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SARS not to nix Convention

by John T. Schneider, Jr., Managing Director of Conventions and Events and Staff Counsel, SPEBSQSA

KENOSHA - (April 24) The message from Joel W. Braun below gives me the perfect opportunity to reply and provide information to all of you and I would ask that you disseminate this information as widely as you like; including through the Harmonet.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta today, at a nationally broadcast news conference, said that it is **not** putting Toronto nor Canada on a "travel alert" or even a "travel advisory" status at this point in time. They have investigated the outbreak in Toronto (several hundred miles from Montreal) and are able to pinpoint every single reported case of SARS to one specific family or group that had traveled to China. Once the SARS was identified, there has been no spreading of the disease from normal everyday contact in Toronto.

Please rest assured that I am watching this situation very, very closely. I'm going to Montreal next Thursday and will report back then if there is any further information.

Please tell everyone who will listen that there have been **no reported** cases of SARS in Montreal or even in the province of Quebec. At this point in time it would be virtually impossible to move this convention to another city and can-

celing the convention is not in our vocabulary at this point in time. We'll watch things very carefully and make decisions based on the best interests of our Society members. Thanx for listening.

John Schneider

Joel W. Braun's email:

To: Info@Harmony-Travel
Subject: Re: SPEBSQSA - Harmony Travel April 2003

Speaking about travel...what is the current thinking about the terrible SARS problem in Canada - especially when many of us are planning to go to the International Competition in Montreal? I know the SARS problem is heavily in the Toronto area, but I've heard news programs suggesting that no one travel to Canada until this is fully under control - and who knows when that will be. What is your position?

Joel W. Braun



20 Week Club dinner/drawing this Friday!

by Dick Labrecque, 20 Week Club Chair

Don't forget -- the final drawings for the 20 Week Club will be made at the member's dinner this Friday.

The location is the same as the last several years, the South Burlington Knights of Columbus Hall, Berard Drive, South Burlington. It's just off of AirPort Parkway (goes around the west end of the airport) and can be reached from the North from Lime Kiln Road at St. Michael's or from the South from White Street off of Williston Road.

Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:45. BYOB we provide setups, ice and soda. Members (20 Week Club number holder) - FREE, guests \$13.50.

Remember the chorus will be singing, so come around 7:45 even if you don't eat dinner.

Uniform is khaki pants, red/white shirt, green sweater, black shoes and socks.

Backside

Men in Black college winners
Montreal Volunteers needed!
20 Week Club Winners
Coming Events

Men in Black win NED College Quartet

by *Todd Lamson, NED VP YMIH*

With the passing of the registration deadline for the Sunrise Division Contest and no new entries to the College Quartet Competition in that area, the University of Hartford's **Men In Black** will represent the Northeastern District in the international college quartet competition on our own turf in Montreal.

This is their second time representing this District there, and with our support are poised for an amazing showing that we all will be tremendously proud of. They have already been taking advantage (as well as other college quartets in the District - visit the YMIH page on the NED Website in the upcoming months to view contact information for all of them!) of the sponsored coaching opportunities that the NED CBQC Committee offer.

Now we have the task of supporting these starving college students financially on their way to Montreal. We need enough money to provide them with housing and travel expenses:

Estimated housing cost: \$1350
Estimated travel expenses: \$100
Total estimated cost: \$1450

If any extra support can be raised for them it will go for specific functional assistance for them to be exposed as well as possible to the International Convention experience such as the AIC Show, World Harmony Jamboree, etc.

Please email me with any 'pledges' of support for MIB. I will forward you the address to mail to and other information (if needed). I know this District is so excited about involving youth in Barber-shop Harmony. Let's make this experience in their "hometown" an incredible one!

CONVENTION NEWS: Volunteers needed!

by *Alan Kenley, Chairman - Volunteers*

As you know the Barbershopping community is coming to Montreal for the 65th SPEBSQSA International Convention and Contest which begins on June 29, 2003.

There are many jobs to be done throughout the week and we will need up to 400 volunteers to make this the most successful convention ever. We are currently looking for an additional 100 volunteers to meet our staffing requirements.

Most jobs will only require a few hours of work in 4-6 hour shifts while others will require several days of commitment.

If any of your chapter members are planning to attend the Convention we would really appreciate their help.

Would you be kind enough to print the attached Volunteer registration Forms and ask those that are coming to Montreal if they would commit to a minimum of a four hour shift on the day or days and times of their choosing. Then complete the forms and email, snail mail or fax the completed documents to me as soon as possible.

Those who commit themselves to crowd control at the doors will get to see the contests by being inside the the Bell Center. They will not need to be registered in order to see the contest they are working at. This may be of interest to any spouses who are not registered.

Anyone who commits to a minimum of a four hour shift will receive a fabulous Montreal 2003 Volunteer shirt that they will be proud to wear.

On behalf of the Greater Montreal Chapter, I thank you for helping us with this extremely important request and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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
3/18	18	Walter Fisher	E. Bechtel
3/25	140	Pat Bates	G. Brunell
4/01	116	Andre Blouin	D. Blouin
4/08	74	Michael Blouin	D. Blouin
4/15	34	Pat Sabalis	T. Crowell
4/22	21	John Zweighaft	J. Zweighaft



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 Common 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 7:00 p.m. St. Francis School
June 29 - July 6	--	2003 International Convention and Contest MONTREAL! Sign up now!
July 11 (Friday)	--	National Anthem Vermont EXPOS Warm up 6:30
July 27-August 3	--	Harmony College St. Joseph, Missouri Sign up now!
August 1 (Friday)	--	National Anthem Vermont EXPOS Warm up 6:30
August 8-10 (Fri. - Sun.)	--	Harmony College NE