



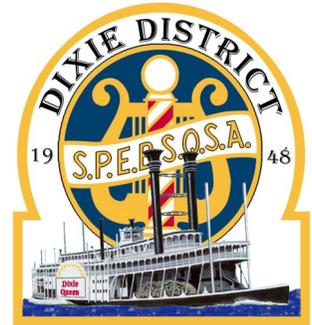
# Dixie Town Crier

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

Chuck Witherspoon

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90 Campers Are Educated

## 2016 Harmony Explosion Camp

The 2016 Harmony Explosion Camp was held July 14 through 17, at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

There were 90 campers, (47 boys and 43 girls), 9 music educators and 16 staff/faculty, resulting in 114 attendees, including chaperones, the teaching quartets, 2 clinicians, and staff. This was quite a reduction in numbers from the previous year, and that was due to several reasons that can and will be fixed by next year. There were several new schools represented this year, and a camper came from as far away as California. As in past years, around 90% of attendees were from the state of Georgia, with only a few from Alabama and Tennessee.

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*Ohana Means Family*

# Dixie District Quartet Medals At International Youth Quartet Contest



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Tony Nichols*

# Dixie District Quartets at International



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# Dixie District Quartets at International



**Boardwalk**



**Glen Arven Avenue**

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# Dixie District Quartets at International



**Dad Wagon**



**The 865 (Youth Quartet Contest)**

*Photos by Tony Nichols*

# Music City Chorus at International



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Tony Nichols*

# Atlanta Vocal Project at International



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*Deadline is September 16*

# Quartets and Choruses: Time to Register for Fall Contests

The Dixie District Fall Convention is scheduled for October 7—9, 2016. Everything is scheduled to be held under one roof the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30346.

Information has been emailed to chapter representatives. The cut-off date for CJ-20 entries for this convention is midnight September 16. Contests include Dixie Quartet Championship, Seniors Quartet Prelim, a Senior Quartet Championship, a Novice Quartet Championship, a Super Novice Quartet Championship, an International Chorus Prelim, Chorus Plateau winners and Most Improved Chorus Award. A Score for Evaluations On-session will also be offered.

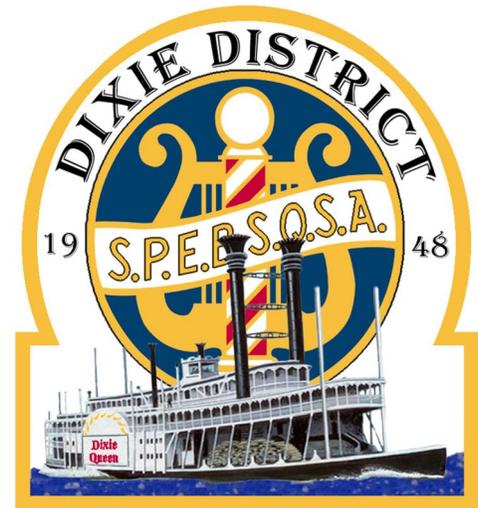
The Evaluation/Coaching Sessions will be held following the quartet finals and the chorus finals. Different evaluation/coaching options will be offered:

- 1) No Evaluation or Coaching
- 2) Evaluation Only-3 judges 15min each
- 3) Coaching-3 judges 20min each
- 4) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/PER) 30min each
- 5) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/MUS) 30min each
- 6) Coaching-2 judges (MUS/PER) 30min each
- 7) Your choice of judges (based on 1st come, 1st served)  
for options 4-6 (Indicate in comment section on CJ-20.)

Judges who are on the Official Panel: MUS- John Burri (EVG) and Tom Genrty (JAD); PER-Mike Lietke (LOL) and Paul Wietlisbach (DIX); SNG-Matt Fellows (MAD) and Bob McFadden (CAR). All judges just completed certification at the C & J Category School in Nashville.

All questions and requests for assistance should be directed to Jim Sams, Contest Administrator via email at [jimsamsca@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimsamsca@bellsouth.net), or by phone to 901-488-3128.

