



Dixie Town Crier

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



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Plan Now for Dixie Spring Convention in Oxford, Alabama

Now is the time to make plans to attend the annual Dixie District Spring Convention and Contests. The 2016 event will be held on March 18-20 in Oxford, Alabama.

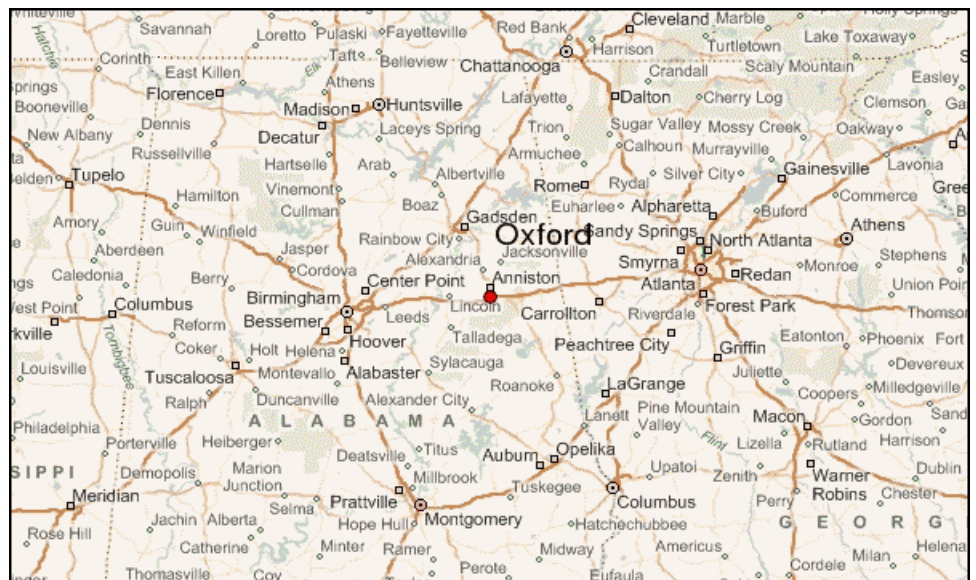
Information for choruses and quartets who plan to sing is included on page 2.

The headquarters hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn Oxford. All performances will be held in the beautiful Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Registration and housing information is now available on the Dixie District website:
www.dixiedistrict.org



MARCH 18-20, 2016



Spring Contest Information

By Jim Sams, Contest Administrator

The time is upon us once again to gather for the **2016 Dixie District Spring Convention and Contests**. This convention will be held **March 18-20, 2016** in **Oxford, Alabama**. The headquarters hotel is the **Hilton Garden Inn Oxford** at **280 Colonial Road, Oxford, AL 36203 (256-831-0083)**. The contest venue is the **Oxford Performing Arts Center, 100 Choccolocco Street**, which is about 7 minutes from the hotel. **I am depending on each of you** to be sure that this word gets out to **every member/competitor/performer** in your chapters. Check out the Society website in the **eBiz section** under **Contest Entry** to fill out your chorus or quartet **CJ-20 contest entry form**. We will have an **International Quartet Prelim (2 rounds)**, a **District Chorus Championship**, a **Youth Quartet Prelim**, and a **Most Improved Chorus award** based on chorus scores from last spring. We will also offer a **Score for Evaluations Only** session for those choruses/quartets **who do not wish to compete** but would like to receive your **personal score sheet** and a **60-minute coaching or 45-minute evaluation session**. We just need **YOU** there to participate!

Also, if there are those choruses who do not wish to participate in the contest but would opt for a **small chorus festival** in conjunction with the contest festivities, I need to hear from you **posthaste!** We are striving to put together a cadre of **Dixie coaches/judges** apart from our regular judging panel to work with **2-3 choruses/quartets who are not choosing to compete or perform for Score/Evaluation Only** for at least **1 1/2 hours each** and possibly put together a **megachorus** of these festival groups to sing in the **Joe Barbershopper Chorus** on stage and, possibly, on the **Chorditorium stage** Saturday night. Again, **I need to hear from your chapters** if you have **ANY interest** in this festival so that we can begin planning for those needs.

