Thank You Big Chief’s!
By Dave Montera
2018 PIO District President

I just wanted to let you know how thankful I am for all the hard work put in this weekend by the Big Chief Chorus. Your hard work helped to make the Spring, 2018 Pioneer District Convention a huge success.

You should all be very proud of the job you did. A special thanks to Ray and Jack (and Craig Roney on the DOC side) for the organizational efforts they put in. As a result of their hard work, other chapters have approached Roger Lewis about jointly hosting a convention, which had never been done before BCC and DOC took this on.

The work of Ray, Jack and Craig has literally rewritten the book for Roger Lewis on how to host a convention. That says a lot! Again, my thanks. I am proud to be associated with DOC and Pontiac-Waterford!!!

Big Raffle News!

Contrary to everyone's prediction, Charlie Perry did not win the Saturday raffle drawing after the Pioneer District Show, like he does with almost every 50/50 drawing at our Tuesday evening rehearsals. Instead, the top prize of $500 went to Charlie’s fellow bass, our own Art Carinci. Congratulations, Art! We will all be joining you (our new best friend) at Over Tyme Grill for our next rehearsal afterglow.

Congratulations Fred!

For his faithful support of our harmonious tribe our very own assistant director, Fred McFadyen, received the April 2018 Barbershopper of the Month certificate. The Big Chief Chorus is in good hands with Fred being able to fill in for our director as needed. Fred is also very approachable; whenever newer members have questions Fred is always happy to step up and lend his wisdom. It’s great having such an accomplished barbershopper in our ranks. Thanks, Fred for all you do for the Big Chief Chorus!

Harmony Platoon Champs

OverTime didn’t get to sing on Saturday night, but their bass sure did. Charlie Perry’s Quartet, 100% Juice won the Harmony Platoon competition with their excellent rendition of “Under the Boardwalk.” They delighted the crowd as Saturday evening’s mic testers. Congratulations Charlie, Cole Carey –baritone, Zach Stratton–tenor and Mike Craig–lead. You sounded great and those bare feet and sunglasses were a very nice touch.

May Birthdays

4th – Gene Downie 9th – Austin Suthers

Membership Renewals

Hanson, J. Perry, C. Legato, B. Schroeder, Z McDonald, D Wallace, B.
Quartet Competition

On Friday, April 20, 2018 Coda Honor and OverTime quartets competed at the Pioneer District convention. It was OverTime’s debut as a competing quartet. They sang “There’ll Be No New Tunes on this Old Piano” and “When There’s Love at Home” at the 2018 Spring Pioneer District Convention. Although they did not reach their goal of singing in the Saturday show, OverTime earned a respectable average score of 56.1 and received an international ranking of 209th place. Coda Honor scored 63.1 and earned a ranking of 176th place internationally.

On Sunday, April 22 OverTime opened the Pioneer District Worship Service by leading the congregation of about 75 barbershoppers and their guests in the singing of “When the Saints Go Marching In.” Then tenor, Pat Hefner, presented a brief biography of hymn writer, Horatio Spafford who wrote “It Is Well with my Soul.” After OverTime performed that hymn as special music, lead, Jeff Doig directed the congregational singing. Bass, Charlie Perry rumbled the pews with His reading of Scripture, and baritone, Jon Knapp preached a homily from Psalm 98. The quartet Coda Honor closed out the service by singing, “Goodbye World Goodbye” and their baritone, Ray Sturdy gave the benediction leading the congregation in singing the “Irish Parting Prayer.”

BCC Calendar

Chorus Rehearsals are every Tuesday Evening from 7:30-10:00 PM at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Warmups begin at 7:25. Rehearsal afterglows follow at the Overtyme Grill and Taproom, 4724 Dixie Hwy.

Chorus Events

May 5, Sat. Lutheran Women’s League Lunch, 12:30am Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, 620 S. Milford Rd. Warm-up at 11:45.

May 7, Mon. Jug Night 7pm at Royal Oak Middle School

May 18, Fri. Elmhaven Manor, 600 W. Walton Blvd.