



# Dixie Town Crier

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



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Freddie Braswell reporting

## PRIDE IS RISING IN TUSCALOOSA

The mere mention of Tuscaloosa, Alabama among college sports enthusiasts, instantly brings to mind crisp Indian summer days of tradition-rich University of Alabama football, where the pigskin rules supremely. Great coaches like Wallace Wade, Frank Thomas, Paul Bryant, Gene Stallings, and Nick Saban are revered Crimson Tide family names to those of us raised on a diet of Dreamland ribs and "Yea Alabama". And, of course, a stroll past Denny Chimes with enshrined handprints of football greats like Joe Namath, Kenny Stabler, and Cornelius Bennett is a cinch to raise goose bumps on any true - blooded Bama fan.

But, even though the season is once again upon us and the Crimson Tide sits at or near the top of the college football polls, there is another nip in the air in T-Town this year. The "nip" has many of the same quality characteristics exhibited by those folks within the realm of football. Things like desire, enthusiasm, initiative, dedication, and yes, tradition. Perhaps the most satisfying element of this refreshing renaissance to

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## BREAKING NEWS

### Fall contest results

The Dixie District Fall Convention ended just hours before the Dixie Town Crier deadline, and it was certainly an enjoyable weekend in Tunica, Mississippi.

A big thank you goes out to the Memphis Chapter for hosting an excellent convention. Your efforts were greatly appreciated in making everything run so smoothly.

The Dixie District quartet champions for 2012 are "The Real McCoy."

Qualifying for the senior quartet international contest at the 2013 midwinter contest is "Stacked Deck."

"The Angle" was named the Dixie District novice quartet champion.

Winning the right to represent the Dixie District at the 2013 International Convention in Toronto was the "Atlanta Vocal Project" under the direction of Clay Hine!

During the fall convention the "Four Voices" were inducted into the Dixie District Hall of Fame. Also inducted was George Joslyn, the best stage man in the society!

The next gathering of the Dixie District will be in Gadsden, Alabama in March 2013.

Complete score sheets for the fall contests can be found at [www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org).

## Huntsville Chapter, Lloyd Unfred reporting

# “Sound Celebration” a Great Success



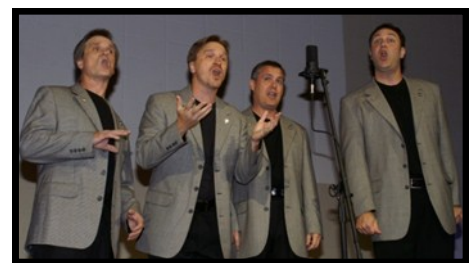
The Rocket City Barbershop Chorus presented “Sound Celebration” on September 8<sup>th</sup> to a packed house. The audience enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment from the Rocket City Chorus and quartets, as well as guest performers.

Hors-d’-oeuvres were served prior to the show, and dessert was served at intermission, which created a very warm and inviting atmosphere.

The show started promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the Rocket City Chorus, directed by Cathy Rosol, singing the show’s theme, “Sound Celebration.” Mixed in with the chorus repertoire, Rocket City quartets also entertained the audience with their lively numbers. *Audio Radiance* sang “Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie.” *Sugar Pops* sang “Baby Face.” *The Slide Rules* sang “The Longest Time,” which is a fun, modern barbershop arrangement. *Extended Chords* sang “This Little Light/Do Lord” medley to complete the quartet part of the show.

After intermission, the Huntsville Irish Dancers blew the crowd away with their lively steps. Then came *Shugah*, an enthusiastic and entertaining Sweet Adeline quartet, whose members sing with the Tune Town Show Chorus in Nashville. The audience also enjoyed the wonderful close harmony and a spirited performance from the 2004 District Quartet Champions *Zamboni Brothers*.

The show ended with the Rocket City Chorus’s rendition of “You Raise Me Up,” followed by the audience and guest performers joining in with the chorus on “God Bless America.” The evening was a true celebration of barbershop sound!



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	Student \$16	Student \$11
	Groups \$16	Groups \$11

<b>Evening</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Premium</b>	<b>Upper Tier</b>
	Adult \$20	Adult \$15
	Senior \$18	Senior \$13
	Student \$18	Student \$13
	Groups \$18	Groups \$13



## SEND YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS TO NASHVILLE IN NOVEMBER!

The District Leadership Academy for 2013 chapter officers will take place on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the **Tennessee Technology Center** (100 White Bridge Pike) in Nashville, TN. Your officers will be trained by highly qualified and experienced instructors from within the District to help your leaders prepare to lead your chapter to success in 2013!

