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Teach the Children -- a big hit in St. Albans!

by Jerry walter, Editor

Last week the Burlington Chapter and its representative **Green Mountain Chorus** did not hold its regular meeting but traveled to help St. Albans' St. Albans Town Educational Center Third and Fourth Grade Chorus celebrate the great hobby of singing.

The kids under the direction of teacher, Kim Tokarz, presented a half hour program including such school favorites as "These Green Mountains" (Vermont's new state song), "America," "America the Beautiful" and "Mary Has A Little Blues" (well, the others are favorites). We followed with a half hour show by the Green Mountain Chorus and CVQ quartet. The program ended with a joint presentation by the kids and GMC in "Teach The Children To Sing".

A tip of the hat to goes to Chuck Laufer who filled in as director, to CVQ, and to the 29 GMC members who made the trip.

Following the concert we retired to a rehearsal space and worked on the upcoming annual show music.

It's Official - we have a new meeting place

You heard it, we will be meeting in our new meeting and rehearsal space at the St. Francis School in winooski beginning on Tuesday June 4.

This is the same school we held our Spring Retreat in earlier this year. If you don't know where it is – stay tuned. Details in next week's *Undertone*.

Show Info you need to know

by Don Pierce, Chorus Manager

Annual Show Costumes:

The first half of the Annual Show costumes will be reflective of the "College Days" theme. Chorus members are urged to wear clothing which would typify the era during which they would have attended school including reunions. The more colorful the garments, the more visual variety in the stage picture. Avoid loud colors and patterns which would be an audience distraction.

Costumes that come to mind are: racoon coats, bow tie/sweaters, blazers/straight ties/boaters, cap/gown, nerds (engineering and computer

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of the Year

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Charlie Church**

2002 Annual Show order of performance

First Half - College Days

Scene I The Pitch Pipe Pub

The Drinking Song	The Chorus
The Wiffenpoof Song	The Chorus
Singa-Tagga-Daya	The Large Octet
"Tag"	Everyone
We're Working Our Way Through College	CVQ
Oh, You Beautiful Doll	The Chorus

Scene II Fraternity House

Gaudeamus Igitur	The Chorus
Lida Rose	High Voltage
Sweetheart of Sigma Chi	CVQ
My Fraternity Pin	Lake Effect Harmony
Football Hero	High Voltage
Mr. Touchdown USA	The Chorus
Notre Dame Fight Song	The Dreamers
Moments To Remember	The Chorus
Doin' the Racoon	The Chorus
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	The Chorus
Muskrat Ramble	The Chorus
The Halls Of Ivy	The Chorus

Second Half Songs of your life -

Audience favorite chorus songs --- to be announced

Possible Guest quartet!

Featured quartet — 2001 International Champions:

Michigan Jake!

Finale

God Bless America

A Chording 2 Your President

by Jon Villeré, President

More than a few times this week I have found myself engaged in spontaneous silent prayer. Greg and Alice Morrill's special needs at this time were in the forefront. I know I was not alone in these prayers. I am certain that each of our chapter members, at some point in the week, was holding hopeful thoughts for Greg and Alice.

My mind could not help but drift to thoughts of other chorus members currently or recently

facing challenging situations. I reflect on how fortunate we all are to have a group of friends caring about us. The diversity of our membership, with multifarious socioeconomic, educational and work experiences sometimes makes the contrasts more obvious than the similarities. Add to that the different attitudes towards learning, presenting and appreciating barbershop music and it's no wonder that we

sometimes feel that we are pulling in opposing directions.

Unison singing can be very beautiful but it is not until we mix different notes that we produce the beautiful harmonies that are unique to barbershop. So with this thought I suggest that we revel in our manifold skills and personalities. When we come together we symbiotically produce a greater good. When a group comes together in prayer, miracles can happen.

Schedule for show

May 31 -

4:00 p.m. - load into SBHS

7:00 p.m. - tech rehearsal for all chorus and quartet members

June 1 -

noon - warm-up

2:00 p.m. - first show

6:30 p.m. - warm-up

8:00 p.m. - second show

10:30 p.m. - Afterglow at Champlain College (same place as last year – Hauke Hall)

June 2 -

12:15 a.m. - After, Afterglow? Place TBD (Applications currently being accepted - see C. Church)

Show stuff

from page 1 (science students), rich boys, jocks, cheer leaders, prom night tuxedos, bartenders, waiters, etc., etc. Quartets might think about wearing matching or complimentary outfits. Everyone should use their own

imagination and plan to have fun! Sorry - no jeans and T shirts.

