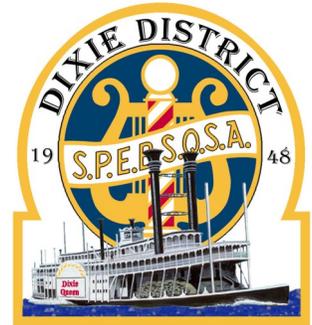




# Dixie Town Crier

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



November 1, 2017

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HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

It Is Holiday Show Season  
In the Dixie District!



Check Inside This Issue for  
November—December Barbershop  
Show Information!

# Stone Mountain Chorus



Presents

## Stone Mountain Bandstand

Two Shows  
**Saturday**  
**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**2 & 8 pm**

Your favorite oldies songs in 'Good ol' A capella'  
by Stone Mountain Chorus with Chorus Quartets!  
and Special Guest Quartet - 2017 International Semi-Finalists!



*Stone Mountain Chorus under the direction of Dylan Oxford*



### Peachtree Corners Baptist Church

4480 Peachtree Corners Circle, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
Doors Open One Hour Before Show Time

**Order Tickets Online at [www.StoneMountainChorus.org](http://www.StoneMountainChorus.org)**

Advanced Tickets: \$18 (Adults)      \$15 Seniors (60+) Groups (12+) & Students  
VIP "Up Close" seating \$20 Advanced Sales Only      All Tickets purchased at the door \$20

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](http://www.BigChickenChorus.org)  
 OR CALL: 470-349-0550

**"Early Bird" pricing**  
 (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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.musiccitychorus.org)

or call (615) 200-6193



It's back!

DIXIE

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LEADERSHIP & HARMONY

Weekend

Jan. 26-27, 2018

Chattanooga, TN

**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**

**[jtompkins99@att.net](mailto:jtompkins99@att.net)**



It is with heavy heart that the **Stone Mountain Chorus of the Greater Atlanta Chapter** (formerly the Stone Mountain Chapter) wishes to inform the district of the passing of several long-time members and supporters in the Atlanta barbershop community. Please see the following obituary notices as they were published.

**Tim Fenton** was a member of the Stone Mountain Chorus in the 90s and early 2000s, and traveled with the chorus on several cruises. Tim moved to Florida many years ago, and continued his barbershop membership with the Lemon Bay Barbershop Chorus

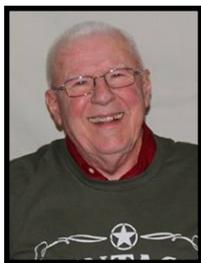
**Owen "OK" Sterner** was a member of the Atlanta Peachtree chapter and chorus in the 70s and 80s, and was a supporter for all Atlanta chapters and the Dixie District after his singing time ended. Many may recall that OK made a lot of the wooden plaques used by the District for many years. He also made special pieces for barbershop honors and other supporters.

**Larry Crabb** was a charter member for the Greater Atlanta Chapter, our first President, and (later) directed the chorus, both as front-line director and assistant director. Larry had over 50 "men of note" to his name throughout the Society. Larry lead the barbershop chorus at his Piano Technicians convention annually.

**Don "DK" Kayler** was a long-time Stone Mountain Chorus member that hosted many parties and gatherings for the chorus and neighbors. DK was the comedy backbone for the chorus for many years. DK had one of the best jobs that sent him to Florida for spring break. He would always return saying, "Hey, somebody had to do market research."

**Jack Frobose** (often referred to as "Circles") was another long-time member of the Stone Mountain Chorus. Jack become Chapter President and continued to eventually serve as Dixie District President in the 90s. Jack and Helenanne Frobose moved to Florida after retirement to enjoy life in the sun.

***Complete obituaries are found on the next three pages.***

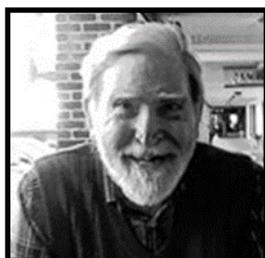


## TIMOTHY D. FENTON

1937 - 2017

Timothy D. Fenton, 80, of Venice, Florida, died on June 20, 2017. Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at Farley Funeral Home, 265 S. Nokomis Avenue in Venice. Services will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 26, 2017 at Epiphany Cathedral, in Venice. Funeral arrangements by: Farley Funeral Home in Venice.

