



# Dixie Town Crier

Dixie's monthly chapter newsletter  
dedicated to the original town crier,  
Chuck Witherspoon



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*Dixie District Quartets, Choruses Excite the Crowds at 2019 Midwinter*

## Dixie Senior Chorus Takes Midwinter Gold

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

Nearly 80 Dixie District members are now sporting International Senior Barbershop Chorus Festival Champion pins as the **Dixie Senior Chorus** captured the top spot in the 2019 festival. The senior chorus members were unanimous in their appreciation for the guidance of their director, Jimmy Tompkins, for his leadership in both organizing the chorus and developing its musical plan for the contest.

In the senior quartet contest **Mac-N-Cheese** (Bob Davenport, Howard McAdory, Paul Wietlisbach, Tony Clifton) placed sixth, **Vocal Connection** (Bill Packard, Jimmy Tompkins, Rick Word, Nick Daley, Jr.) was seventh, and **Papa Joe's** (Al Reynolds, Ron Montgomery, Tom Cain, Joe Ezell) placed 14th.

In the Next Generation Junior Chorus contest, **Georgia Spirit** received a rating of "outstanding." In the Next Generation Junior Quartet contest, Dixie District high school quartet **Brickyard** was rated as "outstanding" and **Make-shift** was rated as "excellent."

*(see photos on pages 2-4)*



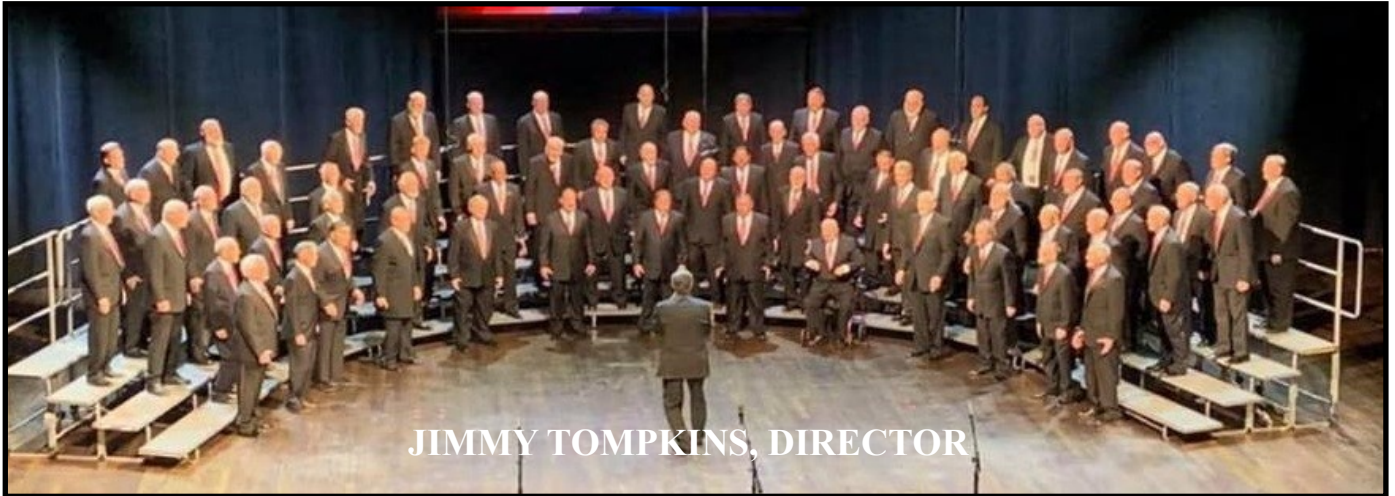
**Dixie District Spring Convention and Contests**

**March 15-17**

**Huntsville, Alabama**

**Details on Pages 5 & 6 and [www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org)**

# Dixie Senior Chorus 2019 International Senior Champions



JIMMY TOMPKINS, DIRECTOR



# Dixie District Senior Quartet Representatives BHS Midwinter 2019



**Mac-n-Cheese**



**Vocal Connection**



**Papa Joe's**

# Dixie District Next Generation Representatives BHS Midwinter 2019



**Brickyard**



**Makeshift**



**Georgia Spirit**



# Dixie District Spring Convention

## Huntsville, Al • March 15-17, 2019

Dixie Chorus Championship \* International Quartet Prelims  
Youth Quartet Contest • Mixed Quartet Contest