As promised, the **Evaluations/Coaching sessions** following each contest session will be **YOUR CHOICE**. You **MUST let me know** what **YOU** want in the way of **coaching or evaluations on your entry form** in order to be entered in the contest this fall. **YOU MUST ENTER YOUR CHOICE OF EVALUATION OR COACHING** in the **Comment section** of the **CJ-20. ENTRY FORMS (CJ-20's)** will **not be complete** until I have **YOUR CHOICE** of evaluation/coaching listed below. Please look at these and make your choice in advance of filling out your entry form. Then make sure you have **indicated in the comment section of the CJ-20** what your desires are for evaluation or coaching. **Here is the list along with the judging panel that will be on tap for our contest:**

No Evaluation or Coaching

Evaluation Only-3 judges 15min each

Coaching-3 judges 20min each

Coaching-2 judges (SNG/PRS) 30min each

Coaching-2 judges (SNG/MUS) 30min each

Coaching-2 judges (MUS/PRS) 30min each

Your choice of judges (based on 1st come/ 1st served) for options 3-6 (indicate in comment section on CJ-20)

Other option if not listed above (Indicate in comment section on CJ-20)

Judges who are on the Official Panel: MUS- Jim Kahlke and Cary Burns; PRS-George Gipp and David Krause; SNG-Jim Emery and Tim Marron.

If you have any trouble filling out the **CJ-20** for your chorus or quartet, **PLEASE contact me ASAP** and allow me to walk you through the process. I didn't cut and paste that lengthy process into this article, because it is so bulky, and I'm not sure most of you even read it. If you need it, I will be more than happy to send you a copy for you to work through it. **Again, I am available to help you fill out your CJ-20's if needed.**

The cut off for CJ-20 entries for this convention is midnight, February 20th which NOW gives you **three weeks** to get your entries filled out. That is **3 weeks from the start of the convention weekend**. Please let me hear from you **SOON** as to what your plans are for this convention. I would like to know what your intentions are as early as possible so that I may contact you to discuss the possibilities with you.

I will be sending out weekly reminders as to our progress. You may contact me at jimsamsca@bellsouth.net and at 901-488-3128. **EACH of you** is important to the well-being and future of our Dixie District. And we want you to have a grand experience at this **2016 Dixie Spring Convention**. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the very best that DIXIE DISTRICT has to offer!

ALL y'all come now, ya hear??!!

In Memory of Larry Deters

Former Dixie District President, Dixie District Hall of Fame,
Dixie District Barbershopper of the Year

Larry Edward Deters, 75, of Brentwood, TN and Olive Hill, KY, died January 12, 2016 after a brief illness. A longtime resident of Brentwood, he was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Sue Simmons Deters, and his father, Paul H. Deters of Ashland, KY. He is most recently survived by his wife, Diane Cristina Deters.

Larry Deters served in the U.S. Army Reserves and attended Morehead State University, Xavier University, the Universities of Cincinnati and Kentucky. He held a B.S. degree in microbiology and a Masters in Hospital Administration. He served as Assistant Director, Director and Regional Director of Veterans Administration hospitals in 7 states.

An avid golfer and UK basketball fan, Larry's lifelong passion was barbershop music. He performed and competed nationally and internationally in barbershop quartets and choruses for six decades. A well-known music judge, Larry served on the Board of Directors and as interim CEO of the 25,000-plus member Barbershop Harmony Society.

Larry is also survived by his mother, Justine Deters of Ashland, KY; his two daughters, Katherine Jordan and Jody Boles; sons-in-law Jonathan Jordan and William Boles; grandchildren Chloe Boles and Austin, Emily and Rachel Jordan; stepchildren Thomas Eubank III, Brooke Anderson, Mary Stewart and Nancy Smith, 8 step-grandchildren, and many beloved cousins and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Harmony Foundation International, 110 7th Ave. N. Ste. 200, Nashville, TN 37203, or the Vickie Wonders Foltz Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Metro Nashville Chorus, 6741 Autumn Oaks Dr., Brentwood, TN 37027.



Choo Choo Chorus: Year in Review

Submitted by Steve Wixson

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society had an impressive year as shown below and highlighted to the right. There were the Annual Show, Christmas Show with the Community Chorus and Scenic City Chorus, Singing Valentines Fundraiser, spring and fall Dixie conventions with us winning our Plateau and the Most Improved Awards and with our highest score since 1993, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party and 24 singouts. In 2015 we sang to more than 10,000 people.







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2016 Dixie District Calendar

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 in Nashville, TN

DIXIE DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 7-9, 2016

Dunwoody, GA