PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION

“We came, we saw, we conquered,” (as Julius, Lead in the Caesar Quartet, said.) Well, … we didn’t conquer Macomb, or even Grosse Pointe. But we DID conquer that final “falling in love with you.” We DID conquer homophonia (the tendency to sing everything in the same monotonous way). We DID sing from the heart. We DID sing with better unit sound. We DID follow Jim’s directions. So what if we ended up with 697 pts (58.1%). So what if we placed 11th of 13 choruses. Last spring we scored about the same, 703 pts, and placed 10th out of a larger field of 19. More importantly, we LIKED the way we sounded, the way we sang, the experience we were having.

Once again Macomb County’s Harmony Heritage Chorus is Pioneer District Chorus Champion. In second place was the brand-new chorus from Mount Pleasant, a pleasant surprise indeed. Motor City Metro was third. Then came a close group of four choruses - Kalamazoo, Lansing, Grosse Pointe, and the rapidly improving Hillsdale, followed by our closely scoring group of Windsor, Traverse City, and BCC. (As several folk pointed out, we had the highest Singing scores of that group.)

This year we sang first and got to hear all of the other choruses, though it made our audience smaller. But it meant early car-pooling for many of us. Thanks to Bill Pascher for one more performance and to Neil Braun for making it possible. Thanks to Art Carinci for arranging fruit and juices in our changing/warmup room. Thanks to Jim for leading us thru extensive vocal warm-ups. John Cowlishaw led the physical warm-ups thru flexes and circles. Dave Shantz and Dave Bartilson lost their competitive virginity. We put 40 men on stage (3rd highest). Let’s congratulate ourselves.

D.O.C. (otherwise known as Zaven’s Navy crew) did a nice job hosting the competition. Mel Parrish and Jerry Twomey were there in the audience, cheering us on, and well as Fred’s Fans.

It was also good to see how many BCC’ers contributed to Macomb’s success – there were Chuckles Murray, Tom Ford, Mike Keith, Mike Frye, Wally Plosky, Tom Blackstone, and Jeff Spires (easily seen on the right end of the row doing aerobic barbershop in “Listen to that Dixie Band.”)

In the other competitions, INFINITY won the quartet competition, HARMONY HOUNDS won the Senior competition, and INSIGNIA won the College competition with a very fine score of 72.7, not that far beneath “dad’s” 75.5.

We didn’t get a chance to hear them or participate since they sang right before us, but the Joe Barbershop chorus, under Steve Sutherland’s direction, sang “I’ll Take You Home Again Kathleen” (an old Pole Cat song) and “My Wild Irish Rose.”

AROUND THE PATCH

Jim Troeger completes his first year as Director of the Big Chief Chorus. And as web-site manager: “As of 11:55 p.m. Thursday, April 21st, the covers were officially pulled off of the recently renovated Big Chief Chorus website!!! Please check it out at www.bigchiefchorus.org”

Al Fisk was present to give us coaching on April 19th. The ensemble’s singing, under director Dick Johnson, April 19, inspired us all.

The April 23rd-24th snowfall, so late in the year, created unusual effects. Art Ripley, tree surgeon, said that the wet snow falling on magnolia trees in full blossom caused branches several inches in diameter to give way.

Ross Ensign is converting Speech-Level Singing into exercises for the Big Chief Chorus, and has been leading the chorus thru the bubbles and trills that Gene Hanover taught us.

Crary School will be closed on May 10th. We have agreed to use that week to visit the Rochester chorus, on Thursday, May 12th.
A half dozen of us will be attending Harmony Roundup in Lansing, May 20-22.

May 31st will be our last rehearsal of the year at Crary. From June thru Aug, thanks to Tom Jackson, we will meet at the “Fridge,” which is the name (and hopefully not the summer temperature) of the Refrigerated Toboggan Run at Waterford Oaks County Park. This is at 1712 Scott Lake Rd between Dixie Hwy and Pontiac Lake Road. Take the Scott Lk Road entrance into the park (there’s a 7/11 across the street) and go straight back (about a half mile), almost to Dixie Hwy.

Is anyone willing to organize a golf outing for the chorus?

After years of singing tenor with the BCC, Mike Keith is taking a crack at singing Lead, with the Macomb County Chorus.

