

The Burlingtone



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

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SUPER GUEST NIGHT—I GUESS SO!!

Super Guest Night, September 13, 2005, at St. F. X. rehearsal space, Greg Morrill directing



Picture by John Villere

Well, it happened and surprised almost everyone—our Super Guest Night saw over 30 potential barbershoppers come through our doors last Tuesday. The energy and enthusiasm was evident throughout the evening, which ended with refreshments and a lot of spontaneous quartet efforts exploding all around the room. Makes you want to do it again!

Charlie Church, Membership VP, deserves a boatload of credit for organizing the evening. His article in this issue highlights the many things he did behind the scenes to get the evening off to a good start.

Nice going, Charlie!

Newsletter Input: From the Membership VP:

Guests:

Welcome back and welcome. If you're one of the thirty-four folks who showed up last Tuesday at our gala "**YOU CAN SING TOO**" Guest Night, welcome back! If you're here for the first time tonight, welcome!

We hope you are enjoying yourself singing this uniquely America style of music and meeting our chapter members. We sure have a good time, we hope you do also. Tonight you'll see a meeting format more similar to most Tuesdays. But because we're getting ready for a Northeastern District Contest on October 1st in Halifax, Nova Scotia, tonight and next Tuesday you'll see us spending more time than normal on two songs ("**Little Pal**" and "**Rock-A-Bye Your Baby with a Dixie Melody**"). We hope you don't mind, we know you'd like us to do well in Halifax!

Feel free to ask any of us any questions which come to mind. And have fun!

Team:

Last night I reviewed the results of our fantastic Tuesday UCANSING2 Guest Night with your chapter Board of Directors. Here are the salient points to be made:

1. The nation-wide campaign had Ads running multiple times within the past week in "*USA Today*" and its Canadian counterpart.
2. The local PR campaign consisting of PSA's in print media and radio ads was orchestrated by Jerry Huetz.
3. Based on names submitted by chapter members, letters were sent in advance to 91 potential guests.
4. Chapter members made (cont'd.)

- follow-up phone calls to the submitted names and a large proportion of the guests were brought to the meeting.
5. 56 Guest Kits were assembled (I can dream can't I??). The librarian made up music kits for the evening.
 6. 34 guests attended the meeting, 29 of which have membership potential. No one can recall ever having that many guests on one night.
 7. A wonderful sub group of our chapter members helped with the evening's administrative/logistical tasks and refreshments.
 8. Greg did a fantastic job of laying out the evening's schedule and in leading/explaining/directing. He had help from Steve Janes, Pat Heise, the Chorus & quartets.
 9. All hands at the meeting did a great job of meeting, greeting and involving guests in tags/songs.
 10. "*Thanks for attending*" letters have been created/mailed to all the guests.
 11. Follow-up phone calls will be made by another group of helpers.
- A BIG THANK YOU to all for your assistance and participation in this campaign. We done good so far.
C.C.Church, Membership VP

President's Message—

Gentlemen, The Green Mountain Chorus nominating committee is busy trying to fill all the administrative positions on the Board of Directors. I have been president for two years and it is time to move on. Being president has been rewarding for me and not difficult because I have had lots of good people to work with. All you need is

some organization, foresight (See **President**, p. 3.) (**President**, cont'd.) and willingness to keep our chapter on the straight and narrow. Monthly meetings are required by the society are usually held the 2nd Wednesday of the month with an agenda published the prior Wednesday. (My goal) If you are asked to take a position on the Board of Directors PLEASE give it consideration.

Dick Labrecque, President

Chorus Manager News- EXTRA REHEARSAL-

There will be an extra rehearsal this Thursday evening (9/22/05) at 7:00 p.m. at St. FX School as the chorus drives toward the competition in Halifax in just ten short days. Please do your best to be there.

CARL PHILLIPS MEMORIAL-

The Carl Phillips (former GMC director) memorial will be this coming Saturday, 9/24/05, upstairs in the Parish Hall of St. Mark's Church Community Center, 1271 North Avenue in BTV, at 10:00 a.m. Warm-up will be at 9:15 a.m. – we'll probably warm-up in the church parking lot unless the weather in inclement. The GMC songs will be "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "It Is Well With My Soul". The uniform will be the Blouin/Spector suit (blue blazer, grey slacks, white shirt, paisley straight tie, & black belt/shoes) or some reasonable facsimile thereof. Directions to St. Mark's: get onto North Avenue in Burlington, go past Burlington High School, past the North Avenue Alliance Church, past the Elks Club, past the North Avenue Shopping Center. Just past the shopping center, take a left at first traffic signal on to Shore Road, then take an immediate right into(cont'd.)

the St. Mark's Church parking lot. The Community Center is behind the church – look (**cont'd.**) for signs. A tip of the hat goes to Reid for arranging the use of this venue and to Greg for interfacing with the family.

Ruby Phillips (Carl's sister) has asked if anyone from the Green Mountain Chorus would like to say something at the service. Greg has indicated to Ruby that he thought a least a couple of guys would want to speak. Please let Greg know ASAP if you would like to share a memory of Carl. Ruby is putting together the program now. Greg's e-mail address is:gmorrill@pshift.com

CALENDAR

Sept. 29-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia —PLAN AHEAD!
Nov. 5-Veterans Day Ceremony-
Vergennes-time tbd

P.S.- You guys did great - 30 new guests! Also great involving the guests with singing and program variety. Hats off to Charlie Church and the committee. Trust you will continue to keep them enthused and yet be prepared for the trip to Halifax. Am also enjoying Gerry Huetz's newsletter. Have a great trip and performance at Halifax. Chad Arms