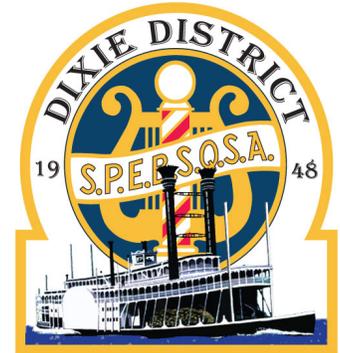




# Dixie Town Crier

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dedicated to the original Town Crier,  
Chuck Witherspoon



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## DIXIE SENIOR & JUNIOR CHORUSES & QUARTETS REPRESENT AT BHS MIDWINTER

The Dixie District representatives to the Barbershop Harmony Society's 2019 Midwinter Convention all gave spectacular performances, challenging for top honors in all categories.

**Dixie District Senior Chorus** competed with 50 members under the direction of Jimmy Tompkins. They sang, "You Tell Me Your Dream" and "How's Every Little Thing In Dixie" and received a "superior" rating from the judges. They were one of four (out of eight) choruses receiving "superior" with the men from Ozark Overtones winning the championship.



In the senior quartet contest, our Dixie Senior Quartet Champs, **Silver Ring** (Bob Davenport, Jimmy Tompkins, Nick Daley, Paul Wietlisbach), placed seventh with a 74.1. Their setlist included "Always" and "The Gang That Sang Heart of My Heart." Also representing Dixie in a more northern route, the Cardinal Senior Quartet Champs, **cityScape** (Allen Reynolds, Howard McAdory, Antony Clifton, and Jay Hawkins) medaled with a 5th place finish and a score of 75.5. They performed, "I'm Sorry I Made You Cry" and "So Long, Dearie."

In the Next Generation Junior Quartet contest, **3:1**, from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School in Nashville, TN, received a rating of "outstanding" and a score of 19.2 earning a 4th place finish. 3:1 performed "Love Me And The World Is Mine." **Sonic Sound Quartet**, from Marietta High School in Marietta, GA, finished with an "excellent" rating in 13th

place with a score of 13.8, singing "No No Norman."

Dixie had three choruses representing in the Next Generation Junior Chorus contest. In the Plateau AA competition there were two choruses. **Bro Re Mi** from Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School in Nashville, TN sang "Angels We Have Heard On High," "The Open Road," and "You're Welcome." They received a rating of "good" with 38 young men on the stage, directed by Cody Duff. **Georgia Spirit**, representing Atlanta Metro, from Atlanta, GA, performed "Ob La Di, Ob La Da," "I Will," and "HELP! Medley." They are under the direction of Becki Hine, and Lars Grevstad and received a rating of "outstanding" with 40 young men and women on stage. From Plateau AAA, **Bella Voca**, from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School in Nashville, TN and under the direction of Cody Duff, sang "Beauty and the Beast," "La Violette," and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." They competed with 68 young women and received a rating of "good."

Congratulations to all of our Dixie choruses and quartets, and NextGen Champs, **Wildfire**, and thank you for making us proud.

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# Jacksonville



## 2020 MIDWINTER CONVENTION



**Bella Voce** - Good

Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet - Nashville, TN  
Directed by Cody Duff



**Bro Re Mi** - Good

Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet - Nashville, TN  
Directed by Cody Duff



