



# Dixie Town Crier

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

Chuck Witherspoon

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## Get Ready for a Hot Time in 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.

Registration is now available online at:

**[www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org)**

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

Individual Contest Session Tickets will be available on-site: Quartet Semifinals 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).

### Quartet Order of Appearance

MT Papa Joe's

- 1 Copeland Road
- 2 Up Front
- 3 Southern Lights
- 4 Fourcasting Chords
- 5 Pinstripe
- 6 High Gravity
- 7 Silver Lining
- Intermission
- 8 Rooftop Records
- 9 Frequency
- 10 The Core
- 11 Hall Monitors
- 12 Central Harmony
- 13 Cahoots
- 14 Category 4
- 15 Serendipity

### Chorus Order Of Appearance

- MT Joe Barbershop
- 1 Rocket City Chorus
  - 2 Garden City Chorus
  - 3 Smokyland Sound
  - 4 Appalachian Express
  - 5 Memphis Men of Harmony
  - 6 Stone Mountain Chorus
  - Intermission
  - 7 The Big Chick-  
en Chorus
  - 8 Southern Splendor Chorus
  - 9 Choo Choo Chorus
  - 10 RSVP
  - 11 Voices of the South
  - 12 Atlanta Vocal Project

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@dixiedistrict.org). The deadline for receipt of both is Friday, March 10.

## Harmony University Has Special Options Available for Locals

Harmony University will return to Belmont University in Nashville in 2017. While the week-long experience is not to be missed, this year there are several opportunities available for locals who wish to drive in for a day.



**JULY 23-30, 2017**

### **What about locals?**

If you are not attending HU all week long but could drive to our campus for a day, we have several options!

#### **Private lessons**

Take a private lesson in arranging, conducting, performing, sight singing, and voice from our world class faculty. You don't have to be a full time HU student to take advantage of our wonderful teachers...just drive on over to Belmont!

#### **Saturday Only Pass**

Take any of our electives, grab a lunch and dinner, watch the big show, and eat ice cream with all 700 of us!

#### **Honor's Chorus**

Join our Women's Chorus, under the direction of Mo Field, or our Men's Chorus, under the direction of Kirk Young, Monday – Friday from 2 pm to 4:30. Get music, tracks, and world class life changing coaching. This is for our drive in locals who can't take a week off, but want to have a great barbershop experience. No food, dorm, or other classes are included with this ticket.

#### **Local Quartet Coaching**

Are you a local men's or women's quartet that can't be with us for the week, but want to take advantage of our coaches from all over the world? Look through our list of 60+ coaches and choose the coach for your group! You will meet from 7 to 9 pm with 1 coach, and have the option of selecting different nights with different coaches. Once you pay, our HU planners will connect you to your coach.

<http://www.barbershop.org/harmony-university/>

# Central Alabama Chapter Donates to Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation

The Board of Directors of the **Central Alabama Chapter** of the Barbershop Harmony Society decided last fall we wanted to make a donation to Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation from the proceeds of our Christmas show at the Lyric Theatre.

It was **Voices of the South's** pleasure to have Wings of Hope co-founder Dan Trotman speak at our Christmas show about the mission of this organization.

Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation is an all-volunteer organization that provides support to families in the central Alabama area that have terminally ill children. This assistance may be financial or may come in the form of services such as lawn care, errands or anything that allows parents to spend more time with their suffering child.

**Voices** is pleased to announce it is donating \$1,350 to Wings of Hope.

“We are happy to be able to make this contribution to Wings of Hope and look forward to other avenues this year where Voices of the South can support such a worthwhile organization,” Chapter President Ed Wharton said. “It is an honor to be associated with your organization, and to be a part of the great service you provide to such a special group of people. We look forward to other opportunities where we can work with you in the future!”

“In addition, we are extremely grateful to the followers of **Voices of the South** for supporting us in this and all of our endeavors.”





## THE DIXIE TOWN CRIER

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

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WHO KNEW BARITONES COULD COOK? Tim Place, a baritone in Nashville's **Music City Chorus**, recently appeared on the local TV show **Talk of the Town** in his capacity as a chef extraordinaire specializing in down home Louisiana cooking. Tim once again proved that baritones are men of many talents! (Photo courtesy of Sam English)

## Dixie District Chapters

Please Send **YOUR** Chapter News for Inclusion in the Next Issue of the **Dixie Town Crier**

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