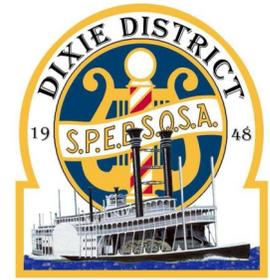




# Dixie Town Crier

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



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## Dixie District Convention

# Its barbershop time in Chattanooga!

The unique sound that is barbershop harmony will be heard this weekend in Chattanooga, Tennessee as hundreds of Dixie District barbershop harmony singers come to town for the annual Dixie District Fall Convention.

More than 25 quartets will sing on Friday night, with a dozen of the finest choruses in the society taking the stage on Saturday. The quartets are seeking the Dixie District championship. Senior quartets are looking for a spot in the mid-winter international contest. And the choruses are hoping for scores that will gain them entry into the 2014 international chorus contest in Las Vegas.

The complete schedule of events is printed on page 2.



THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE   
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# Dixie District Convention

## Schedule of Events

Day	Time	Location/Event
<b>Friday</b>	Noon -7:00 pm	East/West Room - Marriott Registration
	Noon-6:00 pm	Signal Mountain Room - Marriott Tag Singing
	Noon-6:00 pm	District Marketplace East/West Room—Marriott
	2:00 pm	Plaza C - Marriott House of Delegates
	2:30-3:30 pm	Signal Mountain Room - Marriott Tag Singing
	2:30-3:30 pm	Lookout Mountain Room - Marriott Vocal Pedagogy: Mechanics of the Singing Voice & Its Application to Barbershop with Steve Scott
	3:30-4:15 pm	Signal Mountain Room - Marriott Joe Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal with Director Rick Ramsey
	3:30 - 5:00 pm	Hayes Concert Hall Quartet Walkons
	6:00 pm	Hayes Concert Hall Dixie Quartet Championship Prelims
	~11:00 pm	3rd Floor - Marriott Quartet Evaluations
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00-9:00 am	Room 203 - Hayes Concert Hall On Point quartet coaching with Steve Scott
	8:00-Noon	Mezzanine 2nd Floor - Marriott Registration
	8:00-10:00am	Kicks Lounge - Marriott Ladies Hospitality
	9:00-10:00 am	Room 203 & 210 - Hayes Concert Hall
	9:00-10:00 am	Sweet Tea & Pending Approval quartet coaching with David McEachern & Mark Stock
	9:00-10:00 am	Band Room & Room TBA - Hayes Concert Hall
	10:00 am	Footnotes & Foothills Connection quartet coaching with Steve Dorn & Steve Scott
	10:00 am	Band Room - Hayes Concert Hall Joe Barbershop Chorus warmup with Directory Rick Ramsey
	10:30am-3:00	District Marketplace Hayes Concert Center
	11:00 am	Hayes Concert Hall International Chorus Qualifying Prelims
	2:30 pm	Hayes Concert Hall Chorus evaluations and coaching Rooms TBA
	2:15-3:50 pm	Tennessee River Room - Marriott
		Signal Mountain Room - Marriott
		Lookout Mountain Room - MarriottPeachtree City Chorus coaching with Jim Debusman
		High Country Harmonizers Chorus coaching with Steve Scott
		North Georgia Barbershop Singers Chorus coaching with Dave Fobart
4:00-5:00 pm	Tennessee River Room - Marriott Festival Chorus mass rehearsal with Directory Jim Debusman	
7:00-10:00 pm	District Marketplace Hayes Concert Center	
7:30 pm	Hayes Concert Hall Dixie Quartet Championship Finals	
After Contest	Hayes Concert Hall Show of Champions	
After	Show of Champions	



**HARVESTING HARMONY**—Bridget Wietlisbach, wife of Nashville barbershopper Paul Wietlisbach and a faithful member of our Entourage!, created this scarecrow entitled, "Harvesting Harmony!" It will be on display at Nashville's Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art through 10/31. Go check it out; the crows may just bust a chord!

*Nashville Chapter, David Belden reporting*

## Music City Chorus, quartets ready to perform

The Music City Chorus and a whole host of Nashville based quartets are prepared to share the stage with fellow Dixie District barbershoppers in Chattanooga.

In recent weeks the chorus held a coaching session with Roger Stanfield, who helped focus the chorus on making the emotion of their presentation real.

Meanwhile, chapter quartets have been rehearsing and meeting with coaches of their own in hopes of making a solid showing on the district contest stage. The chapter is pleased that two of its quartets will be featured during the weekend. TNS will serve as the quartet mic testers, and **The Real McCoy** will sing away its district championship trophy.

Its great to be a Dixie District barbershopper!



*Big Chicken Chorus, Ron Magnuson reporting*

## Cartersville Community Service Day

Although the Marietta Chapter, Big Chicken Chorus is located in Marietta, Georgia, members of the chorus represent communities throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area. One of those communities is Cartersville, a 35 to 40 minute drive to Marietta. Currently, five active members from Cartersville participate in chorus activities and are ambassadors for the chorus in their own community. The chorus has performed at the city's Grand Theater and a number of small groups including quartets and VLQs comprised of chorus members have performed in the community.

Cartersville members recently organized a Cartersville Community Service Day in September. Bill Devine, the chorus Vice President for Program and Cartersville resident, contacted a number of



Warming up at 8:30 a.m. at the Cartersville Railway Station that serves as the city Visitor Center.



Performing for residents of the Star Manor Personal Care Home in Cartersville.

assisted living, nursing home, and other care sites in the Cartersville community and arranged for a contingent from the Big Chicken Chorus to entertain residents of the eight facilities, primarily assisted living and nursing homes. The last site visited was the Advocates for Children's Flowering Branch Children's Shelter. The chorus will perform a Christmas Show in Cartersville that will benefit the Advocates for Children on December 8 at the Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church. The non-profit facility serves over 2600 youth and provides services that assist in the awareness, prevention, and treatment of child abuse. The facility depends on

fund raising events to provide financial support for the facility and services they provide. The day's activities and the upcoming Christmas show in Cartersville were promoted by Mac McKenzie, another Cartersville member, on the Cartersville radio station, WBHF radio /1450.

Twenty two members of the chorus answered the call for volunteers to participate in this activity, resulting in what Drayton Justus, who directed the group, called a VVLQ (Very, Very Large Quartet). The group sang a selection of music that included pole cats and songs from the current chorus repertoire. The event garnered front page coverage in the Bartow County Daily Tribune News. For chorus members participating, it was most rewarding to see the smiles on residents' faces and to see their enjoyment. The day ended with an Afterglow at the City Cellar in downtown Cartersville. The group entertained restaurant patrons by singing several of our favorite pole cats.

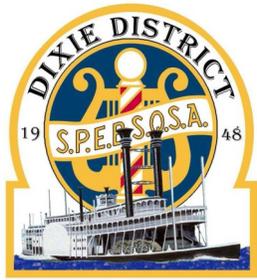
*Photos were taken by Rooster Booster Patricia Elvers, wife of Cartersville member Dave Elvers.*



Chorus members never pass up an opportunity to sing for an audience. They entertained patrons of the Swheat Market Deli in downtown Cartersville during their lunch break between performances.



Marian Barber, Volunteer Services Coordinator for Advocates for Children in Cartersville, provides information to chorus members about the Flowering Branch Children's Shelter and on the services the non-profit agency provides. Proceeds from the chorus Christmas Show in Cartersville will benefit the shelter.



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