



TROUBADOUR

SUPERCHARGED BARBERSHOP

TROUBADOUR RETURNS

Pioneer District President, Doug Weaver, has announced that the District's *Troubadour* will return to publication. "Hello, Pioneer! We have been hearing for a long time that people have greatly missed the *Troubadour*, so we are very excited to have a plan in place to bring it back. John Cowlshaw, Tom Ennis, and Greg Humbel are anxious to get the first *Troubadour* published, and are hoping that every chapter has at least one article included. You can help by submitting articles."

John Cowlshaw has published the Pontiac-Waterford Smoke Signals over the last eleven years. Tom Ennis is a past Bulletin Editor of the Year in the Far Western District. Greg Humbel will coordinate the receipt of articles and ads from the 29 chapters of the Pioneer District. Cowlshaw and Ennis will combine forces to make the resulting publication linguistically, and visually beautiful.

DISTRICT CONTESTS

Fourteen choruses will sing Saturday afternoon for the honor of District Champion as well as determining plateau winners. Grand Rapids will sing for feedback only as they prepare to represent the district in Portland this July.

An unusually large number of quartets will sing Friday evening, hoping to advance to Saturday's finals and, for the top quartet and any others reaching 76%, the honor of singing at International this summer. Guest out-of-district quartets include: PRESTIGE, HOT AIR BUFFOONS, and collegiate THE ELITE FOUR (JAD); INSTANT CLASSIC and ANTHEM (CAR), CHAMELEON (ONT), and UP ALL NIGHT (MAD). As Ron Eubank, Pioneer District Director of Contest & Judging, said, "We get a treat because they have scheduling conflicts and can't compete at their own district contest." All contests will be held in the W.K. Kellogg Auditorium (designed in 1932 by Albert Kahn), an eight-minute walk from the hotel.

CLASSES AND JOE BARBERSHOP CHORUS by Ron Eubank

Two classes will be offered by the judging panel Friday afternoon. Both are from the Harmony University curriculum, and both classes will work well for either quartet or chorus members! Steve Tramack will do the "Sound Management" class which will focus on vocal production and some basic ensemble skills. Barry Towner will conduct "Spokesman for Quartet" - designed to put the audience at ease with a seamless transition to the next song.

The Joe Barbershop Chorus will be directed by Steve Tramack who has directed the Nashua, New Hampshire chorus on the international stage several times. Please support the JBC chorus by showing up at 9:30 a.m. Saturday for some vocal teaching and to practice "Heart of My Heart" and "Sweet and Lovely."

RESTAURANTS

The convention area has many restaurants close by; J W Barleycorn's and Pastrami Joe's in the Hotel; Clara's across the river on McCamly St; and these on Michigan Ave - Brownstone Coffee House, Schlotzsky's Deli, Malia Mediterranean Bistro, Griffins Grill & Pub, Barista Blues Café, and Arcadia Brewing Company.

BARBERSHOP SHOP by Kathy Hanson

The Barbershop Shop in Battle Creek promises to be the biggest and best ever! We will be open at Friday noon and close only for contests and sleeping! Come with your cash, checkbook, or plastic.