



# The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947  
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## Singing Valentines Kicks Off Tonight!!

Everyone agrees that the Singing Valentines Program that the Chorus does each year in conjunction with the Echoes is the single most important singing performance we do outside the Annual Show. It has a huge potential impact on bringing in new members, increasing public awareness of our presence in the community, and, of course, our financial health. However, anyone who has gotten involved will tell you that the reason they love doing it is that it is so much FUN! Seeing the expressions on the faces of the recipients, and the joy of the coworkers in the workplaces is priceless.

This year Valentines Day is on Monday, February 14, 9am to 9pm and will be an ideal time to deliver Valentines in the places of business where they are often sent. Singing Valentines will cost \$40 just as last year, and include a Quartet(either men's or ladies'), flower, candy, and a card from the sender.

**START SELLING NOW!!-GET FLYERS FROM JERRY WALTER.**

**BARBERSHOP  
HARMONY SOCIETY**

## House Of Delegates Meeting Report by John Zweighaft, Chapter Delegate

Every district in the Barbershop Harmony Society has a House Of Delegates (HOD) to set rules and regulations for the district. The HOD consists of representatives from each chapter in the district. It's a good forum for chapters to have a say in what happens in their district and for delegates to report back to chapters on district activities. Delegates also enjoy singing and socializing with other delegates. This year's first North-east District meeting was at the Chapter Officer Training School (COTS) in Conway, NH on February 8.

Before the meeting I had some time to chat with Al Cassidy from the Pittsfield Berkshire Hillsmen Chorus. He knew Burlington had finished fifth in the district and told me, "we are chasing you." I say be proud of last fall's finish - people notice. Remember we can't let up. There are many others that would like to take our place. The HOD meeting started with *The Old Songs*, *The Star Spangled Banner*, and *O Canada*. The routine business votes were taken by singing an (See HOD, p.2)

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“Aye” or “Nay” chord. After much debate a proposal to require senior quartets to qualify at division contests was amended and passed. This will be hard on snow bird quartets but with the seniors’ quartet competition now scheduled with the district quartet championship the change is needed to prevent too many quartets from singing on Friday nights at districts.

Other actions of interest were: • The house defeated a proposal to make the current division chorus champions ineligible to repeat. • Eligibility for college quartets was changed to allow quartets leaving college competition to use college scores in lieu of division scores to qualify for district competition. Without the change college quartets entering the society would have to wait over a year to compete. • District dues for 50 year members were eliminated. • Our own Jerry Walter told the delegates about possible *Nor’easter* changes. Jerry is thinking of publishing more frequently than 4 times a year. He asked for comments and suggestions. • An update was presented for the Halifax convention. It included estimated transportation costs by car, coach, air and ferry. (Sorry Mike H, no train costs supplied.) See me if you want a copy. • Todd Lamson made a pitch for the district “Youth Activities Fund.” This fund supports youth activities throughout the district with the exception of the Harmony Explosion camp in August. Donations to this fund count with chapter charitable contributions to the Harmony Foundation but are spent entirely within the district. ~~Rep districts~~ were received from several other committee chairmen. I have

copies for anyone interested. The meeting closed with *Teach the Children to Sing* and *Keep the Whole World Singing* led by Jim Dodge. The next meeting will be at the Harmony Explosion camp in August.

## **OOPS!-Correction**

Last week I failed to mention that Special Achievement awards were given to Pat Heise and to Charlie Church at the Installation banquet by President Dick Labrecque for their considerable contributions to our success in 2004—Congratulations Pat and Charlie, you are the *Power Couple* of the Green Mountain Chorus!!

## **CVQ and Grade A Fancy Spice Up Pot Luck in Berlin-**

On Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, members of the Chorus sang at a pot luck supper in Berlin at the Church of Latter Day Saints. Dave Stonecliffe and the Cerutti family are members of the congregation, and convinced the Chorus to make the trip down the Interstate. Wild game dishes as well as more traditional fare were featured and the performance was well received by the enthusiastic crowd. CVQ and Grade A Fancy were featured quartets.

## **New Chapter Rosters—**

New chapter rosters are available tonight - feel free to take one for home and one for the office. Updates to your listing can be given (See **Rosters**, p.3)

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to Charlie Church, Address changes should go to chapter secretary Dave Stonecliffe and/or be made on-line yourself at the SPEB web-site. A soft copy of the roster and up-to-date chapter e-mail listing can also be obtained from Charlie. And a copy of the latest roster can be found within a few days on the GMC Web site:

<http://www.nedistrict.org/greenmtn/>

Look in the Members Only section (password = acting chorus manager with no space between first and last name). Up to the minute roster info can be found in the Members Only section of the SPEB web-site; key in chapter K-048.

Thanks..... Charlie

## **P-ssst!! Check Out Our Web Site**

Steve Janes has been working diligently on updating our web site and everyone should check it out. Be sure to thank Steve when you see him—this is an important link to the outside world for the Chorus, and critical to our (Cont'd) public relations and marketing efforts. The site is mentioned in the header of this newsletter. **Great job Steve!!**



**CVQ in Berlin at Church of LDS Singout-  
(Picture by John Villere)**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Feb 5-**HEP School, Montreal-

**Feb. 6—**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

**Feb. 9-**Farmers' Night-State House

**Feb. 14-**Monday- Singing Valentines!!!

**Feb. 25-27- VACSummit-Burlington**

**Mar. 18-20-** NED Prelims, Warwick, R.I.

**April 8-9-** Mountain/Yankee Regional Division Contests, location TBD

**May 6-** 20 Week Club Banquet

**May 27-28-** GMC Annual Show

**July 3-10- International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah**

**July 27-** Package Show in Essex Jct.

**Aug. 12-13-** Harmony College Northeast

**Sept. 30-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia—PLAN AHEAD!!**