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“chorus” sings at flag raising!

by Jerry Walter, Editor



Photo : Jerry Walter

“The chorus” prepares to sing “God Bless America, two Sunday’s ago at Burlington Fire Station No. 3 in celebration of the replacement of the American Flag not flown since 1992.

BURLINGTON -- Sunday May 18, a dedicated Very Large Quartet was mentioned as “the chorus” in an article in *The Burlington Press* describing the raising of the U.S. Flag at Burlington Fire Station No. 3 on Mansfield Ave.

Eight past and present members of the Burlington Chapter made time in their early Sunday morning (8:15) sched-

ules to gather for the solemn ceremony of replacing the flag and honoring deceased members of Station No. 3, including Scott Allen, father of Reid and Don Allen.

Singers were Andy Buchanan, Don Allen, Reid Allen, Denis Brochu, Charlie Church, Gary Gile, Jerry Huetz and Jerry Walter.

Annual Show Update:

by Jerry Walter, Editor

General Information -

Please be reminded that we still have tickets to sell for the show. Don't let up promoting their sale for both the 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. shows this Saturday!

Performers - Call times for Saturday are 12 noon for the 2:00 show and 6:30 for the 8:00 show.

Costumes - First half - “A Salute to The Buffalo Bills,” casual or formal wear, coordinating in groups of four (quartets) within the chorus.

second half - “Presenting Our Future,” black tuxedo pants, white tuxedo shirt, paisley vest and bow tie, black shoes and socks.

Playbill - Please see page 3 or the separate handout for the sequence of the songs and performers.

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Music Team Report - May, 2003

The Music Team last met on 5/6/03 at St. F.X. The following are salient points from that meeting.

1. To compliment the 2004 "Mardi Gras / Jazz / New Orleans" segment of annual show, the Music Team has recommend to the Board that we have a jazz band (similar to the 1993 annual show - "Dixie Magic). Rationale - a jazz band would enormously enhance this theme and will draw additional audience. At it's 5/14/03 meeting, the Board surprisingly took no action on this request. The Music Team would appreciate chapter member input with regard to a jazz band.

Were a jazz band to participate, would you favor a rofessional or high school group?

2. All music and learning tapes have been ordered for the 2004 show and will be distributed in early June. We will have dual themes (Jazz and Songs of Inspiration). The first song to be learned ("Battle Hymn of the Republic") will kick-off at the June 3rd Guest Night.

3. We reviewed the status of the 2003 Annual Show - all songs are still doable but we're still encountering difficulty on "Happy Days", "Buffalo Bills Medley", "So High..." & "Sam". An action plan was put in place to salvage the Medley after the horrendous presentation at 20 Week Club. Daily learning tape usage by all chapter members will help solve. The line-up will be changed for the show to accommodate singers that have joined us recently and to fix other "opportunities". The show Tech Rehearsal be on May31st at 9:30 a.m.; "techies" will start their work at 7:00 a.m. Audio visual equipment rental projected at \$329 plus \$80 shipping - the Music Team and Board are looking for assistance in finding a much less expensive alternative. The show artistic director (Chuck Laufer) has suggested that all chapter members be dressed in quartet style in first half and employing 50's/60's type dress.

4. One year and five year Music Team goals have deferred until Board holds its long awaited planning session. However, the Music Team isn't going to wait any longer. Chapter member's input with regard to chapter musical goals will be appreciated.

5. We're still looking at the Bill Rashleigh request for a ride back from Montreal. Reid is coordinating.

6. The Team started work on the summer Package Shows, identifying participating quartets, and working on scripting, MC's, & technical issues. The first show is on Friday, June 6th in Morrisville.

7. Pat Heise is experimenting with riser stools in an effort to attain a consistent, balanced chorus sound. The effort will be reviewed at the next Team meeting. Chapter members currently resorting to chairs are urged to try out a riser stool.

