



Dixie Town Crier

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



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David J. Belden, Editor

Will YOUR chapter be in the Dixie Town Crier in 2013?

The Dixie Town Crier was re-launched in 2012 with the goal of promoting each chapter in the Dixie District. To that end, many chapters submitted articles, show flyers, and photographs throughout the year. However, many chapters did not. As we enter 2013 most chapters will have some changes in officers and leadership responsibilities. If your chapter has not designated someone to contribute your chapter's news, I certainly urge you to do so.

Submitting information to the Dixie Town Crier is simple. Just e-mail your text, photographs, and flyers to me at david.belden@comcast.net. If your chapter correspondent is not computer savvy, I can also accept submissions through the mail: David Belden, 352 Sarava Lane, Smyrna, TN 37167. You can even call me at 615-625-3800 and give me information you want included! The deadline is the 25th of the month, with publication a week later.

I am sure 2013 is going to be an exciting year in your chapter, especially since the Barbershop Harmony Society is celebrating its 75th anniversary. What better way than to share the good news about your chapter with your fellow barbershoppers in the Dixie Town Crier!

Nashville Chapter

Music City Chorus welcomes Christmas in style with two shows at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center



The Music City Chorus, under the direction of Dusty Schleier



Lunch Break



The Real McCoy



7th & Broadway



Mr. Grinch



TNS



DinoChords



Sagacity



Recording Artist
Christy
Sutherland



The Silent Monks!

Photos courtesy of Lorin May

Nashville Chapter, David Belden reporting

Awards presented, officers installed at dinner

The Nashville Chapter closed out its 2012 year of harmony with its annual installation dinner and Christmas party. Barbershop Harmony Society CEO **Marty Monson** served as the installing officer as he led the oath of office for all of the 2013 chapter officers and board members, including president **Charlie Davenport**.

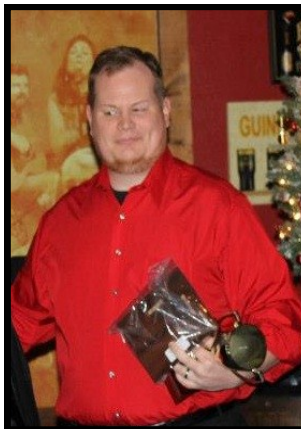
The highlight of the evening was the naming of the 2012 honorees for the four special chapter awards. The year's Barbershopper of the Year was longtime member **Mel Joesten**. The President's Cup was given to **Jim DeBusman**. The Frank Cristina Spirit Award was given to **Dusty Schleier**. And the Director's Cup went to **Josh Moore** as the chapter's most improved member.

The Nashville Chapter bid a fond farewell to outgoing president **Ken Martin** as he is relocating to Nevada. Also saying good-bye to the Nashville Chapter is **Sean Devine** who is moving back to Pennsylvania.

Chorus director **Dusty Schleier** recapped some of the chapter's accomplishments, including a seventh place finish for the chorus at the Portland international contest and the 2012 Dixie District Chorus Championship. He also noted the chapter's successful quartet program that produced many international and district contest participants, including the current Dixie District champions, **The Real McCoy**. He also pointed to 2013 as a year of growth ... musically and in membership.



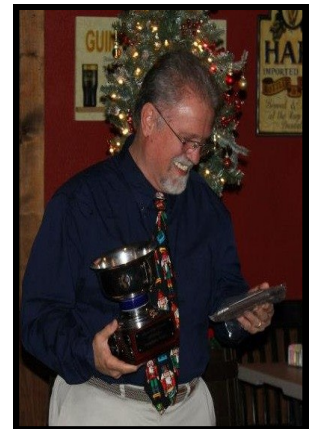
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MEL JOESTEN



Director's Cup
JOSH MOORE



Frank Cristina Spirit Award
DUSTY SCHLEIER



President's Cup
JIM DeBUSMAN

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Moore



BHS CEO Marty Monson installs the 2012 Officers

From Jim DeBusman

Are you attending our Dixie District's Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend in 2013?

The Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend is happening next July 19 - 20 - 2013, at the University of Alabama - Huntsville. We had a great start last year with over 100 Dixie District Barbershoppers in attendance. Fantastic!

In 2013, we are holding the school in the brand new Charger Village Residence facility. All of our classes, coaching and dorm rooms will be in this wonderful building. It will be only a ten minute walk on the brand new Greenway or a very short drive (carpool) to where we will eat. We will have our meals exactly where we were last year. By the way, you can't beat the spacious dorm rooms we will have this coming year. They are better than the ones last year by far.

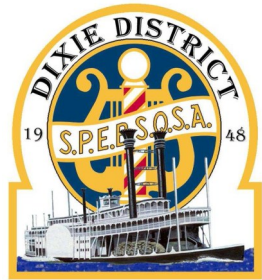
It will be a great weekend of learning, singing and socializing with some of the Barbershop Harmony Society's most outstanding educators and coaches. Such talents as Tim Brooks, Clay Hine, Mike O'Neil, Eddie Holt, & KJ McAleesejergins, George Joslyn, Paul Weitlisbach, Allen Reynolds, Robert Strong, and Patty Leveille, just to name a few, will be sharing their experience with you. More faculty and explanations of courses will be coming your way as we approach this most exciting educational event for our Dixie District.

*Furthermore, we will have our own Dixie District Quartet Champions and 11th place international quartet "**Lunch Break.**" They are one of the Society's finest singing and funniest quartets ever.*

And that's not all; we will share the weekend with the Youth in Harmony Festival chorus. Wow, how can you beat that? Their sounds will thrill you to no end.

Registration for the Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend is already up on our District's Website.

If you have any questions, please contact Russell Bell. His email appears on the 2013 Registration Form. Sign-up now!



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Deadline for chapters and quartets to submit articles and photographs for the next issue is **January 25, 2013**. Submissions should be sent to:

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From Gerald Adams, Dixie District Historian

YOUR chapter's memorabilia needed for Dixie District booth in Toronto

The Dixie District plans to have a booth at the 2013 International Convention in Toronto. The convention will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

We would like to invite the chapters that make up the Dixie District to submit items for consideration that may be appropriate for display in the booth. Such items may include photographs of choruses and quartets, show programs, trophies, newspaper articles, among other things.

We want to show off our Dixie District accomplishments to the rest of the Society in the best way possible. Your help is vital to get this done.

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