



# BEARDS FOR CENTENNIAL

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“Just the idea of seeing people growing a beard, it wasn’t something everyone participated in but it was just something fun to do.” Johnnie Carter said.

Johnnie Carter, his brother, and a couple of their buddies, were all smiles as they posed for a picture at the Pontiac centennial in 1961. Do you notice something similar about they’re faces though? They all have bushy beards! Carter and his friends were all members of The Greater

Pontiac Brothers of the Brush, a group of men that grew beards together. “It was fun, I’d never grown a beard before.” Carter recalled. All these guys had to do to be in this group was grow a full beard, and wear a top hat and they got a certificate and a badge of membership. “It

was something new and a good experience.” Carter said. This event happened about 9 years after Carter moved to Pontiac and it’s a memory that he will, and has, cherished forever.