Not only will Instant Classic celebrate its return to Michigan with Gold Medals hanging around their necks. But newly minted Pioneer District Quartet Champion Frontier will step out from The Voice Youth Chorus to sing a few songs. 
All that, plus Big Chief Chorus and quartets ... and even dancing girls!
Saturday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. at Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Rd in Waterford.
Tickets - $18, available from members, or online at http://bigchief-tickets.ezevent.com/

From Director Tom:
Men and Friends of the BCC,

Thank you to all for good solid rehearsals for the show! It is a nice feeling to be able to get through all of our selections. The show is going to be great with two champs! We need to sing our best with concerted effort, animated faces, hands and eyes will add to our believability. Triangles, triangles, and triangles oh my! It is so nice and wonderful when we can sing through the entire selection and remain in the starting key! It does the ears good!

Thanks to the quartets who sing each week; if you want my input, let me know.

Around the Patch

At the October House of Delegates meeting in Kalamazoo, VP for Financial Development Doug Weaver presented the Parade of Checks
and gave special recognition to Pontiac-Waterford for its gift of $500 (plus $450 worth of afterglow tickets) to The Voice.

David Hawley is our new guest, already getting involved working the show.

Tuesday, October 6, was Photo Night for the Chorus. Thanks to Brian Doig for the photography.

Phil Cowlishaw visited from Abu Dhabi and sang with Dad; “All of Me” is on YouTube. [http://tinyurl.com/nwsq5l2](http://tinyurl.com/nwsq5l2)

Dexter E. Wyse

“Dex” Wyse of White Lake died October 9, 2015 at the age of 93. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force and Maintenance Manager at the Summit Place Mall. He resided at West Hickory Haven in Milford in recent years. The Funeral Mass was held, October 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, in Waterford.

“Dex was a member of the Pontiac Chapter back in the late 60' and 70's. He was very instrumental in promoting Barbershop Harmony through the Summit Place Mall and opened his home to many afterglow get-togethers till the wee hours of the morning.” (Mike Frye)

Dex also sang lead in the chorus from 1985 thru 1989 and arranged stage lighting for the annual shows in those years.

Quartets

Bidin’ Our Time

On October 13, Bidin’ Our Time was invited to sing during the funeral visitation for Dexter Wyse, a well-remembered member of the Pontiac Chapter in the late 70's and 80's. Dex loved to sing barbershop and was often seen accompanying the Big Chiefs during visits to Canterbury in the Woods.

Following that, Ray Sturdy joined the second of his three quartets, Forum Shoppers, made up of three lawyers and a judge at the investiture ceremony for the Honorable Joseph Toia, who was recently appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the 16th Circuit Court bench in Macomb County.

On October 20, Bidin’ Our Time had two gigs. They sang to 64 students at the middle school that Tom Blue teaches at (and Tom joined in a song). Then they sang to 24 residents at the Hope Senior Apartments in Oxford.

They will sing at three more schools on Tuesday, October 27.

Limited Edition

On Saturday, October 3, the quartet sang on the Rochester Guardians of Harmony show. They opened the show with a skit, and sang on the show and afterglow – “It’s a Good Day,” “Drivin’ Me Crazy,” “Love Me,” and “God Bless the USA.”

On Sunday, October 4, with Chuck Murray subbing at bass, they sang for a 90th birthday party at St. Paul’s Church of Brighton.

On Monday evening, October 12, with Mike Frye subbing at Tenor, they sang to a group of 40 parents of and the 10 members of
the Men’s Ensemble at Milford High School. They also distributed ten free tickets to the men.

Chapter 2015 Performances thru October 25: 91 gigs to 5,729 people (plus 800,000 on TV)

MEMBERSHIP: (at 48)
Renewals: Jim McMain (5), Lance Shew (9), Gil Schreiner (11)
Due in November: None
Overdue: Mike Doyle

November Birthdays: Lance Shew (12th), Doc Mann (13th), Gil Schreiner (18th), Bob Greenwood (20th), Fred McFadyen (24th)

Medical:
Howard Lynn attends to his wife, now in a nursing home.

In Memoriam: Nov 11, 2013, Gerry Twomey
Nov 19, 2006, Bill Pascher, #68

District

Kalamazoo Convention
Our new District Champions are:
Quarter – FRONTIER
Chorus – Great Lakes Chorus
Senior Representative to Mid-Winter – ROLLS VOYCE

The Pontiac-Waterford show was well advertised, both on the big screen, and verbally by the emcee.

Congratulations to Big Chief contestants in the...

QUARTET CONTESTS
ROLLS VOYCE (with member Bruce LaMarte) - 2nd overall, and Senior representative, scoring 70.3
CODA HONOR (with member Ray Sturdy) – 7th place, scoring 65.6
SHARP ATTACK (with member Wayne Oberstadt) – 12th place, scoring 59.8

CHORUS CONTEST
Rochester Guardians of Harmony (with member Tom Blackstone) – 5th place, scoring 66.3, Most Improved Chorus
D.O.C. (with member Ray Sturdy) – 6th place, scoring 65.7
Livingston (with members Bob Greenwood and Wayne Oberstadt) – 10th place, scoring 61.5, Plateau 3 Champion

THE VOICE
Zach Schroeder and three young men from Milford and Rochester Adams High Schools are members of The Voice, who performed Saturday morning and evening.

A massed chorus sang in the lobby, directed from above.

International

“We still watch the barbershop quartet finals…” says Pentatonix
Main Street goes viral!

“We knew they were special. We knew the performance was special. And when Main Street’s modern pop medley "These Will Be The Good Old Days Twenty Years From Now" hit YouTube, http://tinyurl.com/o2excun the rest of the world learned it, too... to the tune of over 100,000 views in 24 hours and closing in on 200,000 views as of press time!

