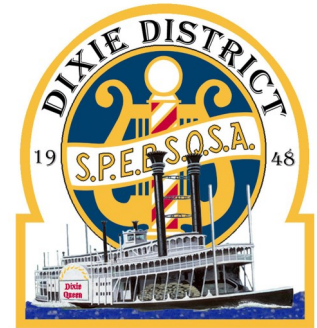




# Dixie Town Crier

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



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## Dixie District Represented at Midwinter Convention

The Dixie District will be well-represented at the Barbershop Harmony Society Midwinter Convention to be held January 6-11 in New Orleans.



On Friday afternoon the district will have three choruses competing in the Youth Chorus contest. The Atlanta Metro and Greater Atlanta Chapters will sponsor **Georgia Spirit**, directed by Clay Hine and Tim Brooks. The Nashville Chapter will sponsor the **Music City Youth Chorus**, directed by Wayne Grimmer. The **Foothills Sound Youth Chorus** is from the Knoxville area (Powell High School) and is directed by Lee Franks.

The Senior Quartet contest is Saturday, and **Stacked Deck** will represent the Dixie District.

The Midwinter Convention will be available via webcast. Complete details can be found at [www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org).



# THOM HINE

**Dixie District Hall of Fame—2004**

**Dixie District Barbershopper of  
the Year –1996**

**Dixie District President—  
1999-2000 and 2008-2009**

**Director Emeritus of the  
Big Chicken Chorus**

# 2015 Leadership Academy (Chapter Officer Training)

When: **Saturday, Jan 24, 2015, 9AM - 5PM**

Where: **Covenant Presbyterian Church**

**819 Hwy 314 N.**

**Fayetteville, GA 30214**

Hotel: **Holiday Inn Express, Fayetteville, GA. 770-461-5600**

Negotiated room rate \$99/night. 2-man rooms (\$49.50/man).

Includes free breakfast. Tell them you're with the "Dixie District Leadership Academy". All attendees staying at the hotel must pay for your own room and arrange for your own roommate.

Cost: **ONLY \$25 per man to cover facility and faculty.**

Pay at the door. Does NOT include food. Meals are on your own.

**Keynote Speaker: Mr. Steve Wysmierski, JAD,  
BHS President's Track Leader and Teacher Extraordinaire.**

**Classes available:**

**CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

**CHAPTER SECRETARY**

**CHAPTER TREASURER**

**CHAPTER MARKETING & PR**

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**CHAPTER MUSIC & PERFORMANCE**

**CHAPTER SHOW PRODUCTION**

Please **RSVP** as soon as possible to Paul Wietlisbach  
[pwezul@gmail.com](mailto:pwezul@gmail.com) and tell him which class you desire.

Nashville Chapter

# Music City Chorus Presents Annual Awards

The Music City Chorus held its annual Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner in December. Jeff Syracuse, Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce and Board Member of the Blues Foundation and The Nashville Blues Society, was the installation officiant. He installed President George Reynolds and the others officers and board of directors for 2015.

Four awards were also presented. David Belden was named Barbershopper of the Year. Wayne Grimmer received the Frank Cristina Spirit Award. Ken Phillips was presented the Director's Cup, and Sam Wey was the recipient of the Rookie Award. The President's Cup will be presented in January.



**Installation Officiant  
Jeff Syracuse**



**2015 Chapter President  
George Reynolds**



**Barbershopper of the Year  
David Belden**



**Frank Cristina Spirit  
Award  
Wayne Grimmer**



**Director's Cup  
Ken Phillips**



**Rookie Award  
Sam Wey**

# Nashville Chapter Christmas Shows Assist the Homeless

When the Music City Chorus presented its “Ugly Christmas Sweater Holiday Show” in December, it was not just an overwhelming success for the audience. The Christmas spirit created at the show will carry over to many cold winter nights in the city of Nashville.

Audience members were encouraged to bring sweaters and other articles of clothing to the performances to be donated to those in need. Our audience members overwhelmingly responded to our request. Nearly 100 items of clothing, including more than 60 sweaters, were collected and donated to the Room in the Inn program for distribution to the homeless.

Special acknowledgement goes to chapter member Kirk Jordan for sorting and packaging the items after the shows.



**2014 Music City Chorus President Charlie Davenport is pictured with Claire Hale, Room in the Inn Collection Coordinator.**



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

# *2015 Dixie District Contest Dates*

## Spring Contest

March 13-15

Huntsville, Alabama

## Fall Contest

October 23-25

Dunwoody, Georgia

**THE DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER, CHORUS,  
AND QUARTET NEWS FOR THE FEBRUARY 1 ISSUE  
IS JANUARY 25!  
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[DAVID.BELDEN@COMCAST.NET](mailto:DAVID.BELDEN@COMCAST.NET)**