High School Night, Part 1

Eight young men from Milford High School visited the BCC Tuesday night, June 6. About 30 Chieftains welcomed them and their teacher, Maryann Lambrecht. Carinci and Cowlishaw led the group thru warmups, and McFadyen led the group thru a set of songs, several of which the Milford men knew. Then the Milfordians performed several pieces. Frye led us thru “Steam-rollin’ Man.” Always a good evening.

High School Night, Part 2 (From Prez Eric)

Several Milford High School singers were in attendance June 13 as part of their final class requirement. All the boys enjoyed singing with Zach during break. Thanks goes to Zach for leading them, as mentoring is a big part of being a barbershop leader.

Our newest Big Chief Chorus member Jason Hanson was also inducted that evening. At 16 years old he is our youngest member. It is great to see his joy of Barbershop singing, as evidenced by his Uncle John Northey’s comment of Jason thanking him on his way home from rehearsal last night for bringing him into the group. John did receive his Man of Note pin last night also.

Auburn Hills Senior Center Father’s Day Luncheon

It was a small but enthusiastic audience (~25) that enjoyed hearing the Big Chief Chorus under the direction of Tom Blue. Little placards on each table honored fathers.

The 18 men sang a 13-song set. Two quartets added their voices - BIDIN’ OUR TIME, and LIMITED BIDIN’.

The Center “would like us to return, possibly as early as September.”
(From Tom Blue)

Men who sang today!
Thank you for a very good performance...lots of listening, no shouting, some nice ring on some chords and I think I heard an overtone or two. This was one of our best sing-outs in a while. Thanks so much!
For our next sing-out, let's have even more join in on the fun?
Yes!

Eleven Chorus members quartetted in six different quartets: (Blackstone, Cowlishaw, Doig, Frye, Hefner, Holm, McFadyen, Murray, Northey, Sturdy, Suthers).

**Frankenmuth**

Twenty-six Big Chiefs and a handful of supporters traveled to Frankenmuth by bus and car to enjoy Dead Creek Bratfest, 2017. Rain was suspended and a sunny, cool evening prevailed.

Tom Blue led the chorus thru two songs - “There’s No Business” and “Ain’t Misbehavin’.”

**Around the Patch**

Eric Domke presented BSOM to Bob Greenwood, from Eric’s new presidential “throne.”

**Knapp’s Nest**

Jon Knapp had a busy month of June. Two of Jon and Suzette’s children were married, Jon performing the service for both. He also hosted the two rehearsal dinners (June 9th and 15th) at OverTyme Grille. What better chance to try out his new quartet - Hefner, Doig, Knapp, Perry? Jon wrote a little “Boy Meets Girl” script around the six songs they performed: “Under the Boardwalk,” “Heart of My Heart,” “My Wild Irish Rose,” “Can You Feel the Love Tonight,” “Drivin’ Me Crazy,” and “Let Me Call You Sweetheart.”

Charlie Perry invited Doig, Cowlishaw, and Wayne Oberstadt to help him perform for his girls’ softball team during an end-of-the-season pizza party in Charlie’s back yard, Saturday, June 17. The 20 or so girls and coaches enjoyed five songs...and the pizza. LIMITED O’DITION’s last performance was at the same location for Charlie’s September, 2016 pig roast.
Steam Rollin’ Man
You can access the Big Chiefs singing "Steam Rollin' Man" at:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/hpj6qr93ugum72k/Steam%20Rollin%27Man.mp4?dl=0

What Art Carinci does when he’s not singing

Chapter 2017 Performances: 31 gigs to 2,385 auditors

MEMBERSHIP: (at 52)

Renewals: Charlie Perry (9), Tom Jackson (18), Bob Wallace (26)

Due in July: Neil Braun, Bill Dabbs, Bob Greenwood, Doc Mann, John Northey

Overdue: Bill Holmes, Zach Schroeder

July Birthdays: Tom Jackson (1), Chuck Murray (1), Bill Maxfield (29), Dar Johnson (31)

In Memoriam: None in July

Our median age is 76, and our median years of membership is 17.

District

Send-Off Show
The 40th Pioneer District Send-Off Show is now history.

WOW! What a show! Standing "O's" were common all night long. Thanks to all of our talented performers and thanks also to all of those supporters. Our Pioneer Representatives are very thankful for your financial support. If there are individuals or chapters who wish to help our Reps financially, you can send a check to me and I will forward it to them. Many Thanks.

