



BIG CHIEF CHORUS SMOKE SIGNALS



Pontiac/Waterford Chapter
Meetings on Tuesdays: 7:30 to 10 PM

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Camp Harmony welcomes the Chieftains.

We'll be singing:

1. You Tell Me Your Dream
2. I'm Always Chasing Rainbows
3. Home On The Range
4. Cabaret
5. Hands Of Time
6. Coney Island Baby
7. Saints Go Marchin' In
8. Breakin' Up Is Hard To Do
9. God Bless America
10. Irish Parting Prayer
11. Keep the Whole World Singing



Dressed as fisherman, hunters, campers, rangers. ... with camping gear, tents, trees, bushes Joe Maxwell will do all the narration. Modeled on our Higgins Lake retreats. Thanks to Donna Bevington for being our stage manager once again.



Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir is already preparing its bass boat for the trip to Waterford

Lorin May, editor of the Harmonizer wrote, "these seasoned entertainers earned something that only a handful of the other 49 quartets got: A big standing O."

From Music VP Roger Holm

As in previous years, our last Tuesday rehearsal (on October 30) will be held at Mott High School, and then on Thursday that week (Nov. 1), we'll also have a "dress rehearsal" at the school!!

We should all be singing our show songs "off the paper" by now, and I think most of us are!

To date, 39 of us have signed up for our October 13th retreat at the Church Of Christ in Royal Oak! (Doughnuts at 8:30; sing at 9:00) That's very good, but there are still potentially 5 or 6 guys that could sign up! That retreat is very important for us in how well we perform our show! Tuesday we'll have a sign-up sheet where we can select our lunch-time sandwiches!

From Prez Jack Teuber

We all enjoy the Bus Rides, Brats and Jimmy John sandwiches. They certainly add to the enjoyment and camaraderie of the chorus. These expenses and others are supported by our weekly **50 / 50 Drawing**. Stop by and see Fred Pioch during Break Time. Support the Chapter. Thanks to **FRED PIOCH** for faithfully handling this project for the BCC.

AROUND THE PATCH

Retreat

Saturday, Oct. 13th @ 8:30 a.m.
United Church of Christ
115 S. Campbell @ Eleven Mile Rd.
Royal Oak, Mi. 48067

Cast Party Tickets will be available starting Tuesday, October 4.

Our guest September 4, **Frank Ruff**, had a story to tell. He was attending a funeral in Illinois, which included music by a barbershop group. Later the group invited him to join in some tags. When he expressed additional interest, they were able to provide the information as to which Michigan chorus was closest to his home. Voila! He showed up. That's collegiality in the barbershop community.

Pete Mazzara points out that “**sticking out your tongue**” not only relaxes those tongue muscles, (like we do in warm-ups) but it's a useful indicator of a stroke. “If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is *also* an indication of a stroke.”

On page 51 of the September Issue of AAA Living, Santa (**Bill Auquier**) appears to be quite diligent at the Midland School for Santa Claus(es).
(You can access this online on page 44 at:
http://aaaliving.michigan.aaa.com/sep_oct_2012/
)



Ben Phillips guested with us Sep 25. He has degrees from Penn State (History) and Bowling Green, and is completing a PhD in American Studies at MSU, but lives locally. He has a broad musical background, including barbershop.

Dick Johnson celebrated his 80th birthday with a party at Waterford Oaks Community Center, on Saturday, September 29. BIDIN' OUR TIME and LIMITED *FREDITION* added to the festivities.

Great to have **Eric Domke** and **Bob Stephenson** back with us. And to have **Al Monroe** visit us on Sep 4.

Local HealthCare Centers Honored

Ross Ensign points out that we sing at several of the HealthCare centers that were honored September 25.

“Oakland County Long Term Care (LTC) Partnership recognized eight organizations for their efforts to improve response capability during public health emergencies. Organizations were measured by their participation in partnership meetings, electronic communication network response, and in practicing their emergency response plans. The following LTC facilities were recognized today:

Bortz Health Care of Oakland

Botsford Commons Senior Community
Boulevard Hills Health Center
Canterbury on the Lake
Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center
Lake Orion Nursing Center
Lourdes Senior Community
Woodward Hills Nursing Center

The Oakland County LTC Partnership was established in 2011 by the OCHD to strengthen community emergency preparedness and response, create strong communication links with LTC facilities and assist with emergency planning, disease prevention and protection, and training exercises.”

