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Monthly Chapter Newsletter by Thom Hine, DIX District President

Greetings, Dixie District Members:

As you may not be aware, the Dixie District Leadership Team has been promising the introduction of a monthly newsletter as an ongoing communication tool so that our members may have full knowledge of what's going on in YOUR chapter. The intended results is that chapters would exchange and promote events, programs, shows, general information and give all chapters an opportunity to learn from each other and share success stories.

The good news is:

Steve Dorn has volunteered his services as editor and publisher. He has been in telephone contact with every Chapter President (or a Chapter Officer when his efforts to contact the Chapter President did not meet with success). He has made follow up phone calls and emails encouraging chapter participation. Subject to receiving YOUR input, **Steve** is geared up to jump-start the project. **Steve's** email address is stevedorn@yahoo.com.

The bad news is:

Three (plus) months of continual work on the project has netted him very few chapter article submissions.

The better new is:

The publication is officially launching! I invite and encourage Chapter Presidents and Chapter Contacts to send brief articles to **Steve** for publication.

Thanks for listening. CATCH THE FEVER. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

What's in a name? by Steve Dorn

Everything! A name suggests an identity, something which becomes synonymous with what it is describing. It gives life to an otherwise bland noun. Take Nashville, for example. What do you think of when you hear the word Nashville? How about Riptide? Or The Harmonizer?

The Dixie District's new monthly publication is deserving of such a name. A name that will set it apart as the premier publication to promote chapter activities within the great Dixie District.

Do you have such a name to suggest? If so, please email them to me, **Steve Dorn**, at stevedorn@yahoo.com. If you like any of the suggested names below, please email that to me, too.

Here are some of the names that have been suggested:

The Dixie Rag	Rebel Yell	Dixie Telegraph
Dixie Doings	'Round the Barber Pole	Dixie News & Notes
Dixie-Gram	Clef Notes	Dixie Chatterings
The Dixie Press	The Dixie Messenger	On-Pitch in Dixie
Dixie Gazette	Chapter Telegraph	Dixie Update

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Lexington County’s Main Street Harmonizers by Randy Miller

Lexington County's Main Street Harmonizers join in with Mooresville's Carolina Classic, Charlotte's Gold Standard Chorus and Gaston's Chord Weavers chapters to surprise visit Rock Hill's Carolina Chordsmen chapter. Through the combined efforts of CSR Randy Dills and Dixie's VP-CSLT, Randy Miller, a mystery trip was organized.

Fifty guys sang for about 3 hours, four different directors directed a variety of songs and tags, and some quartets sang. Afterward, the administrative heads from Rock Hill and the CSR and CSLT talked about how to do something like this to help rejuvenate the chapter. A program will be planned and held in the near future to do just that.

**“...in front
of...hometown
crowd...they
qualified
for...the
International
Quartet
Contest”**

Let's Sing! by Steve Tremper

Let's Sing! was thrilled to sing in front of a very supportive hometown crowd in Winston-Salem, NC as they qualified for the first time to represent the Dixie District at the International Quartet Contest in Anaheim, CA this July.

The quartet brings plenty of International experience with them, though. Lead Mark Chandler and bass Greg Zinke competed with Genesis in 2004; Greg and tenor Steve Tremper made it into the top 20 in 1991 with The Crackerjacks; and bari Joe Daub competed twice in the early 80's with the Dixie District champions, Blue Ribbon Edition.

The quartet is currently available for chapter shows and other performances, and will be appearing on the Greensboro Chapter show on April 18 and the New Bern Chapter show on April 25.



**“Chicks ‘n
ducks ‘n geese
gonna scurry...”**

Charlotte’s Gold Standard Chorus by David Shadinger

The chicken feathers flew when Charlotte's Gold Standard Chorus (GSC) took the contest stage last month. For those who missed it the whole chorus showed up in chicken outfits (except for David Lorenz & Chris Puckett, but we'll get to that). Plus, for the first time in a very long time there were some really young GSC members on stage – the Baldree boys. The two youngest Baldree offspring, John and Benjamin, sing tenor and were given special yellow costumes befitting their tender ages. Their brother James and father Stacy blended right into the flock dressed as (what else) chickens. All four Baldrees are the newest members of the GSC, joining together and learning the music just in time for contest!



Okay, now for the rest of the story. Dressed like Col. Sanders, Chris Puckett threatened (directed) the GSC with a hatchet and used a gigantic egg to find a tuning note. We had no geese and there was only one duck – David Lorenz. He was the only one tall enough to fit the specially built costume and it really wasn't built for scurrying. The chorus had a great time “pick, pick, picking away” and by all accounts the audience really enjoyed our “clucking” around.

If you want to see the chicken set, plus some extra goodies, the GSC is reprising the numbers in their spring show on May 9th. For show information contact “Buddy” at 704-567-2909.