



# Dixie Town Crier

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



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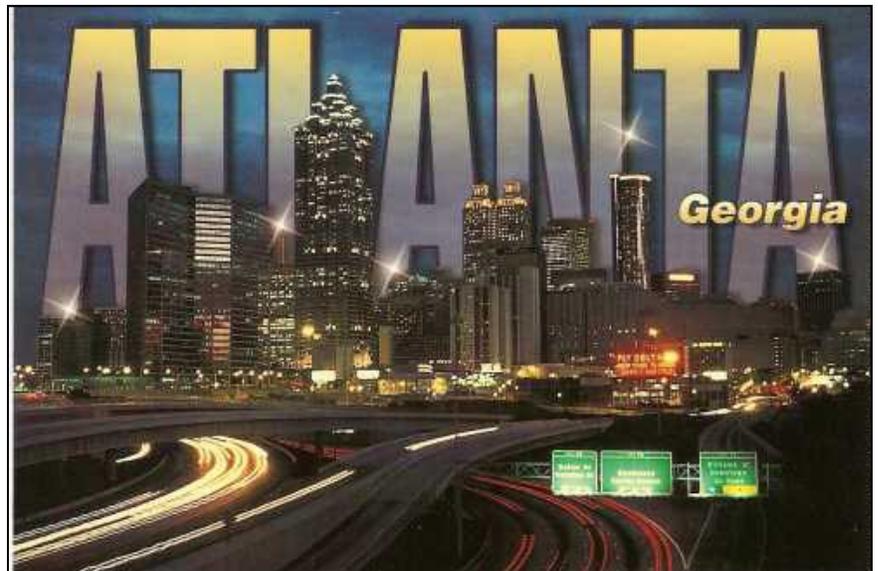
## Reserve your spot for the Dixie District Fall Convention

The Dixie District has announced plans for an “all under one roof” experience for the Dixie District Fall Convention. The event will be held from October 10-12, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia in the Dunwoody area of Atlanta, Georgia.

The contests will be held right at the hotel, so park your car for free when you arrive and you won't have to move it all weekend! There are restaurants on site, and additional restaurants and shopping are available at Perimeter Mall, an easy walk across the street.

Hotel reservation can be made by calling 1-888-233-9527. The group name for the convention rate of \$99 per night is “Dixie District Annual Convention 2014.”

You can now make your convention registration online at [www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org). If you prefer to mail in a registration form, one is included on page 2 of this issue.





**Dixie District Fall 2014 Convention**  
**October 10 – October 12**  
**Atlanta, GA**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (ex. B104)

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus/Quartet: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Handicapped Services Needed (Request must be received by Friday September 19, 2014)**

Description	How Many	Cost	Total
Early Bird Registration Member†		\$40.00	
Early Bird Registration Guests†		\$40.00	
Mailed after September 19 add \$10.00 per registration		\$10.00	
DAQC Show*		\$5.00	
		Total Due	

†Registration gets you admittance to the Quartet Semi-Finals, Chorus Contest, and Quartet Finals

\*DAQC show is a separate event from the convention registration.

**Make check/money order payable to "Dixie District BHS"**  
**PLEASE WEAR YOUR CHAPTER NAME TAG**  
**We will be using pre-printed tickets for entrance. Name tags will not be printed.**

Credit card payment: Complete the information below. (MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover ONLY)

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ exp. (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name as it appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:**  
 Russell Bell  
 2716 Braemore Gln  
 Powder Springs, GA 30127-1760  
 Phone: (770) 439-8249

email to:  
 registration@dixiedistrict.org

Form must be Postmarked by  
 September 19, 2014 to receive early  
 bird registration rate.

Official Use only

Circle One - Mail - Online - Email Form Received on \_\_\_\_\_ Entered into Database \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Numbers assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by James Moore

## Youthful enthusiasm abounds at Harmony Explosion Camp



The 2014 Harmony Explosion Camp was held July 17 through 20, at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. There were 105 campers, 13 music educators and 17 staff/faculty, resulting in 135 attendees, including chaperones, the teaching quartets, 3 clinicians, and staff. Students came mostly from the Atlanta area, Calhoun, Georgia area, Birmingham area and Columbus Georgia area. There were 99 from Georgia, 1 from Tennessee, 2 from Virginia and 4 from Alabama.

Songs were: *Crazy 'Bout Ya Baby*, *Over the Rainbow*, and *Sadder But Wiser Girl* – for the boys, and *Sway*, *When I'm 64*, and *In My Life* for the girls. The combined choruses learned and performed *In Harmony*. In addition, the teachers and staff learned and performed *Happy Together* as a VLQ.

The clinicians, Clay and Becki Hine, and Dusty Schleier were an excellent team, and were well-liked by students and teachers. The teaching quartet for the boys was *A Mighty Wind* and *Last Minute* for the girls. They were excellent and gave a masters class on Friday.

