

# NEWS from



**Holland Windmill Chorus**  
The Holland MI Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society



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## **MAYOR SETS BARBERSHOP HARMONY WEEK**

MARCH 28, 2013 -- Holland Mayor Kurt D. Dykstra dedicated the week leading up to the Tulip Time Festival as "Barbershop Harmony Week", commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) in a proclamation signed Wednesday.

The dedicated week appropriately extends from Sunday April 28 through Saturday, May 4, when the Holland Windmill Chorus kicks off a week of Festival performances with its Saturday-night barbershop show "Celebrate Harmony", this year featuring a multi-city "Diamond Anniversary MegaChorus" and guest quartets, in Knickerbocker Theatre.

The commemoration is especially meaningful here, as Holland played a key role in the early advancement of barbershop harmony through the pioneering arrangement of more than 200 songs by local industrialist and WWI aviation hero Willis A. Diekema, who was inducted into the BHS Hall of Fame in 2010. Diekema founded Holland Windmill Chorus in 1945.

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Caption: After singing a tune, Holland Windmill Chorus barbershoppers (L to R) John Ellis, Jay Bylsma, Bill McAndrew and Dennis Babel watch Mayor Kurt Dykstra sign the proclamation.

