

**Awards Acknowledgments**

**Presentation of Awards**

**Harmony Foundation Drawing**

**Pioneer District Senior Quartet Representative  
to 2007 International Seniors Contest Announced**

**Pioneer District Third Place Quartet  
and Second Place Quartet Announced**

**Pioneer District 2006 Champion Quartet Announced**

**Retiring 2005 District Quartet Champions Party of Four  
Sings Two Songs**

**Pioneer District 2006 Quartet Champions Sing Two Songs**

**Finale**

**“Keep the Whole World Singing”**

**THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**

Oh, say! Can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

**O CANADA**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True Patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The true North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU  
TO THE FINE PEOPLE AT:**

**Radisson Plaza Hotel**

**Kalamazoo County Visitor &  
Convention Bureau**

**Lansing Chapter**

**PIONEER DISTRICT  
BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY  
FALL CONVENTION  
PIONEER FAMILY REUNION!  
October 13-15, 2006**



**Robert Brutsman  
Society Board Member**



**Radisson Plaza Hotel**

**Kalamazoo, Michigan**

**Hosts:**

**Lansing Chapter**



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# DISTRICT QUARTET PRELIMINARIES AND SENIOR'S INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARIES

7:00 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2006  
Radisson Plaza Hotel, Arcadia Ballroom  
100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

**Welcome** ..... **Bruce Smith, Convention Chairman**  
Lansing Chapter

**Master of Ceremonies** ..... **Rich Harlow**  
Lansing Chapter

**Mike Tester Quartet** ..... **Party of Four**  
2005 Pioneer District Champion Quartet  
Battle Creek, Motor City Metro and Frank Thorne Chapters

**1. Moxxy** - Motor City Metro  
Tenor - Dave Ebersole      Bari - Jeff Woodruff  
Lead - Brandon Mattson      Bass - Mike Foner

**2. Grand River Serenade** - Grand Rapids  
Tenor - Jim Gillette      Bari - Ralph Mueller  
Lead - Jeff Chesnut      Bass - Ors Coe

**3. \*Happy Our** - Traverse City & Mt. Pleasant  
Tenor - Marty Chirgwin      Bari - Jim Brake  
Lead - Mike Moyer      Bass - Neil Nugent

**4. Fermata Nowhere** - Grosse Pointe  
Tenor - Jeff Gougeon      Bari - Steve Pauling  
Lead - T C Conner      Bass - Pete Burns

**5. \*\*Antiques Roadshow** - Battle Creek, Frank Thorne,  
Kalamazoo, Macomb County  
Tenor - Raleigh Bloch      Bari - Roger Lewis  
Lead - Doug Lynn      Bass - Lee Hanson

## INTERMISSION

**6. Border Crossing** - Windsor, Macomb County  
Tenor - Rob Grimmell      Bari - Roy Gurney  
Lead - Matt Tipton      Bass - Dan Bezaire

**7. Shades of Grey** - Grand Rapids  
Tenor - Ron Thomet      Bari - Twig Branch  
Lead - Bud Kraft      Bass - Jack Sidor

**8. \*\*\*Gadzooks** - Northbrook, Chicagoland North, Elgin  
(Illinois District)  
Tenor - Bill Miller      Bari - Bob Scheible  
Lead - John Cain      Bass - Mike Saeger

**9. Something Big!!** - Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, Motor City  
Metro  
Tenor - Donald Terpe      Bari - Steven Warnaar  
Lead - Jason Kerschke      Bass - T R Gerard

**10. \*Brotherhood** - Battle Creek  
Tenor - Dean Burrill      Bari - Dorn Burrill  
Lead - Bud Burrill      Bass - Don Burrill

**11. Singing With Dad** - Macomb County  
Tenor - David Walker      Bari - Rick Anderson  
Lead - Roger Walker      Bass - Dave Anderson

\* Seniors Contest Competitor only  
\*\*Seniors Contest and District Contest Competitor  
\*\*\*ILL District Senior Contest Competitor for score only  
Qualifications for Novice Quartet have not been met by any competitor so there will be no Novice Quartet Award.

# DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS

6:45 p.m., Saturday, October 14, 2006  
Radisson Plaza Hotel, Arcadia Ballroom  
100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

**Welcome** ..... **Raleigh Bloch**  
Pioneer District President, Kalamazoo Chapter

**Master of Ceremonies** ..... **Doran McTaggart**  
Windsor Chapter

**2006 Pioneer District International Chorus Contest  
Representative** .....

**Mike Tester Quartet:**

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## QUARTET FINALISTS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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## ROBERT BRUTSMAN

We are honored again by having Robert Brutsman as the Society representative to our Pioneer District Convention. Bob has been a barbershopper for 37 years. He is currently serving his third year as Society Board Member and has been appointed a Trustee of Harmony Foundation. At the chapter level he has been President, Membership VP, Program VP and Secretary. With Land O' Lakes District he has been President, VP Membership Development and Secretary. He is currently a member of the Land O' Lakes District Nominating Committee and in 2001 was chosen to be the Land O' Lakes District Barbershopper Of The Year.

Two years ago when Bob was the Society Representative to our Pioneer District Convention he was working at General Mills in Minneapolis, Minnesota and was a Contract Manager. He has now retired from General Mills.

Robert sang in the 1976 Land O' Lakes District Quartet Champion Talk of the Town; in the Land O' Lakes District Champion Minneapolis Chapter Chorus for six years and in the Land O' Lakes District Champion Hilltop Chapter Chorus for fifteen years.

Bob can say, "Been there, done that!" to most barbershop activities. It is a pleasure to have Bob Brutsman again representing the Society President. Please give Bob and his wife Ellen a great big Pioneer District Welcome.

### 2006 PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT ..... Raleigh Bloch  
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT ..... Bruce Smith  
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ..... James Kuhn  
 SECRETARY ..... Marvin Skupski  
 TREASURER ..... Robert Smith, Jr.

### 2006 MANAGEMENT TEAM DIRECTORS:

Contest & Judging ..... Al Fisk  
 Music & Performance ..... Matt Tipton  
 Member Services ..... Brian E. Dunckel  
 Chorus Director Development ..... Dan Bezaire  
 Events ..... Jerry Ditto  
 Young Men in Harmony ..... David Anderson  
 Marketing & Public Relations ..... Ralph LeRoy  
 Financial Development ..... Al Bonney

### CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT	POSITION	HOST CHAPTER
Jerry Ditto	Chairman	Bruce Smith
Roger Lewis	Housing	
Brian Dunckel	Auditorium	Dave Fitzpatrick
Don Kill	Backstage	Chuck Openlander
Al Fisk	Judges Services	Stan Williams
Robb Smith	Tickets	Larry Parker and Carole Parker
Jack Schneider	Registration	Bruce Fitzpatrick
James Kunz	District Raffle	Alan Zaeske
Ralph LeRoy	Publicity	
	Worship Service	Darrell Neves and Stan Williams
	Barbershoppers Shop	Monte Bates
Al Fisk	Joe Barbershop Chorus	
Bruce Smith	Hospitality Room	Jane Smith
3:00 - 4:30 pm		District Hospitality Room Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events take Place at the Radisson Plaza Hotel  
 100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

### FRIDAY - October 13

10:00 am - 5:45 pm Registration in  
Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

10:30 am District Board Meeting-Management Team Meeting  
Stone Theater, Plaza Level

12:00 am - 1:30 pm Harmony-for-Lunch Bunch  
Second Floor Atrium

12:00 noon - on Barbershoppers' Shop & Chapter Historians  
Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

1:30 pm House of Delegates Meeting  
Great Lakes 4 and 5, Plaza Level

2:00 - 5:00 pm District Hospitality Room  
Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

3:00 pm Quartet Champions Association Meeting  
Prairie Room V, Plaza Level

6:00 pm Registration at Contest Site

7:00 pm District Quartet Preliminary Contest  
Seniors Quartet International Preliminary Contest  
Arcadia Ballroom , Lobby Level