Wayne Chene, VP Chapter Development, announces that we will have a special program Sept 13, featuring easy-to-sing songs for guests to Barbershop. This is supportive of our national’s new membership campaign entitled U Can Sing 2.

Dick Johnson’s son, Richard (Rick) A. Johnson, not only sings bass in the family barbershop quartet, but he has written a book entitled “Six Men Who Built the Modern Auto Industry,” about Ford II, Honda, Iacocca, Lutz, Piech, and von Kuenheim. Lee Iococco says, “If you are interested in automotive excitement and intrigue, this makes for an enjoyable read.” It’s available for $25 at Motorbooks.com. Rick is Managing Editor of Automotive News, the world’s leading auto industry newspaper.

Quartet and Ensemble News
On Monday, April 25th, the Celebration Barbershop Quartet (Moss, Teuber, Dabbs and Brede) sang at the St Johns Hospital Volunteer Luncheon. There were about 90 appreciative volunteers present for the singing and festivities that included short speeches by the Hospital Director and the Madison Heights Mayor. Celebration felt particularly honored when both made reference to barbershop harmony and the particular songs presented by the quartet. The food was good too! (Bruce Brede)

B-Natural. Bill Dabbs is one of 300 volunteers for Saint Joseph Hospital in Pontiac. For their recent luncheon at the Canterbury Castle in Lake Orion, Bill suggested to coordinator Lisa Hasselbach, “Ask B-Natural to entertain.” She did and they did. Most of the volunteers were at the luncheon. The food was good too. (Dick Johnson)

Harmony Knights will be taking part in the wedding of Graham Frye on May 5, 2005, singing at both the wedding and the reception. There is a rumor that inasmuch as the wedding is at 5:00 PM on 5-5-05, the Knights will have 5 men in their quartet. Will Mike Frye become a fifth wheel??? (Jack Teuber)

Membership (at 60)
New Member: Bob Brain. Welcome Bob!
Renewals: Graham Frye (2), Doug Corliss (4), and Walt Bachmann (7). (Still waiting for renewals from Tom Tailford and Dennis Robinson.)
May Birthdays: Gene Downie (4th), Bill Dabbs (17th).
Barbershopper of the Month, April – Art Ripley. Art’s quiet behind-the-scenes work is recognized by April’s BSOM award. A special thanks for your efforts at the Mini Retreat and Woodshed contest, Art.

Around the District
Bulletin contest (from the Pionet)
“For the third year in a row, Robert J. Rancilio, editor of the Grosse Pointe Chapter bulletin, The Pitch-Pipe, has been named Bulletin Editor of the Year in the Pioneer District. The award was announced April 29 at the House of Delegates meeting during the district convention. The second place bulletin was Holland’s Windmill Blade, edited by Art Lane.
“Third place went to John Cowlishaw, editor of the Pontiac/Waterford Smoke Signals. He was commended on the readability of his 5 _ by 8 _ inch bulletin. The judges liked the bulletin’s reports of chapter meetings, history items,
craft items and a humorous piece about a fictional contest of the Society for the Promotion and Encouragement of Italian Cooking."

The Huron Valley Harmonizers has announced its new director, Carol Cook. She brings a wealth of experience with the Sweet Adelines. She replaces Lynn Peirce, who resigned several months ago.


Wally Plosky has taken on the responsibility of bulletin editor for our neighbors, the Macomb County Chorus. Their Harmony Heritage Herald had not been a functioning newsletter for some time.

Detroit-Oakland is inviting us all to the Barbershop River Cruise, on the Detroit Princess Riverboat, Saturday evening, July 30.

AROUND THE WORLD
CEO Don Harris resigns: A message sent on behalf of Society President Rob Hopkins.

The Board of Directors of the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA, Inc.) has accepted the resignation of CEO Don Harris, effective April 20.

"We are grateful for the new perspectives that Don brought to us, and for his many efforts to move the Society forward during a period of significant transition," said President Rob Hopkins. "We wish him well in future endeavors," he said.

President Hopkins named Past President Roger Lewis as the interim CEO, pending the completion of a search for a new CEO and the appointment of same by the Society Board of Directors.

"Effecting change, no matter how positive for the future of the Society, is a daunting task. The Society Board remains committed to making the kinds of changes that will help the Society flourish for future generations. We fully appreciate that Society members will differ in their opinions about proposed changes. While we welcome feedback from members at any time, we also recognize that the Board and our next CEO must move ahead with changes they feel are absolutely necessary to ensure a bright future for our organization.

