

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

TO THE FINE PEOPLE AT

SHERATON HOTEL

THE VISITORS AND CONVENTION
BUREAU OF LANSING

WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL

THE GRATIOT COUNTY CHAPTER

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say! can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilights last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in the air,
Gave proof thro' 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?

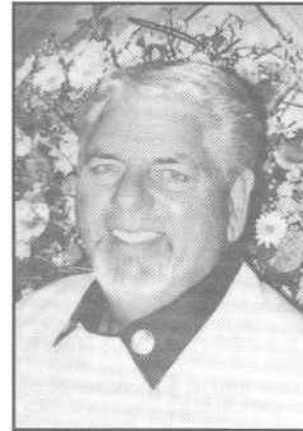
O CANADA

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.

PIONEER DISTRICT SPEBSQSA, Inc.

SPRING CONVENTION

April 26-28, 1996



RUSSELL SEELY
Society Board Member

Waverly High School Auditorium
Lansing, Michigan

Hosts
Gratiot County Chapter



INTERNATIONAL QUARTET PRELIMINARIES

8:00 p.m. Friday, April 26, 1996

Waverly High School Auditorium, Lansing, MI

Welcome Robb Britting
Gratiot County Chapter
Master of Ceremonies R. "Stan" Williams
Lansing Chapter
Mike Testers Blue Ribbon Coalition
Gratiot County Chapter

1. **Gallery** - Lansing Chapter
Tenor - Art Cardy Baritone - Larry Parker
Lead - Dave Hundt Bass - Larry Wise
2. **Northern Express** - Boyne City and Cadillac Chapters
Tenor - Steven Marks Baritone - Steve Piwowarski
Lead - Bill Woodbeck Bass - Dale Wells
3. **Genuine Blend** - Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Holland &
Kalamazoo Chapters
Tenor - Butch Lievense Baritone - Kirk Wood
Lead - Mark Garlock Bass - Dan Doctor
4. **Picture This 4** - Kalamazoo Chapter
Tenor - Jerry Ditto Baritone - Robert Ramlow
Lead - James Bosworth Bass - John VanWestrienen
5. **County Road Four** - Windsor Chapter
Tenor - Merv Knight Baritone - Jim Findlay
Lead - Ron McDermott Bass - Dan Bezaire
6. **Mach I** - Battle Creek Chapter
Tenor - Dean Burrill Baritone - Dorn Burrill
Lead - Mark Spear Bass - Don Burrill
7. **Fermata** - Grand Rapids Chapter
Tenor - Jay Smits Baritone - Peter Westers
Lead - Wayne Kinde Bass - Tom Wheeler
8. **Onyx** - Motor City Metro and Frank Thorne Chapters
Tenor - Bruce Lamarte Baritone - Mike Woodruff
Lead - Craig Pollard Bass - Brian Kaufman
9. **Firepower** - Gratiot County, Lansing & Frank Thorne Chapters
Tenor - Mark Wilson Baritone - Jeff Marks
Lead - Jamie Carey Bass - James Hawkins
10. **Passport** - Grosse Pointe Chapter
Tenor - Robert Smith Baritone - James Ryan
Lead - Thomas Conner Bass - Stephen Pauling
11. **Harmony Transfer** - Grand Rapids and Muskegon Chapters
Tenor - Alan Coombs Baritone - Tim Koeppel
Lead - Mike O'Donnell Bass - Joel Prather
12. **Souvenir** - Frank Thorne Chapter
Tenor - Cliff Dake Baritone - Doug Early
Lead - Josh Harris Bass - Pat Pierson
13. **Bayshore IV** - Traverse City Chapter
Tenor - Matt Archibald Baritone - Marty Chirgwin
Lead - Jim Scranton Bass - Jom Fegan

DISTRICT CHORUS CONTEST

12:00 noon, April 27, 1996

Waverly High School Auditorium, Lansing, MI

Welcome Roger Lewis
Director of Conventions
Battle Creek Chapter
Master of Ceremonies Roger Lewis
Director of Conventions
Battle Creek Chapter
Mike Tester Chorus Joe Barbershopper Chorus
Matt Coombs Director
Motor City Metro Chapter

- | CHORUS/CITY | DIRECTOR |
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| 1. Midstatesmen Chorus Dan Slamka
Gratiot County Chapter | |
| 2. Mall City Chorus Gene Hanover
Kalamazoo Chapter | |
| 3. The Lakeshore Chorus Russ Seely
Grosse Pointe Chapter | |
| 4. Renaissance Chorus Fred Mc Fadyen
Wayne Chapter | |
| 5. Harmonizers James Stephens/Kelly Brummett
Huron Valley Chapter | |
| 6. Heart of the Hills Chorus Al Fisk
Rochester Chapter | |
| 7. Sun Parlour Chorus Doug Sly
Windsor Chapter | |
| 8. Shoreline Chorus Mike O'Donnell
Muskegon Chapter | |
| 9. Gentlemen Songsters Steve Sutherland
Detroit-Oakland Chapter | |
| 10. Cherry Capital Chorus Marty Chirgwin
Traverse City Chapter | |
| 11. Capitol City Chordsmen Jamie Carey
Lansing Chapter | |
| 12. Arrowhead Chorus John Noteware
Flint Chapter | |
| 13. Hillsdale Chorus David Tuckey
Hillsdale Chapter | |

RUSSELL SEELY

Harmony has been a "natural" for Russ since he came to us from a musical family and became a Society member at the age of 9. At the tender age of 8 he was a professional choir soprano and by 13 he was a member in his first barbershop quartet. In 1953, he joined two of his brothers and an adopted brother and they joined the Grosse Pointe Chapter as a registered quartet.

