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Joint Holiday Shows this Saturday!

by *Charlie Church, Music VP*

Saturday, 12/6/03 - The chorus and quartets will be performing in two joint holiday shows with the Champlain Echoes and Barre-Tones. Chorus warm-up for the Burlington show will be at 1:30 p.m. sharp at the North Avenue Alliance Church, 901 North Avenue in Burlington. [See directions elsewhere in this *Undertone*. Show time is 3 o'clock. The church is located on North Avenue in Burlington just opposite the North Avenue Exit from the Burlington Beltway. Going north on North Avenue, it's about 0.5 mile past Burlington High School on the left; going south it is past Ethan Allen Shopping Center and just past the Burlington Elks lodge.

Please plan to park at the far reaches of the church parking lot so as to leave room for the show attendees. The "techie" call will be at 12:30 p.m. - help will be appreciated - please see Charlie Church.

The chorus warm-up for the Waterbury Center show will be at 6 p.m. at the Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly on Route 100, about a mile North of Waterbury Center - see detailed directions elsewhere in *The Undertone*. [It's the same church we sang in the last two years.] Show time is 7 o'clock.

The chorus repertoire for both shows is listed elsewhere in this *Undertone*.

The sign-up list for these shows is sparse - only 22 guys have signed up - please reconsider your attendance.

The uniform for both shows will be the same as last year - white tuxedo shirt, white tuxedo jacket, black tuxedo trousers, black shoes/socks and either a red bow tie/cummerbund or a green bow tie/cummerbund. If you have both red and green ties/cummerbunds, please bring both so as to share with newer members who have neither.

Ticket sale monies may be turned in tonight to Jim Mallabar. Feel to make a donation should you not have had an opportunity to sell your tickets.

After the Waterbury Center show, we will most likely head for the back room at Arvads Restaurant in Waterbury for much deserved brews/chews; one can assume there will be lots of singing fun there.

**Elks Memorial
Service Sunday
2 p.m.
Details on other side.**

Tree lighting and caroling at Fanny Allen Thursday!

by *Ed Bechtel, Head Caroler*

Please join us Thursday afternoon, as we help the employees and volunteers at the Fanny Allen Campus of Fletcher-Allen Health Center light their Christmas tree.

The tree lighting will be at 4 p.m. sharp at Fanny Allen Hospital Campus, 790 College Parkway (Route 15) in Colchester. After the brief tree lighting ceremony, we will retire to the Rehab Unit to sing carols accompanied by the other tree lighters.

Dress warmly for the tree lighting and wear a bright colored sweater for the inside caroling. Newer members are encouraged to attend and will be allowed to sing from the "spots."



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Elks Memorial Service Details

by Charlie Church

Warm-up is at 1 p.m. at the Burlington Elks BPOE Lodge, 925 North Avenue in Burlington. Performance time is 2 o'clock. Spouses and significant others are invited, as there will be a free buffet luncheon after the ceremony. We'll be performing three or four religious — patriotic songs.

After the memorial service, we'll also be performing a few selected chorus numbers while the buffet tables are being setup. Newer members are encouraged to attend and will be allowed to sing from "spots."

Uniform is the formal travel outfit (Spector/Blouin suit) - white dress shirt, grey trousers, blue blazer, red paisley straight tie, black belt/socks/shoes. Sign-up to-date for this event is below chorus performance minimums - only 17 guys are signed up so far.

Chorus song list for the Memorial Service:

"Battle Hymn ..."

"It Is Well Will My Soul"

"God Bless America"

"Just A Closer Walk ..." (if needed)

plus assorted holiday and show tunes while the buffet is being set-up.

Division/Prelim Contest news

[Based on an article found in Montréal's *Mini-Pitch*, Murray Phillips, Editor]

You know something's up when the District President makes a 'routine' visit to a chapter meeting for the first time in 23 years. [The last time such an event occurred was when Wally Mance, a Canadian and district president, visited.]

And you'd be correct. Something was up — the district Board of Directors has been busy coming up with a plan for regional contests which would help avoid the 'too far to travel' syndrome of recent years. Northeastern District President Alan Lamson told the Greater Montréal Chapter about a contest plan which would have an eight year cycle.

When a division is host to the Prelims, that division would share the weekend only with the Prelim contenders. The other years will rotate through a Regional Convention and a smaller Divisional contest. This will take four years and then the regional division mix will be changed for the second four years.

This system should result in the farthest parts of the district having a shorter travel distance, while still providing an opportunity for us to meet and sing with other members of the district.

Holiday Show song list

by Greg Morrill, Music Director

Chorus song list for the 12/6 Holiday Shows:

"Rudolph ..."

"Jingle Bell Rock"

"Lo, How A Rose ..."

"Angel Medley"

"O Holy Night"

"Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night" (joint).

Directions to Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly Church

by Lisa Parro, Barre-Tones

Get off I-89 at Waterbury (exit 10). Go North on Route 100 towards Stowe to Waterbury Center, approximately 4.5 to 5 miles. When you see Cold Hollow Cider Mill (right hand side) go another mile. A barn is on the left and the yellow barn (1836 Shop) is on the right. The Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly Church is the next right hand turn — look for a red sign. The church sits back from the road.

If you have any "smokers," church personnel have asked that any smoking be done in the parking lot, not near the doors to the building.



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| December 4 (Thursday) | -- Christmas Tree lighting
4 p.m. Fanny Allen Hospital
Wear warm clothes
See article page 1 |
| December 6 (Saturday) | -- Annual Holiday Show
3 p.m. North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington
Warm up 1:30
7 p.m. Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly, Waterbury Center.
Warm up 6 p.m.
See articles page 1 and in adjacent columns |
| December 7 (Sunday) | -- Elks Memorial Service
Warm up 12:30 |
| December 13 (Saturday) | -- Holiday Ensemble
University Mall 2-5 p.m. |
| December 14 (Sunday) | -- Vergennes Holiday Show
2:00 p.m. Warm up 12:30
Vergennes Opera House |
| December 16 (Tuesday) | -- Caroling and Holiday Party
Place(s) to be determined
(NEW DATE) |
| December 16 (Tuesday) | -- First 20 Week Club
Drawing |
| December 20 (Saturday) | -- Holiday Ensemble
Burlington Mall 2-5 p.m.
(NEW EVENT) |
| December 21 (Saturday) | -- Holiday Ensemble
University Mall 2-5 p.m.
(NEW DATE) |
| December 23 (Tuesday) | -- NO MEETING |
| 2004 | |
| January ? | -- Installation Banquet |
| January 10-11 (Fri. - Sat.) | -- NED COTS
Sea Crest, Massachusetts |
| February 7 (Saturday) | -- Great Northern Harmony Workshop, Montréal with Uptown Sound
NEW DATE! |
| February 14 (Saturday) | -- Singing Valentines |
| February 21 (Saturday) | -- Spring? Retreat
Karen Rourke, Place TBD |
| March 19-20 | -- NED Prelims, VLQ and |