



# HI NOTES



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?

Mon	Apr 16 new>	<b>Practice shifted</b> to Berkley First United Methodist Church; (R.O. Middle School bldg closed.)
Mon	Apr 16 mod>	Board Meeting; Berkley First UMC; 6:30 pm; Chapter members welcome
Fri-Sun	Apr 20-22	Pioneer District Convention & Contest; Grand Rapids; DOC is hosting with Pontiac-Waterford
Wed	Apr 25	Performance; Detroit-Zoo "Senior Day"; arrive @ 10:30 am, sing 11:00-2:00 pm
Mon	May 7	Jug Night @ Royal Oak Middle School "Gathering Place"; regular practice canceled
Sat	May 12	Volunteer @ Oak View Cemetery; clean up around Veterans' graves; 10:00 am-12:00 noon
Mon	May 14	Music Team Meeting; held at Royal Oak Middle School; 6:30 pm
Sat	May 19	Volunteer @ Oak View Cemetery; clean up around Veterans' graves; 10:00 am-12:00 noon
Sat	Jun 2 new>	Tentative Performance; Celebration of the Arts; Royal Oak Middle School Auditorium, 2:30pm

## DETAILS ON UPCOMING EVENTS

**Team Meetings:** Normally, the music team will meet on the first Monday and the board will meet on the third Monday of the month. The meetings are now held in the Music Room at Royal Oak Middle School, starting at 6:30 pm, unless school is closed (as tonight). In that case, meeting will be shifted to designated rehearsal location. If you have something to bring to the board or the music team, talk to Keith Opal and/or John Paul.

**Next Performance:** Our next scheduled chorus function is the district spring contest on Saturday, April 21, 2018, in Grand Rapids.

We have been invited to sing at the **Detroit Zoo** "Senior Day" events; both this spring (April 25) and next fall (September 5, 2018). These are both Wednesdays, with performance times set between 11:00 and 2:00. These are paid performances, so please make every attempt to be there, if you are not working.

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, will be "**Jug Night**" at Royal Oak Middle School. Regular practice will not be held so we can hold this inter-chapter party to raise money for the "jug" fund. The chorus will be expected to sing some songs. The party will be held in the Gathering Place at Royal Oak Middle School.

If you have a potential singing engagement for us, contact Roger Boyer or Keith Opal.

**District Convention and Contest:** Spring Convention is coming up on April 20-22, 2018, in Grand Rapids. The headquarters hotel is the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5700 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546; (616) 957-1770. The contest venue is DeVos Center for the Arts & Worship, Grand Rapids Christian High School, 2300 Plymouth Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. DOC and Pontiac-Waterford are sharing host duties for this convention. Tom Uicker prepared a Convention Handout last week.

**Volunteering in Royal Oak.** Over the last three years, Roger Boyer has arranged for DOC volunteers to clear veteran's grave markers in Oak View Cemetery prior to Memorial Day. Dates this year are May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to noon. No singing necessary. Wives are welcome to help. Garden tools and clothes needed.

**Dates to Watch:** Monday, May 28 is Memorial Day. There will be no chapter meeting that week.  
--Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:30-3:00 pm, we have been asked to perform for **the Royal Oak Celebration of the Arts** at Royal Oak Middle School Auditorium.  
--Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm is **Windsor Send-Off Show**. We want to sing as a chorus if we get enough attending.  
--Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, We are hoping to **sing National Anthem** for ball game at Jimmy John Field in Utica