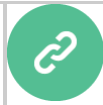
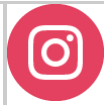


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## A Message from Chris Berry

Pioneer District President

### Looking toward Charlotte and into the fall

*a new contest structure*

The fourth of July is always an exciting time for me. Time to celebrate Independence Day, meet with friends and family, watch fireworks, and listen to some outstanding barbershop music. I am so excited to see Pioneer represented so well at the 2022 BHS International competition with City Lights Chorus (appearing on Saturday around 12:15pm) and Five Star Quartet (appearing on Tuesday around 5:45pm) and will definitely be tuning in early to the live stream just in case.

In other news, last Sunday, at a special HOD meeting, of which, I believe 13 of the current 19 District chapters were represented along with 8 of the 9 Board members, we discussed the proposal of how the Fall District Quartet Competition would be designed. The proposal called for an open contest with awards given to the top 5 scores with the top scoring quartet receiving the title of Pioneer District Quartet Champion. There would also be a Men's Plateau, Mixed Plateau, and Women's Plateau winner. I was pleased that the HOD accepted the proposed structure. In addition, the HOD voted to change the number of quartets moving to the Finals from 8 quartets to 10 quartets.

There is so much going on in the District with the 75th Annual Bush League Contest - August 12-13 in Cadillac, Pioneer District Fall Convention - October 14-15 in Kalamazoo, Tag Camping - August 6-7 in Ann Arbor and all of the chorus and quartet activities (Let me know what your events are), I hope you have a chance to join in on the singing and camaraderie.



If you have any questions or suggestions I would love to hear them. We are moving forward together!

## Meet Five Star Quartet

*How a family quartet became international representatives*



Five Star wasn't supposed to compete at International. It wasn't in the plan. Not exactly.

The plan was for Jamie Carey and his son, Cole, to sing together with two friends in the Grand Rapids chapter. They would use this performance to get a few songs across the stage after only five rehearsals leading up to the weekend. They had performed together before at shows and in a commercial, but they hadn't competed together.

And after winning, the Careys even had to change their vacation plans, which they scheduled for the International competition they didn't see themselves going to. But now that they're going, they've got their sights set on a goal they hope to reach.

"We don't want to get last. That's our personal goal. Don't get last," Carey said.

[To read more about Five Star and their origin story, click to read our interview!](#)

**Going to be at international? Here's a handy guide to the convention!**



The [Barbershop Harmony Society](#) and [barbershopper Ben Porter](#) put together documents to help all barbershoppers navigate the 2022 International Convention happening next week in Charlotte, NC. Don't miss performances by Pioneer representatives Five Star on Tuesday and City Lights on Saturday!

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## Bush League returns for 75th anniversary year!

It's not too late to sign up for next month's Bush League contest on August 12 and 13. Whether you are there to golf, sing or compete, there's something for everyone in Cadillac in the summer. Don't have a quartet to compete? You can still compete in the pickup tag contest, or make a quartet while you're there! Everyone who competes is eligible for coaching from some of the society's finest judges from around the country.

[Visit the Pioneer District website for more information and to sign up as an individual or for a quartet!](#)

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## International Competition

*An interview with Acaville Radio*

City Lights leaders Brandon Smith, Cody Harrell and William Stutts, Jr. sat down with Amanda Cornaglia of Acaville Radio before leaving for Charlotte to represent Pioneer at the International

**City Lights Chorus prepares for**

competition. Check out their episode on Acaville Radio's podcast, which will air tonight at 9 p.m. EST. If you miss it, you can catch the interview on [acavillerradio.com](http://acavillerradio.com) at Saturday at 10 am and 5 pm, Sunday at 5 pm and Monday at 8 pm.

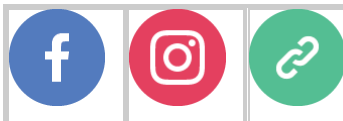
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## Guardians of Harmony (and friends) take Comerica!

Check out this performance of both the Canadian and US national anthems by a group of men and women representing several chapters around the Pioneer District.

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