**A Mothers Day Celebration**

On May 18, 2018, Jeff Doig had his debut as director of a small ensemble of braves at our singout to the residents of Elmhaven Manor in Pontiac. About 60 mothers and guests gathered for a belated Mothers’ Day luncheon and the Big Chief Chorus provided the entertainment.

4GVN and OverTime were both on hand to perform but neither quartet brought along their bass singers. Chuckles Murray gladly and ably filled in for Greg Moss and Charlie Perry respectively to bring that special element of the concert to fruition.

Bringing a smile and brightening someone’s day is what makes being a BCC brave so special. The residents at Elmhaven Manor were very pleased and had many nice things to say as the chorus members mingled with them after the concert.

As our harmonious tribe is prone to do after a singout, we met at Bob E’s Super Chief Diner on the NE corner of Walton and Telegraph. And it hardly needs to be said that more than one of our brothers brought their pitchpipes. Our waitress, Jeanie, sat for a selfie with us as we endeavored to make her day by singing some of our repertoire of love songs, or what some may call, “flirt songs.”

**Congratulations Pete Mazzara!**

If you show up early to chorus rehearsal you will likely see Pete Mazzara and a few other hard working, friendly BCC braves setting up chairs and getting things ready for an evening of singing! Pete is a great example of how our chorus serves our neighbors through the harmonious art of barbershop singing to brighten their days and to make our little corner of the world a more enjoyable place to live. Whether at a singout to raise money for ovarian cancer research, or on a bus tour taking Christmas cheer to people who really need it, Pete is always a joyful and supportive member of our tribe. Pete even brought his daughter and grandson along to help host the Pioneer District Spring Convention. Thanks Pete! Keep doing what you do; you are greatly appreciated!

**Tuesday Evening Afterglow**

From left to right, Pat Hefner, Zachary Morgan, Charlie Perry and Austin Suthers enjoy learning and singing some new tags. Zach, who attended our chorus rehearsal for the first time on Tuesday, May 22nd joined that ol’ gang of BCC afterglow regulars for pizza at Over Tyme Grill on Dixie Hwy. in Waterford. Zach came with a long playlist of tags already downloaded into his musical brain, and happily helped us upload some of them into ours. Everyone is welcome to “tag” along after our rehearsals and enjoy the friendly, festive atmosphere at our favorite venue for harmonious fellowship.

**June Birthdays**

13th Bob Legato  18th – Fred Pioch  22nd Bruce Brede

**Membership Renewals**

Greenwood, B.  Jackson, T.  Mann, D.  Mazzara, P.  McFadyen, F.  Northey, J.  Perry, C.  Teuber, J.
Another Successful Jug Night

A couple hundred barbershoppers, guests and fans piled into the Royal Oak Middle School auditorium on Monday evening, May 7, 2018 to hear some fabulous barbershop music. This Detroit Oakland Chapter sponsored event was a fundraiser to help Pioneer District’s three international qualifying quartets make their trip to Orlando this July 1-8. Frontier received the second highest score ever in Pioneer District quartet history to win the 2018 Spring contest. They dazzled the crowd along with Upper Deck and Hemidemisemiquaver 4 performing some of their impressive repertoires.

A visit from the champion Sweet Adeline Chorus, Shoreline Sound, which also sang on stage made the evening particularly enjoyable. And the men’s choruses who were on hand also performed, showing the guests and fans a delightful example of the fun we have singing in this harmonious barbershop brotherhood we have in the Pioneer District. The BCC was there but our bass section was so underrepresented that we invited the bass singers from the Sun Parlour chapter from Windsor, Ontario to join us on the risers. Thanks to them we were able to pull off a respectable performance of David Wright’s arrangement of “Hello Mary Lou.”

Several non-qualifying quartets from the Pioneer District also performed, including Detroit Sound Machine who started off the evening with their contest set, and OverTime (pictured here) who sang “Wait Til the Sun Shines Nellie” with DSM’s, Jason Hall as a stand in bass. Thanks Jason!

Austin City Limits

Borrowing a bass, tenor and baritone from OverTime, is becoming a common occurrence for BCC’s talented, Austin Suthers. His quartet, known as “Austin City Limits” provided entertainment for a 2017 company Christmas party, and this year on May 19 he gave his friends from high school a wedding gift they will never forget. Congratulations Kenna and Nicholas! Just think... when Austin reaches superstar status you will be able to say to your happy brood, “He sang at my wedding!”

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. After September 2018, our rehearsals will need to take place at another location yet to be determined. If you have any ideas about where we can rehearse, please see Eric Domke or Jack Teuber.

Chorus Events

June 19, Tue. Frankenmuth Dead Creek Picnic bus leaves at 5pm. $10.00 round trip.
July 28, Sat. 1:00 p.m. Oakland County Pioneer / Historical Society Ice Cream Social, 405 Caesar Chavez Ave.
Aug. 21, Tue. BCC Picnic, Sylvan Lake Community Center at 5:00 PM
Sept. 16, Sun. MIOCA (Ovarian Cancer Benefit), Rochester Hills Village, at 9:00 AM. Warm-up at 8:30 AM.
Nov. 3, Sat. 74th Annual Show at Mott PAC.
Nov. 6, Tue. BCC Christmas Chorus 7:30 PM TBA
Nov. 27, Sat. Waterford Tree Lighting, 5200 Civic Ctr. Dr. at 6:00 PM.
Dec. 15, Sat. Christmas Bus Tour, bus leaves at 10:45 AM.

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OverTime will be performing at the Clarkston Millpond Porchfest Sunday, June 24, 2-4pm. To arrange entertainment for your event please call Jeff Doig: (248) 640-1615.

GVN will also be singing on June 18th for the men’s group at Big Beaver Methodist Church.