On Friday night following rehearsals, there was a “Tag Singing Session.” Many of the boys and girls were able to meet other campers at this event and sing tags. There were several quartets that participated and a good time was had by all. That was followed by an ice cream social held outside the Library building. On Saturday night a Pizza Party was held in the same location. Twenty-five Papa John Pizzas were consumed in a short time, and tags were sung by and with the campers into the late hours.

The Saturday night show was performed to an audience of approximately two hundred public, parents, and local barbershoppers. Other performers on the show were *InsurGents*, *Last Minute* and *A Mighty Wind*. The campers were extremely proud of the performance they gave.

Evaluation forms were extremely positive in all aspects. All the educators had nothing but the highest praise for the entire camp.



**Newnan High School Chorus**  
*presents*  
**Men's Vocal Festival 2014**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**  
**Newnan High School Auditorium**  
**190 LaGrange Street, Newnan, GA 30263**

Registration 9:00 am  
Rehearsals 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Performance 5:00 pm

Concert is free and open to the public

*Featuring Festival Conductor*  
**Clay Hine**  
*& Special Guest*  
**Atlanta Vocal Project**



**All men 7th grade and up are invited to attend!**

Participation fee of \$25 includes music, part learning tracks, festival t-shirt, and lunch.  
For information, contact Elizabeth Robbins, NHS Choral Music Director  
elizabeth.robbins@cowetaschools.org      770-254-2885

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# Micro-HEPs (Harmony Education Programs) can only be successful unless you attend them!

By Jim DeBusman, Music & Performance Vice President

In earlier publications, we've explained to you the reasons why we needed to make a change in the Dixie District's music education and coaching school's structure.

Currently, we only have four Dixie Barbershoppers signed up for the September 13<sup>th</sup> Micro-HEP in Atlanta. If we don't have at least 15 signed up by Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have to cancel the event.

We have both quartet/chorus coaching and music education classes, PVI's, Vocal Technique, Marketing your Chapter Website, Visual Presentation, Tag singing and many other classes that you would like to have at these two Micro-HEP events. They are only one-day (8:00am – 6:30pm) on a Saturday.

We really want every district quartet and chapter member that did not go to our Barbershop Harmony's Harmony University to consider this as an option for a way to become a better educated Barbershopper. ***The cost is only \$50.00 and your lunch is included. Once again, we will start at 8:00 am on Saturday and be done no later than 6:30 pm that evening.***

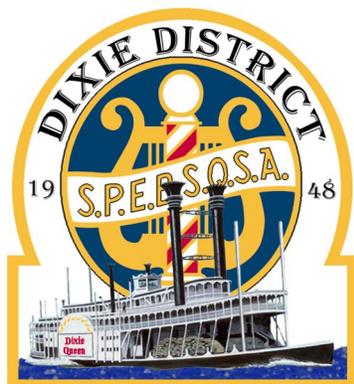
Registration for these two Micro-HEPs is on our Dixie District Website right now. The registration form is also available in this issue of the Dixie Town Crier. ***Remember, to make your check or credit card out to the Dixie District not to Russell Bell.***

The located in Atlanta, GA is at the Covenant Presbyterian Church on September 13<sup>th</sup> and the other is located in Nashville, TN at the Calvary United Methodist Church on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are very excited about this new concept of providing a new event that is not going to be so difficult to travel to and still help you receive an excellent day of music education and coaching.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Jim



## Plan Now -- Micro-HEPs\* in Dixie this Fall

<p><i>Who?</i></p> 	<p><i>What?</i></p> 	<p><i>Where?</i></p> 	<p><i>Why?</i></p> 	<p><i>When?</i></p> 	<p><i>How Much?</i></p> 
<p><b>You Me</b></p> <p>Any Dixie Member</p> <p>Any Prospective Chapter Member</p>	<p><b>Individual Vocal Coaching and Instruction</b></p> <p>Music Education Classes (50 min. each)</p> <p>Tag Singing</p> <p>More Fun</p>	<p>Covenant Presbyterian Church, 819 Georgia Hwy 314 N, <u>Fayetteville, GA</u> 30214</p> <p>&amp;</p>	<p>To Receive Tips &amp; Techniques for Better Vocal Production</p> <p>To Produce Barbershop Harmonies &amp; to Ring those Chords</p> <p>To Have Fun &amp; To Meet &amp; Join with Other Brothers in Song</p>	<p>Saturday, <u>September 13</u></p> <p>8:00 am – 6:30 pm</p> <p>&amp;</p>	<p>\$50.00 (includes lunch)</p> <p><i>Be sure to complete and submit the Registration Form.</i></p>
<p>Your Quartet</p> <p>Your Chorus</p>	<p>Coaching for Your Quartet</p> <p>Coaching for Your Chorus</p>	<p>Calvary United Methodist Church, 3701 Hillsboro Pike, <u>Nashville, TN</u> 37215</p>	<p>To Increase the Music, Singing, &amp; Presentation of Your Quartet</p> <p>To Increase the Music, Singing, &amp; Presentation of Your Chorus</p> <p>To Enjoy the Hobby/Lifestyle of Barbershop Singing Even More</p>	<p>Saturday, <u>October 25</u></p> <p>8:00 am – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>\$50.00 (includes lunch)</p> <p><i>Be sure to complete and submit the Registration Form.</i></p>