He has sung in 3 District Champion quartets and represented the Michigan/Pioneer District 8 times in International Quartet competition. He was also a member of the first Pioneer Senior District Champion Quartet with the 4-Fits. He has directed the Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus for 33 years (a district record?).

His proudest Barbershop achievement was that of being inducted into the Pioneer District Hall of Fame. He has held every chapter office plus bulletin editor, has 24 Man-of-Note awards, he developed the single site convention plan for Pioneer and the Convention Planning position to oversee that plan. He is the Immediate Past District President and will be one of eight Society Board Members. In that capacity, he will represent Land O' Lakes and Pioneer Districts for 2 years.

Russ and his wife Shirley were co-founders of the Harrisville Labor Day Harmony Weekend. They have been blessed with 3 children; Russ, Jr., Matt (a barbershopper) and Jill. When singing time allows, he is CEO of Quality Bending & Threading, Inc. (a company he founded in 1960). And, Oh yes, he bleeds Maize & Blue.

It is a pleasure to have Russ and Shirley here as the representatives of International President Tim Hanrahan. Please give them a great big Pioneer District welcome.

We are proud to have him as a member of our district.

1996 PIONEER DISTRICT OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Larry Parker
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER	Russell Seely
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	David
SECRETARY	Jack Schneider
TREASURER	R. "Stan" Williams
VICE PRESIDENTS:	
Division I	David Anderson
Division II	Edward Fritzen
Division III	Richard Plaisted
Division IV	Bill Woodbeck
Division V	Paul Smith
Division VI	Lawrence G. King
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION	Fred Kienitz
DIRECTOR OF CONVENTION PLANNING	Roger Lewis

We would like to thank the following members of the permanent convention committee: David Anderson, Dale Hanson, Donald Kill, Roger Lewis, Mike O'Donnell, Larry Parker, Jack Schneider, Stan Williams, Alex Willox and Dennis Wortz as well as the host chapter and their committees for the efforts in making this another successful convention.

SPRING 1996 HOST CHAPTER COORDINATOR	Robb Britting
	Gratiot County Chapter
FALL 1996 HOST CHAPTER	Grosse Pointe Chapter

NOTICE

There is a \$50 fine for smoking on school premises.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - April 26

9:00 a.m.	District Board Meeting Sheraton Royale Ballroom
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Registration in Lobby at Poolside
12:00 noon - On	Barbershopper's Shop Cord Room
2:00 p.m.	House of Delegates Meeting Sheraton Royale Ballroom
3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Ladies Hospitality Room Executive Suite - Fifth Floor
7:30 p.m.	Quartet Question/Answer Session and Evaluation/Coaching Sign-up Waverly Room 62
8:00 p.m.	Quartet Contest Waverly Auditorium
10:00 p.m.	Evaluation Sessions - Eliminated Quartets - to be announced

SATURDAY - April 27

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Registration Sheraton Poolside
9:00 a.m. - On	Barbershopper's Shop Cord Room
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Ladies Hospitality Room Executive Suite - Fifth Floor
11:30 a.m.	Chorus Question/Answer Session and Evaluation/Coaching Sign-up Waverly Room 62
12:00 noon	District Chorus Contest Waverly Auditorium
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Ladies Hospitality Room Executive Suite - Fifth Floor
8:00 p.m.	Quartet Finals and College Quartet Contest Waverly Auditorium
11:00 p.m. approx.	Chorditorium Poolside

SUNDAY - April 28

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Quartet Evaluation/Coaching Sessions to be announced
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Worship Service Sheraton Royale Ballroom
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Post Convention Recap Meeting Sheraton Royale Ballroom

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY QUARTET FINALS

8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 1996
Waverly High School Auditorium, Lansing, MI

1996 INTERNATIONAL QUARTET REPRESENTATIVES
INCLUDING COLLEGE QUARTET REPRESENTATIVE

1996 PIONEER DISTRICT CHORUS CHAMPION

FINALE

"WE SING THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK"

AND

"KEEP THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING"

SIGNED BY MARY JO CAMPBELL

JUDGES

Administrator	Keith Morley	Ontario
Asst. Administrator	Jack Brueckman	Sunshine
Music	Bob Brock	Evergreen
	Jim West	Johnny Appleseed
Presentation	Larry Clemons	Southwestern
	Wayne Wright	Illinois
Singing	Don Stothard	Seneca Land
	Eddie Williamson	Sunshine

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Our enforcement of the copyright law protects you and us, but most importantly it protects the copyright owners who have made our performance possible. Your cooperation and support are appreciated.

Welcome Larry Parker
Pioneer District President

Master of Ceremonies Doran McTaggart
Windsor Chapter

Mike Testers _____

Finalists:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

COLLEGE QUARTET CONTEST

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| 1. Four Way Stop | Bowling Green University |
| 2. Short Changed | Northwestern College |
| 3. Kings of the Hill | Case Western Reserve University |

AWARDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS OF AWARDS - CHORUS PLATEAU WINNERS

CHARITIES DRAWING

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE QUARTET AWARDS

ANNOUNCE QUARTET REPRESENTATIVES