

# The Burlingtone



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

We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, Vermont-Call 879-3105

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## Director's Corner--

Four weeks to Halifax! One week to UCANSING2! And just a couple of days until the Retreat with Karen Rourke! The Retreat this year will be of extreme importance since we won't be doing much contest work at the UCANSING2 guest night. That will leave us only 2 rehearsals to get ready for Halifax! Please try to attend all of the Retreat. If you do have a conflict, please try to attend some of the Retreat. Anyone who will be unable to attend the Retreat at all should let myself, Pat Heise, or Neil Cerutti know in advance.

Speaking of attendance, make sure you attend next week's guest night and be punctual!! Now I know you're all bringing a guest so attendance should not be a concern, but just in case, we need a strong presence of members right from the start if we want to impress the guests. It's not very impressive if there's nobody to greet the guests and the members just "trickle" in as the rehearsal progresses! The only excuse for being late is if you're bringing a guest and he is late!!

Greg Morrill, Director

## Tuesday Sing-Out- Burlington Marketplace

From the Chorus Manager:  
Newsletter Input #1

There will be an "Early Bird" Sing-out this Tuesday evening (9/6/05) on the Church Market Place as we continue our campaign to recruit guests for the 9/13 Guest Night. Warm-up will be at 6:30 in the first floor of the municipal parking garage on So. Winooski Avenue in Burlington. Enter from either Bank Street or Cherry Street. Parking is free for the first two hours.

Uniform is green short sleeve shirt, khaki trousers, and black shoes & socks. Quartets are especially welcome to participate with the chorus. After roaming Church Street for a half hour or so, we'll return to St. FX School for our regular chapter meeting. As of Monday a.m., the weather on Tuesday looks fine – but if it is raining when you leave home on Tuesday evening, head for St. FX instead.

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## New Orleans Side Story-

Here is a note from Allen Gasper, Lead, of Saturday Evening Post:--

From: "Gasper Allen"

<[allengasper@yahoo.com](mailto:allengasper@yahoo.com)>

> >> To: "Doug Brown,  
Chairman/CEO"

*Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 11:36 PM*

*Subject: Re: Allen, Just a note to tell you I've been thinking about you and your family*

*Doug,*

Very kind of you to think of me in this time of crisis in my homeland. Been away since 1980 but I have been affected very deeply by the pictures I have seen on the news. Affected much more than I would have imagined.

Much of the town in which I grew up is gone. I am not sure that it will ever be the same. New Orleans is an interesting place in that most people do not leave....ever. The native New Orleanians seem to be one big family,.. regardless of where they may live in the US. It's really hard to explain, but when one of the clan is going through a hard time, it affects all of us.

At any rate, I am glad that I am not there at the moment. I saw a picture of the old neighborhood and realized my parent's home was under water. They sold the place about 15 years ago and moved to Colorado to be near the grandchildren.

Thanks for your thoughts. I have received emails from all over the world,... barbershoppers who follow SEP and Uncle Nuin. It means more than you can imagine.

**Allen Gasper Lead, SEP**

## UCANSING2-

The big event is next Tuesday! We're now up 29 names as submitted by ten of our members. A tip goes to you guys for taking the extra effort – we hope you'll be able to physically bring all 29 next week. Letters to the 29 potential guests will be in the mail on Tuesday. **We can handle more names this week – please bring them on Tuesday or e-mail me as soon as you put this newsletter down.** The local and national media campaign has kicked off – the first “USA Today” ads will run on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Canadian “Globe & Mail” ads start on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. PR guru Jerry Huetz can fill you in on the chapter sponsored local radio campaign.

On next Tuesday, we'd like everyone not bringing a guest to show up early to help set-up six risers, chairs, registration/music table, etc. If you can show up at 6:30, that would be great, even 6:45 will earn you a gold star. A sign-up list is circulating on specific tasks that you can assist with next week – please sign-up on Tuesday. Denis Brochu is the only guy that has signed-up to help me so far – thanks Denis – it looks like you may be one busy guy! ☺ Wives and sig others will be welcome to assist with the administrative tasks. Gary Brunell will be coordinating the evening's refreshments – Gary will most likely be asking for your assistance in bringing baked goods, soda, etc.

The basic schedule next week will have the chapter meeting start somewhere between 7:00 and 7:15 after all the guests are signed –in. We will conclude at 9:00 for food, fellowship, tag signing, etc. The Music team is scheduled to meet this Wednesday; they will be pounding out the rest of the evening's schedule. Things that the evening will include for sure are: chapter quartets performing, chorus performing, Polecat songs, the tag of “Impossible Dream” and introduction a 2006 annual show tune, “Blue Moon”. (See **UCANSING2**, p.3)

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(UCANSING2, cont'd.)

Hopefully John Z. will have the time to be able to distribute that song to you this week. We'll send e-mails later this week as the planning for evening's progress continues.

I've made pleas in this Newsletter to get involved - both before the event with names/addresses and during the event by signing up to help. Our chapter's future is involved here. We are out of time and need help - can we count on you?

C. Church  
Membership VP

## CALENDAR

Sept. 6-**Early Bird Singout**-Burlington Marketplace

Sept. 10(Sat.)-**Karen Rourke**-Retreat -**St. F.X.**-this is a change!!

Sept. 13-**Guest Night!!-National Campaign-UCANSING2**

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

Nov. 5-**Veterans Day Ceremony**-Vergennes-time tbd

## Chorus Retreat- Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> --.

Please be aware that the Chorus Retreat to be held Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> will take place at **St. F.X. normal rehearsal space**. The Auditorium in Waterbury cannot be used at this time—Start time and further details to follow, but most likely we will rehearse with Karen Rourke from approximately 9 AM to 3PM on Saturday—***Everyone*** is encouraged to attend this Retreat in preparation for Halifax, it is that important.