

# The Dixie District's **REBEL ROUSER**

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Spring 2015

## Congratulations to Dixie's Youth Chorus Festival Representatives!



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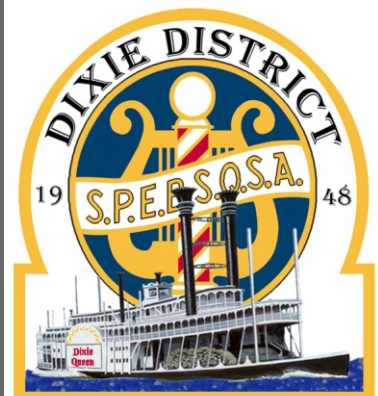
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## Vision

The Dixie District is committed to enriching lives in every generation and community through the lifelong benefits of the barbershop style and other forms of a cappella singing.

## Mission

The Dixie District SPEBSQSA, Inc., a charitable and nonprofit organization:

- Enriches lives through singing.
- Perpetuates and celebrates the barbershop harmony style.
- Serves each new generation of singers through support of vocal music education.
- Serves audiences through an uplifting, wholesome variety of a cappella musical entertainment.
- Helps our members by sharing fellowship, performance skills and leadership development.
- Helps build better communities and a better world by bonding diverse people through the pure fun of a cappella harmony as we keep the whole world singing!

Cover photos from the 2015 Youth Chorus Festival courtesy of Lorin May, Barbershop Harmony Society.

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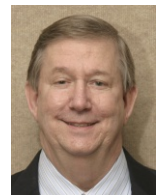
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# The Prez Sez!



**Dwain  
Chambers  
District  
President**

I'm looking forward to being with you in Huntsville for our Spring Convention and Contests. Good luck to all the competing choruses and quartets.

Since our Fall convention on October 10-12, we have had to change the dates of the 2015 Fall Convention to October 23-25. We will still meet at the Ravinia Crowne

Plaza. Another change will have to be made for the 2017 Convention. All of these changes are occurring because the Sweet Adelines have moved their International Conventions for those years to our previously scheduled weekends and will conflict with our conventions.

## **Strategic Planning**

Since the new CEO Marty Munson came on board, Marty and the SBOD and the District Presidents Council have been creating a new BHS Brand Strategy along with a BHS Alignment to Purpose. Along with that, what were the 2014 District Successes and Lessons Learned in 2014?

On the weekend of November 1-3, DIX BOD Members Chambers, Davenport, Bell, Wietlisbach, Dorn, Peppenhorst, and Blazek examined our 2014 Focus Areas of Communication, Coaching, and Shared Activities. We analyzed each of the areas of success and determined DIX indicators for success by the end of 2015. On page 4 you will find a table describing the results of our analysis.

I hope that many of you were able to attend Harmony University. The Society did a great job bringing Harmony University to Belmont University in Nashville this year. If you have never been to HU, this is a great opportunity for all DIX Barbershoppers to participate, so put it on your calendar for 2015. That will be one week that you will never forget.

Chapter Secretaries – There is now an online process for prospective members to join a chapter and the BHS. If you haven't already done so, it is time to update your officers for 2015!

**(see Prez on page 4)**

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# Prez

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Has one of your critical chapter officers had to resign? If so, our district officer training has been developed in online sessions using WebEx. They can be used at any time. Check these out on our Dixie web site, [www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org), under *The District--> Services--> Chapter Support & Training--> Training Online*.

## 2015 Focus Areas

PROGRAMS	SCORECARD
Learn to Sing Program	1 or more chapters completing the program
CDWI -- Chorus Director Workshop	1 CDWI with 5 directors attending
Leadership Academy	50% of chapters - 4+ per chapter
Harmony Explosion Camp	150 attendees - increased % attending in 2014
Standing Ovation Program	Not relevant for 2014
Leadership Forum	>75% invitees attending
Director Certification	1 or more new members in pipeline
CBQC - Collegiate Quartet Contest	1 contest with 1 INTL qualifier
We Sing / We Serve	6 chapters participate at sing / serve events

# Youth In Harmony



**Jim Moore**  
Youth In  
Harmony

The Dixie representatives were:

## **Foothills Sound**

Powell High School,  
Knoxville TN

Lee Franks and Jim Kennedy, Directors.

## **Georgia Spirit**

Atlanta, GA Chapters

Clay Hine and Tim Reynolds, Directors.

## **The Melodic Morristown Men**

Morristown, TN

Kathy Bowen, Director.

## **Music City Youth Chorus**

Nashville, TN Chapter

Daniel Rushing, Director.

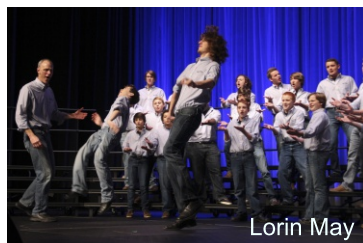
## **Southern Gentlemen**

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

Shannon Jeffreys and David Hopkins,  
Directors.