What does the CEO, SPEBSQSA do?
Opportunity: Serve as CEO of this 31,000-member, non-profit Barbershop Harmony Society of male singers
Opportunity: Lead planning. Align and inspire staff and volunteers to achieve the new Society Vision and Missions.

Opportunity: Develop staff expertise and execution in program, employee, systems and public promotion development.
Opportunity: Provide guidance and support for all activities to accomplish membership growth.
Opportunity: Lead and direct 30+ person staff during relocation transition period into new city headquarters facilities.

SALT LAKE:

What spectacular event will be the highlight of your summer this year? Don’t miss out on the hottest ticket in town, the 67th Annual International Convention and Contests, July 4-10. The quartet competitions are Wed, July 6th (Quarter-finals), Friday evening, July 8th (Semi-finals), and Saturday evening, July 9th (Finals). The chorus finals are Saturday daytime. Don’t forget that many hours of web cast will be available to stay-at-homes. Go to www.spebsqsa.org/saltlake for all the details and to register online or by mail. While you're there, check out the Schedule of Major Events at www.spebsqsa.org/ID_064558 and housing options at www.spebsqsa.org/housing. Also, look for the convention section in The Harmonizer or call 800-876-SING.

The last two International Gold medalists have been the popular quartets Power Play, and Gotcha! Who will win it all this year? Here are the current top five quartet qualifiers:

1. Riptide 86.1% (DIX)
2. Vocal Spectrum 86.0% (CSD)
3. Metropolis 86.0% (FWD)
4. 3 Men & a Melody 84.5% (CSD)
5. OC Times 84.3% (FWD)

MEET BILL DABBs
Bill’s parents were from Missouri, where Bill’s father built levees on the Mississippi River. In 1929, they moved to Michigan, where he worked as a crane operator at the Pontiac Motor foundry. Bill was born in 1930, the sixth of nine children. Later, Bill’s mom moved to Battle Creek where Bill attended and graduated from high school.

During that period, Bill was in the naval reserves and had cruised on a destroyer from Newport, RI to Cuba, but decided the Navy was not for him.
When the army didn’t immediately want him, Bill worked as a water meter reader for two years, and Pontiac Motor for a year, before being drafted. He spent 18 months in Korea as a medical corpsman with an Army unit evacuating wounded GI’s to the States.

Back stateside, he met his future wife, Betty, on a blind date. Bill strove to be ready financially (seven different jobs in 1954, including opening a car wash and working as an attendant at the old Pontiac State Hospital.) He also went back to school, receiving a Bachelor of Commercial Science degree from the Pontiac Business Institute. This opened the door to bookkeeping and accounting jobs, initially with Oakland County as a bookkeeper in the Lafayette Bldg, site of our recent training.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Bill had triple bypass surgery in 1984. In 1992, Betty was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, throwing Bill’s life into turmoil, and she died in 1995. Bill says, “She made me a much better man than I would have been otherwise.” And she was very supportive of his barbershopping, frequently traveling to conventions with him. Some of her final words were, “Stay with barbershop.” And he has for, for 34 years.

Bill’s musical training began with the trumpet, in the church orchestra at Christian Missionary Alliance. This taught him to read and transpose music. In 1971 he saw an ad – Men, Do You Like to Sing? The Pontiac barbershop chorus was meeting in the old Metropolitan Club on Baldwin at that time. Bill sang Lead for seventeen years. John Smith, noting his pitch problems on high notes, suggested Baritone. But Bill couldn’t get the hang of it, until he taught himself the bass clef, and until Dick Johnson helped him out. Now he prefers Baritone, because “you can hear the chords.”

Bill has served on the Executive Board more years than he can recall – as secretary, treasurer, and as president.

Bill’s primary quartet experience was the registered MODEL A FORD, with Larry Hornsby as Lead, Bill Nevaux singing Tenor, and Bob Woodward at Bass. Recently, he had a ball singing with CELEBRATION (Bruce Brede – Lead, Greg Moss – Bass, and Jack Teuber – Tenor).

The house Bill and Betty built in 1956 in Waterford remains Bill’s residence to this day, though his handyman hobby has resulted in a number of modifications.

