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NEC & Road Show on to Montréal!

CVQ qualifies for NED District Contest

by Jerry Walter, Editor

Peabody, MA- Last Saturday NED's now famous quartet, Northeast Connection, won the right, for the fifth consecutive year, to represent the Northeastern District in the International Quartet Contest this July in Montréal. Also qualifying in the International Preliminary Quartet Contest was Road Show, for the third consecutive year.

Burlington's CVQ competed in the Patriot Division contest and qualified for the district quartet contest in Saratoga Springs this October. [See sidebar.]

Mountain Division's quartet South Side, of Montréal, finished fourth and also qualified for the Fall contest.

In the combined chorus contest, Portland won the Granite and Pine Division contest for a second straight year with upstart Harnover, under the direction of our coach, Dan Signor, moved up three places to take second.

In the Patriot Division, Concord, Massachusetts, under the direction of coach, Karen Rourke, took the gold for the second straight year.

See **Weekend** over

CVQ qualifies

CVQ drove to Peabody, Massachusetts Saturday morning to compete in the Patriot Division quartet contest in order to qualify for the Northeast District competition in the fall. Friday night was the Granite and Pine division quartet contest and the International preliminaries. Since our goal was to qualify for the District competition, we only had to sing once and were given the choice of the Saturday afternoon contest after the Eastern Regional chorus contest. Got all that?

We competed in the Eastern Regional contest because our own Western Division contest falls on April 4th and 5th, when CVQ is performing in the Barre Players production of The Music Man. Our plan is to sing with the chorus Saturday afternoon and drive back for the show. Show dates at the Barre Opera House are April 4, 5, 6 and 11, 12, 13.

Charlie, Neil, Chuck and Brian

GMC sings Sunday at Mount Mansfield Union High School

by Reid Allen, YMIH Chair

Don't forget that the Green Mountain Chorus is singing in a concert at Mount Mansfield Union High School on Sunday March 23, as a part of their music program's concert.

The high school's men's chorus will be singing two barbershop arrangements and the GMC will join them in singing "Hello, Mary Lou" after which we will sing two numbers, most likely our two contest numbers, "Roses of Picardy" and "Goodbye, Dixie, Goodbye."

The uniform will be white tux shirt, black tux trousers., black shoes/socks, and paisley vest/bow tie.

At press time, it is not clear yet as to the time we should arrive for warm-up nor what space we should assemble in. However, Reid Allen has reported that we will be singing around 2:30 and should plan to arrive about 1:00. The school opens at 12:30.

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Other side

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Membership update

by Reid Allen, Development VP

GENTLEMEN: I have been looking over the notes and documents of the past membership chairmen and I am amazed at what has been tried to increase membership in this Chapter. Who can remember "Operation Harold Hill" and other such attempts at generating interest in singing with our group?

I have copies of letters to potential members, notes to the Board and Music Committee, etc. Looks as if everything imaginable has been tried at least once. Where do we go from here? What can we do? Whose responsibility is it? We know what can be done with a larger chorus, we have been there. We can be there again.

The Membership VP can only motivate all of us to look for and invite other singers to visit with us on a Tuesday evening and experience what we do. What motivated you to come to the GMC Tuesday night to see what we were all about? Who can you entice to do the same thing?

Maybe we should plan a formal guest night or two..Maybe we should hope that the other guy will bring someone in, or that guys will just see in the paper that we have a rehearsal on Tuesdays and come walking in. Not likely!

Our first push will be to approach singers from local church choirs. Observe and listen within your own church, or ask other church goers about voices they like.

Start now, we will formalize a special program if one is needed. Your personal contact is invaluable. Will you commit to this effort?



Directions to MMU HS

From Burlington or the West – Take Vermont 15 from Essex Junction to Jericho, just past Joe's Snack Bar go straight on to Lee River Road. Continue to Browns Trace Road., turn left. The High School is up the hill on the right.

From Montpelier Area – Take Interstate 89 to the Richmond, Exit 11, turn right, take the first right (Gov. Peck Rd), follow Gov. Peck Road to Browns Trace Road, turn left and continue to High School. About 5 miles from I89.

Weekend from front

In other *a cappella* news, Northeast Connection also competed in the Boston Regional, 19th Harmony Sweepstakes and finished in second place just ahead of a Sweet Adelines' quartet From the Edge. The winning group was a mixed non-barbershop quartet -- All About Buford.

In another Sweepstakes in Chicago, the barbershop quartet Nightwatch won the regional contest and the right to compete in the finals on May 3, 2003

CORRECTION

The list of top sellers of Singing Valentines omitted Reid Allen's contribution.

Jerry Walter	8*
Reid Allen	7
Margaret Bartholomew	7
Heather Anderson	6*
Rick Bunning	6
Susan Culbert	6
Dick Labrecque	6
Irene Knight	4
Don Pierce	4
Deb Bouvier	3
Deb Drury	3

20 Week Club Winners

Date	No	Winner	Seller
12/10	219	Deana Higgs	D. Higgs
12/17	101	Murielle Rugg	D. Blouin
1/07	225	Carol Hathaway	E. Bechtel
1/14	136	Virginia Charlotte	D. Labrecque
1/21	129	Arletta Allen	A. Allen
1/28	222	Terry Bechtel	E. Bechtel
2/04	119	Bob Goudreau	D. Brochu
2/11	231	Randy-Kay Lavalley	E. Bechtel
2/18	209	Rick Kotulak	J. Walter
2/25	222	Terry Bechtel	E. Bechtel
3/04	43	Corrine Bissonette	J. Walter
3/11	65	John Huetz	J. Huetz



March 22 (Saturday)	-- Nashua NH Annual Show Nashua, NH 7:30 features Revival 1998 Champs For ticket info see email tickets@granitestatesmen.org
March 23 (Sunday)	-- Young Men In Harmony Mount Mansfield High School
April 4 - 5 (Fri. - Sat.)	-- Western Region Contest/ Convention - Troy, New York
May 2 (Friday)	-- 20 Week Club Banquet S. Burlington K of C
May 3 (Saturday)	-- Saratoga Springs Show 1:30 and 7:30 Featuring The Boston Contact - Bill Pupkis wrpupkis@nycap.rr.com
May 31 (Saturday)	-- 55th Annual Show Featuring 2002 Champs Four Voices
June 6 (Friday)	-- Package Show Morrisville, VT
June 22 (Sunday)	-- Package Show Tunbridge, VT
June 25 (Wednesday)	-- Mini Retreat - Dan Signor
June 29 -- July 6	-- 2003 International Convention and Contest MONTREAL! Sign up now!
July 27-August 3	--Harmony College St. Joseph , Missouri Sign up now!