



Dixie Town Crier

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



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BHS International Convention Opens June 29

Hundreds from Dixie District to Head to LV

Over 100 Dixie District barber-shoppers will be taking the stage at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas when the Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention opens on June 29.

The first Dixie District competitors will be **The InsurGents** who compete Tuesday in the International Collegiate Quartet Contest.

Our district will have plenty of groups to cheer for in the quartet contest which begins on Wednesday. Five quartets have earned the right to represent the Dixie District: **A Mighty Wind**, **TNS**, **Lunch Break**, **MC4**, and **Overture**. **'Round Midnight** represents the Mid-Atlantic District, but features lead Wayne Grimmer from



the Nashville Chapter.

The Dixie District will have two representatives in the chorus competition, and both will likely perform before a capacity crowd. **The Atlanta Vocal Project** will sing 29th out of the 31 choruses, with Nashville's **Music City Chorus** taking the stage with the chorus contest's final performance.



The July issue of the Dixie Town Crier will be published early, for the Editor will be leaving for the BHS International Convention. Please have all photos and story copy to David Belden before June 22. Submissions should be sent to:

david.belden@comcast.net

Northeast Tennessee Chapter; Jess Helton reporting

Quartet Sings for Local Special Olympics

A quartet from the **Appalachian Express Chorus** (Northeast Tennessee Chapter) consisting of Tyler Carpenter (Bass), Dean Renfro (Tenor), Steve Davis (Baritone) and Jess Helton (Lead) sang in the opening ceremony for the 2014 Area 3 Special Olympics Track and Field Games in the MSHA Athletic Center at East Tennessee State University on May 2.

Approximately 400 athletes from 25 schools and five adult service agencies in four area counties participated in the day's festivities. The event was sponsored by various organizations and community members in the area. The participants and supporters paraded around the athletic center while being led by a high school drum corps.

Community leaders who came to welcome the athletes and volunteers this year included ETSU First Lady Donna Noland and the Vice Mayor of Johnson City. The Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem were led by a participant, and the lighting of the Special Olympics torch was lit by a participant. During the opening ceremony, the quartet sang "What a Wonderful World" for the hundreds in attendance.



Upper East - Area 3

Tuscaloosa Chapter, Freddie Braswell reporting

Hopping Down Main Street with Crimson Pride

A group of singers representing the Tuscaloosa Chapter and **Crimson Pride Chorus** brought some Easter joy and fun to both children and adults at the Homewood Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt Hop & Shop on Saturday, April 12, 2014. Joining the Easter parade in vintage costume were **Crimson Pride Chorus** Director Ron Montgomery and wife Brenda, **Retro Tones** Quartet members Steve Thomas, Kevin Lane, and Freddie Braswell, and **Stacked Deck** Quartet Bass and Assistant Chorus Director Tom Cain.

The parade down Main Street in Homewood, Alabama, lasted approximately two and a half hours and generated some significant excitement for children and adults alike! Accompanied by Retro Rabbit (Freddie), the entourage made its way through the streets of Homewood singing "Easter Parade" and crooning barbershop tunes to happy shoppers and entrepreneurs along the way. The event certainly provided some incredibly unforgettable "Kodak Moments!"

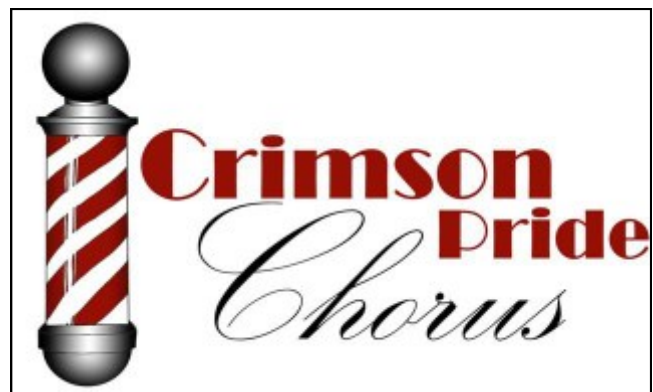
Totally exhausted and "hotter than a bucket of red ants," Freddie stated happily that he now has a renewed appreciation for the genuine Easter Bunny and his annual springtime duties.



(L-R) Retro Rabbit (Freddie Braswell), Tom Cain, Steve Thomas, Kevin Lane



Ron and Brenda Montgomery with Retro & Friends



The Dixie District of the Barbershop Harmony Society
and Harmony Foundation is sponsoring the
2014 Harmony Explosion Co-ed Camp



**A 3-day camp for young men and women in high school (and their teachers)
who like to sing a cappella in 4-part harmony**

**with clinicians Clay and Becki Hine, and the award-winning quartets,
A Mighty Wind and *Last Minute*, as teaching quartets**

**Thursday, July 17 through Saturday, July 19, 2014
at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga**

**Note! The only cost for a camper is a \$100 fee. Music Educators who attend will be
granted a full scholarship. Please register early. Registrations will be limited.**

Registration includes three days and three nights in the dormitory, all meals on site, sheet music and learning tracks, t-shirt, workshops on vocal techniques and song presentation, and rehearsal of six songs for performance on Saturday night performance for friends and relatives. Show will include performances by some of the best quartets and choruses in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

For more information contact your local barbershop chapter, or:

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North Carolina Harmony Brigade 2015

Scholarships in Memory of Chuck Greene Offered

Harmony Brigade scholarships are available for qualified male singers, ages 18-28, to attend the North Carolina Harmony Brigade 2015. This will be a weekend of participatory extreme quartet singing.

- You don't have to come from North Carolina.
- You don't have to have a quartet.
- Up to ten full **Free Scholarships** are available.
- You'll sing in dozens of good quartet combinations.
- It's a fun retreat weekend of non-stop quartet singing.
- There's a great, shared repertory of championship songs.
- The Brigade has a great network of over 120 experienced quartetters.
- Exceptional high quality learning materials are provided.
- The weekend includes good hotel accommodations and meals & afterglow.

The scholarships are funded in the honor and memory of Chuck Greene. For a scholarship application or detailed information write: NCHB.Scholarships@gmail.com

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