Bill has two daughters, Diane, a psychiatric nurse in Pa, and Karen, in NJ, whose husband’s role as a pilot for Spirit Airline yields some free flights for Bill. When he’s not singing, Bill is a volunteer at St. Joe’s Hospital, and enjoys reading – science fiction, mysteries, and the many magazines he receives.

Sing-out Directions: From Jack Teuber, VP Marketing and PR
All times are warm-up times: Watch for distributed maps.
May 6th Mother’s Day Luncheon at The Waterford Senior Center, 6455 Harper, Waterford. Warm-Up at 12:30 P.M. CHAPTER SHIRTS, GRAY PANTS, BLACK SHOES
May 19th Oakland County Retirees at Silver Lake Golf Club, 2602 W. Walton, Waterford. Warm-Up at 12:30 P.M. CHAPTER SHIRTS, GRAY PANTS, BLACK SHOES
June 14th Performance at Orion Twp. Parks Concert Series, Orion Twp Hall, 2525 Joslyn Rd. Lake Orion. Warm-Up at 6:15 P.M. CHAPTER SHIRTS, GRAY PANTS, BLACK SHOES
June 21st Bratwurst gathering held at Heritage Park in Frankenmuth. Hosted by the Flint Arrowhead Chorus. CHAPTER SHIRTS

In the early 60’s Bill took a (civilian) job with the army, doing government contracting, the job from which he retired in 1988. But his office location moved around, from the old Packard plant on East Grand Blvd, to the McNamara Building, and finally to Williams International (where he met Howard Lynn).

His most challenging experience involved the Chrysler problems of 1979. Bill was responsible for negotiating Chrysler’s indirect costs on the M1/A1 tank contract. During that negotiation, Chrysler told Bill, “Oops, we haven’t been funding the pension plans with the overhead monies you’ve been giving us.” The resulting two-year negotiations gave Bill notoriety, a lot of stress, and in the final dramatic scene, Bill’s flight to New York City to sign the agreement, pick up a check for $11.9 million, and deposit it in a Cleveland bank.
July 15th  Performance at the Clarkston Summer Concert Series, Depot Park.
      Warm-Up at 5:45 P.M. (correction)  CHAPTER SHIRTS, GRAY
      PANTS, BLACK SHOES
July 19th  Sing-Out at Sunrise Apartments at 5700 Water Tower Place,
      Clarkston.  Warm-Up at 6:30 P.M.  CHAPTER SHIRTS, GRAY PANTS,
      BLACK SHOES
Keep the Sing-Outs Coming.  To prevent your CHAPTER SHIRT from fading
you could:
  (a) not wash the shirt
  or
  (b) wash in cold-water and hang to dry

Our 49th Annual Woodshed Contest April 8, with its rule that quartets be
limited to two members of the same chapter or registered quartet, was held at the
usual venue – Pontiac Country Club on Elizabeth Lake Rd in Waterford.
Thanks to Dick Johnson for the following write-up:

Seven chapters participated in this year’s contest.  Master of Ceremonies,
Len Barnes, introduced MOXXY (Jeff Woodruff, Dave Mattson, Dave Ebbersaw,
and Mike Foner), the judging quartet.  Of the sixteen competing quartets,
MOXXY presented LAST CHANGE (Fred McFadyen, Mike Green, Mike Proffit,
and Bob Wisdom) the 2005 winning Woodshed Badges for their (show-stopping)
delivery of “If You Were the Only Girl in the World.”

Honorary Big Chief  In 2000 Chris Miller was recognized as the
Pontiac/Waterford Chapter’s “BIG CHIEF.” Since then an Honorary Big Chief
has been selected each year in his honor.  In 2001 it was Steve Sutherland, 2002
Dave Anderson, 2003 Russ Seely, and 2004 John Wearing.  This year’s honoree
was Jeff Woodruff for his many contributions to the Pioneer District.

The Bennington Trophy  For best chapter participation at the Woodshed
Contest was awarded to the Flint Chapter.

Special Entertainment  While waiting for the judges to decide the winner, we
were pleased to be entertained by THE SIVERDONES.  Russ Seely also
directed Grosse Pointe’s Lake Shore Chorus and lead all the Woodshedders in
some songs.

