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## Dan Signor – miracle worker? well, almost

by Jerry Walter, Editor

Saturday the Burlington Chapter had a “Close Encounter of the Third Kind” in the form of our newest chapter coach, Dan Signor.

In Dan’s first visit to the Green Mountain Chorus, he provided us with musical “encounters” the likes of which some of us had never seen before.

Dan is a middle school teacher and knows just the right tricks and prodding to use with “kids” of our musical maturity in order to get the responses he needs in order to teach.

As many in the past have attempted to do, Dan was, with just a little difficulty, able to get the chorus of 20 anxious singers to sing “pretty,” as our in-chapter coach Steve Janes has said many, many times in the past.

Not only did we sing pretty but we started to sound terrific, as well. As we have heard many times before, in order to sing pretty, we must sing as one voice for each part, just like a quartet. That means we need to do all we can to reproduce sound in the same way. Individual voices are the death knoll of a small chorus.

Dan’s philosophy is much like that of others who have worked “miracles” with other choruses. One, is don’t accept less than the “best” and, two, remember that “yesterday’s 10 is tomorrow’s 9.”

Many of those attending the retreat stayed after to discuss the needs of individuals within the chapter. [If you want to know more of that part of the day, someone will need to write about it.]

## New Meeting Place?

Saturday was also an occasion for those lucky enough to attend our spring retreat to meet and review a potential new meeting place for the Burlington Chapter.

As many of us know, we have been meeting at the south Burlington High School for the last few years since leaving our old “home” at the then Burlington Knights of Columbus Hall in Burlington.

Recently there have been waves of rumors that the school wants to increase our rental rate by about 430%.

The St. Francis Xavier School may be just the place for the future home of the Burlington Vermont Chapter.

If you like reading news on the  
“inside pages” — 2 and 3.  
You might consider submitting  
some material that’s fit to print.  
Thanks...  
The Editor

## DIRECTOR'S

### C O R N E R Great retreat! Now the work begins!

by **Greg Morrill**,  
Musical Director

Great work at the retreat this past Saturday! I was truly amazed at the progress we made from where we started to where we ended up. The good news in my opinion was that Dan really was able to achieve those results without any major adjustments by using some basic reminders! We've heard most of them before, but what a difference when we pay attention to them.

Now, the bad news. In my opinion is that, maintaining the level we achieved Saturday and progressing beyond that, will be a matter of attitude. We showed that when we put our minds to it, we can sing with quality. How can we foster that attitude at every rehearsal and performance? As Dan said, we can't rely on Tuesdays to do the technical drills. Tuesdays should be used to add the emotion and finesse to the performance. We need to use Wednesday through Monday to do the mental and vocal drills necessary. If we can arrive on Tuesdays mentally prepared to sing our best, then this weekend's retreat will have been the best one ever!

## Internet news:

### Undertone now online –

As of March 19, the current issue of *The Undertone* is available on the Internet at our website. At present, back issues have not yet been uploaded, so you will only be able to read one week at a time.

### Web site updated and back on line –

The chapter web site is once again available to all to browse. Thanks to webmaster Rod Rodrigues, a bug was fixed which prevented the html code on the web site from working on the new server recently installed. You may again access the chapter web page at <http://www.nedistrict.org/greenmtn>

Check it out.

The most recent chorus photo, Lowell, has been added. And, while it lacks a little detail, it is at least our most recent photo.

Also updated was the photo and description of the Dreamers.

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## 20 Week Club Results

|       |     |                           |                |
|-------|-----|---------------------------|----------------|
| 12/25 | 3   | Marion Beaulieu           | Dan Venditti   |
| 01/01 | 33  | Carol Henson              | Dick Labrecque |
| 01/08 | 247 | Bob Bouvier               | Dick Labrecque |
| 01/15 | 75  | Donna Walter              | Jerry Walter   |
| 01/22 | 80  | Christina Gonillo         | Ed Bechtel     |
| 01/31 | 211 | Adam Socinski             | Dan Blouin     |
| 02/05 | 244 | Matthew Higgs             | Dale Higgs     |
| 02/12 | 175 | Conrad Hazelton           | Charlie Church |
| 02/19 | 157 | Ray Ouimette              | Charlie Church |
| 02/26 | 70  | Becky Senesac             | Dan Venditti   |
| 03/05 | 81  | Don Goliber               | Dan Blouin     |
| 03/12 | 18  | Walter Fischer            | Ed Bechtel     |
| 03/19 | 219 | Deanna Higgs              | Dale Higgs     |
| 03/26 | —   | No drawing too much snow! |                |



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| April 19-20<br>(Fri. - Sat.)        | - Division Contest<br>Manchester, Connecticut                                       |
| May 3<br>(Friday)                   | - 20 Week Club Banquet<br>South Burlington K of C                                   |
| May 25<br>(Saturday)                | - Montreal's Annual Show  |
| June 1<br>(Saturday)                | - 2002 Annual Show<br>College Days featuring<br>Michigan Jake                       |
| June 8<br>(Saturday)                | - Package Show – Morrisville  |
| July 23<br>(Tuesday)<br>July-August | - Workshop at SBHS<br>Coach - Karen Rourke<br>- Vermont Expos singouts<br>Dates TBD |
| August 10                           | - Package Show – Troy   |
| September 27-8<br>(Fri. - Sat.)     | - Annual Retreat<br>Coach -Gary Bolles<br>Place TBD                                 |

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