**Georgia Spirit** - Excellent  
Atlanta Metro - Atlanta, GA

Directed by Becki Hine, Clay Hine, and Lars Grevstad



**Sonic Sound Quartet** - 13th Excellent  
Marietta High School - Marietta, GA



**3:1 Quartet** - 4th Superior  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet - Nashville, TN

# Jacksonville



2020 MIDWINTER CONVENTION



Photo from BHS

**Dixie Seniors Chorus** - Superior  
Jimmy Tompkins, Director



Photo from BHS

**Silver Ring** - 7th with a 74.1  
Dixie Senior Quartet Champ



Photo from BHS

**Wildfire**  
Representing Dixie as the  
current NextGen Champs



Photo from BHS

**cityScape** - 5th (Bronze) with a 75.5  
Cardinal Senior Quartet Champ  
(we'll claim them)



Photos by Tony Nichols - Fall Contest 2019

## REGISTRATION

2020 Spring Quartet Qualifier and Chorus Contest. Early Registration will be available until 11:59 PM (EDT) , 10:59 (CDT) March 6, 2020. Online registration will be available until 10:00 PM (EDT) 9:00 PM (CDT) March 20, 2020. Registration on site will be open: 12:00 Noon - 1 hour after quartet contest starts Friday March 20. 8:00 AM - 1 Hour after chorus contest starts Saturday March 21. Early-bird registration for contestants is \$50 plus Eventbrite's handling fee, full registration after that will be \$10 more. Friday and Saturday tickets are available to attend in the audience for family, friends, and those not competing. Family packages are also available. For more information, please click the registration link below.

Registration link for Eventbrite can be found at our website. Go to <https://www.dixiedistrict.org/contest/>

Headquarters (Where registration will be)  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites

## Registration FAQ

**Q:** Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event? **A:** Yes. It will be exchanged at either the contest site or registration for an event ticket.

**Q:** Is my registration fee or ticket transferrable? **A:** Yes. You can transfer your registration to someone else.

**Q:** Is my registration refundable? **A:** Yes, up until 1 day prior to the start of the convention. If there are extenuating circumstances. Please contact Russell Bell 404- 863-8241 or [secretary@dixiedistrict.org](mailto:secretary@dixiedistrict.org). Leave a message with your name and contact.

**Q:** If it is just my wife and me do we get a family registration? **A:** No. The family registration is designed to help out families with children come to the contest. If you are registering less than 3 people individual registrations will be less expensive.

**Q:** Will name badges be printed? **A:** No. To keep costs low we stopped printing name badges years ago. Most all chapter members have a name badge so please wear your name badge to the contests.

**HOTELS****Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pelham**

(Headquarters)  
260 Cahaba Valley Road  
Pelham, AL 35124

- Rate: \$119 plus tax per night
- Call 205-987-8888 to make reservations by phone
- For on line reservations, see our website <https://www.dixiedistrict.org/contest/>

**Sleep Inn Pelham Oak Mountain**

200 Southgate Drive  
Pelham, AL 35124

- Rate: \$99 plus tax per night
- Call 205-982-9800 to make reservations by phone
- No on line reservations

**VENUE**

The contest site will be at the **Alabaster City Schools Performing Arts Center** on the campus of **Thompson High School**, 1921 Warrior Pkwy, Alabaster, AL 35007. The distance from the hotels to the ACS PAC is 10.2 miles (21 min) via US-31 S. Buses will be available for chorus transportation.

**ABOUT THE CONTEST**

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. You have SIX WEEKS to enter the contests of your choice. The deadline for contestant entries will be midnight Friday, February 28, 2020.

We will also offer a "Score for Evaluation" only session, INVITATIONAL, for ALL choruses/quartets who do not wish to compete and to all singing groups (Seniors quartets, Mixed quartets, Female Quartets, Female Choruses, and Mixed Choruses) who would like to receive your personal score sheet and up to a 60-minute coaching or a 30-minute evaluation-only session. We just need YOU there to participate! There will be something for

everyone! ALL male/female/mixed quartets MUST be BHS members EXCEPT FOR youth quartets (mixed, male & female) from college-age down.

District Championship Competitions AND all Prelim sessions will officially begin in Fall 2020. More information will be forthcoming following the 2020 Spring Convention.

PLEASE REMEMBER, EVALUATION/COACHING CHOICES will be sent out to the chorus/quartet contacts 2-3 weeks prior to contest by email. BUT YOU MUST INDICATE ON YOUR BARBERSCORE ENTRY FORM IF YOU WANT AN EVALUATION OR COACHING SESSION!

Jim will be sending out weekly reminders as to our progress and to help light fires under some of you who like to procrastinate. And we want you to have a grand experience at this 2020 Dixie Spring Convention. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the very best that DIXIE DISTRICT has to offer!