MOXXY sings  The Woodshedders were also royally entertained by MOXXY.
Their coach, Russ Seely, was on the front row, watching and listening to every
move and note.  Great Stuff!

Special thanks to all that helped and to all that attended in support of this
annual event.  As Russ Seely stated last year, “It’s good that the
Pontiac/Waterford Chapter has kept the tradition alive.”

Bill Pascher  closed the evening by directing “Keep America Singing.”

In 2006, it will be the 50th Woodshed contest.  The goal is to have everyone
who has one of the Woodshed badges through the years attend so they can be
recognized with a BIG PARTY.  The date is Friday, April 7, 2006.

BUSH LEAGUE
Dale Hanson good-naturedly contested Bob McDermott’s information that I
entered into the Troubadour concerning our Woodshed trophy.  He says, “The
last Troubadour contained some mis-information that I cannot let go
unchallenged !!! Have you never heard of BUSH LEAGUE ??? Have you
never competed for the ”Loton Willson Memorial Gaboon”?

In 1947 Loton Willson, then a young man, stole the Gaboon from the
Dilworth Hotel and fashioned it into a classic trophy. That year it was presented
to the winning quartet and since then it has been awarded to the Bush League
winner every year except 1995 . . . (The year the old Boyne City Snowbelt
Chapter fell apart and before Gaylord Chapter came to the traditions rescue.)
Therefore in the names of Loton Willson, Bob Tracy and all the faithful
barbershoppers that live North of M-55, I claim for them, the title of "Oldest
Revolving Trophy in the Society."

Brian Philbin, bass for METROPOLIS, added that he had “had the honor of
being its recipient for a year, as well!  It graced my home during most of our
1984-85 championship year (the other guys in the quartet didn't seem to have
room in their apartments for it...) and it was a very special experience to see that
greatness had graced the trophy many times before with many International
Competitors, Medalists and even International Champions' names on the trophy.
It was also neat to see that it didn't take itself too seriously, being that the trophy
was topped with a spitoon/gaboon (that flair, in and of itself, hearkening back to
the days of O.C. Cash).

INTERVIEW ON WEB
You could spend forty minutes worse than listening to a radio interview
with Peter Benson, director of the GREAT NORTHERN UNION CHORUS out
of Hilltop, MN, recorded Tuesday April 12, 2005.  Host Ted Elm talked with Mr.
Benson about the chorus, Barbershop and featured three songs from the GNU's
newest CD, "Bound for Glory".  You can hear the whole 37-minute interview,
using Windows Media Player, accessing it at http://www.gnunion.com/  Peter
Benson is a young conductor who drives six hours round trip every Thursday to direct the chorus rehearsal! It must work, because GNU Chorus just beat out Midwest Vocal Express to represent the Land of Lakes district at Salt Lake City. A point of further interest to us is that their chorus is similarly doing a retro-show next November, featuring the 70’s (the Dooby Brothers, Chicago, et al).

Did you know that the 1931 Laurel and Hardy movie, “Pardon Us,” has a barbershop quartet in it?

**Health Benefits of Making Music**

Much of what is known about the immune system focuses on that area of the brain that releases “bad” hormones when we’re stressed. “When this cascade of hormones occurs, the immune function is diminished” says, neurologist Barry Bittman, M.D. The good news is that these harmful surges of “bad” hormones can be ameliorated with music!

Many are aware of the “Mozart Effect” which maintains that certain music can improve health, memory and awareness. Dr. Bittman cites an older form of music…the ancient rite of drumming! His experimental composite of men and women engaged in group drumming realized a significant increase in their cytokines, the protein substances that seek and destroy cancer. The results are incredible, he says. “Here we have an activity that is healthful and the people love to do it” (unlike diet and exercise).

Dr. Bittman went on to say that, “Here we have an activity, in an age of computers and e-mail that distance us from each other, creating fun-filled activities and fellowship that bring people together to exercise our minds, bodies and spirits in a creative fashion. Our ancestors lacking formal education had the wisdom to know all along that making music is good for you!”

For us Big Chiefs, the key is to incorporate positive activities into our lives each day: chuckling at the silly tabloid headline instead of grumbling at the long Meijer’s checkout line, saying a silent prayer at breakfast before a stressful day and making it a priority to “bubble” with your partner. No matter what you do routine is, know that singing, a healthy sex life, prayer and humor will influence your body in mysterious and amazing ways.

