



Undertone



What's Happening in the Burlington, Vermont, Chapter
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet singing in America, Inc.
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Ed Bechtel BOTY 2001!

We meet at VYO next Tuesday

by Jerry Walter, Editor

by Al Carpenter



Photo by Jerry Walter

Ed Bechtel beams upon hearing he has won the **Barbershopper Of The Year 2001** at the Installation Dinner.

Last Friday evening at the Annual Installation Banquet held at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington, the thirty or so attendees were just about as surprised at Ed Bechtel to hear that, after 50-plus years, he had won the coveted BOTY award. Although eluding the award for its 27 year history, Ed is not without previous recognition, as he shared the Barbershopper of the Half-Century Award in 1998 with Steve Plumb.

Ed has been and has represented Joe Barbershopper for all of his years

of membership tracing its roots back to his army days with the 82nd Airborne in World War II.

His love of quartetting is always evident as he has never been without a quartet for very long. From the Maple Sugar Four to The Dreamers, each quartet grew from his enthusiasm.

Always looking for a good time, Ed and his army buddy, according to his recollection, invented "R and R" before it was legalized by any of the services.

Although he leaves us for his annual cruises each winter, he isn't without barbershopping when he's gone, as he nearly always finds someone to sing with while afloat.

And, yes, Ed was president of this fine group back in 1952 and still keeps his administrative skills up by co-chairing the 20-week Club this year.

And, speaking of presidents, **John Villeré** will be our leader in 2002, despite a slow start. See the separate article on the installation in next week's *Undertone*.

In an effort to find a more suitable and permanent home for the chapter, we have made arrangements to hold our weekly Tuesday meeting next week, January 15, at the Vermont Youth Orchestra's new rehearsal space, the Elley-Long Music Center, 223 Ethan Allen Avenue, Colchester.

The magnificent facility is located in the old Fort Ethan Allen just to the east of Fanny Allen Hospital on Vermont 15. It is simplest to enter the fort complex from the (west) entrance nearest the hospital. Turn north from route 15 and take the second right, Ethan Allen Avenue. Go to the fifth large building on the left, just past the Vermont ETV studios. You can't miss the building with its glass entry way. Go beyond the building and around to the back where there is off street parking. See you there - 7 o'clock.

Keep using
your learning tapes

DIRECTOR'S

CORNER Break time!

by Greg Morrill,
Musical Director

After a year and 35 plus columns for this bulletin, I am taking a break. If you like it better when I do not take a break, please consider not taking breaks yourself in your effort to learn our new songs and to sing better.

20 Week Club drawings begin tonight!

By Ed Bechtel

After some two week's delay, the 20 Week Club drawings are finally under way. Three winners will be drawn to put us back on schedule.

If you own money please turn it in as soon as possible.

LifeLine unit available

One of the three donated LifeLine emergency paging units dedicated to the memory of Brian Andreoletti is now available.

Application forms are available from Len Beams. Completed forms should be submitted to a member of High Voltage, the adjudication committee.

Rehearsal format change

The Music committee, in its wisdom, and in an effort to make it easier to sing better all of the time, has made a slight adjustment to the order of items at the beginning of our meetings.

Effective immediately, we will begin meetings with a "warm-up" followed by "gang singing."

Music learning schedule

Here is the schedule for the remainder of our 2002 Annual Show songs.

Following each song title is the date of introduction followed by the "out of spots" date. Please make every effort to keep to this schedule by using your learning tapes to the maximum.

"Teach the Children To Sing"

Jan 8 **Feb 5**

"The drinking Song"

Jan 8 **Feb 5**

"Mister Touchdown USA"

Jan 22 **Feb 19**

"Gaudeamus Igatur"

Feb 12 **Mar 12**

"Moments To Remember"

Mar 19 **Apr 16**

"Halls Of Ivy"

Apr 2/9 **May 7**



January 11-13 (Fri. - Sun.)	- COTS Training For all Falmouth, Mass.
January 29 (Tuesday)	- No regular meeting
January 31 (Thursday)	- Special meeting with Jim Debusman from Kenosha
February 2 (Saturday)	- Mountain Division Harmony Workshop - Montreal Chapter pays \$37 tuition
February 14 (Thursday)	- Singing Valentines
April 19-20 (Fri. - Sat.)	- Division Contest Manchester, Connecticut
May 3 (Friday)	- 20 Week Club Banquet South Burlington K of C
May 25 (Saturday)	- Montreal's Annual Show
June 1 (Saturday)	- 2002 Annual Show College Days featuring Michigan Jake
July-August	- Vermont Expos singouts
September	- Annual Retreat
October 25-26 (Fri. - Sat.)	- NED Fall Convention Lake Placid, New York

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