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A Message from Chris Berry

Pioneer District President

It's Reunion Week!

What to know before you join us at this week's District Convention

Greetings

Pioneer!

When the conference committee first started the planning for the 2022 Spring Convention in January, I had thought with all of the concerns around gathering together that we might have 100 attendees for the Great Reunion weekend. At last count, we have doubled that number with over 200 people making plans to attend the Pioneer District Spring Convention.



The Pioneer District board has had many conversations on how to keep everyone safe from the spread of Covid-19 during this event. The Board has adopted a policy similar to BHS that all participants have either been vaccinated or had a negative test within 72 hours from the start of the event that will need to be shown to get your registration badge. There will be a link on the District website to upload a copy of your vaccination card to speed up the registration process. Finally to answer the question whether to mask or not to mask, there is not currently a mask mandate in Grand Rapids but the Board encourages you to wear a mask during this weekend event.

I'm looking forward to hearing all 16 quartets sing live on stage for the first time in over two years on Saturday. We have 14 quartets from the Pioneer District singing at this competition with an additional four quartets singing from out of District.

I can't wait to hear what non-competing quartets, VLQs, and choruses are going to be singing on Friday nights Singfest. I think it's a great opportunity for everyone to demonstrate that although we've been apart for several years, music truly does bring this together. Between the Tag Contest on Saturday on all of the Classes / Workshops that are being offered (including a coaching under glass) I'm not sure that I'm going to be sleeping much that weekend.

But I think the most exciting thing about the last weekend in April is that I'm going to be able to see all of you once again!

Sincerely,

Chris

Pioneer District President

Berry

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Check out all the events at this weekend's Great Reunion

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Erin Harris
BHS Chief Program Officer



Erin Harris is the Chief Program Officer of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) with over 17 years of international, regional, and local experience in successfully managing initiatives that improve and enrich the lives of others. Since 2014, Erin's role at BHS has been to work with staff and volunteers to fulfill the mission and vision of the organization through impactful programs like Harmony University, International Convention, and Next Generation Barbershop. Erin has her Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and International Business, an executive certification in Social Impact Strategy (UIPsm), her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, and a Master's degree in Sustainability. In her executive capacity, Erin uses her background to ensure the future sustainability and impact of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Dr. Perry White
Harmony Foundation, Intl. CEO



Dr. White is in his sixth year as President and CEO of Harmony Foundation International. Prior to his arrival at the Foundation, he served as President of Bethel College in North Newton, KS, as Vice President of External Affairs at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI, and as Vice President for College Advancement at Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL. Before moving into administration, Dr. White served as Music Department Chair and Director of Choral Activities at Monmouth College. As an avocation, Perry has amassed numerous credits in local professional and community theater, primarily in the greater Kansas City area, as well as work in the television and motion pictures industries.

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Mic Tester (Family) Chorus	Aaron Pollard, Brandon Smith

Want more information on this year's convention? Scan the QR code below or visit pioneerdistrict.org



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The Pioneer District of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents

THE GREAT REUNION

April 29 - May 1, 2022

GRAND RAPIDS, MI • DeVos Center for Arts and Worship • DoubleTree Hotel
Grand Rapids, Host Chapter

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 29		Saturday, April 30	
Registration & Harmony Marketplace	10 am - 6pm Salon A	Registration & Harmony Marketplace	9 am - 11 am Salon A
District Board Meeting	11 am Board Room	Classes/Workshops	9 - 10 am Tony Sparks: Building barber shop communities through collaboration (Wolverine A) Blair Brown: Discovering your inner yogi (Wolverine B) Pioneer board townhall (Kentwood A-B)
House of Delegates Meeting	1 pm Salon C-D	Coaching: City Lights chorus	10 - 11:30 am Salon C-D. Open to all attendees
Classes/Workshops	2:30 - 4:30 pm	*Registration	Noon Foyer
Erin Harris: BHS townhall (Wolverine A)	2:30 pm	*Quartet prelims	1 pm Auditorium
Rob Arnold: Project management in barber shop (Wolverine B)	3:30 pm	Tag Contest	3:30 - 4:30 pm Salon C-D
Dr. Perry White: HFI townhall (Wolverine B)	3:30 pm	Harmony Marketplace	3 - 5:30 pm Salon A
Sandi Wright: Quartet fixes when there is no coach in sight (Wolverine A)	4:30 pm	Mic Tester Chorus rehearsal	5 - 5:30 pm Salon C-D
Steve Scott: Vocal techniques (Kentwood A-B)	4:30 pm	*Quartet finals	7 pm Auditorium
OCA Meeting	3:30 pm Board Room	Harmony Marketplace	3 - 5:30 pm Salon A
Tag singing with William Stutts, Jr.	4:30 pm Salon C-D	Mic Tester Chorus rehearsal	5 - 5:30 pm Salon C-D
The Great Reunion SingFest	7 pm Salon C-D	*Quartet finals	7 pm Auditorium
<small>All events will be hosted in the DoubleTree hotel unless otherwise noted</small>			
<small>*Event hosted at the DeVos Center for Arts and Worship</small>			
		Sunday, May 1	
		Worship service	9-9:45 am Salon C-D



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Shoreline Quartet looks to capture first District Youth Quartet championship



*Left to right: Cole Carey (Br), Kayla Reed (L),
Caleb Downey (Bs), Maddie Cooper (T)*

When you talk to Cole Carey, it seems like he's got it all figured out.

Started barbershopping at seven, joined the society at eight. Sang on an international stage four times—three with The Voice youth chorus and once with Grand Rapids. Put together a youth quartet that took fifth place in the international junior varsity youth quartet championship in 2020. Started and directed a youth chorus in his hometown of Cadillac to attract other young singers to his favorite hobby in 2021.

And in just under a week, his new quartet, Shoreline, will compete in the Pioneer District's first youth quartet championship against nothing but their own expectations.

The quartet, made up of Cole, fellow Cadillac High Schooler Caleb Downey, Ludington High School student Maddie Cooper and Kayla Reed of West Shore Community College, have all been musicians for their entire lives. Just a week before their debut at the Pioneer District, I had the chance to sit down with Cole, Caleb and Kayla to get to know more about the quartet before they cross the district stage.

[Read the full interview on the Pioneer Website.](#)

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Looking for some family fun in Grand Rapids?



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Where the Good Times Are: City Lights in Concert

THE CITY LIGHTS CHORUS presents

where the *good times* are

Saturday, May 21 7 p.m.

Hilltop Church
21260 Haggerty Road
Northville, MI

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ticket prices: citylightschorus.com

featuring Girl Talk
Sweet Adelines Competitor

featuring Quorum
2019 International Medalist

City Lights to present second annual chapter show

For the first time in three years, the City Lights Chorus will take the stage in the beautiful sanctuary of Hilltop Church in Northville for their second annual chapter show. The chorus, which has qualified for the 2022 international convention, will debut their contest set alongside

several other new songs featuring stylings of vocal jazz, barbershop and more! The show will feature two internationally competitive quartets in Quorum and Girl Talk.

Where **the** **Good** **Times** **Are**
7 **p.m.** **Saturday,** **May** **21**
Hilltop **Church** **of** **the** **Nazarene**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at www.citylightschorus.com or at the door. If you have a physical ticket from our 2019 show, that will work as well. Group and student pricing is available at citylightschorus.com

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