For us individually, that means singing during sex and praying that it will never stop. The humor will take care of itself.

What a way to start my day!

(Paraphrased with silly additions by Bruce Brede from “The Immune Advantage” by Mayo & Berndtston, 04/03/05)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Excerpts, April 13, 2005,** from Jack Teuber

Present were Mazzara, Holm, Clarke, Cheyne, Johnson, Melkonian and Teuber.

Dick Johnson, treasure, reported a balance of $8,450, somewhat lower than our balance of April, 2004.

Discussion concerning the member’s share of the Class A Uniform. Ron Clarke will review the cost of the Uniform’s consumables (shirt, shoes, shirt studs and pin).

Wayne Cheyne reported on the National Recruitment Campaign “U-CAN-SING-2”. Wayne Cheyne will be Chairman of the Membership Night on September 13th. Refreshments will be included as part of a fun evening. Wayne has composed a very informative WELCOME LETTER that will be given to guests.

Roger Holm reported good interest in this year’s Harmony Round-Up at MSU.

The President approved the $200 purchase of the Speech Level Singing Training Packet made available through Gene Hanover. These materials can be borrowed from Jim Troeger by the membership.

The Board will fund half of the cost for directors’ classes for Jim Troeger on May 21st.

Tom Jackson has arranged for Summer Rehearsals at the Outlook Lodge. The Music Committee has decided on JUKE BOX CLASSICS as our theme for the 2005 Show.

Jack Teuber reported that as of July 19th our chorus will have completed seven sing-outs for the year (not including the many Valentine Sing-Outs and Quartet Sing-Outs).

The concept of Patron Sponsorship was reviewed. Possible Patrons include The Oxford Bank, Clarkston State Bank, Lunghamer GMC and other Auto Dealers. The Patron would receive a full-page ad in the show program and the opportunity to provide signage at one of our Summer Performances and/or our Christmas Sing-Out at the Great Lakes Crossing.

Our Target Date for Show Flyers and Tickets is June 1st. Jim Owens will have a pocket for Show Flyers in his display board.

Ron Clarke reported that the Coaching Session with Gene Hanover received a positive reaction from the membership. Future coaching sessions with Gene are a definite possibility.

Dick Johnson reported on the 49th Annual Woodshed Contest. Plans have been made for the 50th on April 7, 2006. The search begins for all past badge winners to attend the 50th Contest.

Pete Mazzara has composed a letter to be mailed to Waterford Music Teachers in May. The plan is to make Barbershop Presentations in the fall. We still need names of Clarkston Music Teachers.

Barbershopper of the Month was awarded to Art Ripley for his total effort and support given to the Mini-Retreat and Woodshed Contest.
**A Few Contestants for Moron of the Year.**

- An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.
- Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot", the man shouted, "that's not what I said!"
- A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart." "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

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Treasurer: Dick Johnson
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Chorus Manager: Art Carinci
Music Team: Holm, Johnson, Doig, Ensign, Melkonian, Murray, Prueter, Troeger
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Tape/CD Librarian: Ross Ensign
YMIH: Ron Clarke

**Calendar**

May 3, T  
BCC Rehearsal, Crary
May 6, F, 12:30  
Sing-out, Waterford Senior Center
May 10, T  
No rehearsal
May 11, W  
Exec Bd Mtg, 7 pm at Zaven Melkonian's.
May 12, Th  
Visit Rochester Chorus, about 8:15
May 17, T  
BCC Rehearsal, Crary
May 19, Th, 12:30  
Sing-out, Silver Lake Golf Club
May 20-22  
Harmony Roundup, @ MSU
May 24, T  
BCC Rehearsal, Crary
May 31, T  
BCC Rehearsal, Last rehearsal at Crary
Jun 7, T  
BCC Rehearsal, the Fridge
Jun 8, W  
Exec Bd Mtg, 7 pm at Ron Clarke's
Jun 10, F, 11am  
Performance, Independence Oaks
Jun 14, T, 6:15pm  
Performance, Orion Parks Concert Series
Jun 21, T  
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Jun 28, T  
BCC Rehearsal, the Fridge
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July 15, F, 6:15  
Sing-out, Clarkston Summer Concert Series
July 19, 6:30 pm  
Singout Sunrise Apts,
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Aug 19, F, 7pm  
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