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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 Jul 19 Board Meeting; Starr Presb. Church, Royal Oak; 6:30 p.m.; chapter members welcome.  
 Sun-Sat Aug 1-8 Harmony University, Missouri Western, St Joseph, MO ("It's like being dipped in Hot Barbershop.")  
 Mon Aug 2 Music Team Meeting; Starr Presb. Church, Royal Oak; 6:30 p.m.  
 Tue-Thu Aug 10-12 new> Harmony Explosion Camp \*for High Schoolers) at Central Michigan University  
 Fri-Sat Aug 20-21 new>"Bush League" (Novice) Quartet Contest and coaching; Gaylord MI  
 Fri-Sun Oct 15-17 Pioneer District Convention & Contest; Grand Rapids, MI; Detroit-Oakland plans to compete.

## 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. If you have something to bring to the board or to the music team, talk to Dave Montera and Jim Kunz respectively.

**Next Performance:** Our next scheduled chorus performance is the fall district contest on October 16, 2010, in Grand Rapids. John Balint is looking for other performance opportunities for us. If you have a potential singing engagement, contact John.

**Fall District Contest--Grand Rapids:** The fall contest is going to be held in Grand Rapids this year (October 15-17, 2010). Headquarters hotel is the Crowne Plaza, 5700 E 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. [Phone is 616-957-1770.] Contest venue is the Forest Hills Fine Arts Auditorium, 600 Forest Hill Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. (Distance between sites is 4-5 miles.) Hotel Reservation and Convention Registration forms are both available at the church or at the district web site, [www.pioneerdistrict.org](http://www.pioneerdistrict.org) Just click on "next convention." You can even register on line.

**Bush League (Novice) Quartet Contest:** Gaylord Chapter runs this Pioneer District event every year. If you have a new quartet (they don't even need to be registered) and you are interested in going through the contest experience, how about giving this a try? Dates are Friday, August 20th, and Saturday, August 21st.

I haven't seen the flier yet for this year, but this was last year's schedule: Friday evening was a Master's class presented by Chordiology. Saturday morning, quartets competed in the Bush League contest with Society certified judges. Saturday afternoon, each quartet had a chance to be coached by the judging and coaching staff. The top three quartets were asked to participate on Gaylord's annual show. Cost for Master's class and coaching was \$50.00 per quartet. For forms check [www.harmoniemeisters.org](http://www.harmoniemeisters.org) or email Erv Erickson at [marshonerv@aol.com](mailto:marshonerv@aol.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you do plan to go to Bush League this summer, and you want the special \$65.00/night room rate at the Quality Inn, you must contact the hotel by tomorrow, July 20th. After tomorrow, the normal scheduled rate will be charged. The phone number for the Quality Inn is (800)734-7540. Tell them you are with the "Bush League - Harmonie Meister" function

## CHAPTER PICNIC WRAP-UP

We began to worry when storm clouds blew up over the area at 2:30, but by 4:00 pm when your editor arrived at Troy's Boulan Park the sun was shining again and a half dozen members were already setting up for our Chapter Picnic. We had reserved a picnic shelter from 4:00 through 10:00 pm. My official head count says we had 92 people in attendance, but I suspect I missed three or four. Of approximately 75 people from DOC, we had 35 members present. This is far better than we have managed in past years. In fact, a majority of our chapter leadership was present. The rest of the group was mainly from Pontiac-Waterford chapter. The ones I saw manning the grille were George Burkett, James MacDonald and Earl Berry. There was plenty of food to be had. I managed to avoid the big push by keeping myself and Randy Wright busy selling raffle tickets.

I thought Dave Montera said we had seven quartets ready to sing for us. I only got the names of six quartets. They were: SnapShot, Today' Special, Northbound Sound (from Macomb and Flint chapters), Natural E (from Pontiac-Waterford), Forum Shoppers, and Night Shift. And, of course, we had the Big Chief Chorus and the Gentlemen Songsters. The singing continued on into the evening.

## HIGH SCHOOL GROUP REQUESTS OUR HELP

As Dave Montera mentioned, at the picnic, a Northville High School boy's singing group has requested financial help to attend the Harmony Explosion Camp at CMU in August. The name of the group is "Backbeat" in case some of you might have heard of them. The camp cost is \$199 per student and there are nine boys in the group, so the bill is close to \$1800. The chapter board is going to discuss this at tonight's board meeting, but Dave also mentioned that he would "pass the hat" at tonight's practice, to get some extra support from our members. If you can help out, any checks should be payable to "Detroit-Oakland Chapter." We are a 501(c)(3) Charitable organization, so any donation is tax deductible if you itemize your taxes.

## ROSTER UPDATED AGAIN (06 July 2010)

There is a brand new roster out on the "members only" web site. Let me know if your information is not up-to-date.