



Dixie Town Crier

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



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Fall Convention is September 28-30

Are you ready for Tunica?

Registration is underway for the Dixie District Fall Convention to be held on September 28-30 at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, Mississippi. Your registration can be made online at

www.dixiedistrict.org

This year's convention will take place entirely at the Gold Strike Casino Resort.

- Contests will take place in the Millennium Theater, located within the Resort
- Registration, Marketplace, meetings, etc., are located within the Resort
- Hotel rooms and hospitality rooms are located within the Resort
- Everything is within the Resort – all under one roof!

The hotel does not take online reservations. You will need to call the hotel directly at **1-888-245-7829**. **Group Code: 1209BARBER** or just say **"Barbershop Harmony."** Complete hotel information can be found on the Dixie District website (www.dixiedistrict.org).



Make Your Plans For Leadership Academy in November!

It's time for your chapter to begin compiling its slate of officers for 2013! As you select your officers, speak to them about the importance of attending the District Leadership Academy to help them learn how to effectively fulfill their position in the coming year. Even if they are returning to the same chapter office, there are always new things to learn, new ideas to be shared, new relationships with other chapter officers to build, and new energy and enthusiasm to be developed in helping your chapter move forward!

This year's Academy will take place on Saturday, November 17 at the **Tennessee Technology Center** (TTC) at Nashville from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. TTC is located at 100 White Bridge Road in West Nashville off of I-40. There will be classes for each chapter officer track, taught by experienced, top-notch instructors from within the District. Every classroom will have audio-visual technology available for instructors who would like to use it. The cost for the Academy is \$50/person. Online registration via the District website will be available no later than September 7.

We have also secured a block of rooms at the **Holiday Inn Express Nashville West** (5612 Lenox Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209), which is only a mile from TTC. The rates are \$89/night for king beds and \$99/night for rooms with two double beds. Reservations can be made by calling (615) 353-0700 or online at www.holidayinnexpress.com/nashvilletn. When making your reservations, reference the Group Code **DDW** (Dixie District Workshop).

Besides the myriad of attractions around Nashville, you will also have the opportunity to attend two holiday shows in town that evening. One will be presented by the **Nashville Singers**, directed by Todd Wilson. The other show will be presented by one of the two top-notch SAI choruses in Nashville, the **Metro Nashville Chorus**. We will have more information about both shows later.

We will communicate much more information in the coming weeks. Hopefully your chapter is making plans to send its chapter officers to the Leadership Academy so that all of you can get a head start on making your plans for a highly successful 2013. If you have any questions about the Academy, please don't hesitate to call or email us at anytime. We'll see you in Nashville on November 17!

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SOUND CELEBRATION

Musical Entertainment by

**Rocket City Barbershop Chorus and Quartets,
Zamboni Brothers, Shugah, and Huntsville Irish Dancers**

Admission includes tasty hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages



Saturday, September 8th, 7:00 PM

Location: Mayfair Church of Christ, 1095 Carl T Jones Drive SE

Cost: \$15 Adults \$10 Students - Advance Sales

\$20 Adults \$15 Students - at the door

Children 6 and under are Free



Tickets available from any chorus member

or Call Lloyd at 256-693-7215

Jim DeBusman reporting

Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend is alive and well in 2012!

Have you heard the exciting news? The Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend that happened this past July was a rousing success. 107 Barbershoppers from the Dixie and Carolina Districts got together for a great weekend of singing, education and fun. Ten quartets and three choruses were there as well to be coached. Of course, if you were there you would know that.

If you were not there last year, you might be asking yourself, where is this wonderful place of barber-shop learning and what time of the year? It is located on the campus of the University of Alabama - Huntsville and will be held on July 19-20, 2013. The classrooms and cafeteria are fantastic. By the way, you can't beat the excellent dorm rooms in which each student gets to sleep.

And if that is not enough, we will be sharing the weekend with the Harmony Explosion Festival Chorus. Wow! How can you beat that? Their sounds will thrill you to no end.

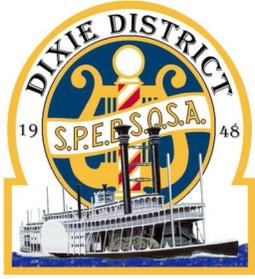
Furthermore, we will have our own incredibly entertaining "**Lunch Break.**" That's right, you heard it here first, the perennial 11th place international quartet will be coming to the DLHW.

Some of the classes we will be offering will include:

- **Vocal Techniques**
- **Care of the Senior Voice**
- **Directors Seminar**
 - **Tag Singing**
 - **You Be the Emcee**
- **Sounds Good to Me**
- **How to be a Great Tenor, Lead, Bass or Bari**
 - **The Standing Ovation Program**

Faculty will include such talents as Tim Brooks, Clay & Thom Hine, Larry Deters, Robert Strong, George Joslyn, Jay Norton, Allen Reynolds, Paul Weitlisbach, Lars Grevstad, Jim DeBusman and more of our Society's most talented coaches & teachers. Guys, this will be a great weekend of learning, singing and socializing for anyone who attends.

Registration for the Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend will be up on our district's website very soon. As soon as you see it there, don't delay to sign up. Prices have not been changed from last year.



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David Belden reporting

Music City Chorus to play the Opry ... sort of!

No, Nashville Chapter's Music City Chorus has NOT been invited to play the Grand Ole Opry (yet), but they have been invited to sing next door at the Opry Mills mall. The chorus and several quartets will sing on stage in the food court area between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 8. The performances will put barbershop music in front of thousands of shoppers, many of whom may be new to the genre. The engagement is a direct result of the Nashville chapter becoming a member of the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Music City Chorus has been busy throughout the summer and is now preparing to sing in Tunica at the Dixie District Fall Convention. They are also rehearsing several new Christmas arrangements to be featured on their December 8 holiday shows (matinee and evening) at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in downtown Nashville. Ticket information will be available shortly.



**THE DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER, CHORUS,
AND QUARTET NEWS FOR THE OCTOBER 1 ISSUE
IS SEPTEMBER 25!
SEND YOUR NEWS TO
DAVID.BELDEN@COMCAST.NET**