

## **2018 WORKPLAN**

### **Events -- Roger Lewis**

#### **Statement of purpose**

The Pioneer District has a perpetual goal of improving the quality of events to maintain our position as a leader in the Society. We continually receive glowing compliments from judges and Society Representatives who visit. The goal for 2018 is to continue to raise the bar, making the conventions more enjoyable for our attendees, competitors, judges, and the public.

#### **1. Grand Rapids Convention.**

- a. There have been two meetings with the Crowne Plaza hotel and the DeVos Center for Arts and Worship, including members of the host chapters, DOC and Pontiac Waterford. Again this spring, chapters will be able to bring soft drinks and cold snacks into the hospitality rooms on Saturday night.
- b. Thursday night's pre-convention SINGFEST will be at Blue Moose Sports Bar and Grill, on 28<sup>th</sup> street, about a mile east of the Crowne Plaza hotel. Doug Weaver is lining up quartets and the Harmony Mercenaries.
- c. We are privileged to have CEO Marty Monson with us, and he will host a "listening session" Friday afternoon. Bring your questions and your comments for him to hear.
- d. Friday night after the contest, the Grand Rapids Chapter, our representatives to Orlando in July, will host a fundraising show in the ballroom area of the hotel. Come get a preview of their International package. Bring your wallet. Competing at an International Convention is very expensive for a chorus (and for quartets)
- e. Saturday afternoon, there will be a Platoon Contest – a fun and successful event. The top two quartets will sing on the Saturday night show.
- f. Our International Conventions began staging two side microphones for the quartet contest last year. This allows a quartet member who has a solo section to move to one of those mics. They have suggested the districts follow suit, and we are providing that feature for our quartets this spring. Hope you like it.

#### **2. Fall convention, Battle Creek**

- a. We will have a Thursday night SINGFEST, probably at Clara's restaurant.
- b. The QCA will host a show on Friday night following the contest, in the hotel ballrooms, with a number of past District Champions Quartets.

#### **3. Quartet Boot Camp, Quartet Factory and Bush League.**

- a. Because of dual roles, I have some input to each of these.

#### **4. Host Chapters for future conventions.**

- a. Following this report is a listing of our future conventions. We are now scheduled through 2022. As a point of information, no other district in the Society schedules future conventions to the extent we do. Nor does

International in scheduling the Midwinter conventions. Some districts do not even know where next year's conventions will be held. Because we are proactive, we are able to secure the venues we want and able to negotiate reasonable rates.

- b. If your chapter is interested in hosting a convention, please email me at [rjlewiscmc@aol.com](mailto:rjlewiscmc@aol.com) and I will send you the application. It takes a minimum of about 35 volunteers to host a convention, although 50+ is more comfortable. (they don't have to work so many hours.)
- c. A chapter gets free convention registrations for your workers, plus \$1,000.00 as a host chapter. It is possible for 2 chapters go team up, as DOC and Pontiac Waterford are doing this spring.

**5. Conventions, general.**

- a. It is always my goal to have conventions be more "convening" rather than just a contest. If you have ideas or suggestions to make conventions better for the attendee and the competitor, please get in touch with me. [rjlewiscmc@aol.com](mailto:rjlewiscmc@aol.com)
- b. The above is especially true if you do not normally attend a convention. What could we do that would make it possible for you to attend?

**Roger Lewis, Director of Events**

**Future conventions:**

**2018-2022 Pioneer District Conventions**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Theater</u></b>	<b><u>Host</u></b>
Oct. 19-21, 2018	Battle Creek, Doubletree*	WK Kellogg	Battle Creek
<b>(SAI convention Oct 15-20, St. Louis)</b>			
Apr 26-28, 2019	Grand Traverse Resort	Ballroom	Mt. Pleasant
Oct 18-20, 2019	Muskegon, Holiday/Shoreline	Frauenthal	
<b>(SAI Convention Sept 16-21, New Orleans)</b>			
Apr 24-26, 2020	Battle Creek, Doubletree*	WK Kellogg	
Oct 2-4, 2020	Kalamazoo, Radisson	Ballroom	
<b>(SAI convention Oct 12-17, Louisville)</b>			
Apr 23-25, 2021	Grand Rapids, Crowne Plaza	DeVos, CHS	
Oct 15-17, 2021	Battle Creek, Doubletree*	WK Kellogg	
Apr 22-24, 2022	Grand Rapids, Crowne Plaza	DeVos/CHS	
Oct 14-16, 2022	Kalamazoo, Radisson	Ballroom	

*\*McCamly Plaza will become a Doubletree in 2018*