10:00 pm (approx) Evaluations and Coaching for eliminated  
quartets; Judges' Rooms, Radisson Plaza Hotel

10:00 pm (approx) Quartet Champions Association Show  
Arcadia Ballroom, Lobby Level

### SATURDAY - October 14

9:00 am - 10:15 am Registration  
Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

9:00 am - on Barbershoppers' Shop & Chapter Historians  
Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

9:00 - 11:00 am District Hospitality Room  
Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

10:00 am Joe Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal  
Exhibition Hall, Plaza Level

10:30 am - 3:00 pm Registration at Contest Site

11:00 am International Preliminary Chorus Contest  
Arcadia Ballroom, Lobby Level

3:30 pm (approx) Chorus Evaluation and Coaching Sessions  
Arcadia Ballroom, Lobby Level

6:30 pm Mass Sing

Arcadia Ballroom, Lobby Level

6:45 pm 2007 Pioneer International Chorus Representative  
Arcadia Ballroom, Lobby Level

7:00 pm District Quartet Finals  
Arcadia Ballroom, Lobby Level

10:30 pm (approx) Evaluation & Coaching for finalist  
quartets, Judges' Rooms, Radisson Plaza Hotel

10:30 pm Chapter Hospitality Rooms

### SUNDAY - October 15

9:00 - 9:45 am Worship Service  
Prairie IV and V, Plaza Level

10:00 - 11:30 am Post Convention Recap Meeting  
Stone Theater, Plaza Level

## JUDGES

Administrator Mike Lanctot Evergreen  
Associate Administrator Carter Combs Central States

Music Tom Gentry Johnny Appleseed  
Jay Krumholz Evergreen

Presentation Bob Squires Illinois  
Jack Stevens Southwestern

Singing Tim Brooks Dixie  
Dale Comer Central States

## GUEST JUDGES

Administrator (Candidates) Jack Ryback Land O' Lakes  
Don Leonard Illinois

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# INTERNATIONAL CHORUS PRELIMINARY CONTEST

11:00 am, Saturday, October 14, 2006  
Radisson Plaza Hotel, Arcadia Ballroom  
100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Welcome..... **Jerry Ditto**  
District Vice President of Events, Kalamazoo Chapter

Presenter ..... **Bob Brutsman**  
Society Board Member

Mike Tester Chorus ..... **Joe Barbershop Chorus**  
Directed by **Tom Gentry**, Johnny Appleseed District

### CHORUS/CHAPTER DIRECTOR

1. **Gentlemen Songsters** Steve Sutherland  
Detroit-Oakland Chapter, Plateau 1

2. **Lighthouse Chorus** Kerry Foley & Gene Hanover  
Michiana Metro Chapter, Plateau 3

3. **Sun Parlour Chorus** Dan Bezaire  
Windsor Chapter, Plateau 2

4. **Kalamazoo Barbershop Chorus** David Woolf  
Kalamazoo Chapter, Plateau 2

5. **Windmill Chorus** Kirk Wood  
Holland Chapter, Plateau 3

6. **Mountaintown Singers** David Gillingham  
Mt. Pleasant Chapter, Plateau 1

### INTERMISSION

7. **Guardians of Harmony** Jack Slamka &  
Macomb County Chapter, Plateau 1 Mike Slamka

8. **Cereal City Chorus** Dorn Burrill  
Battle Creek Chapter, Plateau 2

9. **Cherry Capitol Chorus** Marty Chirgwin &  
Traverse City Chapter, Plateau 2 Al Bonney

10. **Great Lakes Chorus** Curt Struyk & Dave Miller  
Grand Rapids Chapter, Plateau 2

11. **Lakeshore Chorus** Steve Pauling  
Grosse Pointe Chapter, Plateau 3

12. **Town and Country Chorus** Don Slamka  
Hillsdale Chapter, Plateau 2

13. **Capitol City Chordsmen** Jessica Thompson  
Lansing Chapter, Plateau 1