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\*Micro-Harmony Education Programs

**DIXIE DISTRICT 2014 Micro-HEP  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**SATURDAY – September 13, 2014**

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 819 Georgia Hwy 314 N, Fayetteville, GA 30214

**SATURDAY – October 25, 2014**

Calvary United Methodist Church, 3701 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Your Micro-HEP Choice:

Atlanta, GA area: \_\_\_\_\_ or Nashville, TN: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are in a quartet, please give the quartet's name:

\_\_\_\_\_

If you are in a chorus, please give the name of the chorus:

\_\_\_\_\_

Payment Options:

We prefer that you mail a check for \$50.00 to:

**Russell Bell, 2716 Braemore Glenn, Powder Springs, GA 30127**

Paying by check will minimize credit card processing fees. If you would rather use a Credit Card, you can visit [www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org) and register online or you may complete the following:

Your Name: (as it appears on the credit card) \_\_\_\_\_

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ or MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_

## Chapter News

### Appalachian Express Chapter, Tyler Carpenter reporting



A quartet from the Appalachian Express Chorus opened up a new Bass Pro Shop with The Star Spangled Banner on August 20th at the grand opening ceremony and Night of Conservation in Bristol, TN. Angler Jimmy Houston and Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey were among the speakers for the Grand Opening Celebration. Finally, at 6:45, the ribbon was cut and the crowd was let in.

The Appalachian Express Chorus has a large presence in the greater Tri-Cities region appearing at local minor league baseball games, ETSU athletic events, and even schoolwide student convocations. Spreading the harmony of barbershop music is a passion for each and every member of the chorus, so that is exactly what they do.

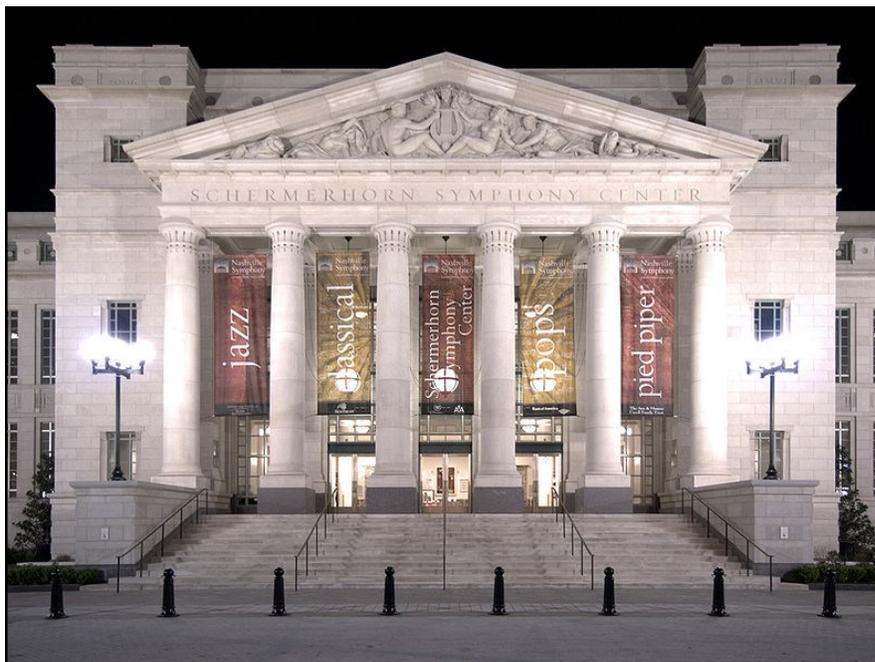
Quartet members: (L-R) Larry Taylor (t), Joe Poor (l), Tyler Carpenter (b), and Nathan Goodwin (br). Angler Jimmy Houston looks on.

### Nashville Chapter, David Belden reporting

Members of the Music City Chorus and the MC4 quartet will perform at the beautiful Schermerhorn Symphony Center in downtown Nashville on September 27. The performance is part of the Nashville Symphony's "Free Day of Music." It includes many of the top performing groups from the Nashville area.

The Nashville Chapter's performance will be in the Curb Hall from 5:30 until 6:15 p.m.

Complete details and schedule are available at:



<http://www.nashvillesymphony.org/education/community-programs/free-day-of-music>



## THE DIXIE TOWN CRIER

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

[david.belden@comcast.net](mailto:david.belden@comcast.net)

# Does Your Chapter Have a Show Coming Up?

## Has Your Quartet Spread Barbershop Harmony in a Unique Location?

### The Dixie Town Crier is the Place for YOUR Chapter, Chorus, or Quartet to Spread the Word Throughout the Dixie District!

**THE DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER, CHORUS,  
AND QUARTET NEWS FOR THE AUGUST 1 ISSUE  
IS SEPTEMBER 25!  
SEND YOUR NEWS TO  
[DAVID.BELDEN@COMCAST.NET](mailto:DAVID.BELDEN@COMCAST.NET)**