

# The Burlington



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## HCNE Needs Your Help!

Hi guys,  
I've always tried to level with you about things that are going on in NED. We want you to be as completely informed as possible. So here we go! We could be having a problem with Harmony College Northeast this summer. Not in the school itself but in our ability to even hold it. The crisis? It's really very simple...as of June 1, we have only 35 men (including quartets) registered for the school when we normally are pushing 100 on this date. We need a minimum of 200 to pay all the expenses.

What usually happens is that we wait through June and July as registrations dribble in and, somehow, come August, get enough of you to come so it all works out. We sweat and worry a lot but you always come through. What is complicating things this year seems to be that we are in competition with your wallets as many of you prepare yourselves for the district contest in Halifax. We know you are being distracted with those plans (I can see it inside my own chapter!).

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## Rutland Chorus Up and RUNNING!!-Dick Labrecque

To the Green Mountain Chorus;

I have received the Barberpole Cat books and CDs and I think they're great. The recordings give me new ideas for the arrangements I already knew. Thanks, guys.

The "Rutland Curbstone Chorus" membership now numbers 36, with some saying they will bring a friend. Most singers who contacted me were not from Rutland; I expect more of our local singers after this summer's production of "West Side Story" is over, mid-July.

Our first meeting stands at June 27, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Rutland Intermediate School auditorium. I'll send directions to you and our members two weeks ahead of our first meeting. The auditorium is one of my daily classrooms, and it has a set of risers. It was easy to get approval--my principal and the former superintendent have joined.

What am I forgetting to do? I'm open to advice.

Thanks again for the books.

Daniel L. Graves

6/7/2005

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What further messes things up is that we have to commit a significant sum of money for plane fares to get Power Play and Realtime and the Vagabonds to Fitchburg and we don't know if we are going to have enough men going to pay that off. Plus we have to guarantee the college a minimum number of attendees or we start to pay penalties. So we're kind of between a rock and a hard place! We don't want to alarm you but we can't go merrily along as though nothing is happening.

#### WHAT DO WE DO!

The first thing you can do to help us is to begin to spread the word about the school through your chapter and create some interest for the school. That will help but what we really need is to have you register now rather than waiting till the last minute. If you intend to go, get online ([www.nedistrict.org](http://www.nedistrict.org)) and register. Your registration will only be complete once we receive the money (you can really pay later!!) but your registration will give us an idea of how many are coming so we can move ahead with the logistics. For the moment, we have put a moratorium on making plane reservations until we have a clearer picture of attendance. The longer we put it off the higher those rates go.

We have until the middle of July to make a final decision and will be watching the (See HCNE)



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registrations figures closely. You can do me a favor by addressing any registration problems to Bill Shultz, our amazing registrar ([weshultz@comcast.net](mailto:weshultz@comcast.net)).

Of all the HCNE's we have put on, this is the one I've looked forward to the most. We have as good a set of guest quartets as we have ever had and the best lineup of classes. We know how good Power Play is and we could have our new International champ on board because Realtime now ranks second going into the contest in Salt Lake City. Plus we have the newly constituted NED favorite, Road Show, making their debut with a new baritone and tenor. Very exciting, indeed!

Can you help us? Can you register now so we can feel assured that the school will run? If you haven't been for a few years, now's the time to find out what you've been missing. I'll have more this week on classes but need to send this appeal first.

Pay us later but sign up now!  
You won't be sorry!!

Thanks for your continued support!  
Jim Dodge

## Chorus News—

From "Ray" - acting chorus manager.

Next Tuesday (6/14/05), there will be an "Early Bird Sing-out" (EBS) at the Three Cathedral Square (See Chorus News, p.3)

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high rise on lower Cherry Street in Burlington. Use the last driveway on the north side of Cherry Street (just before Cherry Street T's with Battery Street). Park in either Cathedral Square visitor parking or in the St. Paul's Cathedral) parking lot. Enter the high rise through the Cherry Street door. Warm-up time = 6:30 p.m. We will most likely warm-up down stairs and then go to the top floor at 7:00 for the sing-out.

Uniform = green short sleeve shirt, khaki trousers, black belt/shows. We will return to St. FX School after the sing-out. A tip of the hat goes to Reid Allen for arranging this sing-out.

Jim Mallabar is looking for the last of your show ticket monies.

**REMINDER: Tuesday, June 7, we will be meeting at SBHS in the cafeteria, 7PM.**

## CALENDAR

June 11-Plattsburgh Show-7:30PM  
June 14-EBS-Cathedral Sq., Burl.  
June 27-Rutland Chorus Rehearsal  
July 3-10- International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah  
July 20-(Wed.)-Vermont Expos-Anthem only  
July 27- Package Show in Essex Jct.  
Aug. 12-13- Harmony College Northeast  
Aug. 13-Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out  
Aug. 24-(Wed.) Vermont Expos Game-Raffle & Anthem!!  
Sept. 13-Guest Night!!-National Campaign  
**Sept. 30-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia—PLAN AHEAD**

(Please sign up for the activities listed on the appropriate sign up sheets being circulated. Thanks!)

## Our Plattsburgh Friends Await Us-

On June 11<sup>th</sup> (this Saturday, our Plattsburgh friends in harmony will be putting on their Annual Show At Plattsburgh State College at 7:30PM. If you want to see how a chorus looks in the performance of their show, their singing, choreography, MC performance, and other aspects, get on over and judge for yourself. Reid Allen, Jerry Huetz, and Dick Labrecque plan on going-join up.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Plattsburgh gang is also having their picnic which was fully disclosed in an earlier *Burlingtone*. Plan on the day to go over and represent the GMC. They attend our shows and watch us closely. With Rutland up and rolling, Plattsburgh nearby, we have a central role to play in the north country.

**Next Week** there will be a review of the Society's national membership program, UCANSING2, and the individual and chapter incentives involved. The program starts August 1<sup>st</sup> and time will be devoted in the coming months on Tuesdays to focus on this important program.