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A bi-weekly reader for the

Detroit-Oakland Chapter and the Gentlemen Songsters Chorus



Chapter meets at Starr Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak, 13 Mile & Crooks Rd; every Monday night at 7:30, except as noted below.

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## WHAT'S UP DOC? (Calendar)

Mon Mar 1 ~~Music Team Meeting; Starr Presb. Church, Royal Oak; 6:30 p.m. \*\*cancelled\*\*~~  
 Fri Mar 5 new> Performance; Greenfield Presbyterian Church; Men's Club "Soup & Salad" Dinner  
 Sat Mar 13 new> Performance; Berkley United Methodist Church; 2820 W 12 Mile Rd, Berkley MI 48072  
 Mon Mar 15 Board Meeting; Starr Presb. Church, Royal Oak; 6:30 p.m.; chapter members welcome.  
 Mon Mar 15 new> Guest Night, Starr Presbyterian Church  
 Fri Mar 26 new> Pontiac-Waterford's Annual Woodshed Contest; Pontiac Lake Country Club; 7:30 pm  
 Mon Apr 1 Music Team Meeting; Starr Presb. Church, Royal Oak; 6:30 p.m.  
 Fri-Sun Apr 23-25 new> District Convention; Kalamazoo; Detroit-Oakland will compete; Make hotel reservations now!

## DETAILS ON UPCOMING EVENTS

**Team Meetings:** Normally, the music team will meet on the first Monday and the board will meet on third Monday of month. The meetings, held at Starr Presbyterian Church, start at 6:30. Jim and Steve had to cancel tonight's Music Team meeting. If you have something to bring to the board or to the music team, talk to Dave Montera and Jim Kunz respectively.

**Next Performance:** Now that our show is over, we have two performances coming up fast: the Greenfield Church "Soup and Salad" on Friday, March 5, and the new performance at Berkley First United Methodist Church, on Saturday, March 13. Then the chorus will compete in the Pioneer District spring convention in Kalamazoo on April 23-25. If you have a potential singing engagement for us, contact John Balint.

**Greenfield "Soup and Salad":** On Friday, March 5, we will repeat most of our show package at Greenfield Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with their annual "Soup and Salad" dinner. This is open to the public. If you are interested in joining in on the soup and salad dinner, let Harry Jessop know. You will have to eat fast because Steve will want us to warm-up in the Sanctuary about the same time (6:30 pm). We will perform about 7:15.

Uniform for Greenfield: Show costumes, no make-up.

Directions: Greenfield Presbyterian Church is on Greenfield Rd at Oxford in Berkley (two blocks north of 11 Mile Rd.)

**"Pot-Luck" Dinner at Berkley:** On Saturday, March 13, we will repeat the performance at Berkley First United Methodist Church. This is a new venue for us. The church is located at 2820 West 12 Mile Rd, next to the Post Office, in Berkley. Parking is actually west of the post office, north off 12 Mile Rd. Here again, Steve will want us ready to sing at 6:30, so we can get our positions and review our songs to perform at 7:15 pm.

Uniform: Show costumes, no make-up.

**Guest Night:** Ray Sturdy is planning our first guest night for Monday, March 15. Think of people you can invite, or give their names and numbers to Ray Sturdy so he can work on them. We need more singers in all voice parts.

## SHOW STUFF

**Ticket Sales:** With 30 walk-ins on Friday and 52 walk-ins on Saturday, we ended with 409 tickets sold for Friday and 485 tickets sold for Saturday or a total of 894 tickets. Whether you blame it on the weather or the economy or the age of our audience, the fact remains that our show attendance continues to drop: 894 tickets this year, 979 tickets last year, 1065 tickets in 2008. This is not a good sign. The big sellers this year were: David Kemp with 52 tickets sold; Don Stewart and Malcolm Travis each sold 25; Larry King, Gerry Milkie, Pete Peters and Eric Van Poucker each sold 23; John Balint sold 23; and John Northey sold 20. There were 8 more people who sold over 10, and 18 others that participated in ticket sales. So, we had 35 members selling tickets; about the same number as were active in the show. That doesn't count those tickets bought through mail order or by credit card.

**Ad Sales Results:** Since David Kemp took on the Ad Sales and the money went directly to Treasurer Mike Matson, my records might not be complete. However, I checked with Ad Chairman David Kemp to make sure my numbers were correct. Although sales started slow, you all came through for us. We had \$350 more in ad sales than last year. And, thanks to Earl Berry introducing me to a new printer, the book was almost half the price of last year's. So, our profit from the show book was double that of last year. David Kemp brought in 6 ads. Lou Stark and Ray Sturdy each got 5 ads. Linda Millis and Randy Wright brought in 4 each. Jeff Spires and Tom Uicker got 3 each. John Balint, Dave Montera and Eric Van Poucker got 2 each. And Dave Beamer, George Burkett, Al Hansen, Joe DeSantis, Jim Kunz, Russ Makowski, Mike Matson, Gerry Milkie, Harold Pashby Jay Peterson and Rick Vuylsteke each brought/bought one. Thanks to all of you for your efforts, and remember to thank the people to whom you sold the ads.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

**District Convention:** Convention and contest are coming on April 23-25, 2010. We will be back in Kalamazoo. If you don't have a hotel room, you had better do it before the end of March to avoid a price hike. Detroit-Oakland will compete.