8. Date and Time of next meeting: Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 P.M. at the State complex in Waterbury. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted by:

C. Church - Music & Perf. VP, 5/20/03

The Burlington Vermont Chapter Barbershop Harmony society presents

Master of Ceremonies -- Bob Hothem

First half -- A Salute to the Buffalo Bills

"Happy Days are Here Again"*	Chorus
"Buffalo bills Medley"*	Chorus
"Alexander's Ragtime Band"	Chorus
The Buffalo Bills Honored	SPEBSQSA Video
"Roses of Picardy"	Chorus
"Goodbye, Dixie, Goodbye"	Chorus
"Together, Wherever We Go"*	The Dreamers
"With Plenty of Money and You"*	High Voltage
"Fit as a Fiddle"	Charisma
"Ice cream/Sincere"	CVQ
"Lida Rose/Will I Ever Tell You"	High Voltage/Charisma
Remembrances (Evening show)	Bill Reed
"So High, So Low, So Wide"*	Chorus
"Without A Song"*	CVQ
"Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long"*	Chorus
"That Lucky Old sun"* (featuring Charlie Cerutti)	Chorus
"Happy Days Are Here Again"*	Chorus

Second Half -- Presenting Our future

Green Mountain Chorus

"Muskrat Ramble"

Mount Mansfield Union High School Men's Chorus

Two Selections

The Half steps

Two Selections

Combined Choruses and The Half Steps

"Hello, Mary Lou"

2002 International Champions: Four Voices

Finale "God Bless America" Choruses and quartets

DIRECTOR'S

C "Signs of good things to
O come"

by Greg Morrill, Musical Director

R Congratulations to all those who
N made the early singout two weeks
E ago. You did a great job. As I men-
R tioned afterward at rehearsal, the
performance had great energy and
good singing (particularly from the awe-
some bass section). The fact that the
performance featured many of the new
songs for this year's show is a good sign,
I believe.

If we can keep the energy we had last
Tuesday and add some finesse such as a
wider dynamic volume range, we can
make this year's annual show a real win-
ner!

So with only three days left until the
show, keep listening to the tapes. Try to
find some time every day to review the
music.



Convention News:

Volunteers from the Burlington area!

As of May 6, the following names
and areas assigned have been
submitted (an update will follow next
week):

Reid Allen	unassigned
Heather Anderson	Ladies Hospitality
Denis Brochu	unassigned
Charlie Church	Judges
Harold Grevatt	Auditorium House
Jerry Huetz	unassigned
John Huetz	unassigned
Don Pierce	unassigned
Dianne Potvin	unassigned
Jerry Walter	Daily Bulletin Editor

Some of those listed as "unassigned"
may have subsequently been assigned.

Welcome: Mike LeMay!

by Dick Labrecque

A hearty welcome to our newest mem-
ber Mike LeMay! Mike lives in
Montpelier and is already familiar to
many as the lead of central Vermont's
newest quartet, Grede A Fancy.

He brings to six the number of mem-
bers hailing from central Vermont.

Mike and his wife Sherry live in
Montpelier. His email is
mwleamay@adelphia.net.

Mo Cerutti, gets a man of note
award for discovering Mike.

Afterglow news

by Reid Allen

The Afterglow this year will be at the
Burlington Elks Lodge, North Avenue.
We will have a cold buffet: assorted
cold cuts, cheese, sandwich rolls, po-
tato salad, lettuce salad and a few other
items. Cash bar.

It is important that you let me know
how many tickets at \$7.50 that you will
need so that I can plan accordingly.

I expect about 100 or so, but will
need to be pretty accurate. We will al-
low for a few unexpected walk-ins, but
hope that will be a minimum.

See me, call me, email me, but let
me know asap.

Membership renewal: You've got mail!

Wondering where your membership
renewal notice is? Look in your e-mail
inbox.

First notices for membership re-
newal are sent via e-mail only, if you
have an e-mail address on record with
the Society. (This is one of the reasons
it's important to keep your member-
ship information up to date. Please use
Members Only on the Society web
page: <http://www.spebsqsa.org>)

Second notices, issued about a
month later, are sent regular mail
through the postal service.



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| May 31
(Saturday) | -- 55th Annual Show
Featuring 2002 Champs
Four Voices |
| June 3
(Tuesday) | -- Guest Night
All guests welcome! |
| 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 |
| September 19-20
(Fri. - Sat.) | -- Fall Retreat place TBD
Coach - Gary Bolles |
| October 24-25
(Fri. - Sat.) | -- NED Convention and
Contest -- Saratoga
Springs, NY |
| December 7
(Sunday) | -- Elks Memorial Service
Warm up 12:30 |
| December ? | -- Annual Holiday Show
2004 |
| January ? | -- Installation Banquet |
| February 14
(Saturday) | -- Singing Valentines |