barbershopper.

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OCTOBER 18-20, 1996 - LANSING, MICHIGAN

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SPOUSE/GUEST(S) NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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COMPETING QUARTET? YES ___ NO ___

QUARTET NAME _____

COMPETING CHORUS? YES ___ NO ___

CHORUS NAME _____

CHAPTER NAME _____

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

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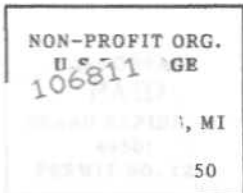
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- Mar 15 Kalamazoo Show
- Mar 22 Macomb County Show
- Apr 5 Muskegon Show
- Apr 25-27 District Convention
- May 9-10 Motor City Metro Show
- May 16-18 Harmony Round-Up
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- Nov 1 Grand Rapids Show

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