



SMOKE SIGNALS



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Big Chief Chorus Sings: Tuesdays, 7:30-10:00
Crary Middle School, 501 N. Cass Lake Rd
Waterford, MI

2001 Christmas Program

The 2001 Christmas Program, coordinated by Chairman Bruce Brede, included fifteen concerts and singouts concluding December 18 at Canterbury on the Lakes with a concert and chapter Christmas party. From 25 to 40 singers at each stop!

Welcome to ten fellows who joined us for this year's Christmas program: Don Carrier, Ross Ensign, Mike Frye, Bill Jordan, Richard Mazurek, Dean Nelson, Russ Parry, Tom Thomas, Dennis Stein, and Howard Warren. Check us out in January!

Membership:

Bob Woodward passed away December 7th of pancreatic cancer. Bob would have been 64 on December 12th. Bob was a society member for 33 years from Ohio to Indiana to Michigan. He was an Area Councilor in the Cardinal District and Pontiac-Waterford Chapter President in 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Bob sang in several quartets including The Chordials with Bruce Brede, Bill Dabbs and Harold Lanning and The Model-A-Four with Larry Hornsby, Bill Dabbs and Don Denoyer. An ensemble from the chorus sang at the funeral December 10th. (Dick Johnson)

III: *John Smith* underwent colon surgery, Nov 26, at St Joe's Hospital. He also lost his mother during the past month; and *Al Monroe* a grandchild, and *Jack Cavalier* his brother.

New Members:

A warm welcome to three new members: Ron Clarke, Chuck Murray (dual with Flint), and Ted Prueter.

Renewals: Len Barnes (47), Mike Keith (21)

Barbershopper of the month (November) Pete Mazzara, for his chairmanship of the Fall show, "Fortune in Dreams."

AROUND THE PATCH

2002 Officers were elected at the Oct. 16 meeting. New officers are: Jeff Doig – Secretary, and Pete Mazzara and Wally Plosky – Representatives at Large. They join continuing officers: Gene Downie – President, Walt DeNio – VP Chapter Development, John Smith – VP Music, and Dick Johnson – Treasurer. December's Board meeting was cancelled.

COTS: Pete Mazzara, Jeff Spires, and Wally Plosky attended COTS, Dec 1,2.

John's **interview with Bill Pascher** was presented in hard copy to him on Nov. 13. It was also announced on the **Pionet**, bringing warm **responses** from Fred Kienitz (Flint), Harry Jessop (DOC), Gordy Dubrul (Grosse Pointe), Jim Styer (Pionet), and Lorin May (Harmonizer).

OUTSIDE THE PATCH

Al Bonney announced the receipt of a **\$21,400 grant** to support coaching in the District.

George Harrison died Nov. 29, at the age of 58. We'll remember him for "**Something**," which we grew to recognize the complexity of. It was #1 on the charts in 1969.

Neil Diamond personally invited the "**139th Street Quartet**" to appear with him on the **Tonight Show** with Jay Leno, Monday, Dec. 17

OUT OF THE PAST: From the April, 1990 issue of the Bulletin, then called "Merry Motor Men: The Owner's Manual"

“The April 8th show went quite well and I’d like to thank every one involved. The Oakland Shores Sweet Adeline Chorus was as usual excellent. The Ivy League gave a great performance as well did Power Play. Two fine and well-rehearsed quartets that I’d go see any time. Our local Quartets, Just in Time, The Harmonic Progression, and The Last Goodby also gave fine performances. I’d also like to again thank Dick Johnson, Mike Keith and John Smith for their efforts in making a great show.” Jeffrey Doig, editor. (The chorus met every Tuesday at the C.A.I. Building on Williams Lake Rd)

Chapter Executive Board

Officers

Chorus Director: Chris Miller
President: Gene Downie
VP, Chapter Development: Walt DeNio
VP, Music and Performance: John Smith
Secretary: Bill Holmes/Jeff Doig
Treasurer: Dick Johnson
Member at Large: Jeff Spires/Pete Mazzara and Wally Plosky

Chairmen

Quartet Activity: Len Barnes
Service(Charity): Bruce Brede
Singing Valentine: Bob Marshall
Chorus Manager: Jeff Spires
Music Librarian: Roger Holm
UniformManager: Bill Auquier
Sunshine (Chaplain): Don Denoyer
Bulletin Editor: John Cowlshaw

Calendar

Jan 8,15,22,29 Chorus rehearsals
Jan 10 Board Meeting
Jan 20-27,'02 MidWinter Convention, Riverside, CA
Mar 2 Chorus coaching, Lansing
Apr 26-28 District Convention, Lansing
Jun 30-Jul 7, '02 International Convention, Portland, OR

Mel Parrish asks: What instructions did Noah give his sons about fishing off the Ark? “Go easy on the bait, boys; I only have two worms.”