



Dixie Town Crier

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



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A Dixie District Weekend of Champions



CATEGORY 4

2017
Dixie District
Quartet
Champions
Clay Hine,
Kirk Young,
Tim Brooks,
Tim Reynolds

NO GREEN BANANAS

Sr. Quartet
Champions
Dixie Rep.
to Midwinter

Sam English,
Bill Munn,
Doug Wooten,
Chuck Hamilton



Dixie District Representative to International: **MUSIC CITY CHORUS**



Congratulations

2017 Fall Convention Chorus Awards



Most Improved Chorus
Choo Choo Chorus
Paul Blazek, Director
Charlie Davenport, Dixie President



Plateau A Winner
Southern Splendor Chorus
Charlie Davenport, Dixie President
Don Russell, President
Tommy Mitchell, Director



Plateau AA Winner
Voices of the South
Charlie Davenport, Dixie President
Matt Powell, Director



Plateau AAA Winner
Music City Chorus
Charlie Davenport, Dixie President
George Reynolds, President
Dusty Schleier, Director



QUARTER to FOUR (Novice Champions, Super Novice Champions): Jeremy Lee, Josh Pawlik, Rich Smith, Thomas Lawrence



NORTH GA BLEND (Super Senior Champion): Fred Young, Neill Harris, Duane Hunter, Dan Sullivan.



ROCKY TOPPERS (Second Place) Matt Parks, Harrison Cooke, Mike Tipton, Mark Beeler.



FREQUENCY (Third Place): Alan Reynolds, Aaron Evens, Tony Clifton, Howard McAdory.



BARBERSHOP POT LUCK (Fourth Place): Ryan Modrall, James Pennington, Chad Bennett, Kevin Mendez.



COVER BAND (Fifth Place) Kyle Snook, Stephen Goldman, Jesse Turner, Sam Wey.

Dixie District Hall of Fame 2017 Inductees

LUNCH BREAK

Shane Scott,
Eddie Holt,
Mike O'Neill,
K.J.
McAleesejergins,
Drew Ellis



Jeff
Selano

Thank you to TONY NICHOLS for all of the 2017 Fall Convention Photos!

THE MARIETTA CHAPTER OF THE BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

BIG CHICKEN CHORUS



Saturday, December 9, 2017 3:00pm
Sunday, December 10, 2017 3:00pm



MARIETTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Marietta High School • 1171 Whitlock Avenue • Marietta, GA 30064



ORDER TICKETS ONLINE: www.BigChickenChorus.org
OR CALL: 470-349-0550

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(until December 1)

VIP Seating

Available \$30 each (both shows)

Group Discounts
(10 or more tickets)

Senior Discounts (55+)

Student Discounts (6-26)

Children (under 6) FREE!
(Must have ticket)

All seats \$25 at the door
(day of the show)

"Since Vintage Mix participated in our International Convention in Pittsburgh 2015, these four young adults (yes quadruplets) have been entertaining our barbershop audiences all across the country with their joy of barbershop harmony and beautiful music. They are an inspiration to all generations who love to sing and for those interested in singing for the first time".

-Marty Monson, CEO - Barbershop Harmony Society

VINTAGE MIX is a mixed quartet of 16-year old quadruplets that enjoy singing Barbershop Harmony, A Cappella, Standards' Show Tunes, Spirituals and Jazz selections. Based in Milwaukee, WI, **Vintage Mix** has had many opportunities to perform locally and nationally including: Pittsburgh: **2015 International Barbershop Convention**; Reno, **2016 Mid-Winter Barbershop Convention**; Nashville: **2016 International Barbershop Convention**; San Antonio: **2017 Mid-Winter Barbershop Convention**; on the **USS Milwaukee**; the **Chicago Toy and Game Fair**; **WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour**; **Cannery Ballroom**; the **Grand Ole Opry** in Nashville; and most recently on nationally syndicated news show **Fox & Friends** out of New York. We are sure you will enjoy this young, talented quartet!



Music City
CHORUS

2017 Christmas Show

The Music City Chorus

Presents

Comfort and Joy

with Special Guests

MCB-4, Nashville's Premier Handbell Quartet

Saturday, December 9th, 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Nashville School for the Arts,
1250 Foster Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210

Tickets are available at www.musiccitychorus.org

or call (615) 200-6193





120 Young Men Attend 2017 “Real Men Sing”

Submitted by Frank Hrach

The 2017 Real Men Sing event was conducted by the **Marietta, GA Chapter** of the Barbershop Harmony Society on Saturday, September 9 at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, with 120 young men and ten music educators from area schools in attendance.

Sponsors of this event included the Estate of Dean Olander, Big Chicken KFC, Atlanta Northeast Marriott, Marietta Performing Arts Center, Morrison Financial Group, the **Big Chicken Chorus**, Doug and Betsy Skaggs, and individual donors. The sponsorships provided the funding for the costs of venue rental, clinician and teaching quartet expenses, the acquisition of music and learning tracks, a KFC Dinner, a Real Men Sing wrist band, and a custom designed T-shirt that was worn as a uniform by the participants during the performance at the conclusion of the event. Participants paid a nominal registration fee of \$5 per participant.

The event was a one day vocal clinic conducted by Michael O’Neill, of Hendersonville, TN and Kevin Mendez of Antioch, TN, followed by a free concert which included all the clinic participants, the teaching quartets – **The Simple Life** and **Pratt Street Power**, and the **Big Chicken Chorus**. The purpose of the event was to encourage and promote the participation by young men in the vocal music programs in their respective schools. Clinic registrants included students from 14 schools in Carroll, Cobb, and Pickens counties and Marietta City Schools. Traffic congestion resulting from evacuations in advance of Hurricane Irma prevented some schools from participating.

The participants were separated into a Middle School Chorus and a High School Chorus, each of which was instructed in two songs plus two songs performed by both choruses in conjunction with the **Big Chicken Chorus**. Many members of the **Big Chicken Chorus** provided support for the execution of the event. Lars Grevstad provided musical leadership and guidance in preparation of the event. Administrative leadership for the day was provided by Jeff Hoffman, Frank Hrach, and about a dozen other members of the **Big Chicken Chorus**. More than 25 members of the **Big Chicken Chorus** performed on the show following the event.

The event received glowing reviews from the participants, Choral Directors and the audience in attendance for the 7 pm performance.

Plans are already in progress to prepare for Real Men Sing 2018, with the Music Educators in attendance volunteering their efforts to make the 2018 event bigger and better than ever.

“Real Men Sing”





COTS (Chapter Officer Training School) and **HEP** (Harmony Education Program)

*Chapter Officer Training, Quartet Coaching, Chorus Coaching,
HEP Classes, Tag Singing, AND ICE CREAM!*

Combined into one great weekend of singing and learning!

Cost: \$45 per person (Early registration—\$40 by 12/30/17)

Location: Morris Hill Baptist Church

Chattanooga, TN

Contact: Jimmy Tompkins

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