This is what happens when a quartet who has committed itself to the good old days realizes that, one day, the pop songs of today will be considered "good old songs". Hilarity ensues... "These Will be the Good Old Days twenty Years From Now"

Upcoming Conventions

MIDWINTER – RENO, NV. January 26 – 31
Pioneer District Spring Convention - April 22-24 - Grand Rapids
INTERNATIONAL – NASHVILLE, TN, July 3 – 10, 2016. (It’s a nine-hour road trip from Waterford.)

Craft – Let’s hear it for Just vs Equal Temperament

We barbershoppers love “just intonation” because that maximizes the overlap between harmonics and yield that expanded sound, the angel’s voice, the fifth voice, the overtone, or barbershop seventh.

Pianos have to be tuned in equal temperament because the tuner doesn’t know what key the pianist will play in. Barbershoppers do (once the Lead finds his pitch ☺).

Here are two helpful websites:
A website that displays the different sound of just and equal temperaments.
http://www.whyyouhearwhatyouhear.com/chapterfiles/chpt26/sounds/Triad-BarberCompare.wav
Equal temperament: an explanation
http://www.yuvalnov.org/temperament/

What’s Up, Eric Domke?

Great news. My appointment/fitting went great and I’ve been zapping my legs as scheduled with new medical devices.

It is an experimental medical device called a Bioness L300 Plus, which are electrical stimulators for my legs and will simulate the normal muscle stimulation that is missing due to Charcot Marie Tooth, a neuromuscular disease that I was diagnosed with in 1987.

Consumers Energy, where I have worked for 34 years put me off on sick leave in June. They are paying the $1000 month-long trial for this $27,000 device to see if it will indeed provide the needed stability. If so they will purchase it for me.

Hopefully I will become the new Steve Austin (OK. Who remembers the Bionic Man?)

Thank you all for your support and continued prayers. It is miraculous and good. ☺

Media

On November 4, 7 p.m., Ben Harding, Vocal Coach and Director of the MountainTown Singers, will host a webinar. It is free and can be signed up for at:
http://www.visionvocalcoaching.com/webinar

Calls versus Balls

“No offense to tenors, but outside of opera, a high male voice is seldom, if ever, considered seductive. Scientific research has shown that women find deep male voices attractive, and the same is true in other species, like howler monkeys.

“But evolution is often stingy in its gifts, and researchers investigating male competition to reproduce have discovered an intriguing trade-off in some species of howler monkeys: the deeper the call, the smaller the testicles.
“Jacob Dunn of Cambridge University, one of the leaders of the research, said that species evolved either to make lower-frequency sounds, or have larger testicles, but none had both a very low sound and very large testicles.

“It’s a great study,” said Stuart Semple, an evolutionary anthropologist at the University of Roehampton in London who was not involved in the research. “It shows this really clear trade-off.”


History – Evolution of Barbershop Style

The Bartlesville Barflies were our very first quartet champions, but have you actually heard them sing? Barbershop historian Neal Siegal shared this early recording of the Barflies singing a medley of tunes. Notice how much the Barbershop style has evolved.


Executive Board, September 10, 2015. Excerpts from Charlie Perry’s minutes

Members present were Pioch, Holm, Doig, DeNio, Perry, Domke, Owens and Teuber.

Treasurer’s Report: Available funds $9,553.

VP Growth and Development: Current membership 48 members.

Discussion about payment for a member’s blazer

VP Music and Performance: Show retreat October 10.


1000 tickets will be printed. Ticket prices set at:

$18.00 Adult

$12.00 Group of 10 or more

$5.00 Children under 12

Old Business: Cost for joining North Oakland Chamber of Commerce is 175.00/yr; there aren’t enough benefits to justify the cost.

Discussion of Afterglow choices:

Elks Club

Silver Lake Golf Course

Waterford Oaks

Barbershopper of the Month was determined.

Letters

From Maryann Lambrecht, Milford High School.

Thank you so much for all that you do for us. We really appreciate it. I hope we will be able to bring a big group to the November Show.

The Center Stage boys are doing “Hooked on a Feeling.” They learned it at Harmony Explosion. We will be using it for a kids camp we are doing. We will also be using it on POPs.

From Terri Newman, Founder, The Dance Shoppe, & Duane Roy’s daughter

Thank you for this special tribute to my father. My contract to teach and judge for Dance Masters of Pennsylvania was agreed upon in early July, and I am disappointed to be missing the show. In the years my dad participated I never missed one, and your Chorus is both impressive and inspirational. In my absence I have appointed a mother and her dancer to be in charge, Ashley Tate and her mother, Michelle.

Thank you,

Terri

CALENDAR, (With Performance Times; Warm-ups 30’- 45’ earlier)

Oct 27, T, 7:00  BCC Practice, WOAC

Nov 3, T, 5:00  BCC Practice, Waterford Mott H.S.

Nov 5, Th, 5:00  BCC Practice, Waterford Mott H.S.

Nov 7, Sa, 7:00  71st BCC Show, Waterford Mott H.S.

Afterglow, P-W Elks Club, 2100 Scott Lake Rd

Nov 10, T, 7:00  Christmas Chorus
Nov 15, Su, 2:00  Music Committee Meeting, Holm’s home
Nov 17, T, 7:00  Christmas Chorus
Nov 24, T, 7:00  Christmas Chorus
Dec 1, T, 7:00  Christmas Chorus
Dec 12, Sa  Christmas Bus Tour
Dec 18, F, 12:30  Auburn Hills Senior Center
Jun 25, 2016, Sa  Log Cabin Days

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