Youth chorus pictures are available at  
[Lorin May's flickr page.](#)

Dixie was well represented at the eighth annual International Youth Barbershop Chorus Festival at the BHS Mid-Winter convention in New Orleans. Five of the seventeen competing youth choruses were from the Dixie District. All five were wonderful.



*Georgia Spirit in action.*

Several successful one-day high school festivals have been held recently. Both the Marietta and Atlanta Metro Chapters recently sponsored *Real Men Sing* festivals in cooperation with **SAI** chorus **Song of Atlanta**. Also, the **Lake Lanier Chapter** has done several classroom visits to local high schools, as well as quartet coaching.

The 2015 Harmony Explosion Camp will be held July 16 - 19, in Chattanooga, TN. **Dusty Schleier** and **Clay** and **Becki Hine** will be the clinicians. The teaching quartet for the boys will be **The Academy**, 2014 College Quartet Champions. The teaching quartet for the girls is being selected. More information about this camp will be forthcoming soon. As you know, all educators to this camp are given full scholarships, and each singer pays only \$100 to attend all three days. Harmony Foundation and the Dixie District contribute to the costs of presenting the camp.

In 2015 the District will again award Harmony University music educator scholarships. This is a great way to make teachers aware of the benefits of introducing barbershop into their music programs. If you would like to nominate a music teacher for a 2015 District HU scholarship, send me a nomination letter, a copy of the teacher's resume, and a statement assuring that the teacher can attend. The 2015 Harmony University will be held July 26 thru August 2 in Nashville.



**The Roswell Firehouse Harmony Brigade of BHS is looking for a Director.** Barbershopper preferred, but not required. Directing experience a plus. We're a small chapter with an unconventional approach in the Atlanta, GA, area. If interested, please contact Vern Otwell, MuVP, at 404-509-7075 or hvotwell@gmail.com. Visit our website at <http://therfhb.org>.

## **Convention Dates Have Changed! Update Your Calendar Now!**

**The 2015 Dixie District Fall Convention has been moved to October 23 - 25.**

**This change was made to avoid conflicting with the Sweet Adelines International Convention in Las Vegas.**

**The contest venue remains unchanged.  
See you in October!**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia  
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road  
Atlanta, GA 30346**

# Contest Time!



**Jim Sams**  
**Contest and**  
**Judging**

The time is upon us to gather at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville, AL (800 Monroe St. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (256)-539-7373) on March 13-15 for the 2015 International Quartet Prelims and Dixie Chorus Contest. This convention will be held under ONE ROOF, with the Von Braun Center serving as our contest site. It will be very convenient for all attendees. We will have an International Quartet Prelim (2 rounds), a District Chorus Championship, and a Most Improved Chorus Award based on chorus scores from last spring. We will also offer a "Score for Evaluations Only" session for those choruses/quartets who do not wish to compete but would like to receive a personal score sheet and a 60-minute coaching session, or 45-minute evaluation session. We just need *you* there to participate!

As promised, the evaluations/coaching sessions following each contest session will be YOUR CHOICE. Here is the list of the sessions, along with the judging panel that will be on tap for our contest:

- 1) No Evaluation or Coaching
- 2) Evaluation Only-3 judges 15min each
- 3) Coaching-3 judges 20min each
- 4) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/PRS) 30min each
- 5) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/MUS) 30min each
- 6) Coaching-2 judges (MUS/PRS) 30min each
- 7) Your choice of judges (based on 1st come/ 1st served)

Judges who are on the Official Panel:

MUS- Steve Jamison & Raymond Schwarzkopf

PRS-Dwain Brobst & Ev Nau

SNG-Harry Haflett & Chad St. John

EACH of you is important to the well-being and future of our Dixie District, and we want you to have a grand experience at this 2015 Dixie Fall Convention. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the very best that Dixie District has to offer!

# Dixie Loses Two Giants of Harmony

## Charlie McCann

Reprinted from *The Nashville Tennessean*

Charles Phillip McCann, age 86 of Nashville, TN went home to be with the Lord on January 19, 2015.

Charles was born in Nashville, TN on November 7, 1928 to the late John & Hazel McCann and was raised on a farm in Brentwood. He attended David Lipscomb High School and graduated with honors from Vanderbilt University's School of Engineering in 1950. He began his career with McCann Steel Company, a family business, and later started his own engineering firm, Charles McCann and Associates. He retired as a structural engineer and closed his firm December 31, 2014.

Charlie had a passion for a cappella four part harmony and was a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for more than fifty years. He served the organization at the local and district levels before being elected International President of the Society in 1990. Among the many honors Charlie has received are the Chapter Barbershopper of the Year award, the 1980 Dixie District BOTY award, and his 1997 induction into the Dixie District Hall of Fame. Over the years he sang in several registered quartets, including three district senior champions.

Charlie was preceded in death by his loving wife Jean Barrett McCann, daughter, Penelope Joyce (William) Waller, and sister, Dorothy McDonald.

Survivors include his soul mate Betty Shelton, daughter, Kathy (Robert Lee) Smith, sister, Carol Burden, brother, John (Ruth) McCann, 6 grand children, 10 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. The family received friends on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home where a celebration of Charlie's life was conducted on Sunday January 25. A Graveside service was held Monday, January 26, 2015 at Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens.

In Lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Harmony Foundation in honor of Charles Phillip McCann.

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**Charlie and Thom at the 2013 Dixie Fall Convention in Chattanooga.**



## Thom Hine

Reprinted from *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

**Thomas Joe Hine** died at Tranquility at Kennesaw Mountain on December 28, 2014, ending his 3 ½ year battle with cancer. He was peaceful and surrounded by his family. A memorial service for Thom was held on Saturday, January 3, 2014 at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church in Alpharetta, GA.

Thom was born on August 19, 1935 in Martinsville, Indiana to June and Marion Hine. At age 14 his high school shop teacher wanted to form a barbershop quartet, and the rest, as they say, is history. He quickly developed an incredible love of vocal harmony and barbershop singing that led him to lifelong friends, his wife, Carla, of 52 years, and a family connected by love and music. Thom was a 64-year member of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS), and tirelessly shared his passion and his talent for singing and for leadership with barbershop singers across the US and around the world. Thom graduated from Proviso Township High School (Maywood, IL), and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Lake Forest University (Chicago, IL) in 1957, where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He served in the US Army and Illinois National Guard, achieving the rank of Specialist E-4. After college he worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, then was employed in various roles at Allstate Insurance Company for 33 years, retiring in 1993 to pursue his passion - barbershop harmony. Throughout his life he lived in many places, including Indiana, the Chicago area (a few times), Arkansas, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, and finally metro Atlanta, as director and then Director Emeritus of the Big Chicken Chorus, and then as a member of the Atlanta Vocal Project. Thom loved coaching and teaching barbershop harmony, and directed several choruses throughout his life. He sang in many quartets, including the popular Midnight Oilers, The Four Henchmen (11th place, International Barbershop Quartet Competition in 1982), The Atlanta Forum (Dixie District Quartet Champions with his son, Clay, in 1987), and The Old Kids on the Block (International Senior Quartet Champions in 1991). Thom was the 1996 Dixie District Barbershopper of the Year and was inducted into the Dixie Hall of Fame in 2004. Thom is survived by his loving wife, Carla Beyer Hine, his sisters Patricia Haskett (Carmel, IN) and Jean Morgan (Scottsdale, AZ), his sons, Clayton and Bradley Hine, their wives Becki and Georgia Hine, grandchildren Melody, Camden, and Kelso, and the thousands of people he made part of his extended family. We'll miss you Thom...but the bass section in heaven just got a whole lot better!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Harmony Foundation, "In Memory of Thom Hine," to acknowledge Thom's lifelong passion for the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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The Dixie District of the Barbershop Harmony Society  
and Harmony Foundation is sponsoring the

## 2015 Harmony Explosion Co-ed Camp



A 3-day camp for young men and women in high school (and their teachers) who like to sing a cappella in 4-part barbershop harmony.

**Clinicians: Clay Hine – Director of Atlanta Vocal Project, Becki Hine – Director of Song of Atlanta Show Chorus, and Dusty Schleier, Director of Tune Town Chorus and Music City Chorus.**

**Thursday, July 16 through  
Saturday July 18, 2015  
at the University of Tennessee,  
Chattanooga**

Note! The only cost for a camper is \$100. Music Educators who attend will be granted a full scholarship. Please register early – registrations will be limited. Registration includes:

Three days and three nights in the dormitory, all meals on site, sheet music and learning tracks, t-shirt, workshops on vocal techniques and song presentation, and rehearsal of four songs for performance on Saturday night for friends and relatives. Show will include performances by some of the best quartets in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

For more information, go to [www.DixieDistrict.org](http://www.DixieDistrict.org), contact your local barbershop chapter, or email [vp-youth@dixiedistrict.org](mailto:vp-youth@dixiedistrict.org).

## **COMING THIS SPRING! Chorus Directors' Workshop Intensive (CDWI)**

This one-day event is open to chorus directors and assistants\*. Here is your chance to sharpen your directing skills under the tutelage of some of the best chorus director coaches in the Society.

In this one-day workshop:

- **Learn** through one-on-one coaching in front of a live chorus.
- **Grow** through immediate video review and trainer feedback.
- **Be empowered** to effect positive change in yourself and the chorus.

CDWI is limited to 5 directors, so secure your spot early.

Date: May 16, 2015  
Place: Birmingham, AL  
Cost: \$150 (a great chapter investment in its director)

For further information contact:

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\*Front line directors will be given preference

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## Plan Ahead...

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<b>3/13-3/15</b>	<b>Spring Convention and Contests Huntsville, AL</b>
<b>6/28 - 7/5</b>	<b>International Convention Pittsburgh, PA</b>
<b>7/16 - 7/19</b>	<b>Harmony Explosion Camp Chattanooga, TN</b>
<b>7/26 - 8/2</b>	<b>Harmony University Nashville, TN</b>
<b>10/23 - 10/25</b>	<b>Fall Convention and Contests Atlanta, GA</b>