Contest Venue

### Von Braun Center

700 Monroe St. • Huntsville, AL 35801

Headquarters Hotel

#### Embassy Suites

800 Monroe St. • Huntsville, AL  
35801

**800-362-2779**

**Hotel Rate: \$110.00 plus tax**  
Group rate if reserved by Feb. 15

Link available at  
[www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org)

#### Springhill Suites

745 Constellation Place Dr. •  
Huntsville, AL 35801

**844-246-5820**

**Hotel Rates: \$85.00 plus tax**  
Group rate if reserved by Feb.  
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#### Homewood Suites

714 Gallatin St SW. •  
Huntsville, AL 35801

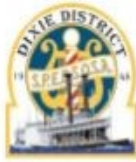
**256-539-1445**

**Hotel Rates: \$85.00 plus tax**  
Group rate if reserved by Feb  
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[www.Dixiedistrict.org](http://www.Dixiedistrict.org)

**Online Registration  
Available SOON  
At:**

**[www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org)**



**Dixie District Spring 2019 Convention  
March 15-17, 2019 – Huntsville, 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, 2019)**

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 1, 2019 to receive early  
 bird registration rate.

Official Use only  
 Circle One - Mail - Online - Email Form Received on \_\_\_\_\_ Entered into Database \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ticket Numbers assigned \_\_\_\_\_

# Music City Chorus 2018 Chapter Awards



**BEN RAJA**  
Rookie of the Year



**JAMES DONALDSON**  
Music City Chorus  
Barbershopper of the  
Year



**JEREMY LEE**  
Frank Cristina Spirit  
Award



**BILL MUNN**  
Director's Cup



**RICH SMITH**  
President's Award



# 2018



## STONE MOUNTAIN CHORUS SEEKING DIRECTOR

The **Stone Mountain Chorus** of the Greater Atlanta Chapter of BHS is looking for a new full time director. Chartered in 1981, the Stone Mountain Chorus has a long history of performance and community involvement in the Atlanta area as well as participation in Dixie District Conventions. The director would be expected to lead weekly rehearsals on Tuesday nights, and prepare the chorus for fall and spring shows, other public performances, and contests.

In addition to conducting skills, the director should have knowledge of vocal technique and music theory, and be able to motivate and inspire chorus members as we strive to improve our individual and ensemble singing and performance. The director is a key member of the music team, with input on music selection, arrangement, and stage presence.

Compensation is offered. Submit resume and cover letter to Lynn Trapp at:

**[director@stonemountainchorus.org](mailto:director@stonemountainchorus.org)**



**HEART OF GEORGIA CHORUS** — The Heart of Georgia Chorus was honored again to sing the National Anthem as part of the 23d Annual Run for Aviation opening ceremony, at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins. (Photo courtesy of Luis Morales)





### THE DIXIE TOWN CRIER

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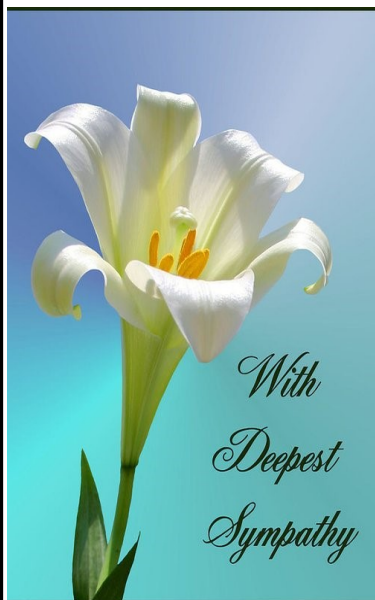
Deadline for chapters and quartets to submit articles and photographs for the next issue is February 25, 2019. Submissions should be sent to:

[david.belden@comcast.net](mailto:david.belden@comcast.net)

## UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- March 15-17:** Dixie District Spring Convention, Huntsville, AL
- June 30-July 7:** BHS International Convention, Salt Lake City, UT
- July 21-28:** BHS Harmony University, Nashville, TN
- October 4-6:** Dixie District Fall Convention, Oxford, AL



*With  
Deepest  
Sympathy*

**Music City Chorus  
Member**

**Dixie District Member**

**The Summit Quartet**

**Friend to All**



*In Remembrance  
Marco Gonzalez  
Sept. 7, 1977-Jan. 27, 2019*