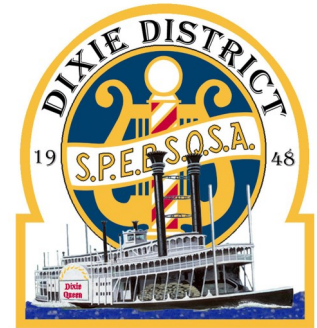




Dixie Town Crier

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



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Dixie Convention Returns to Huntsville

The Dixie District Spring Convention will return to the beautiful Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama on March 17, 18 and 19.

Scheduled events include the International Quartet Preliminaries, Dixie Chorus Championship, Youth Quartet Contest, House of Delegates, and a Mixed Harmony Quartet Contest.

Early registration is now available until March 3 online at:

www.dixiedistrict.org

Individual registrations are \$47 and a family registration (up to four people) is \$110. (Regular prices are \$57 and \$120.50.) Please remember that all contestants must purchase a convention registration.

Individual Contest Session Tickets for will be available on-site: Quartet Semi-finals and Chorus Contest - \$20.00, and

Quartet Finals - \$25.00.

The Headquarters Hotel will be the Embassy Suites. Phone reservations can be made at 256-327-7838. The hotel rate is \$105 plus tax. Use the rate code DID. There is also a link for online registration on the Dixie District website.

Rooms will also be available at the Homewood Suites (256-539-1445; \$85; Code: DXD), and at the SpringHill Suites (256-512-0188; \$85; Code: Dixie District Spring).



[Jim Sams, VP Contest & Judging, Notes Many Changes in Store](#)

It Is Time to Plan for Spring Contests

Gentlemen & Lady songsters,

The time is upon us once again to gather for the **2017 Dixie International Quartet Prelims and Chorus Convention**. This convention will be held **March 17-19, 2017** in **Huntsville, Alabama**. The headquarters hotel is the **Embassy Suites Huntsville, 700 Monroe St. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (256-539-7373)**. This convention/contest will all be held under one roof in this immense hotel connected to our contest site, the **Von Braun Center**. 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 **Youth Quartet Contest**, a **Mixed Harmony Quartet Contest (1 Round; I will send out entry forms to any mixed harmony quartet upon request)**, a **District Chorus Championship**, 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 30-minute evaluation session**. We just need **YOU** there to participate! There will be something for everyone!

PLEASE NOTE: We will crown a Youth Quartet Champion but their scores will not count toward the International Youth Quartet Contest entry. Each Youth Quartet will be given a coaching evaluation and a video of their performance to be sent into the SCJC for judging and a potential invitation to the International contest. Districts are no longer involved in choosing their youth representatives to International.

As promised, the **Evaluations/Coaching sessions** following the Chorus Final and the Quartet Final will be **YOUR CHOICE**. Depending on the number of quartets who enter, we may not be able to set up choice evaluations/coaching, but please send in your choices regardless. I will do my best to meet all of your requests. **YOU MUST ENTER YOUR CHOICE OF EVALUATION OR COACHING** in the **Comment section** of the **CJ-20** **IF** you want to have a choice. Otherwise I will schedule you for a 20min per judge, 3 judge session, automatically. 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER, EVALUATION JUDGE CHOICES ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED AS LONG AS THE JUDGES LAST! EARLY ENTRY IS BEST!

No Evaluation or Coaching

Evaluation Only-3 judges 15min each

Coaching-3 judges 20min each

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

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

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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)

Here are the judges who are on the Official Panel: MUS- Rasmus Krigstrom & Alex Morris; PRE Ev Nau & Jake Pirner; SNG-Matt Gifford & Steve Scott. I can assure you that each of these men are well-trained, experienced, and are ready and willing to work with each of you to help improve your performances regardless of your current level.

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 email 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 24th which NOW gives you a **full EIGHT 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.

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 **2017 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??!!

Jim Sams

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**Papa Joes's!!!
7th Place Senior Quartet
2017 Mid-Winter Convention**



Come Sing with the Joe Barbershopper Chorus This Spring!

We will once again be using an all-chapter Joe Barbershopper chorus this spring as our mic testers. This is a great opportunity to come together and sing on stage with friends from various chapters



around the district. It's also a great opportunity for competitors to get a "sneak peek" of the stage settings and feel more prepared for their set during competition.

This spring's chorus will be directed by Dusty Schleier, director of Nashville's Music City Chorus. Dusty is incredibly accomplished in the barbershop world: in addition to serving as the Director of Meetings & Conventions for BHS he has directed Nashville to a 5th place bronze medal, finished in the top 10 at International in a quartet, and is a certified Performance judge.

The JB chorus will have short rehearsals Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Even those who aren't able to make it Friday afternoon are more than welcome to sing Saturday morning. Let's open the chorus contest with a bang for the judges and our audience!

It's Time to Send in Ads for the Spring Convention Program

Ads are now being accepted for the Spring Convention program. Prices are the same as in years past (\$25 for a quarter-page, \$50 for a half-page, and \$100 for a full-page) and ads are open to anyone: chapters, individuals, even non-members. This is a great way to advertise your chapter events (especially shows) and can also give our members a list of vendors and businesses that they can use to support other barbershoppers.

Ads and payments are to be sent to district secretary Russell Bell at secretary@dixiedistrict.org. The deadline for receipt of both is Friday, March 10.

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BUSY DECEMBER FOR LONG-TIME DIXIE DISTRICT QUARTET—The Three Nice Guys quartet were very active in December having sung on 12/1, 12/6, 12/8, 12/9, and 12/14 at various churches and Senior Centers in Knoxville, TN. The quartet is looking forward to singing for Valentine Day. Three Nice Guys quartet was formed in 1992 and has remained active ever since. The group has undergone various personnel changes, but Ron DuBois has been singing with the quartet since the beginning. Seated, from left to right are John Shelton (baritone) and JJ Duffy (lead). In back are Wayne Missaggia (bass) and Ron DuBois (tenor). Photo courtesy of the quartet.

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Music City Chorus Honor



DIRECTOR'S CUP—Stephen Goldman, left, was presented with the 2016 Music City Chorus (Nashville Chapter) Director's Cup. Stephen has gone from chorus rookie to front row and quartet singer, as well as VP of Membership ... all while being a full-time student and athlete at Belmont University! Stephen is congratulated by MCC Director Dusty Schleier.