

Great Lakes Harmony Brigade performance  
(Directed by William Stutts, Jr.)

Rib Ticklin' tag: 2nd place winner \_\_\_\_\_

Battle Creek a capella group performance (TBA)

Rib Ticklin' tag: 1st place winner \_\_\_\_\_

Swan Song Performance. . . . . Grand Rapids chapter  
2014 Pioneer District championship chorus

Singing of National Anthems

Mic Tester Quartet \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIM QUARTET FINALISTS**

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Harmony Foundation Drawing

Glenn Van Tassel Heritage Awards

Internat'l Prelim Collegiate Quartet Representative Announced

International Prelim Quartet Representative(s) Announced

2015 District Senior Quartet Champion Announced

Each Announced Quartet Sings

2015 District Championship Chorus Sings

2015 District Championship Chorus Director directs  
"Keep the Whole World Singing"

**PIONEER DISTRICT of the  
BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY**

**Spring Convention  
April 24-26, 2015**

**Battle Creek, Michigan 49017**

**Host Chapter: Battle Creek**



**ED BITTLE**

Society Board Representative  
Barbershop Harmony Society



# ED BITTLE

Ed Bittle is the new BHS Board liaison to the Pioneer District. He was elected to the Board in November to fill a two year unexpired term. 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 now sings with 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.

## 2014 PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT	POSITION	HOST CHAPTER
Roger Lewis	Chairman	Dick Schlee
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Brian Dunckel	Judges Services	Dean Burrill
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Doug Weaver	Raffle	Alan Zaeske
James O'Dell	Publicity	Bob Dixon
	Worship Service	Dick Schlee
	Harmony Marketplace	Sue Lewis
Brian Dunckel	Joe Barbershop Chorus	

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All competitions take place at the W K Kellogg auditorium.

All other activities take place at the McCamly Plaza Hotel.

Registration locations will move between the two places.

Both facilities are located in Battle Creek, MI

### Friday – April 24, 2015

10:30 a.m. Pioneer Board of Directors Meeting  
– Custer Room

11:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. Registration – Montgomery Room  
(at 6:15 p.m., registration moves to the Kellogg auditorium)

11:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. Harmony Marketplace  
– Montgomery Room

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cooking class with Chef Rafael  
– Branson Ballroom # 2

1:30 p.m. House of Delegates Meeting  
– Branson Ballroom # 4

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. AHSOW Woodshedding  
– Calhoun Room

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. “Adding Comedy to your Performance”  
Harry Haflett (“Hot Air Buffoons”) – Custer Room

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. “How to Become a Better Performer”  
Brian O’Dell (“Forefront!!!”) – Branson Ballroom # 3

3:00 p.m. QCA Meeting – Branson Ballroom # 4

3:00 p.m. (approx.) – 4:00 p.m. “Covering the B.E.A.N.”  
(BEAN = Believable; Effective; Appropriate; Natural)  
George Gipp (“Really? Are You Kidding Me?”) – Custer Room

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. “Tag—You’re It” (tag singing)  
William Stutts, Jr. – Boardroom

7:00 p.m. International Prelim Quartet Semi-Finals  
Contest, International Prelim Collegiate Quartet  
Contest, and District Seniors Quartet Contest  
– W K Kellogg auditorium

(Time TBA) Evaluations and coaching for  
eliminated quartets  
– Judges’ rooms, McCamly Plaza Hotel, 2nd floor

10:30 p.m. (approx.) – On AHSOW Woodshedding  
– Calhoun Room

10:00 p.m. – midnight Ice Cream Social  
– JW Barleycorns

### Saturday – April 25, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Registration – Montgomery Room

9:00 a.m. – On Harmony Marketplace  
– Montgomery Room  
(at 9:15 a.m., registration moves to the Kellogg auditorium)

9:30 a.m. Joe Barbershop Chorus rehearsal  
(Directed by Jamie Carey)  
– W K Kellogg auditorium gym

10:30 a.m. Pioneer District Champion Chorus Contest  
– W K Kellogg auditorium

(Time TBA) Chorus evaluations and coaching  
in chorus dressing rooms

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. “Finger Lickin’ Tags”  
William Stutts, Jr. – 16th floor, McCamly Plaza Hotel

6:45 p.m. Swan Song performance---Grand Rapids chapter  
2014 District Championship Chorus  
– W K Kellogg auditorium

7:00 p.m. International Prelim Quartet Finals Contest  
– W K Kellogg auditorium

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

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

10:30 p.m. – On AHSOW Woodshedding  
– Calhoun Room

**Sunday, April 26, 2015**

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
– Branson Ballroom # 3 & 4

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Post Convention Recap Meeting  
– Custer Room

**JUDGES**

Administrator Jack Ryback Land-O-Lakes

Assoc. Administrator Ron Eubank Pioneer

Music Adam Porter Mid-Atlantic  
Tony Sparks Rocky Mountain

Presentation Kevin Duncel Johnny Appleseed  
George Gipp Sunshine

Singing Harry Haflett Johnny Appleseed  
Bob McFadden Johnny Appleseed

**GUEST JUDGES**

Administrator Kameron Owens Johnny Appleseed

Music Evan Boegehold Pioneer (quartets only)

