

ED BITTLE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events take place at the Radisson Plaza Hotel
in Kalamazoo, MI.

Ed Bittle is the BHS Board liaison to the Pioneer District. Ed is a native of Des Moines, where he practiced law for 43 years, and specialized in education and municipal bond law. He is a graduate of Cornell University and University of Michigan Law School. He was an Iowa All-state basketball player and played for Cornell University. He has been a singer all his life, but did not find time for barbershop until he contemplated retirement 12 years ago. He became a dual member his first year with the Des Moines Pride of Iowa Chapter and the Grand County Colorado chapter. Six years ago, he began singing with Denver Mile High Sound of the Rockies and has four bronze medals. He has been a VP of Youth in Harmony, and has organized a successful youth program that has served over 700 young men and women over the past six years. He likes to tell young men singers that he cannot play basketball, but he can still sing! He sang with a Grand County quartet before joining Sound of the Rockies and a Des Moines quartet, Harmony Heritage, whose lead was the lead in the Jurassic Larks, 1998 Senior Champs. His wife, Barb Madden Bittle, is a retired school nurse. Together, they raised six children in their blended family.

2015 PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT	POSITION	HOST CHAPTER
Roger Lewis	Chairman	Bob Dininny & Todd Hoath
Roger Lewis	Housing	
Jeff Woodworth	Auditorium	Corey Richmond
Don Kill	Backstage	Todd Hoath
Brian Dunckel	Judges Services	Terry Marr & Bob Dininny
Larry Parker	Registration	Tim Burcham & Roger McCaskey
Doug Weaver	Raffle	Dave Rickard
James O'Dell	Publicity	
	Worship Service	Curt Evans
	Harmony Marketplace	Gary & Bonnie Meyer
Brian Dunckel	Joe Barbershop Chorus	

Friday – October 17, 2015

10:00 a.m.	Pioneer Board of Directors Meeting – The Fields Room
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration – Kalamazoo 1 Room (registration moves to Arcadia Ballroom lobby at 6:00 p.m.)
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Harmony Marketplace – Kalamazoo 1 Room
1:30 p.m.	House of Delegates Meeting – Great Lakes 4/5 Room
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	“How to Find and Develop Your Quartet’s Identify” Matt Gifford (“Musical Island Boys”) – Prairies 5 Room
3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	AHSOW Woodshedding – Great Lakes III Room
3:00 p.m.	QCA Meeting – Meadows Room
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	“How to Improve Your Annual Show” Al Fisk – Glens 1 Room
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Caricature artist Gene Haulenbeek – lobby near Arcadia Ballroom
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	“Tag! You’re It!” William Stutts, Jr. – Prairies 5 Room
7:00 p.m.	District Championship Quartet Semi-Finals contest, and District Seniors Quartet contest – Arcadia Ballroom

(Time TBA)	Evaluations and coaching for eliminated quartets – Judges’ rooms
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10:30 p.m. (approx.) – On	AHSOW Woodshedding – Great Lakes III Room
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Saturday – October 17, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Registration – Arcadia ballroom [resumes at 2:30 p.m. (approx.) and goes to 6:00 p.m.]
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Harmony Marketplace – Kalamazoo 1 Room [resumes at 2:30 p.m. (approx.) and goes to 6:00 p.m.]
9:30 a.m.	Joe Barbershop Chorus rehearsal – Kalamazoo 1 Room (Directed by Jim Bagby)
10:30 a.m.	International Prelim Chorus contest – Arcadia Ballroom
(Time TBA)	Chorus evaluations and coaching in chorus dressing rooms

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. AHSOW Woodshedding
– Great Lakes III Room

7:00 p.m. District Quartet Finals Contest
– Arcadia Ballroom

(Time TBA) Evaluations and coaching for quartets
– Judges’ rooms, Radisson Plaza Hotel

10:30 p.m. (approx.) – On Chapter Hospitality Rooms
– Radisson Plaza Hotel

10:30 p.m. – On AHSOW Woodshedding
– Great Lakes III Room

Sunday, October 18, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
– Prairies 4/6 Room

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Post Convention Recap Meeting
– Stone Theater

JUDGES & HOME DISTRICTS

Administrator	Jim McLaurine	Central States
Assoc. Administrator	Mike Ott	Far Western
Music	Al Fisk Kyle Kitzmiller	Pioneer Cardinal
Presentation	Jim Bagby Sean Devine	Central States Mid-Atlantic
Singing	Jimmy Barr Matt Gifford	Dixie Frank Thorne

GUEST JUDGES

Administrator	Sean Smith	Central States
Music	David Zimmerman	Cardinal

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY CHORUS CONTEST

10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015
Arcadia Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Welcome **Roger Lewis**
Pioneer District Director of Events

Master of Ceremonies **Ed Bittle**
Barbershop Harmony Society Board representative

Mic Tester Chorus **Joe Barbershopper Chorus**
(Directed by Jim Bagby)

Demo Chorus **The Voice Barbershop Chorus**
(Directed by Aaron Pollard)

