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Rob Henry joins his Lord after bout with cancer!

by Jerry Walter, Editor,
as found on the Internet



**Rob
Henry**
6/21/61-
9/4/03

**Goodbye
and
God Bless**

ST. PETERS, MO. -- Last Thursday morning at 11:14, God called Rob Henry, baritone of The Gas House Gang, home after a short battle with cancer of the esophagus diagnosed in early June.

Brother Jim, bass of GHG, sent the following note to the Harmonet: "Rob's pastor Eric Derks had just said a prayer with Rob, and Rob's nurse Mike happened over just at that moment to check up on him. The two of them, Mom, Sue, Geda (my wife) and I were all here with Rob and held his hand as he left us. That was a blessing. Lots of family and friends have been by to pay respects. It is a sad day, but we have so much to rejoice about.

Rob's beautiful voice was matched by his beautiful spirit. He was a wonderful son, brother, husband, dad, grandson, uncle, and friend. Most importantly we rejoice because Rob has now seen the face of Jesus, and he is cradled in God's arms. He can sing again and walk again. And he and our dad are back together again. I'll bet they've been singing all morning. There are no words to express the depth of appreciation we feel for all of you, our friends, who have prayed and sent messages of support these past few months. This is a difficult time, but you have eased our burden more than you'll ever know."

Rob was just 42 and had spent the last 16 years of his life singing with the 1993 International Champion Quartet The Gas House Gang. They sang on our 1992 and 1998 (fiftieth) Annual Shows.

Rob was a former boy scout, veteran of the U.S. Army and was last employed as a mortgage broker at American Nationwide Mortgage, in St. Peters.

Look for additional articles on Rob and GHG in the next edition. Ed.

Singout and meeting at Wake Robin next Tuesday!

by Reid Allen

Next Tuesday we will not be meeting at St. Francis School. Instead we will be meeting at Wake Robin in Shelburne at 6:30 for warm up for an early bird singout followed by our regular meeting there about 7:30.

Uniform will be the red/white striped shirts, khaki pants, black shoes and socks. We shouldn't need sweaters unless there is frost!

Directions to Wake Robin are from the south: take US route 7 north to the light just before the Shelburne Museum, turn left on Bostwick road; go about one mile to Wake Robin entrance on the left, go up the drive to the second right and turn **right** into the main parking lot. We will be in the large building on the west side of the parking lot.

From the north take US route 7 south towards Shelburne. Just past the center of Shelburne Village and the museum entrance turn right at the light on to Bostwick Road. See above for final directions.

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Great start!

by Greg Morrill, Director

I've asked Jerry to include some of the charts I used last week in my chalkboard session. To recap, the chart reflects the third through fifth place scores at District for the past three years. The GMC line is our score at Division. Now, I recognize comparing scores isn't a science, but it does indicate that (a) third through fifth place scores have been relatively consistent; and (b) we're in striking distance of that level. Our scoring level is at the bottom of the B level and we need to move up to a solid B score (65-70) to achieve our goal.

**Board of Directors meeting
Tomorrow 9/10/03
Shaw's Supermarket
7:30
All invited!**



September 10 -- Board of Directors meeting
(Wednesday) Shaw's Colchester store
7:30 All welcome!

September 16 -- Early Singout Wake Robin
(Tuesday) Shelburne 6:30
See page 1 for details

September 19-20 -- Fall Retreat Lone Pine
(Fri. - Sat.) Campground
Coach - Gary Bolles

September 20 -- Champlain Echoes Show
(Saturday) Flynn Space, Burlington
2 and 8 p.m. featuring
'Round Midnight

September 27 -- Barre-Tones Show
(Saturday) Barre Opera House

October 24-25 -- NED Convention and
(Fri. - Sat.) Contest -- Saratoga
Springs, NY

December 2 -- First 20 Week Club
(Tuesday) Drawing (Tentative)

December 6 -- Annual Holiday Show
(Saturday) (Tentative)

December 7 -- Elks Memorial Service
(Sunday) Warm up 12:30

December 14 -- Vergennes Holiday Show
((Sunday) 4:30 p.m.
Vergennes Opera House
(Tentative)

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January ? -- Installation Banquet

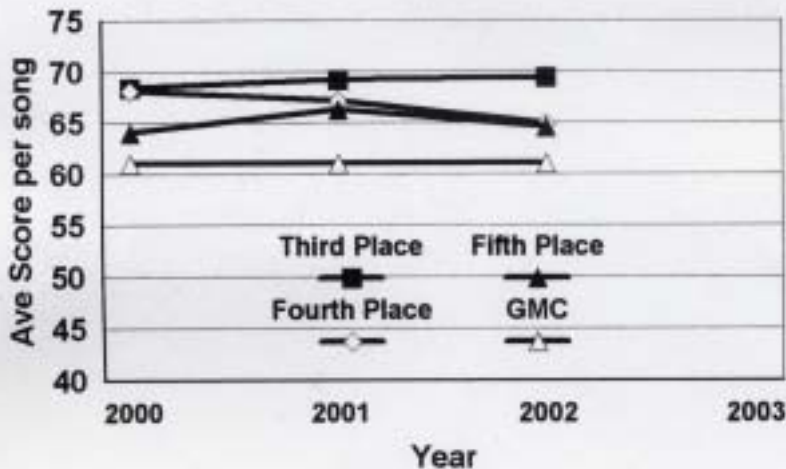
January 31 -- Great Northern Harmony
(Saturday) Workshop, Montréal
with Uptown Sound

February 14 -- Singing Valentines
(Saturday)

March 19-20 -- NED Prelims, VLQ and
(Fri. - Sat.) Western Division
Contests, Albany area

April 16 -- 20 Week Club Banquet
(Friday) (Tentative)

NED Chorus Scores



As I mentioned also, one of the key terms on the judges' sheet that differentiates between a low B and a mid to upper B is "consistency." We have moments where we probably approach A-level, but we also have moments where we demonstrate C-level singing. To move our score up we must eliminate the weaker spots and more consistently maintain the higher level. An example from last week's rehearsal occurred on *Roses of Picardy*. After reviewing the first phrase of that song, we sang it at a level that I believe exceeded 70! However as soon as we sang past that phrase to material we hadn't reviewed as diligently, the level dropped! Over the coming weeks we need to bring the rest of the song up to the level of that first phrase.

As we progress through the songs hopefully achieving that higher level, it will behoove each of us to do some work between rehearsals. If we end up fixing the same things week-to-week, we won't achieve our goal, but if we can build week-to-week, we will!

End of Summer Bash/ Singout: Ron & Stacy Clarke's

This Saturday, Ron and Stacy Clarke, will be hosting an end of summer celebration. It might also be a chance for Ron to scope out any tenors attending. In any event, all are invited to have one last fling. Bring what you wish to share, as well what you don't wish to share and assemble around 7:30 p.m. at 128 Lori Lane in Burlington. Bring your instrument!

From the Burlington area take North Avenue, north of the beltway and past the Elks (Aferglow site) to the next traffic light, turn slightly right on to Ethan Allen Parkway. Go about 0.9 mile to Gazo Avenue on the left. Turn left and go about 0.2 mile to Randy Lane, turn right and go one block to a T at Lori Lane, turn left and go to number 128 near the end of the cul de sac on the right.

Come join in the fun and sing until you drop.