***Fall Convention:  
October 7-9 in Atlanta***



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**DIXIE DISTRICT JUDGES AT CATEGORY SCHOOL**—Congratulations to these Dixie District men for their hard work, their preparation, their time away from home and family to serve Dixie and others around our Society, and for their willingness to give of themselves to help others enjoy the barbershop lifestyle at its best! Back Row: Paul Wietlisbach, PER, Steve Dorn, PER, Tim Brooks, SNG, Mark Kettner, PER, Rick Spencer, MUS, Clay Hine, MUS, Jimmy Barr, SNG, Jim Sams, CA. Front Row: Brian Williams, PER, George Joslyn CA, Tim Reynolds, SNG, Dusty Schleier, PER, Dave Fobart, PER. Chad and Brandon Guyton were unable to attend Category School but will continue with Certification Pending through Candidate School in July 2017 where they will certify.

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**—Tim Brooks was awarded the highest award given by the SCJC, the Award of Excellence, in front of the 160+ attendees at Category School. According to Jim Sams, Tim is only the 8th judge to be honored with this award since its inception. Tim is so very deserving of the award and he continues to serve and share his expertise, experience, knowledge and his love of barbering with multitudes of barbershoppers and youth without thought of reward or acknowledgement. He is gentle giant with a heart of gold. We are very blessed to have Tim and his family in our Dixie District! Thank YOU, Tim!



*Jess Helton Reporting*

## Northeast Tennessee Chapter Happenings



The Northeast Tennessee Chapter (Appalachian Express Chorus) convened with the Hills Are Alive! Chorus in June 2016 to sing in harmony. The Hills Are Alive! Chorus is part of the Sweet Adelines International Region 14. The festive event took place at the Bristol Mall (500 Gate City Hwy, Bristol, VA) where the Hill Are Alive! rehearse every Tuesday night. The two choruses are approximately one hour from each other. Chorus and quartets sang for each other and enjoyed food, refreshments and socializing. At the conclusion, both choruses sang America the Beautiful Overlay. The Appalachian Express Chorus is planning to host the Hills Area Alive! at their rehearsing venue in the near future.

United We Fun Fest by the Appalachian Express Chorus was held at the Crown Center at Food City in Kingsport, TN. The dinner and show was held in collaboration with Kingsport Tennessee's Fun Fest activities on two separate evenings. Fun Fest's sole objective is "to promote unity, harmony, fellowship and cooperation among people in the greater Kingsport Area.





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

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# 2016 Dixie District Calendar

## DIXIE DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 7-9, 2016

Dunwoody, GA

## Harmony Explosion Camp

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Opening the Saturday Night Show were five high school quartets and ensembles. Again this year, there were two songs that the boys sang, (Ease on Down the Road and My Honey's Loving Arms) and two songs that the girls sang (A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes and Lucky Day). Then two songs were performed by the combined choruses (Before the Parade Passes By and You'll Never Walk Alone). The teachers also formed a VLQ and performed I'm Sitting On Top Of the World.

The Clinicians, Clay and Becki Hine, were an excellent team, and were well liked by students and teachers. The teaching quartet for the boys was The Academy and for the girls, Presto!. They were excellent, and each gave a masters' class on Friday. Also on Friday was a tag and song singing session where 12 groups of campers were given the opportunity to perform for the group. That was followed by an ice cream social where tag singing continued. Following the Saturday show was a pizza party that celebrated another successful camp.

Thanks to all of the Dixie Barbershoppers who support Harmony Foundation and who make this camp possible through their Donor's Choice contributions. The camp continues to grow, and already, plans are being made for the 2017 camp. And a special thanks to the Song of Atlanta Show Chorus who sponsored a couple of campers with a full scholarship.

As of this writing, it appears that the 2017 camp will be held July 13 – 16, 2017 at UTC in Chattanooga. It is hoped that greater participation from all states in the District will be had. Please put this wonderful event on your calendar now.