



Dixie Town Crier

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



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The year 2016 promises to be a memorable one for the **Dixie District**. In addition to our own spring and fall conventions, the **Dixie District** (Nashville) will be the site of the 2016 International Convention in July. The **Nashville Chapter** will play host to the event, but you can be sure that many Dixie District members will be counted on to contribute to making this the best international convention ever! With the event right in our own backyard, it is the perfect time for all Dixie District members to attend. Nashville's **Music City Chorus** and the **Atlanta Vocal Project** will compete, as will any district quartets which qualify this spring. Regardless of whether it will be your first international or you have been to many, this year's international convention will be something special!

Speaking of making 2016 special, why not make this year the year your chapter, chorus, and quartet renews its commitment to sharing what you do in in the **Dixie Town Crier**. This publication exists to share barbershop activities from across our multi-state district. Sharing is simple. Email stories, photos, show posters, etc., to editor David Belden at david.belden@comcast.net by the 25th of each month. There is no cost involved. As new chapter leaders come on board this January, make it a point to arrange for someone from YOUR chapter to submit information often.



Love, marriage, barbershop



When longtime Nashville barbershopper Tom Kilpatrick and his bride-to-be Cynthia were planning their November wedding, they knew they wanted to include some barbershop harmony. Seventeen members of the **Music City Chorus** were on hand to make sure Tom and Cynthia's wish was fulfilled. Tom and Cynthia were longtime friends who had each lost their spouses after marriages that had lasted more than 50 years. What a perfect way to start out their new life together!





Dixie District members Tony Nichols, Mike Curry, Sam Hooton and Tom Cain sang in the Virginia Samford Theatre's holiday show "Holiday Seasonings". The four barber-shoppers from the **Crimson Pride Chorus** sang Christmas Carols "of sorts" as the quartet "Easy Money." The show ran from December 16th through the 20th and featured local stage stars, dancers, singers, children and even a song or two from Santa. (Photo submitted by Tony Nichols)



When the **Music City Chorus** needed a quartet to promote its annual Christmas show on an early morning WSM radio show, this foursome (Allen Reynolds, Kirk Jordan, Paul Wietlisbach, and Larry Deters) answered the call. The group not only entertained the radio listeners, but attracted a crowd to the radio studio windows at the Opryland Hotel. (Photo submitted by Wayne Alvar)

Music City Chorus Presents 2015 Chapter Honors

The **Music City Chorus** (Nashville Chapter) celebrated the end of its memorable 2015 with its annual installation of officers and awards ceremony. Director Dusty Schleier praised the chorus for its bronze medal performance at the international convention in Pittsburgh and stressed the challenge of both hosting and performing at the 2016 international convention in Nashville.

Individual award winners included Pete Krotje (Barbershopper of the Year), Matt Parks (Rookie Award), Rich Smith (Director's Award as the Most Improved Chorus Member), George Luken (Frank Cristina Spirit Award), and Wayne Alvar (President's Cup for Outstanding Service to the Chorus).



Wayne Alvar (left)
President's Cup



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*Photos submitted by
David Belden*

Memphis Men of Harmony Sings Around the Town

by Stan Peppenhorst, MMOH Marketing & PR VP



After the resignation of its frontline director, the **Memphis Men of Harmony** decided to postpone its annual Christmas Show and sing at various locations in the Memphis area during December.



The Oak Court Mall in East Memphis, the Methodist Hospital in Germantown, and Overton Square and Cooper-Young in Midtown were sites visited during three different Tuesday rehearsal nights. Some members of **RSVP**, the Germantown Chapter, joined **MMOH** for the Midtown singing.





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

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2016 Dixie District Calendar

DIXIE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

January 16, 2016—Near Huntsville, AL

DIXIE DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

March 18-20, 2016—Oxford, AL

BHS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 3-10, 2016—Nashville, TN

DIXIE HARMONY EXPLOSION CAMP

July 14-17, 2016

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

BHS HARMONY UNIVERSITY

July 24-31, 2016

Belmont University—Nashville, TN

DIXIE DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 7-9, 2016—Dunwoody, GA