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What's Happening in the Burlington, Vermont, Chapter
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet singing in America, Inc.
Member of the great Northeastern District since 1947.
We meet Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. South Burlington High School, South Burlington, Vermont - Call (802) 985-8714 for Information.

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Singing Valentines Only three weeks to go!

by Jerry Walter, Editor

On Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, both the Burlington Chapter and the Champlain Echoes of Harmony, Incorporated will once again be offering to your friends and loved ones, the opportunity to buy a Singing Valentine.

The ground rules are the same as last year, for \$40 you can purchase the personal delivery of a Valentine Love song, a balloon, a small box of candy and a card delivered by your choice of a male or female barbershop quartet at a location of your choice – home, work or where ever!

The program this year is under the direction of Jerry Walter, Heather Anderson and Susan Culbert. Although delivery is on a as available schedule for orders received after February 9, we will again this year accept orders up until and including Valentine's Day.

The Singing Valentines is a Society-wide event featuring quartets from a number of organizations from coast to coast throughout North America.

Based on past local sales, we expect to sell between 80 and 100 Valentines. That means we will need a minimum of four quartets working all day to make deliveries. If you already have a quartet ready to sign up. Please contact one of the organizers as soon as possible. If you are willing and able to sing one part of "Heart of My Heart" or "I Love You Truly" in a pick-up quartet, also let us know.

If you are not sure about joining in, just ask one of last year's participants how great a feeling it is to make these heart-felt deliveries. I have made deliveries for the past several years and wouldn't miss it for the world.

For those who may have a loved one in another city, state or Provence, don't despair, you can use the Society's web site:

<http://www.singingvalentines.com> to find a quartet to make your delivery. At the web site you merely select the state or provence, then a city to find organizations covering that city. All the information needed to make your decision is posted under that city.

No Tuesday Meeting next week

Don't forget, there will **not** be a regularly scheduled meeting next week on Tuesday, January 29. Don't worry we haven't been forgotten.

Barring a record-breaking snow storm, we **will** be meeting at South Burlington High School at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 31** with Society Music Specialist Jim DeBusman, who will be in town on his way to the Great Northern Harmony workshop in Montreal the following Saturday.

For those who have never had the opportunity to work with Jim, you are in for quite a treat. As a full time employee of the Society, you will be able to see for your self where your dues money goes.

So please make plans now to attend this special session be ready for a special treat and introduction to Jim's spectacular teaching techniques.

Jim will also be visiting some local schools to promote our Sing America project. See Reid Allen if you have additional schools to be visited.

A chording 2 Your President

by John Villeré

Jim Mallabar has brought us an opportunity to introduce the joys of Barbershop Harmony to third and fourth graders in St. Albans. He says, "third and fourth grade is a little young to recruit barbershoppers, but it still fits in fairly well with the Society's new motto and focus area."

I'll say it does. And who knows, in the big picture they may not be all that far from joining us. The September/October 2000 issue of the *Harmonizer* told of an 11 year old directing the Vocal Majority in "Keep The Whole World Singing."

My vision for the future of the Burlington Chapter lies in our directing more of our efforts towards youth. Face it, there's limited future in us devoting a majority of our energy to seniors. We need to broaden our scope.

The Society is encouraging youth outreach. They even encourage elevating a board position to Chapter Vice President for YMIH (Young Men In Harmony). Do we have any takers? District Vice President for YMIH, Todd Lamson, lamson8@home.com has promised to help chapters achieve their YMIH

goals. Although we have many chapter jobs that need volunteers there are few with as much potential as working with youth. I hope that we soon make this a regular part of our chapter activities. I am confident that our efforts will be rewarded.

Music learning schedule

| Intro | Out of spots |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| "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 |

Harmony Workshop – Still has openings!

That's right, you still have time to sign up for the great Harmony Workshop 2002 in Montreal on Saturday February 2. The chapter pays \$37 of the tuition, you pay \$7 plus travel and lunch. What a deal for an entire day of barbershop craft from Society experts!

**Next music committee
Weds. Feb. 6**

20 Week Club Results

| | | |
|-------|-------------------|----------------|
| 12/25 | 3 Marion Beaulieu | Dan Venditti |
| 01/01 | 33 Carol Henson | Dick Labrecque |
| 01/08 | 247 Bob Bouvier | Dick Labrecque |
| 01/15 | 75 Donna Walter | Jerry Walter |



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| 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 6 (Wednesday) | - Music Committee meeting 6:30 – Montpelier Area |
| February 13 (Wednesday) | - Board of Directors meeting 7:30 Shaw's Supermarket |
| February 14 (Thursday) | - Singing Valentines |
| March 2 (Saturday) | - Spring Workshop Details TBA |
| 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 |

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