Singing Brian O’Dell Johnny Appleseed  
Doug Smeltz Johnny Appleseed

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**PIONEER DISTRICT  
CHORUS CONTEST**

**10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2015  
W K Kellogg auditorium  
Battle Creek, Michigan**

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

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

**Mic Tester Chorus . . . . . Joe Barbershopper Chorus**  
(Directed by Jamie Carey)

**CHORUS/CHAPTER DIRECTOR**

**1. Cereal City Chorus** Rob Halsey  
Battle Creek Chapter, Plateau 2

**2. The Guardians of Harmony Chorus** Matthew Tipton  
Rochester Chapter, Plateau 2

**3. The Big Chief Chorus** Tom Blue  
Pontiac-Waterford Chapter, Plateau 2

**4. Huron Valley Harmonizers** Robert Pettigrew,  
Huron Valley Chapter, Plateau 2 William Stutts, Jr.

**5. Capitol City Chordsmen** Steven Warnaar  
Lansing Chapter, Plateau 2

**6. The Mall City Harmonizers** David Woolf,  
Kalamazoo Chapter, Plateau 2 Jonathan Woolf

**7. Lakeshore Chorus** Stephen Pauling  
Grosse Pointe Chapter, Plateau 2

**INTERMISSION**

**8. The MountainTown Singers** Evan Boegehold,  
Mt. Pleasant Chapter, Plateau 1 Jeff Rayburn

**9. Town & Country Chorus** Donald Slamka  
Hillsdale Chapter, Plateau 2

**10. Arrowhead Chorus** David Longroy  
Flint Chapter, Plateau 2

**11. The Floral City Harmonizers** Chris Berry  
Monroe North Chapter, Plateau 2

**12. Sun Parlour Chorus** Dan Bezaire (#)  
Windsor Chapter, Plateau 2

**13. Great Lakes Chorus** Jamie Carey  
Grand Rapids Chapter (Scores for evaluation only)

(#) = Certified Director

INTERNATIONAL PRELIM QUARTET  
SEMI-FINALS CONTEST, INTERNATIONAL  
PRELIM COLLEGIATE QUARTET CONTEST  
AND  
DISTRICT SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST  
7:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015  
W K Kellogg auditorium  
Battle Creek, Michigan

**Welcome.....Dick Schlee**  
Convention Chairperson, Battle Creek Chapter

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

**Mic Tester Quartet..... Bucket List**  
2014 Pioneer District Senior Quartet champions

**1. Evenin' Gentlemen** Detroit-Oakland

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

**2. Limited Edition** Pontiac-Waterford, Rochester

\*\* Tenor – Tom Blackstone      Bari – John Cowlshaw  
Lead – Jeff Doig                  Bass – Charlie Perry

**3. Old Rules** Grand Rapids

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

**4. Coda Honor** Detroit-Oakland, Pontiac-Waterford

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

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

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

**6. Tonal Eclipse** Battle Creek, Michiana-Metro,  
South Bend-Mishawaka (CAR), Grand Rapids

\* Tenor – Matthew Root      Bari – Phillip Spencer  
Lead – Mark Spear              Bass – Kerry Foley

**7. Windfall** Traverse City, Frank Thorne

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

**8. The Whole Notes** Gratiot County

\*\* Tenor – Kenneth Best      Bari – Errol Moerdyk  
Lead – Scott Johnson          Bass – Chuck Moerdyk

**INTERMISSION**

**9. Frontier** Central Michigan University, Eastern  
Michigan University, Michigan State University

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

**10. Red Zone** (Out of District) Germantown (DIX),  
Memphis (DIX), Nashville (DIX), St. Charles (CSD)

\*\*\*\* Tenor – Craig Brown      Bari – Shawn King  
Lead – Robert Strong          Bass – Adam Scott

**11. Rolls Voyce** Grosse Pointe, Flint, Pontiac-Waterford,  
Motor City Metro, Lansing, Mt. Pleasant

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

**12. Majestyx** Grand Rapids, Mt. Pleasant

\* Tenor – Peter Westers      Bari – Steve Wheeler  
Lead – Jamie Carey          Bass – James Masalskis

**13. Olde Thyme Harmony Quartet** Lansing, Grosse Pointe

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

**14. Fundamentally Sound** Detroit-Oakland,  
Livingston County

\*\*\*\*\* Tenor – Paul Keiser      Bari – Scott Turner  
Lead – Dan Arnold              Bass – Jason Hall

**15. Right On Q** Motor City Metro, Windsor, Rochester

\* Tenor – Matthew Tipton      Bari – Rick Anderson  
Lead – Kenneth Klein          Bass – Ed Bax

\* International Prelim Quartet Competitor only  
\*\* Internat'l Prelim Quartet & Dist. Sr. Quartet Competitor  
\*\*\* Internat'l Prelim Collegiate Quartet Competitor only  
\*\*\*\* Out of District International Prelim Quartet Competitor  
\*\*\*\*\* Singing for scoring only

INTERNATIONAL PRELIM QUARTET  
FINALS CONTEST  
6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2015  
W K Kellogg auditorium  
Battle Creek, Michigan

**Welcome.....Dan Bezaire**  
Pioneer District President, Windsor Chapter

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