The second half will be the same as the recent contest - see Tif if you're missing parts/pieces - remember, someone left a pair of tux trousers in Manchester. For those of short memory, the uniform is black tuxedo pants, black shoes and socks, white tuxedo shirt, paisley vest and tie and white tuxedo jacket.

Just Released

by Tommy Spirito

A collector's edition CD of "The Four Rascals ... a journey in song that began when they were too young to drive" has just been released. The Four Rascals will be remembered as one of the Northeastern District's favorite quartets.

The "Rascals" were second place medalists in Boston in 1965 and again in Chicago in 1966. No

small feat for four baritones that sang their way into the hearts of thousands. The quartet that never won the gold, but never lost an audience, has remastered many of the songs that have become barbershop classics.

To order, send \$17.00 (includes shipping and handling) to:

Tommy Spirito
534 Augusta Boulevard
St. Moritz E204
Naples FL 34113

[Tommy was the lead baritone of the Rascals and filled in as lead for the Boston Common when Rich Knapp was unavailable.]

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Thanks!

by **Greg Morrill**,
Musical Director

Thanks for your cards, flowers, prayers, and support during Alice's surgery and hospital stay. Both she and I really appreciate it. Alice will be in the hospital until this Saturday, May 25. During this week we'll meet with the Oncologist who will be responsible for her chemotherapy so your continued prayers and support are appreciated.

Alice did want me to pass along a health tip based on her experience: if you're over 50 and haven't had a colonoscopy, go get one! Even if insurance won't cover it, it may be worth the investment. She had a sigmoid 16 months ago which came back clean, but the sigmoid doesn't reach the part of the colon where her cancer originated. While we're not sure a colonoscopy would have detected the cancer 16 months ago, knowing what we do today, it's not worth taking the chance.

On more happy matters. Thanks to everybody who made last Tuesday a success! Especially to Chuck for taking charge.

We have two Tuesdays left before the show so we'd better be out-of-spots on all the show songs! We

have no more time to spend learning, we now must practice the show! If there are still some you're not sure of, use the learning tapes!

Montreal show features Metropolis!

This Saturday the Greater Montreal Chapter will present their Annual Show "Just an Old Fashioned Love Song" featuring the 2001 sixth place quartet finalist, **Metropolis**, and the 1996 Far Western District Champions.

The group members have served as section leaders of the MASTERS OF HARMONY and were part of the history making performances in Salt Lake City in 1996 and Anaheim in 1999 that garnered the Masters their third and fourth consecutive International Chorus Championships.

The show will be held at Salle Claude Champagne of Université de Montréal beginning at 8:00 p.m. Canadian time. For further information see their web site at:

<http://www.nedistrict.org/Montreal/Show2002.htm> [No spaces, but do observe capitalization following ".org". Ed.]

The web site has additional information such as directions and contacts. Tickets? Contact Alan Kenley: (514) 341-7171 or (514) 483-6140 or by email or Murray Phillips: (514) 993-4673 or by email



May 25 (Saturday)	- Montreal's Annual Show Just An Old Fashioned Love Song See article this page for more
June 1 (Saturday)	- 2002 Annual Show College Days featuring Michigan Jake See page 1
June 4 (Tuesday)	- Meeting at St. Francis School Winooski - See page 2 for details
June 6 (Thursday)	- Music Team Meeting Waterbury Place TBD 7:00
June 8 (Saturday)	- Package Show - Morrisville Details next week
June 18 (Tuesday)	- No meeting see next item below
June 19 (Wednesday)	- Mini Retreat @ St. Francis Coach - Dan Signor
June 25 (Tuesday)	- Singout - Eagle Crest Blair Park, Williston Warm up 6:30
July 1-7 (Mon. - Sun.)	- International Convention Portland, Oregon
July 2 (Tuesday)	- No meeting
July 20 (Saturday)	- National Anthem - Vermont Expos Time TBD
July 23 (Tuesday)	- Mini Retreat Coach - Karen Rourke
August 10 (Saturday)	- Package Show Troy, Vermont
August 15 (Thursday)	- National Anthem Vermont Expos

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