



A bi-weekly reader for the
Detroit-Oakland Chapter and the Gentlemen Songsters Chorus

Chapter meets at Royal Oak Middle School, 709 N Washington Ave, Royal Oak; every Monday night at 7:30, except as noted below.
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WHAT'S UP DOC? (Calendar)

Mon	Jun 19	Board Meeting; Royal Oak Middle School; 6:30 p.m.; chapter members welcome.
Tues	Jun 20	Flint Chapter's Annual Dead Creek Picnic, Frankenmuth Heritage Park; 6:00-10:00
Mon	Jul 3	Day before Independence Day! No Chapter Meeting!
Mon	Jul 10	Music Team Meeting; Royal Oak Middle School; 6:30 p.m.
Mon	Jul 17	DOC Chapter Picnic, Sylvan Lake Community Park (Sylvan Lake) 5pm-9pm, all invited
Mon	Jul 24	Board Meeting; Royal Oak Middle School; 6:30 p.m.; chapter members welcome.
Tue	Jul 25	Grosse Pointe Chapter Picnic, Pier Park, Grosse Pointe Farms; 6:30 pm, Ladies welcome

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. In July, we won't have a meeting on July 3rd, so the music team will meet on July 10th. July 17th is our chapter picnic, so the board will meet on July 24th. The meetings are now held in the Music Room at Royal Oak Middle School, starting at 6:30, unless the school is closed. In that case, the meeting will be shifted to the designated rehearsal location. If you have something to bring to the board or to the music team, talk to Terry Webner and Jim Kunz (in John Paul's absence).

Next Performance: Our next 'official' performance is a repeat performance at the zoo on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. However, we will undoubtedly sing a couple of songs at our chapter picnic, on Monday, July 17th, out at Sylvan Lake. We would like to have enough members present to sing at Grosse Pointe's chapter picnic the following week, on Tuesday, July 25th, at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. The fall convention & Contest will be Oct. 20-22, 2017 in Battle Creek. If you have a potential singing engagement for us, contact Terry Webner.

Flint Chapter's Annual Dead Creek Picnic: On Tuesday, June 20, the Flint Chapter holds their Annual "Dead Creek" Picnic, at the Jaycee Pavilion in Heritage Park in Frankenmuth. Time: 6:00 pm (or so) until mid-night. There is a small donation for bratwurst, beer and pop, but you are welcome to bring your own food and drink if you like. This is NOT a "stag" affair. You are welcome to bring family and friends. You will find barbershop harmony fans from Pontiac-Waterford, Rochester, Flint, Saginaw-Bay, Lansing, Grosse Pointe, and maybe other chapters.

Pontiac-Waterford Chapter runs a bus up from Waterford-Oaks Park, and they usually have extra room if we want to ride along. Price of bus is \$10.00 including a tip for the driver. The bus leaves Waterford-Oaks parking lot (2800 Watkins Lake Rd) at 5:30 pm and gets back to Waterford about 11:00 pm. If you want to ride along, get your names to Jack Teuber of Pontiac-Waterford ASAP. On June 14th he still had 12 open seats.

WINDSOR "SEND-OFF" WRAP-UP

Once again Windsor Chapter hosted a fabulous "**Send Off**" Show, as they raised money for our district representatives to attend the international convention and contests. Your editor had conflicting reports as to whether this was the 39th or 40th year Windsor has done this, but it was the second year for the Serbian Center in Windsor. The food was delicious, and the food was served and dishes all cleared in an hour. Then we had the show. Windsor Chapter's *Sun Parlour Chorus* led off. Then Dan Bezaire invited the *Harmony Mercenaries* to join them in three songs. *Checkmate*, our District Senior Champs sang next, followed by the massed chorus (all the barbershoppers present) singing various "pole cat" songs and the two national anthems. Finally, we heard from our international reps. Unfortunately, *Hemidemisemiquaver 4* could not be in attendance due to some last-minute passport difficulty, but *Upper Deck* was able to make a showing with Phil Spencer (of *Tonal Eclipse*) filling in for Jamie Carey. Then *Frontier* show us why they deserved to be both our youth quartet reps and one of our regular quartet reps. Finally, Grand Rapids' *Great Lakes Chorus* was able to show their skills. It was a grand night for singing. If you missed it, all I can say is to get your passports in order and make a note that the second Friday of next June will be the 40th Windsor Send-Off Show. [or is it the 41st?]

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

DOC Picnic: Our chapter picnic will be on Monday, July 17, in place of our regular rehearsal. It will be at the Sylvan Lake Community Center. The address for the Community Center is 2456 Pontiac Dr., Sylvan Lake MI 48320. George Burkett suggests DOC people arrive about 4:00 pm to help set up. He has suggested 5:00 pm for other chapters. Food should be ready about 6:00 pm. Wear your name badges. You may want to bring lawn chairs. Don't forget to invite your "significant other."

Grosse Pointe Picnic: is on Tuesday, July 25, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. The date is a little ways off, so you have time to think about it. The park is at Lakeshore Dr and Moross. The ladies are welcome to attend.