Local High School Vocal Music Teachers

A former student of Tom Blue's, **Margaret Saleta**, is the new Vocal Teacher at Waterford Mott. **Julie Kohring** is the Vocal teacher at Waterford Durant and is also listed as Vocal and Piano at Waterford Kettering. The primary Vocal teacher at Kettering is **Michelle Harness**. (From Jack Teuber)

2012 Chris Miller Honorary Quartets

7/19: DOC MANN QUARTET (Blackstone/Teuber,Mann,Cowlshaw,Perry)
10/11: GIL SCHREINER QUARTET (McFadyen,Schreiner,Johnson,Holm)

Quartet News

LIMITED EDITION sang a five-set Saturday, Labor Day weekend, at Charlie Perry's 3rd biennial pig roast. A hundred family members, friends, and neighbors feasted on the 120-lb porker, and enjoyed Charlie and son Ike's home-brewed beer. The weather was lovely, haze from H. Isaac just slightly reducing the solar intensity. LE sang “When It Comes,” “Can You Feel,” “Come Fly,” “Let the Rest of the World,” and “Sold.”

On a beautiful fall Sunday afternoon, LIMITED EDITION sang at the 27th annual Fisk Farm Festival in White Lake Township for the White Lake Historical Society fund-raiser. The festival featured crafts, bake sale, rummage sale, antique cars and tractors, a corn roast, games, door prizes, a magician, a Sisters of the Union encampment, ice cream and apple pie, and ... the LIMITED EDITION quartet. There also were tours of the historic 1855 farmhouse, an 1876 one-room school and other outbuildings.

For the first half-hour, the quartet sang in the barn to about 30 folks who had gathered. The wonderful broadcasting system allowed the quartet to sing “It's a Good Day” and its first public presentation of “Sold” thru the several speakers located around the farm to all of the several hundred people enjoying the Festival.

Then the quartet roamed the grounds, singing wherever an audience gathered. The response was enthusiastic.

The quartet also made contact with John Alexander a guitar-playing folksinger, who joined the quartet in the tag, "In Dixieland Where I was Born."



Singin' in the barn

Singin' with John Alexander

LIMITED EDITION returned for its third year to Milford Historical Society's "Historical Homes Tour" on Sunday, September 16. Over a five-hour period (whew!), the quartet circulated between four homes in the southeastern section of Milford, standing outside, or in the foyers or porches of the homes. A count of the songs sung came to twenty-two (of the 31 songs in its repertoire). The best received was probably "Sold," which LIMITED EDITION has now added to its repertoire, in anticipation of the chorus show, November 3.

What was really appreciated were all of the "wow!"s that were received.

The quartet also introduced a tag, "In Dixieland Where I Was Born," to three listeners and that was a highlight, as their eyes glowed to hear the overtones of the tag. Elena Gliner, a Milford High School student tried it out. (She also knew the words to "Sold" and sang that with the quartet.) Charlie's sister, Marlene Gomez, tried out the tag, did it so well, that there was a pumped fist at the end, and the comment, "I didn't realize how hard it is!" And a gentleman sounded good, and enticeable into barbershop.

Thanks to Carol Watkins for continuing to invite us. Beautiful day.

BCC 2012 Performance thru September: Total: 67 gigs to 5383 folks.

MEMBERSHIP (at 55)

Renewals: Jim McMMain (3), Ray Sturdy (15), Bruce LaMarte (41)

Due in October – Gil Schreiner, Lance Shew, Wayne Oberstadt

Overdue: Walt Bachmann, Michael Oberstadt, Charlie Perry, Dave Shantz

Oct Birthdays: Walt DeNio (27th), Bill Nevaux (27th), Roger Holm (29th)

Medical: Sandy Northey is now at home.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

HOT AIR BUFFOONS at Rochester/Macomb show, October 13

The joint show between Rochester and Macomb chapters, "You Make Me Feel So Young," is October 13 at Stoney Creek High School. It features songs by the Rat Pack and quartets HOT AIR BUFFOONS and RIGHT ON Q! You can get more information and even purchase tickets online at <http://guardiansofharmony.org/>.

(From Don Ledwith, Ticket Chair)

Whether you go to the Rochester/Macomb Performance on Oct 13 or not, you're invited to the "glow".

Join us for relaxed up-close. All you can eat pizza with a no host bar.

The Glow takes place right after the show as soon as we can get there or approximately 9:30p at Eastside Marios, 2273 Crooks Road Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$15 per person and they can be obtained at our web store now or at the performance.

To get your tickets online by credit card, follow the same process as for online show tickets.

<http://www.guardiansofharmony.org/show.asp?nocache=60897>

See you there!

District Convention, Oct 19-21

The Fall district convention is Oct 19-21 in Battle Creek, at the McCamly Hotel and W K Kellogg Auditorium. Classes this time by Mike O'Neill, Sean Devine and Kevin Keller.

