



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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Welcome Jim DeBusman To snowy Vermont!

by **Jerry Walter**, Editor

Well, by the looks of the weather, it must either be COTS weekend or time for the Mountain Division Great Northern (you bet!) Workshop in Montreal.

As expected we welcome those of you from southern New England to the not so sunny north country.



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Internet web site

For those who may not know Jim, he is a Society full time employee and is a Music Specialist, he coordinates the MBNA America College Quartet Contest Program and is responsible for a portion of the Society's Young Men in Harmony program which requires him to make visits to public and private schools throughout this

country and Canada each year. He helps organize and run musical workshops and clinics held throughout the Society.

A Society member since 1969, Jim joined the staff in 1985. He recently was the director of the Eugene, Oregon, barbershop chorus. He has sung lead in district finalist quartets and currently sings tenor with the 1982 Evergreen District champion, The Cascade Connection. He currently is director of the Racine, Wisconsin, chorus. [Thanks to Jim's bio for this info.]

Singing Valentines coming soon!

Just a reminder, we will be doing Singing Valentines with the Champlain Echoes again this year. Price again will be \$40 for two songs, balloon, card and candy. Co-chairpersons for the Echoes are Susan Culbert and Heather Anderson. Flyers and order forms are available now. Those interested in participating contact Jerry Walter, GMC coordinator. Look for our ads on TV FOX44 and in Seven Days weekly newspaper.

Directions to Workshop

The Great Northern Harmony Workshop open to all who love to sing barbershop music will be held this Saturday, February 2. Registration begins at 8:00 at the same location as last year.

Travel directions from Vermont: take I-89 which becomes 133 nord (north) in Canada to 35 nord. Take 35 nord to 10 ouest (west). Take 10 ouest to the Champlain Bridge.

Take the Champlain Bridge (15 nord) and continue on 15 nord and take the Exit for Cote St. Luc / Queen Mary Rd. Turn right on Côte-Ste-Catherine (the 3rd light after Queen Mary). Follow Côte-Ste-Catherine to Vincent-d'Indy. Turn right on Vincent-d'Indy and go to the top of the hill to the University de Montreal.

Yes, there is still time to sign up. Last year the Burlington Chapter send 18 members to this great workshop.

Quartets, choruses and individuals from all three international barbershop societies will be in attendance.

DIRECTOR'S

CORNER Education can be fun!

by **Greg Morrill**,
Musical Director

It's time, well, actually past time, for me to give my annual appeal concerning the various educational offerings provided by our organization.

For our chapter to be healthy and growing musically, each member should attend at least one of the educational offerings each year!

This Saturday is the Harmony Education school in Montreal. It's by far the easiest to take advantage of. We had a good representation last year and I hope we'll repeat again this year. And it's not too late! Just find out who else is going and car pool!

The second yearly education offering in our District has undergone a name change. Formerly called Harmony Pilgrimage, it will now be called Harmony College Northeast, or something like that. This is a Fri/Sat/Sun commitment in August and this year we already have a show scheduled on the same weekend so I actually hope few of you attend that offering.

Last but far from least is Harmony College -- a full week's immersion

with 700 other Barbershoppers. As I always say, every Barbershopper owes it to himself to attend Harmony College at least once!! Yes, it takes some planning, but ask anyone who has gone and they'll tell you it's worth it! Our chapter is large enough and active enough that we should be represented there every year! Are you interested?

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

Chicago Shuffle wins Seniors contest

Last Saturday in Riverside, California, Illinois District's Chicago Shuffle beat 25 contenders in the 2002 Senior Quartet Contest.

The Northeast District's own Top Drawer Four improved their score form qualifying but finished in a disappointing 26 th place.

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
01/22	80 Christina Gonillo	Ed Bechtel



February 2 (Saturday)	- Mountain Division Harmony Workshop – Montreal Chapter pays \$37 tuition
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
September	- Annual Retreat
October 25-26 (Fri. - Sat.)	- NED Fall Convention Lake Placid, New York

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