



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)

- Fri-Mon Sep 1-4 Barbershop Gathering; Harrisville (MI) State Park
- Mon Sep 4 Labor Day; no meeting.
- Wed Sep 6 new> Performance @ Detroit Zoo; Senior Day; Arrive at 10:30, sing 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Mon Sep 11 Music Team Meeting; Royal Oak Middle School; 6:30 p.m.
- Mon Sep 18 Board Meeting; Royal Oak Middle School; 6:30 p.m.; chapter members welcome.
- Sat Sep 23 Coaching with Lynne Pierce, voice training in morning, Chorus coaching in afternoon; Berkley First United Methodist Church
- Fri-Sun Oct 20-22 Pioneer District Convention & Contest; Battle Creek, 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. In September, the first Monday is Labor Day, so the music team will meet on September 11th. 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 performance is a repeat performance at the zoo on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Then the fall convention & Contest will be Oct. 20-22, 2017 in Battle Creek. Canada Night is the first Friday in November. I have not heard what the location will be, but DOC is the host chapter. And we have one Christmas performance already scheduled for Thursday, December 14, for the Berkley Senior Luncheon at Farina's. As for our annual show, we are looking at moving the date from February, 2018, to August 11, 2018. If you have a potential singing engagement for us, contact Terry Webner.

**Performance at Detroit Zoo:** We have been asked to sing for the "Senior Day" at the zoo, on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. This is a paid performance for our group. We will be on a portable stage at the main picnic grounds. We have been booked from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Very likely, we will do our 2017 show package (Juke Box Jive) with some of our new songs added in to make a 40 minute package. The outfit will be our new "bowling" casual shirts and blue jeans. Arrive at the zoo gate to enter by 10:30 am. We will likely perform at 11:00, 12:00 and 1:00 pm; performing the same package three times.

**Coaching with Lynne Pierce:** Now that Lynne Pierce is directing a group in Battle Creek on Monday nights, she will not be able to devote as much time to us as we would like, but she did come up with a couple of possible Saturday dates for us. Steve has polled the chorus and we have settled on Saturday, September 23rd, to be the better date for the majority of the chorus. So mark that Saturday, September 23, as a day for chorus coaching with Lynne Pierce. She has agreed to come in the morning of that Saturday, to do some individual vocal training. The chorus coaching will take place that afternoon. (Times are not yet determined.) Further announcements will spell out the actual location and times as well as how you can sign-up for the vocal training. The chorus coaching is mainly for the contest set.

**Fall District Contest--Battle Creek:** The fall contest is going to be held in Battle Creek on October 20-22, 2017. Battle Creek Chapter is our host for this convention. Headquarters hotel is the McCamly Plaza Hotel, 50 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek, MI 49017. The contest venue is WK Kellogg Auditorium. Hotel reservations can be found online (through the Pioneer District website), or you can call the McCamly Plaza at (888) 622-2659. (Mention Pioneer District Barbershopper.) It is not too early to book your room.

Detroit-Oakland's Gentlemen Songsters Chorus plans to compete in the chorus contest. Mike Schulte is not handling the convention registrations. He asks that you do it online through the District web site. The Cut-off date for "early" registrations is October 1, 2017; it can save you \$10.00.

Our two contest songs are "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "Make 'Em Laugh."