O C TIMES at Mt Pleasant Chapter Show, Oct 27

(From Craig Johnson)

Have you heard about The MountainTown Singers' fall show, Acapellalooza? It's coming up sooner rather than later!!!

Word is spreading across the campus of Central Michigan University (CMU) and the Mount Pleasant community. Ticket requests have been coming in from all over the state, and more and more tickets are being sold by the day. And why not?! The event has been posted in monthly newsletters by Art Reach of Mid Michigan, the Isabella County Commission on Aging, on the CMU Events Calendar AND on the Pure Michigan Events Calendar as well!!!

The show features THE MOUNTAINTOWN SINGERS: four-time competitors at the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Chorus Contest...FISH N CHIPS: CMU's only all-male contemporary a cappella group and recipient of several regional and national awards in their brief ten year history...EBB N' FLOW Quartet: 2011 Pioneer District Champions and 2012 tenth place International Collegiate Quartet Finalists...and O C TIMES QUARTET: 2008 International Quartet Champions, making only their second

appearance EVER in the state of Michigan. (Their first? As 2006 Bronze medalists at the 2006 Fall show for the Spirit of Detroit)

You do NOT want to miss your opportunity to see a show like this!!!

Tickets are available NOW at the CMU Box Office.

- Online at: <http://centralboxoffice.cmich.edu>
- On the phone at: (888) 268-0111 or (989) 774-3000
- In person at the Events Center Atrium: Ryan Hall, Central Michigan University, 48859 (for the most accuracy, use Google Maps)

Main Street at the Spirit of Detroit Chorus of Sweet Adelines International

The chorus presents its Fall show, 3pm, Sunday, **November 11**, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

Featured quartets will be MAIN STREET - 2012 BHS 5th Place Medalists, and NATURALLY - 2012 Region 17 – Champions.

AROUND THE WORLD

Midwinter Convention Orlando

January 8 - 13, 2013, Orlando, FL

Youth Chorus Festival, Seniors Quartet Contest, and more...



Toronto International Convention

June 30 - July 7, 2013, Toronto, ON

Celebrate the Society's 75th Anniversary...



Ev Nau to Retire from Harmony Foundation International

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I knew this day would come, but now that it is actually happening, it is an emotional event. Since June of 2005, Ev has been a loyal friend and an able partner in the change and growth of Harmony Foundation International.

He will officially conclude his work on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

He will be available to serve the Foundation in special projects as assigned through the International Convention in Toronto in July, 2013.

Following that convention he will officially retire with 25 years of service to the Barbershop Harmony Society and Harmony Foundation International.



Between now and the end of October he has a busy schedule of travel for the Foundation. He has miles to go and dollars to raise before he can sleep.

Please join headquarters staff in wishing Ev and his family well in this new chapter of life.

Clarke Caldwell

Hands of Time

Brian's Song is a 1971 ABC Movie of the Week that recounts the details of the life of Brian Piccolo (played by James Caan), a Wake Forest University football player stricken with terminal cancer after turning pro, told through his friendship with Chicago Bears running back teammate and Pro Football Hall of Famer Gale Sayers (Billy Dee Williams), who helps him through the difficult struggle. The production was such a success on ABC television (November 30, 1971) that it was later shown in theaters. Many critics have called the movie one of, if not the finest, telefilms ever made. The movie is based on Sayers' account of his friendship with Piccolo and coping with Piccolo's illness in Sayers' autobiography, *I Am Third*.

The musical theme to *Brian's Song*, "The Hands of Time," was a popular tune during the early 1970s and has become a standard. The music for the film was by Michel Legrand, with lyrics to the song by Marilyn and Alan Bergman. LeGrand's instrumental version of the theme song charted for eight weeks in 1972, peaking at #56.

The song has been covered by Perry Como and Johnny Mathis among others.

Media

Michael Baribeau has posted an article about using **Facebook** for promotion.

"The majority of barbershoppers already have internet access but statistically they are part of the smallest group by age using Facebook." In this article, Michael explains to newbies how to use Facebook, and what its value might be for the promotion of barbershop.

<http://greatlakeschorus.org/misc/facebook/>

Dave Jacobs from the Sunshine District responded: "Everyone who is interested in getting into Facebook, or making their choruses or quartets reach on Facebook more effectively should read this awesome article!"

There is also a [good article](#) on the BHS site which gets into specifics of what chapter should consider as they enter the world of social media.

Barbershop on Comcast

If you are a Comcast subscriber, you can access these videos from Portland thru the end of October.