*Published in Herald Tribune from June 22 to June 23, 2017*

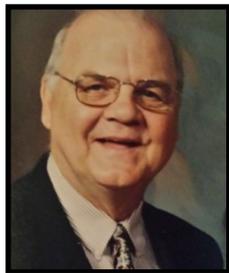


## OWEN STERNER

1930 – 2017

STERNER, Owen Knox Owen Knox Sterner, "OK", Stone Mountain, GA entered into rest on June 22, 2017. Mr. Sterner was born on August 7, 1930 in Elizabeth Township, PA. He was the 3rd child of Thomas Sterner and Alma Sterner. The family later settled in Sarasota, FL where he graduated from Sarasota High. While there he ran cross country where he lettered in Track. He served in the United States [Army](#) for 2 years and then graduated from Alabama State University with a teaching degree. He taught at Lithonia High School, DeKalb Technical College then became counselor at Newton Co. High School. He loved God, his family and barbershop music. He was also an avid woodworker. He served in various leadership positions at Indian Creek Bap. and Pine Lake Bap. Church. He was a man of kindness and love for others always seeking how he could help others. He was married to Mary Jo Sterner for 48 years until her passing in 2004. He was blessed with 1 daughter, Laura E. Sterner Morris. He has 2 grandchildren, Michael Morris (Katie), Christopher Morris (Ashley); 4 great grandchildren, Amelia, Abel, Ryan and Kylie Morris. He is also survived by a niece and 2 nephews, Robert Van Nest, Diana Trieber and Gordan (Debbie) Sterner. Memorial Service will be held Tuesday June 27, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at Wages & Sons Funeral Home 1040 Main St. Stone Mountain, GA with a fellowship following at Pine Lake Baptist Church 4528 Rockbridge Road Stone Mountain, GA 30083. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II, Memorial Fund in honor of Owen K. Sterner. They aid and assist our wounded warriors, supports and improves the morale and welfare of military servicemen/women serving overseas. The Memorial Fund also sponsors the K9 Sgt. Denny Project, which provides service dogs for our wounded warriors suffering from PTSD and/or TBI injuries. See [www.RunWithDennis.org](http://www.RunWithDennis.org) Donations can also be mailed to Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Fund P.O. Box 35 Holmdel, NJ 07733. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.wagesandsons.com](http://www.wagesandsons.com).

*Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on June 25, 2017*



## LARRY BRUCE CRABB, Jr.

1935 ~ 2017

Larry Bruce Crabb, Jr. of Tucker, GA, born in Magnolia, AR on March 30, 1935, died July 7, 2017 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Larry was the first initiated member and President of the Iota Pi Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at Texas Christian University. To this day, the chapter shows their appreciation for Larry, as members learn about his contributions to the fraternity on their first day of associate membership. Every TCU Lambda Chi knows that Larry Crabb was the first initiated member of the Iota Pi Zeta chapter. When Larry would visit his alma mater, it is rumored that active members would rush to the fraternity house windows, hoping to catch a glimpse of the legend. Also, Larry was helpful in raising funds for the chapter, signing Lambda Chi flags for the annual Mother's Lambda Chi auction. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce at TCU, followed by a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Michigan. With his sons, he operated LB Crabb Piano Service and enjoyed mentoring and sharing knowledge with his students. He was a Hall of Fame outstanding member of the Piano Technicians Guild and was recently honored with their most prestigious Golden Hammer award. His love for singing and socializing was evident as he shined for many years as a member of the Stone Mountain and Peachtree choruses and he brought 50+ men together into barbershop harmony. Larry was a devoted husband to his loving wife of 59 years, Evelyn Ruth Crabb, loving father to his sons Gregory Allen Crabb and Gary Lyndon Crabb (deceased 11/13/12) and caring grandfather to Rachel Marie and Kristen Michelle Crabb of Jefferson, GA. He is survived by all of his 8 siblings and as the oldest, set a wonderful example of unconditional love to his entire family. May he rest in peace. Arrangements by Byrd & Flanigan Crematory and Funeral Service, Lawrenceville, GA. (770)962-2200 Tuckercremation.com



## DONALD KAYLER

1934 – 2017

KAYLER, Jr., Donald Clark Donald Clark Kayler, Jr., of Roswell and formerly of Dunwoody, died September 10, 2017. Mr. Kayler, "DK", was born in Cleveland, OH on June 6, 1934 and was the son of the late, Donald Clark Kayler, Sr. and June Annette Chase Kayler. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marijean Rupp Kayler; sons, Donald C. Kayler, III (Laurie), Thomas C. Kayler, Kevin M. Kayler (Stephanie); grandchildren, Chase Kayler, Matthew Kayler, Michael Kayler, Melody Montgomery, Mackenzie Kayler, Carlisle Kayler, Sydney Kayler; sisters, Ann LeMoine, Karen Dritsas (George); brother, Keith Kayler (Sandi); and many friends and extended family who loved him dearly. DK served as a corporal in the US Army from 1956 - 1958, playing piano and running the Officer's Club while stationed in BarleDuc, France. He was a born salesman and worked for many years selling women's sportswear with Bobby Brooks and Rosemarie Reed. For the bulk of his career, from 1970 - 1999, he sold women's swimwear for Jantzen. When asked about selling women's swimwear, he always remarked, "Somebody has to do it". DK had a gift for making everyone feel important and special. He always remembered your name, and you could count on him to have a smile on his face and a great story to tell. He played fabulous piano and loved his barbershop group, Stone Mountain Chorus. He was known as Big Bear for his boys' Indian Guides and coached them through all their years of baseball. He had a great love of animals - especially his dogs Beaucoup, Dana, Bridget and his cat, Tiger. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Atlanta Humane Society.

*Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution from Sept. 14 to Sept. 15, 2017*



## JOHN AUGUST "JACK" FROBOSE III

1932 – 2017

FROBOSE, John August III "Jack, of Sun City Center, Florida and formerly Dunwoody, Georgia passed away September 17, 2017 at the age of 85. Jack was born in Nutley, NJ January 24, 1932.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Helenanne Ellis Frobose; two sons, John August Frobose IV and Brent Ellis Frobose; two daughters, Julie Frobose Rhinehart and Annie Frobose Wehr. He has 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Jack was a Marine and served from 1951-1954. He was sent to Korea in 1954. Upon return he studied at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. It was there where he met Helenanne "HA". Jack retired from the Campbell Soup Company after 20 years and moved to Dunwoody, GA and started his professional sales career. Jack retired with many awards and in 1999, moved to Sun City Center, FL.

Jack was a volunteer fireman for most of his life and had a love for singing. He joined the Stone Mountain Barbershop Chorus, became President, followed by President of the entire Dixie District and was inducted into the Dixie District Barber Shoppers Hall of Fame in Nashville in 2013. Upon moving to Sun City Center, Jack started a local chapter of Barbershop calling it "Par for the Chorus". Jack was Chief of the SCC Emergency Squad and continued helping there for 15 years. He was part of many organizations including Knights of Columbus, Men's Club, Chamber of Commerce, and The Marine Leatherneck Association.

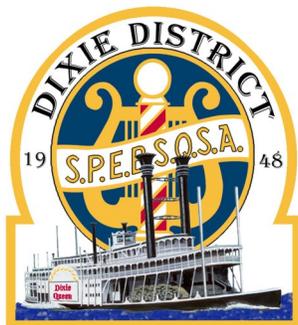
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The SCC Emergency Squad, 720 Ray Watson Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

*Published in the Tampa Bay Times on Sept. 22, 2017*

### ***From Helenanne Frobose ....***

*Jack had been confined to a wheelchair for the past three years, and had dementia for over two years. It is a blessing that he is in a better place. He passed under Hospice care on September 17th. We had Barbershop playing on his shoulder for three days. The moment he passed the quartet sang "AMAZING GRACE"! We could not believe it, it hadn't played any-time before that.*

*Jack was a past member and Pres. of the St. Mountain Chorus, Past Dixie District President, and was a member of the Dixie District Hall of Fame.*



## THE DIXIE TOWN CRIER

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

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

## Correction



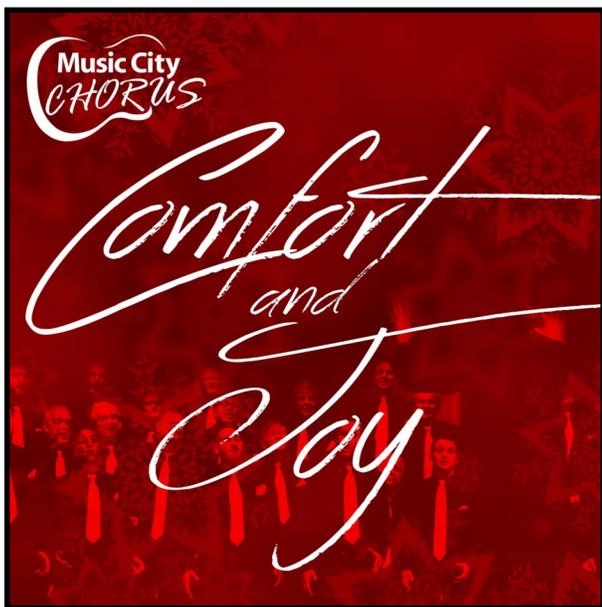
The October issue of the **Dixie Town Crier** incorrectly identified the winner of the **Most Improved Chorus**. The correct winner was the **Voices of the South**. The editor of the **Dixie Town Crier** regrets the error.

### MOST IMPROVED CHORUS

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