Doran McTaggart

Quartet Boot Camp and Quartet Factory, June 17

At last count, four quartets (MC SQUARED, CHECKMATE, SHADES OF GREY, and PARTS UNLIMITED) were signed up for Boot Camp and 14 individuals for the Factory, among them, Pat Hefner. Here’s what Pat had to say about it:

What a great experience. I started to sing barbershop songs a little over a year ago. I did not know many songs when the quartet factory was offered last summer. I had so much fun that I could hardly sleep that night. To be able to sing with so many people and to have that many talented people to help you sing your best. They had me on top of the world.

Thanks to Roger Lewis and all the rest of the Society. You don’t know what you are missing if you don’t attend.

Last Tuesday at the Frankenmuth picnic, I was able to sing with so many people that attended the quartet factory on Saturday. If you ever attend the quartet factory you will not be disappointed.

Best Wishes and keep on singing

Pat Hefner

And from Craig Pollard:

“On behalf of CHECKMATE we would also like to thank The District and the QCA for putting this school on. We had a great time and learned a great deal from the coaching staff. We have a lot of talent in this District and we enjoyed the opportunity to take advantage of it. Thanks again for your time and effort to put this school on. Keep singing!”

International


BHS INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE (All Times are PDT)
TUESDAY, JULY 4

Youth Barbershop Quartet Contest: 5-9:30pm
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**  
**International Quartet Quarterfinals, 10am-9:30pm**

**THURSDAY, JULY 6**  
**International Quartet Semifinals: 11am-3:30pm  
AICShow: 7:30-9:30pm**

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**  
**International Chorus Contest, 10am-9pm**

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**  
**International Quartet Finals: 7-10pm**  
Live Feed for $59/day. A group could split the cost. Don’t forget that it will be 10pm - 1am, EDT  
Sign up at live.barbershop.org

**HARMONY UNIVERSITY** - July 23-30, 2017 Nashville, TN

**MIDWINTER** – January 16-21, 2018, Orange County, CA.

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**MEET JASON HANSON**

Jason is our newest member. He is 16 years old and a student at Rochester High School. He has lived in Rochester Hills for the last twelve years with his mother and his younger brother Alex. Mom worked at Nino Salvaggio’s for 26 years. Now she enjoys walking and singing. Alex is a special 12-year-old in 6th grade, and is “very handsy.”

Last year Jason heard us perform on our Cruising show and some Christmas performances, courtesy of Great Uncle John Northey. So he began coming to our chorus rehearsals about February/March.

At Long Meadow Elementary School, Ms. Pyjak, the music teacher, said he had been a challenging kid through the entire elementary school, but was blown away by how much he had changed by 5th grade. She has been his foundation for getting into piano (knows the keyboard and can read scores), choir, and his love of music. He has been in choir for seven years, and this year is in the highest level “chamber” choir under the direction of Ms. Lykins.

This year also, his girlfriend Rachel forced him into Theater, and it turns out he has a talent for it. In this year’s production of *The 39 Steps* - a combo Hitchcock/spy comedy, he played a very weak and sissy cop who chased the villain thru Europe.

In the last seven months he has responded to his physician’s concern about a pre-diabetic condition to take up running and he has lost 80 lbs. Now he is running 6 to 8 miles daily and getting ready for the cross-country pre-season which begins June 26.

He naturally gravitated to our Bass section, but he might try Baritone in the future. He also plans to start quartetting at Rochester High next fall.

At school, he loves science and math courses, and will apply to Oakland University and the other regional Michigan schools to go study microbiology or virology.

He has met the Detroit Lions’ Jason Hanson, place-kicker extraordinaire, twice, once as a 2-year old, and more recently, and he has gotten his autograph (“From Jason Hanson to Jason Hanson,” I guess).

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**CRAFT**

**Singing Volume**

A case could be made that one should first learn to sing loud. Well, with gusto, not raucous of course, but from the belly. Then learn to sing soft. Because soft is a managed loud, an attenuated loud, a controlled loud. If we just plain sing soft, it’ll be wimpy, because we won’t be controlling it from the belly.
Barbershop Comedian Dave Stevens Explains the Meaning of...
Five Foot Two  If I Had My Way  Coney Island Babe  After Dark  Home
At: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqta40448lk
Every barbershop singer should hear Dave at least once!

