



Dixie Town Crier

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



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Barbershop Harmony Society Convention—Salt Lake City!

June 30—July 7, 2019

Good Luck
Dixie Representatives



MUSIC CITY CHORUS



CATEGORY 4



ROCKY TOPPERS



SOUND OF TENNESSEE



ENTOURAGE



WILDFIRE

THE DIXIE DISTRICT
 OF THE BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY PRESENTS
**2019 HARMONY
 EXPLOSION CAMP**



A CO-ED, FUN-FILLED WEEKEND OF FOUR-PART HARMONY! OPEN TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS AND THEIR MUSIC EDUCATORS!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 - SATURDAY, JULY 13
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, CHATTANOOGA



CLINICIANS

CLAY HINE, MUSIC DIRECTOR, ATLANTA VOCAL PROJECT, BHS
 BECKI HINE, MUSIC DIRECTOR, SONG OF ATLANTA SHOW CHORUS, SAI

WITH TEACHING QUARTETS



HOT PURSUIT
 2018 SAI RISING STAR CHAMPIONS



WILDFIRE
 2018 BHS NEXT
 GENERATION
 VARSITY DIVISION
 BRONZE MEDALISTS

FEES:
 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS -- \$175
 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC EDUCATORS -- FREE

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
 THREE DAYS/NIGHTS IN UT-CHATTANOOGA HOUSING,
 ALL MEALS, SHEET MUSIC AND LEARNING TRACKS, WORKSHOPS
 ON VOCAL TECHNIQUES AND SONG PRESENTATION, REHEARSAL
 OF SIX SONGS (MALE, FEMALE, MIXED) FOR SATURDAY NIGHT
 PUBLIC SHOW PERFORMANCE, AND CAMP T-SHIRT.

**MORE INFORMATION AND
 REGISTRATION AT
 DIXIEDISTRICT.ORG**
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Music City Chorus
Presents
Salt Lake City
Send-Off
Show!

Saturday, June 8
Lebanon High School
500 Blue Devil Boulevard
Lebanon, TN 37087



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TICKETS: www.musiccitychorus.org

THE GREATEST SHOW MEN



Featuring **ATLANTA VOCAL PROJECT** with **BOARDWALK Quartet** and **CATEGORY 4 Quartet**



Sunday, June 9, at 3:00 pm
Roswell Cultural Arts Center
950 Forrest Street, Roswell, GA 30075

TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION AT:

www.AtlantaVocalProject.com

404-919-SING (7464)

Tickets@AtlantaVocalProject.com

The Big Chicken Chorus is proud to present

Celebrating



A tribute show honoring
Gentlemen's Agreement
the 1971 BHS champion quartet

featuring 200 performers
in 4 choruses, 4 quartets

AND YOU!

June 22, 2019 - 3:00 pm - Byers Theatre, Sandy Springs, GA

Lake Lanier GA Sends 4 Kids To Dixie Harmony Explosion Camp

Recently the Lake Lanier, Ga. chapter membership was presented a proposal to send a high school student who was interested in singing barbershop harmony to the Dixie District Harmony Explosion Camp in Chattanooga from July 10 to July 13 at a cost of \$175 per camper.

David Haas, treasurer, was pleased to tell the group that they had a benefactor who had pledged to match members' contributions up to \$175 to sweeten the pot a bit. That first night the chapter collected \$92 for the fund and was off to a great start. On the following Tuesday they collected an additional \$90 from the membership, plus \$175 from one member, who wanted to sponsor a camper! One week later they collected another \$62, and our total collected stood at \$594! We were suddenly close to sending an entire quartet to camp! Our final push came on May 7 with a goal to collect \$56 to have enough to send four campers. The chapter reached deep into their pockets, and our take for the night came to \$57. We now have enough to send four campers this year with \$1 in seed money for next year.

We're working with the Alpha Male VLQ at Alpharetta (Ga.) High School to see if there are four of their members that would be interested in attending the camp. We're also encouraging their music teacher to attend the camp as a guest of the district. If we don't have four students from Alpharetta High School that are able to attend, we'll reach out to other high schools in the area to find participants. Thanks again to the chapter membership for pulling this off. Your generosity will help to give a big boost in expanding barbershop harmony in the local high schools, which is so important to the continuation of our music style. Isn't it great to be a barbershopper?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Due to time conflict with
the International Convention
in Salt Lake City,
there will be
NO July issue of the
Dixie Town Crier.**

Andy Doetsch Makes Big Splash at Alpharetta, GA High School Concert

Jack Martin



As a result of Andy Doetsch's efforts, (a North Georgia Barbershop Singer) five high school-age boys make their Barbershop debut in an Alpharetta High School concert.

Several weeks ago, Andy Doetsch, a teacher at the Alpharetta High School introduced barbershop to the men's chorus. Five of the boys showed interest and stepped up to the challenge. After a few rehearsals, the boys had mastered the art of barbershop singing.

Were they champions? Yes, in the eyes of their peers, they were indeed champions! They exhibited courage and harmonized as any barbershop quartet is trained to do. They sang a very challenging arrangement of, "Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie", which brought much applause from their peers in the audience. The sky is the limit for these young men.



The "Pickup Stix," a well-seasoned quartet from the North Georgia barbershop singers, from Cumming, Ga., also sponsored the Alpharetta boys quartet and sang in support of the them. They sang a new show tune called, "You've Got a Friend In Me", which contains the hallmarks of the barbershop style, with a syncopated rhythm and a jazz flavor that is popular among the younger set.



Andy had the boys quartet and Pickup Stix sing together as a VLQ (Very Large Quartet) later in the program, singing, "Honey/Little Lize", an old standard within the BHS, (Barbershop Harmony Society). It was a win-win experience for both the young men and barbershop in general, as well as the 600 people in the audience.



The Heart of Georgia Barbershop Chorus is inviting all BHS and SAI-members to join us for a *Leisure Time-An Evening of Barbershop Harmony*. The Southern Brigade will join us on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 7:00pm, at Southside Baptist Church, 1040 South Houston Lake Road, Warner Robins, GA 30188. Just show your Current BHS or SAI card at the door for free entrance, all others \$15 (\$10 for seniors and military). For more information email us at hogchorus@gmail.com, or call us (478) 345-SING (7464).



HOUSTON HEALTHCARE



Leisure Time

An Evening of Barbershop Harmony

Presented by Heart of Georgia Barbershop Chorus



State Farm
Andy Thomas, Agent
478-975-0069
www.andythomas.us



The Southern Harmony Brigade, an invitation-only a Capella chorus will join us singing many old-time songs in barbershop harmony.

Tickets \$15 (\$10 for groups (10 or more), students, military, and seniors)

September 7th, 2019, 7:00p.m.

Southside Baptist Church, 1040 S Houston Lake Rd,
Warner Robins, GA 31088





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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



June 30-July 7:

**BHS International Convention,
Salt Lake City, UT**



July 10-13:

**Dixie District Harmony Explosion Camp
University of Tennessee—Chattanooga**

July 21-28:

BHS Harmony University, Nashville, TN



October 4-6:

Dixie District Fall Convention, Oxford, AL