



Dixie Town Crier

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



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Fall convention was competitive, entertaining and informative

The Fall 2014 Convention certainly lived up to expectations, for it was competitive, entertaining, and informative for barbershoppers from throughout the Dixie District.

On Friday evening, **Copeland Road** was crowned the 2014 Senior Quartet Champion. **Stacked Deck** earned the right to represent the district in the senior quartet competition at the International Mid-Winter Convention in New Orleans in January 2015. **The Fine and Dandies** won the Novice Quartet Award.

The choruses took the stage on Saturday morning. Nashville's **Music City Chorus** had the highest score, earning the right to represent the Dixie District at the International Chorus Contest next summer in Pittsburgh.



2014 Dixie District Quartet Champion—MC4

The **Music City Chorus** was also the Dixie District Plateau AAA Champion. Other Plateau Champions were **Voices of the South (AA)** and **Memphis Men of Harmony (A)**. **Voices of the South** was also named the Most Improved Chorus.

RedZone, the 2013 Dixie

District Quartet Champion, performed on Saturday. The 2014 District Trophy was presented to **MC4** of the Nashville Chapter who had a score of 77.6

Rounding out the top five were **Boardwalk**, **Prelude**, **Instant Message**, and **Drew Grindley**.



**Dixie District Chorus Representative to Pittsburgh International
MUSIC CITY CHORUS**



**Dixie District Senior Quartet Representative to International
STACKED DECK**

(Photos Courtesy of Tony Nichols)



**2014 Dixie District Senior Quartet Champion
COPELAND ROAD**



**2014 Dixie District Novice Quartet Champion
THE FINE AND DANDIES**



Lake Lanier GA Chapter, Tom Riggle reporting

North Georgia Barbershop Singers Open Show for The Oak Ridge Boys



What a thrill it was for our chapter chorus, **North Georgia Barbershop Singers**, to open a show for **The Oak Ridge Boys** recently. The show was on October 3 at the Forsyth County Fair in Cumming, GA. **The Oak Ridge Boys** were formed in the 1940's in Oak Ridge, TN, and the group has evolved over these many years. The current members, Duane Allen (lead), Richard Sterban (bass), Joe Bonsail (tenor), and William Lee



Golden (baritone), came together in 1973. With the exception of an eight-year period when Golden left the group, they have sung together for more than 40 years.

The thrills began as we were warming up behind stage and Joe Bonsail walked by. Then Duane Allen and Richard Sterban stopped in their tracks behind our director, Steve Dorn, to listen as we sang through "God Bless the USA." That was somewhat intimidating, but when we finished, they gave us a hand-clapping applause of approval. That was followed by visits and hand shaking by both the mayor of Cumming and Georgia State Governor Nathan Deal and his wife.

At the appropriate time, our chorus assembled on stage and got into position. We sang the stirring Val Hicks barbershop arrangement of the "The Star-Spangled Banner" which was met with enthusiastic cheers from the nearly 4,000 people in the arena. With the audience still standing, we broke into "God Bless The USA." We performed with heartfelt emotion as the crowd reacted with patriotic enthusiasm throughout.

As we left the stage, we were congratulated by the Governor, his wife, and **The Oak Ridge Boys** as they waited to go on. As **The Oak Ridge Boys** took the stage, Duane Allen announced that this feels like America and this is what America is really all about. What a thrill for the Lake Lanier Chapter and the **North Georgia Barbershop Singers!** I'll never forget it.



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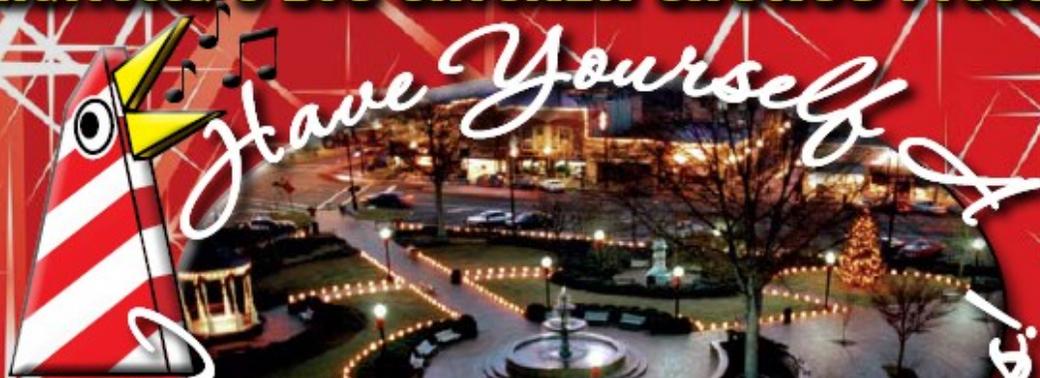
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Jim Moore reporting

Atlanta Vocal Project Launches New School Auditorium

On Tuesday, October 7, Chamblee Charter High School, a 1600-student school in the northern suburbs of Atlanta, held its opening concert in its new 600-seat theater.

This free concert was open to the public and included performances by the Beginning Chorus, the Advanced Chorus, the Jazz Band, and select students from Drama, Musical Theatre, and Orchestra. The Fine Arts Department invited all CCHS parents and supporters, and feeder school fine arts boosters to attend this opening concert and to experience the new venue.

The featured performer was **Atlanta Vocal Project** who helped warm up the singers with vocal exercises and tags, and who was invited to sing a twenty-five minute barbershop set. Singing for a near-capacity audience and 80 screaming teenage singers certainly made us feel like rock stars. We were thrilled with four standing ovations for our six songs. **AVP** was honored to be a part of this event, and is committed to help the school and its choral director Linda Lirette in her choral program.

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