RINGMASTERS - "I Can't Give You Anything But Love"

RINGMASTERS - "Love Me and the World Is Mine"

AMBASSADORS OF HARMONY - "Step In Time"

AMBASSADORS OF HARMONY - "No Other Love"
KENTUCKY VOCAL UNION - "Every Breath You Take"
KENTUCKY VOCAL UNION - "Footloose"
A MIGHTY WIND - "Lazy River"
MUSICAL ISLAND BOYS - "Now is the Hour"
Tag Time

From the Comcast menu, go to

On Demand > Music > Music picks > Barbershop Harmony.

Tell your friends, family and fans to watch too. Thanks xFinity!

BarbershopHQ

You can find some interesting information at <http://www.barbershophq.com/> It's structured as "Hang out and chat around Nashville's water-cooler."

Recent postings have included: "When do contest performances start and end?", "Small vs. Large chorus competitions," and "Talking on stage."



Historic photos, #9

Remembering Ed Lilly who died July 28



CURBSTONE SERENADERS
1962 Pioneer District champions
Oakland County and Pontiac chapters
Bob Marshall, Tenor; Ed Lilly, Lead; Tom
Rafferty, Baritone; Cliff Douglas, Bass

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING August 16

(Excerpts from Charlie Perry's minutes)

Attending: Holm, Johnson, Pioch, Perry, and Tuber.

Treasure's Report: Available funds \$5331.

Ray Sturdy and Mike Frye have agreed to form a Recruitment Committee.

Ad kits: Money to be received by Duane Roy. Invoice, copy and order go to Dick Johnson.

Some discussion on possibility of singing in Malls. Fred Pioch will investigate.

Barbershopper of the Month (August): John Cowlshaw

Barbershop Chord Database

Tom Goldie has created an amazing Chord Database, noting each chord in the song. He started by analyzing all the Polecats. Now he has added all the songs of the Heritage of Harmony as well as the chords from 140 tags. He is up to 15,000 chords in the database.

One result: "The particular voicing of a seventh chord (doubled tonic missing the fifth) is found only ONCE in the database: in a Polecat. Which one, and where?"

"I can send you a copy if you're interested (less than 1 MB)."

tomgoldie@yahoo.com

(Joe Johnson's answer at the end of the bulletin.)

Letters

(From Maryann Lambrecht)

Hi John,

I have a great group of young men. 13 guys in the a.m. class. We are not going to do a Fall Concert this year.

It just gets a bit crazy as we do the musical in the Fall as well. I am hoping we can come out to a rehearsal in the Fall and in May. I have some really talented guys and I would love to do a Barbershop piece this Fall...any ideas? Is there something we could sing with you...they really love it...

(From Wayne Oberstadt)

Looking to form a Quartet in the Milford-Commerce area. I sing Tenor. Willing to work with three other guys who love Barbershop Harmony, and are willing and able to learn music fairly quickly, and can devote a couple of hours each week for rehearsal.

Doesn't matter whether we compete or not, just to enjoy singing for local events.

David Wallace writes,

"C'mon, guys.... I've heard people complaining that, much like the movies, there's too much sax and violins in barbershop..."

Larry Robinson (concerning tuning to those around you): “[W]e couldn't see the quartets for the chorus.”

All articles and photos are by the Editor unless stated otherwise.

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CALENDAR (Times are Performance Times, Warmups 45' earlier)

Oct 2, T, 7:00 BCC Practice, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Oct 9, T, 7:00 BCC Practice, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Oct 13, Sa, (8:30 doughnuts, singing at 9:00). Fall retreat/Show Prep,
Church of Christ, Royal Oak

Oct 16, T, 7:00 BCC Practice, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Oct 19-21 Fall Convention, Battle Creek - McCamly Hotel
W K Kellogg Auditorium

Oct 23, T, 7:00 BCC Practice, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Oct 30, T, 7:00 BCC Practice, Mott High School

Nov 1, Th Dress rehearsal, Mott High School

Nov 3, Sa 68th Annual BCC Show, Mott High School

Nov 6, T, 7:00 Christmas Chorus, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Nov 13, T, 7:00 Christmas Chorus, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Nov 20, T, 7:00 Christmas Chorus, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Nov 27, T, 7:00 Christmas Chorus, Waterford Oaks Activity Center

BBS Arranger Joe Johnson finds the odd chord

“I got it! In “Heart of My Heart”, measure 31, the first beat has a Bb7 chord with the root in the bass and the lead, the third in the tenor and the seventh in the bari.

“I would call that a seventh chord with flatted fifth. It’s rarely used in barbershop music, and usually only where the altered note is a swipe or passing tone in the melody.”

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(Hmm, Couldn't have said it better myself! ☺)

“Music is the shorthand of emotion.” - Leo Tolstoy
