

# The Burlingtone



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## Halifax Hotel Reservations—D. Blouin

Gents, for those of you planning to go to Halifax this fall, the NED convention team has sent me a list of hotels available, out of which I have picked 3. I picked hotels closest to where the competition will take place, and because the rates are high I would encourage rooming with one or two more people. The choices are:

- Delta Halifax(HQ) C\$169
- Delta Barrington (HQ) C\$184
- Prince George Hotel C\$179

*For more than 2 persons per room, there is an **additional** charge in the Delta hotels of C\$15 per person, and in the Prince George of C\$20 per person—no more than 4 persons per room.*

The following information is required: Name, Sharing room with, Credit Card #, Type(Visa,etc.), Exp. Date. Only one credit card will be used per room; if you are sharing a room, you must settle up individually. I also need arrival date, time and departure date, since some will arrive Thursday, and some will arrive Friday. Your reservations for times before and after the convention will be your responsibility. ***I NEED THIS INFORMATION BY TUESDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>!!***, or the District will lose rooms. Thanks.

## UCANSING2 #1 Priority-Membership

Be aware of the incentives being made available in the National Membership Campaign starting in August.---:  
***-Individual Recruitment Awards-***  
***\$5,000 Grand prize winner for most new members minimim of 20***, \$3000 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$1000 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, down to \$100 for 10<sup>th</sup> place. If you recruit one new member, you are eligible for one of 6-\$1000 prizes drawn at random—total \$19,250 cash awards. The more you recruit, the more chances you have.

***-Chapter Monetary Awards-***  
***Grand prize winner -\$10,000, for most new members numerically, threshold of 25***; \$4000 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$2000 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$1000 for 4<sup>th</sup>, and \$500 for 5<sup>th</sup>.

***-Chapter Awards-Highest % Increase-***  
***\$10,000 for Grand prize winner threshold of 10 or 20% increase whichever is greater***, \$4000 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$2000 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$1000 for 4<sup>th</sup>, \$500 for 5<sup>th</sup>.

There are non-monetary awards as well and many other details of the program—the important thing is that a TEAM effort is going to be required to achieve our goals—GET READY!!

## Halifax Train Info.

Please bring all installment check(s) for VIA train Halifax travel to our regular rehearsals, and please make them out to the GMC (not me!). I am going to "track" all the installments, but hand off ALL the funds to our Treasurer (Jerry Walter) to deposit into our GMC bank accounts, rather than open a separate Trust Account for 2 months for these funds. Jerry can then write a single check to VIA and I can give the VIA people all passenger info. (names and Sr. or Adult status) for all the tickets).

NOTE: There are three private deluxe double rooms with beds still available (reserved) if anyone wants an upgrade (at about double the cost!) I will not keep these open too long, as VIA needs some time to sell these out. Let me know if anyone wants one of these rooms.

*Michael, Bassman in Panton*

**P.S.-- The first of 3 installment payments is due this Tuesday for the reserved Halifax VIA Train for our District Competition in "nearby Nova Scotia".**

Please make your check payable to "GMC" for \$75 (adult) or \$68 (Senior) for each passenger. Please write the name of the passenger on the check memo line if it is not already on it (Joint account checks for the amount \$150/\$136 with no new names listed will be assumed you are taking your spouse along!)

The second installment will be

due on or before July 19, and the third payment due on Aug. 2nd (or 9th).

Canadian members are asked to write a single check for VIA by Aug. 9th on a Canadian bank in Canadian funds to avoid currency exchange fees. Your check amount will be \$239.25 (Sr. rate) in Canadian funds per person.

Train tickets/fares are fully refundable if you are unable to go for any reason prior to departure date. (But you better have a good reason for Greg, 'cause we need your voice!)

Please deposit your check with Mike Hermann or Jerry Walter at the break.

Thank you. M.H.

## Halifax Registrations— New Procedure!!

It would be very much appreciated if the CHAPTER PRESIDENTS to either copy the below to their Chapter members or talk about it at Practice.

Many Thanks.

HHE05 Committee.

**TO ALL NED MEMBERS & GUESTS:  
IMPORTANT MESSAGE-----**

The Halifax Committee for the NED Fall Contests & Conventions would like to WELCOME you to a wonderful Experience from Sep.29 - Oct. 2, 2005.

Why not REGISTER today ??

Just go to our Website  
[www.hhe2005.ca](http://www.hhe2005.ca) to register  
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ON-LINE or from there you can Print a MAIL-IN form and send the completed form, with a Check, to the address shown and you will be Registered - it's as easy as that.

Register your spouse or partner and bring a friend.

Registrations are growing and this is shaping up to be one FANTASTIC weekend.

Yours in Harmony,  
Mark Radcliffe, Ian Ferguson,  
Ron Fralick  
> > > Sunrise Division  
Manager HHE05 Chairman HHE05  
Secretary & Registrar

## CALENDAR

June 27-Rutland Chorus Rehearsal(**Cancelled**)

June 28-No Rehearsal

July 3-10- International Convention in Salt Lake

July 18-Rutland Chorus Rehearsal

July 19-No Rehearsal at St. Francis

July 20-(Wed.)-VermontExpos-(**Cancelled**)

July 29-Boy Scout Camp Singout-Eden, Vt.

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

Aug. 2-Tues.-Vermont Expos Game

Aug. 6-**Package Show Montgomery, Vt.**

Aug. 12-13- Harmony College Northeast

Aug. 13-**Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out**

August 20-**Karen Rourke Retreat(TBD)**

Aug. 24-(Wed.) Vermont Expos Game-Raffle & Anthem!

**Sept. 13-Guest Night!!-National Campaign**

Sept. 29-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in

Halifax, Nova Scotia—PLAN AHEAD

## International Contest Registrations Available

Judy and I paid for 2 registrations to Salt Lake City last year in Louisville—for \$115 apiece. They are currently selling for \$130. We are not able to go so they are up for grabs—give me your best offer if interested.—J. Huetz

## International Webcast Party—

Just tested the Webcast the Society has made available and ran it through my TV—works fine! Anyone interested in seeing the International Chorus and Quartet Finals on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Huetz household, please e-mail me and let me know. Cost of the Webcast is \$50 for the week and we can divvy it up among those in attendanc for a LIVE showing of the Finals in Salt Lake City!!!—details to be worked out but the 2-hour time difference must be considered; Let me know!! Thanks to Steve Janes for the suggestion.

Jerry

## President's Message- Right Place at the Right Time

You just never know why things happen like they do. We, The Dreamers, decided to attend the Plattsburgh, NY show. The Dreamers attended the afterglow and we were asked to sing first. There was no microphone and that was OK because the room was not that big. We were positioned next to the table of their guest quartet, The Troubadours. I guess while we were singing the tenor noticed my name badge and realized that he knew me from some time ago. Well, as it turns out, we attended Harmony College in St Joseph, Missouri together back in 1989. We had attended the same classes and hung around together that whole week. I met him only once since that time, when I was roaming the floor at the Pittsburgh, PA convention a few years later. At a class by Jim DeBusman, we were told that we could sing Tenor or Baritone and now we are both singing Tenor. His name is Mike Lurenz from the Binghamton, NY chapter. He is an English teacher in a high school in that area. He just recently married for the first time at age 45. I'm sorry that we just did not have more time to chat, as The Dreamers had to head back to Vermont via the Grand Isle fairy.