### Classes to be offered include:

President/EVP (combined class)

Secretary

Treasurer

Music & Performance VP

Marketing/PR VP

Chapter Development VP

Youth in Harmony VP

The Co-Deans of this year's Leadership Academy are the District's Music & Performance and Marketing/PR Vice-Presidents, **Jim DeBusman** and **Bob Davenport!** Both men have taught in many Leadership Academies (formerly called COTS) and Jim has extensive experience directing these training schools during his tenure as a member of the Society staff.

Registration and lodging information are already available on the District website. The cost will be \$50/person and can be paid online. Check payments should be made payable to **Dixie District, BHS** and should be mailed to Bob Davenport – 4813 Hopedale Drive, Nashville, TN 37211. If your chapter wants to send one check for all of its attendees, have your Chapter Secretary send that check along with a separate registration form for each attendee to Bob. The hotel will be the **Holiday Inn Express** (5612 Lenox Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209) in west Nashville, only one mile from the Tennessee Technology Center. There are also several dining options on White Bridge Pike.

Make your plans now to send your chapter leaders to the Leadership Academy. Lodging reservations must be made by October 16th by calling 615-353-0700 and using the code DDW (Dixie District Workshop). We'll see you in Nashville on November 17<sup>th</sup>!



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**Christmas Show**

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**Saturday, December 8, 2012**  
**2 Big Shows at 3:30pm & 7:30pm**

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Tickets on sale soon! For information and tickets: [www.bigchickenchorus.org](http://www.bigchickenchorus.org)  
Also you may call the BCC hotline: 770-438-9752 for information and tickets

Nashville Chapter, David Belden reporting

## Tickets now on sale for MCC's holiday show "Welcome Christmas" at TPAC

The Music City Chorus will be performing its annual holiday show in the beautiful Tennessee Performing Arts Center in downtown Nashville on December 8. There is a 2 p.m. matinee and a 7 p.m. evening performance. Tickets are available NOW at the TPAC box office, in person or online at:

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

The Nashville Arts Commission has invited the Music City Chorus to sing on its October 27th festival of music at Cumberland Park in downtown Nashville. MCC is proud to be invited to this prestigious event, which will be headlined by the world famous Fisk University Jubilee Singers. The event is free and open to the public.

In September the Nashville Chapter gave two performances at Opry Mills Mall. The event was designed to introduce barbershop harmony to thousands of shoppers who may be unfamiliar with our genre of music. In addition to the Music City Chorus, the senior quartet "DinoChords" also was featured.

Finally, the chapter just returned from a very successful trip to the Dixie District Fall Convention in Tunica. Nashville's own "The Real McCoy" was crowned 2012 Dixie District Quartet Champion! Congratulations to Daniel Rushing, Howard McAdory, James Estes, and Jimmy Barr!

The Nashville chapter was well represented in the quartet contest by chapter quartets "7th & Broadway," "Sagacity," and the "DinoChords." Chapter members also sang in "Decades" and "HONCHOS."

The Music City Chorus opted to sing for evaluation only, presenting a reprise of its 2012 international contest set which earned them a seventh place finish in Portland, Oregon in July.



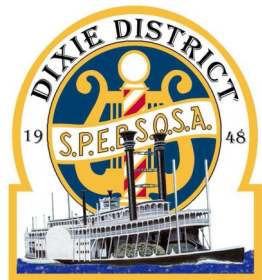
**THE REAL McCOY**  
**2012 Dixie District Quartet Champions**





## Music City Chorus at Opry Mills





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**Congratulations to Tim Reynolds (Atlanta Metro Chapter) for winning the EVG District quartet championship!  
Tim is the lead in the quartet "Momentum."**

**Freddie Braswell reporting**

### PRIDE IS RISING ... continued from page 1

me is the presence and active involvement of youthful and energetic college students.

Finally, the movement of which I speak is the TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER OF THE BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY & CRIMSON PRIDE CHORUS!

Never, in all of my 44 years of "living" this God sent hobby of barbershop harmony have I experienced the level of joy and satisfaction that has been brought about by watching and sharing this gift with my brothers in harmony. Every meeting and rehearsal this year has been like that first moment in 1968 when I found myself lost within the boundaries of four voices attuned in heavenly barbershop sound. I attribute this joyous state of mind directly to observing newly-recruited young men as they discover this gift of love.

By the time you read this article, I will have shared the stage once more with my brothers in harmony – both young and old! It doesn't get any better than this – ROLL PRIDE!!

**THE DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER, CHORUS,  
AND QUARTET NEWS FOR THE NOVEMBER 1 ISSUE  
IS OCTOBER 25!  
SEND YOUR NEWS TO  
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