**MUSIC, PERFORMANCE, MEDIA**

**The Dallas Street Choir**
..."is a group composed of the city's homeless. Though its lineup has varied over the years, over time it's become a more concrete unit, and 25 of its most dedicated singers — including some with mental illness and addiction issues — have been picked to tour the East Coast.

"Its stop Wednesday night, June 14, in New York is historic: Never before in its 126-year history has Carnegie Hall hosted a musical ensemble solely comprising performers who are homeless. And what's more: Tickets have been donated so hundreds of New York City's homeless, from all five boroughs, can attend."

http://www.npr.org/2017/06/14/532959314/the-dallas-street-choir-makes-historic-carnegie-hall-debut

**Do Constraints Help?**
Does your group have too large a repertoire? (LIMITED EDITION probably did.) How about this quote from *Steal Like an Artist: 10 Things Nobody Told You About Being Creative* by Austin Kleon?

"The right constraints can lead to your very best work. My favorite example? Dr. Seuss wrote *The Cat in the Hat* with only 236 different words, so his editor bet him he couldn't write a book with only 50 different words. Dr. Seuss came back and won the bet with *Green Eggs and Ham*, one of the bestselling children’s books of all time."

**Love at Home**
Pioneer District’s Gold Medal Quartet POWER PLAY was well known for their performance of “Love at Home.” From the archives, here is Bass Jack Slamka himself directing a 2011

International Barbershop Convention chorus composed of grandfathers, fathers, and grandsons https://youtu.be/MbRI7Pwhxgk

**Best of the Suntones**
The Barbershop Harmony Society has announced the publication of *Best of the Suntones*. All of the nine songs are the original SUNTONES arrangements. They include:
- After You've Gone
- As Time Goes By
- The Chordbuster's March
- Danny Boy
- Jezebel
- Show Me Where The Good Times Are
- That Old Black Magic
- They Wrote 'Em In The Good Ol' Days
- Where Is Love?

THE SUNTONES were the 1961 International Quartet Champions. They sang for over 25 years, averaging 40 annual shows - more than 1,000 performances.

Next to the BUFFALO BILLS of *The Music Man* fame, the SUNTONES probably were the Society's best-known quartet, thanks mainly to their long run on Jackie Gleason's television show of the '60s.

(From Barbershop Wiki Project http://www.barbershopwiki.com/wiki/The_Suntones)

**Ben Folds composes in 10 minutes**
There are some VERY talented people in the world. Ben Folds is one of them. Check it out at https://www.facebook.com/KennedyCenter/videos/10155171228815865/

**CALENDAR** (With Performance Times; Warm-ups 30’- 45’ earlier)
- Jun 27, T, 7:00 Chorus rehearsal, WOAC
- Jul 2-8 International, Las Vegas, NV
- Jul 4, T NO MEETING
- Jul 11, T, 7:00 Chorus rehearsal, WOAC
- Jul 17, M, 6:00 D.O.C. Picnic, Sylvan Lake Community Ctr
Jul 18, T, 7:00 Chorus rehearsal, WOAC
Jul 23-30 Harmony University, Nashville, TN
Jul 25, T, 5:00 Grosse Pointe Picnic (Bus leaves at 5:00)
Jul 29, Sa, 1:00 Oakland Co. Pioneer & Historical Soc.
Aug 1, T, 7:00 Chorus rehearsal, WOAC
Aug 8, T, 7:00 Chorus rehearsal, WOAC
Aug 22, T, 6:00 BCC Picnic, Bob Marshall’s home
Aug 25, 26 Bush League, Bellaire, MI.
Sep 16, Sa, 9:15 a.m. MIOCA (Ovarian Cancer Benefit), National Anthem and short performance, 8:30 warm-up, Village of Rochester Hills, Adams and Walton
Nov 4, Sa, 7:00 73rd Annual Show, Mott H.S. Home For the Holidays
Nov 28, T, 6:00 Waterford Tree Lighting
Dec 5, T, 6:30 Independence Village, White Lake
Dec 12, T, 6:30 Lakeland Place, Waterford
Dec 14, Th, 1:30 Waterford Seniors at CAI
Dec 19, T, 5:00 Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterford
Dec 21, Th, 7:00 Independence Twp. Library

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Endgame

The BCC (i.e. Beer Can Chorus) Heineken is disobeying Rule #6!
(From Fred McFadyen)