Jim Sams  
VP Contest & Judging-Dixie  
[vp-judging@dixiedistrict.org](mailto:vp-judging@dixiedistrict.org)  
(901) 488-3128

**JUDGES**

Here are the judges who are on the Official Judging Panel:

**MUSIC**

- Steve Tramack (NED)
- Pending appointment

**PERFORMANCE**

- Sean Devine (MAD)
- Shawn Mondragon (RMD)

**SINGING**

- David Mills (SUN)
- Mark Stock (NSC)

These judges are well-trained, experienced, and are ready and willing to work with each of you to help improve your performances regardless of what level you are.



**Dixie District Spring 2020 Convention**  
**March 20-22, 2020 – Alabaster, Alabama**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus/Quartet: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Handicapped Services Needed (Request must be received prior to March 1, 2020)**

Description	How Many	Cost	Total
Early Bird Registration Member		\$50.00	
Early Bird Registration Guests		\$50.00	
Family* Registration		\$113.00	
Additional Family members		\$10.00	
If mailed after March 1 add \$10.00 per registration†		\$10.00	
		<b>Total Due</b>	

\*Family is defined as two adults and two or more “youth” from the same household

†This applies to the family registration as well (Not each member of the family).

**Make check/money order payable to “Dixie District BHS”**  
**PLEASE WEAR YOUR CHAPTER NAME TAG**  
**We will be using pre-printed tickets for entrance. No Name tags will be printed.**

Credit card payment complete the information below. (**MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover**)

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ exp(MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name as it appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_ CVV2 Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:  
 Russell Bell  
 2716 Braemore Gln SW  
 Powder Springs, GA 30127-1760  
 cell: (404) 863-8241

email to:  
 registration@dixiedistrict.org

\*Form must be Postmarked by  
 March 6, 2020 to receive early  
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 timestamp must be prior to  
 11:59 PM 3/6/20

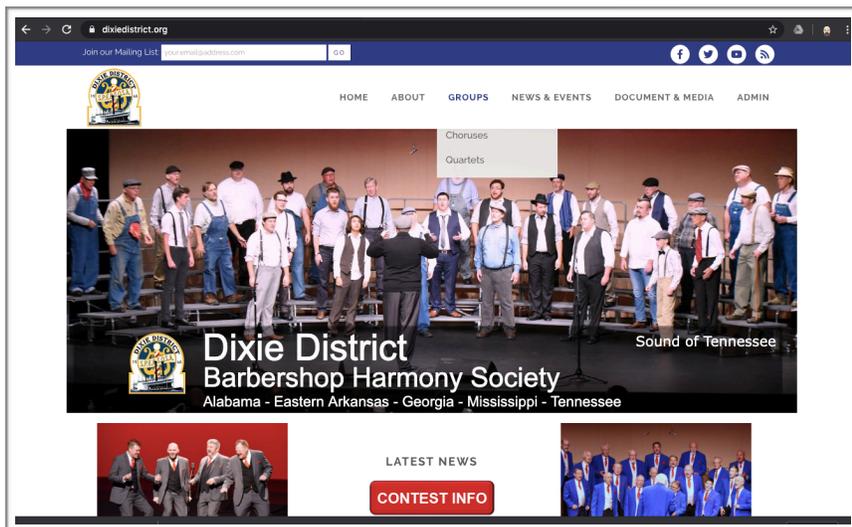
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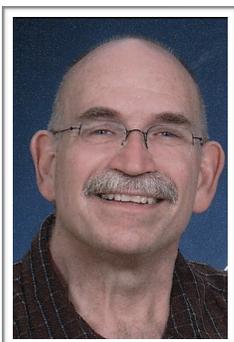
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David Murphree, Editor

## Dixie Website New Design - [dixiedistrict.org](http://dixiedistrict.org)



Mark Hyde retires as Dixie Webmaster. Thank Mark for all your hard work over the years and for assisting with the new webmaster redesigning the site.



### David Belden, Town Crier Editor Retires



A big thank you to our Town Crier Editor, David Belden, from the Nashville Chapter. David has been the editor since April of 2012 and recently decided to retire. David picked the photo on the left to announce himself as the editor in 2012. The new editor, David Murphree, picked the photo

### POSITION OPEN

Interested in becoming the new Town Crier Editor? Please contact Mike Brunson, VP - Marketing and Public Relations at [vp-marketing@dixiedistrict.com](mailto:vp-marketing@dixiedistrict.com).