

The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947
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CALENDAR

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

June 28-**Regular Rehearsal-St.F.X.**

July 3-10-International Convention in Salt Lake

July 5- No Rehearsal

July 9-International Chorus and Quartet Finals-SLC—at Huetz's House

July 12- Regular rehearsal

July 18-Rutland Chorus Rehearsal

July 19-No Rehearsal at St. Francis

July 20-(Wed.)-Vermont Expos-(**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-UCANSING2

Sept. 29-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia —PLAN AHEAD!

UCANSING2 Campaign

The three messages the Society feels should be delivered to help recruit new members are:

- 1.) SINGING IS FUN
- 2.) SINGING IS EASY
- 3.) YOU CAN DO IT, TOO

We do not have to concern ourselves too much with what songs we sing, or what “barbershop harmony” means. In fact we do not have to mention the “B” word at all. Think of what was on your mind before rehearsal last week, and what happened once you got on the risers and started to sing. Singing is THERAPEUTIC!. You forget your cares and concerns and once you get into singing good harmony, everything else is forgotten.

When we ask someone to join us in song, we are offering fun and enjoyment, PLUS much more. What is that “PLUS” in your experience?

President’s Letter-

Gentlemen, The Board voted tonight to pay for our registrations to Halifax for those of us singing. If you are bringing a spouse/SO you will need to reimburse the chorus. Dan Blouin is giving Jerry Walter the count that he has through the housing list and those that are traveling by Train, plane or car. This will make things easier than everyone registering individually online. If you are not sure that you are on the list PLEASE contact Dan Blouin.

On another note, There WILL BE a rehearsal next Tuesday June 28th and July 12, but there will be no rehearsal Tuesday July 5th or 19th. The program next week will feature the top choruses from last year’s Louisville competition. We had a good program and rehearsal tonight. Sorry that we missed some of you.

Dick Labrecque

Halifax Train-

I only had 5 of the 26 singing chorus members who had indicated they would take the train to Halifax respond to my initial request for an installment payment (\$75 or \$68 Sr.) per person. In addition, there are at least 16 spouses/SO’s going on the train with us. (The balance of the chorus is either flying, driving, or not going.)

I would like to get most/all of the members who committed to go to Halifax by Train to make an initial payment to ensure we meet our group size goals (over 40). If ANYTHING occurs to prevent you from going, your funds will be refunded. There is no penalty for canceling (except from Greg!).

Those of you who wish to just write one check for the full amount and avoid this “payment stuff” feel free to do so. Adult fare is US \$225 and Sr. fare is \$204.

I would like more of you who indicated they will join us to make an initial payment this next Tuesday. See either me (Mike Hermann or Jerry Walter) Make checks out to “GMC” and write name(s) of passengers on it if for more than one person. Thanks again. By getting a full quality chorus up to Halifax for the NED, we will be in good shape to defend our lofty placement position (See **Train**, p.3)

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and bring home another "Ribbon" for our efforts.

Yours in Song,

Michael Hermann,

A Spector-Gram:--

Hi Guys! I just want to echo what Mike said about defending your quality work on stage in Halifax. This is certainly not the easiest trip to undertake, but we only live once and sometimes special opps./challenges like this come along. I sure hope every man who possibly can gets to Halifax so the team is the biggest and best it can be for this very important, and very FUN, event. Maybe the VPR fundraising drive or the VFW charity drive or whatever else we usually have on our plates can do with just a tad less this year so we can all make it to Halifax. If someone can't he can't and that's understandable. But the more who can pull it together the better. Even if it's just to make Greg and Pat feel like they are not the only ones giving every last ounce of their blood to this effort!

Have a great day,

Bruce

Candy LaCombe Update

Hi Charlie,

Well, we finally made it back to VA on the 16th and Candy has started rehab here. The name of the hospital is the Medical College of Virginia and the care is much better than it was in Toledo. The doctors here were thinking about doing the surgery from the front, however they told us a few days ago that they would rather leave the Halo on and forego the frontal surgery, so she'll be wearing the hardware for another 10-12 weeks.

Candy's spirits are still good, though the reality of her condition weighs heavily on her from time to time. The kids are doing well and we're trying to keep them busy. We have some amazing friends here and they have really mobilized in support of Candy and the rest of us. I'm working about 6 to 7 hours a day when my schedule allows, but I have to try to stay actively involved in Candy's rehabilitation, take care of things on the home front, and somehow try to prepare for her return home (probably another 10 weeks). It's exhausting, but I'm glad to be back in VA.

Candy's mom was planning to come down to help out, but she totaled her car last weekend and then her brother (Candy's uncle) died a few days ago, so I think it'll be a few weeks before we see her. She walked away from the accident, but still has some back pain.

I'm having a crew from the hospital come out on Tuesday to do a walk-thru at the house and help me figure out what changes need to be made to accommodate Candy's disabilities. Once I talk with them, I plan to have an architect or builder come out to help me put together a plan to get everything done by August. I think we're going to have to add a 1st floor master bedroom/bathroom for now and then worry about the upstairs later, but I'm not sure yet.

Candy has gained some wrist movement, which is huge based on what other quadriplegics have told us. Her spinal cord is starting to come out of shock, so she's starting to have spasms in her legs. We are told that most of the gains she'll make in movement will happen in the first few months, so we're hoping for some big ones.

I hope all is well up your way, Charlie.

Best regards,

Steve

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