CHORUS/CHAPTER	DIRECTOR
1. Capitol City Chordsmen Lansing Chapter, Plateau 2	Steven Warnaar
2. Arrowhead Chorus Flint Chapter, Plateau 2	David Longroy
3. Windmill Chorus Holland Chapter, Plateau 2	Kirk Wood
4. The MountainTown Singers Mt. Pleasant Chapter, Plateau 1	Ben Harding, Jeff Rayburn
5. The Mall City Harmonizers Kalamazoo Chapter, Plateau 2	David Woolf, Jonathan Woolf
6. Lamplighter Chorus Livingston County Chapter, Plateau 3	Paul Keiser
7. Lakeshore Chorus Grosse Pointe Chapter, Plateau 2	Stephen Pauling

INTERMISSION

8. The Guardians of Harmony Chorus Rochester Chapter, Plateau 2	Matthew Tipton
9. Cereal City Chorus Battle Creek Chapter, Plateau 3	Rob Halsey
10. Gentlemen Songsters Detroit-Oakland Chapter, Plateau 2	Steve Sutherland
11. Great Lakes Chorus Grand Rapids Chapter, Plateau 1	Jamie Carey
12. Cherry Capital Men’s Chorus Traverse City Chapter, Plateau 2	Carleen McCall
13. Lighthouse Chorus Michiana-Metro Chapter, Plateau 2	Bro. Giles Hanover
14. Sun Parlour Chorus Windsor Chapter, Plateau 2	Dan Bezaire (#)
15. Town & Country Chorus Hillsdale Chapter, Plateau 2	Donald Slamka

(#) = Certified Director

DISTRICT QUARTET SEMI-FINALS
 CONTEST AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIM
 SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST
7:00 p.m., Friday, November 16, 2015
Arcadia Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Welcome. Bob Dininny
 Convention Chairperson, Hillsdale Chapter

Master of Ceremonies. Roger Lewis
 Pioneer District Director of Events, Battle Creek Chapter

Mic Tester Quartet Tonal Eclipse
 2014 Pioneer District quartet champions

1. Rolls Voyce Grosse Pointe, Flint, Pontiac-Waterford,
 Motor City Metro, Mt. Pleasant

** Tenor – Bruce LaMarte Bari – David Gillingham
 Lead – T C Conner Bass – Timothy Gerard

2. Olde Thyme Harmony Quartet Lansing, Grosse Pointe

* Tenor – Jacob Welty Bari – Timothy Oliver
 Lead – Donald Horton Bass – Martin Smeltzer

3. Old Rules Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo

** Tenor – Dennis Brown Bari – R T Williams
 Lead – Doug Weaver Bass – Al Smith

4. Yesterday's Memories Flint, Saginaw Bay

* Tenor – Robert Sheppard Bari – Jeff Bonn
 Lead – Christopher Carland Bass – Jack Guttowsky

5. Shades of Grey Grand Rapids, Charlotte County (SUN)

* Tenor – Ron Thomet Bari – Gary Branch
 Lead – Bud Kraft Bass – John Baker

6. Windfall Traverse City, Frank Thorne

* Tenor – David Curtis Bari – George Tatro
 Lead – Floyd Brooks Bass – James Fagan

7. ChuckZakOlogy Huron Valley, Livingston County,
 Michiana-Metro, Grand Rapids,
 South Bend-Mishawaka (CAR)

***** Tenor – Zak Stratton Bari – Phillip Spencer
 Lead – Chuck Netherton, Jr. Bass – Kerry Foley

8. Intrigue Windsor, Mesa (FWD)

* Tenor – Robert Grimmell Bari – Tom Grimes
 Lead – Rick Wilson Bass – Dan Bezaire

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9. Sharp Attack Livingston County, Rochester,
 Huron Valley

*** Tenor – Wayne Oberstadt Bari – Don Kondor
 Lead – Gordon Kummer Bass – Mark Hawley

10. Coda Honor Detroit-Oakland, Pontiac-Waterford

* Tenor – Euel Kinsey Bari – Raymond Sturdy
 Lead – Aaron Wilson Bass – David Montera

11. Frontier Frank Thorne, Sunrise (SUN)

* Tenor – Chris Cordle Bari – Brandon Smith
 Lead – Aaron Pollard Bass – Cody Harrell

12. One Shot Deal Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Motor City
 Metro, Huron Valley, Monroe North

***** Tenor – Alan Coombs Bari – William Stutts
 Lead – Rob Halsey Bass – Joel Klein

13. Quaternity Grand Rapids, Mt. Pleasant

**** Tenor – Paul Slack Bari – Dave Grassi
 Lead – Chad Fellows Bass – Robert Ryan

14. Evenin' Gentlemen Detroit-Oakland

* Tenor – Terry Webner Bari – Roger Boyer
 Lead – Keith Opal Bass – John Paul

15. Detroit Sound Machine Motor City Metro, Huron
 Valley, Frank Thorne

* Tenor – David Ebersole Bari – Geo. Jackson, Jr.
 Lead – Nicholas Roe Bass – Jason Hall

* District Prelim Quartet competitor only
 ** District Prelim Quartet & Internat'l. Senior Quartet
 competitor

*** Internat'l Senior Quartet competitor only

**** District Prelim Quartet competitor; Novice Quartet

***** Singing for scoring only

DISTRICT QUARTET
 FINALS CONTEST
6:30 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015
Arcadia Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Welcome. Dan Bezaire
 Pioneer District President, Windsor Chapter

Master of Ceremonies Doran McTaggart
 Windsor Chapter