



Dixie Town Crier

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



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BHS International Competition Begins July 1

Dixie District Stars to Shine In Las Vegas!



Peachtree City Chapter, Paul Butterworth reporting

There's a New Gang on the Corner

Much like the classic barbershop arrangement of *There's a New Gang on the Corner*, the Barbershop Harmony Society has a new chorus on the corner. In this instance, the corner is Peachtree City, located about 30 miles south of the Atlanta airport.

Since their first rehearsal in August 2012 and the Articles of Incorporation being accepted by the State of Georgia in April 2013, the *Cartpath Chorus* has been working to make a name for itself and striving to fill a void in the barbershop singing landscape on the far south side of the Atlanta Metro area.



Cartpath Chorus following its first Christmas concert on December 15, 2013. Founder and Director Roger Beale is on the far left, front row.

Director and founder Roger Beale is an Adjunct Professor of Music at Point University and a full-time vocal coach with 20 years of experience. He has also been a consulting and singing rehabilitation specialist for a large ear, nose, and throat practice and a major hospital in the Atlanta area for over 15 years. He uses this professional experience to teach the chorus members how to sing better individually and works to develop a choral sound in such areas as unified entrance and cut offs, unified vowel and consonant pronunciation, and singing in tune. A minimal amount of choreography has been added as we progress, for it is realized that the first big step for any chorus is learning how to sing well and to sing as an ensemble with balanced voices.

The *Cartpath Chorus* is in its early stages of development and is attempting to attract new members through quality performances in the Peachtree City and Fayetteville area. We have 15 committed members with an average age of thirty-one. Half of the members have previous barbershop experience; the remainder are new to this style of music, although not to choral singing.

Working relationships have been established with area churches and assisted living facilities. Quarterly performances have also been scheduled at a local rehabilitation center in Fayetteville. The chorus performed 17 times during its first year, and its first Christmas program was presented on December 15, 2013 at a local church. Future performances have been scheduled for various church seniors groups and for the Tyrone Founder's Day Fair in September. Plans also include the singing of the National Anthem for the Fayetteville County Commissioners meetings and at the Atlanta International Raceway.

Pending Approval is the chorus quartet whose scheduled future performances include a 50-year wedding anniversary celebration and an 80th birthday party. The quartet has sung all over the Fayetteville and Peachtree City area and has participated in the Singing Valentine program for the last two years.

The Cartpath Chorus and *Pending Approval* are dedicated to growing the chorus and bringing quality barbershop style singing to the South Atlanta Metro area. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7 pm at Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Peachtree City.



Pending Approval, the *Cartpath Chorus* quartet, performing during our Christmas Concert.

L to R: Frank Johnston (Tenor), Paul Butterworth (Lead), Buddy Kell (Bass) and Randal Wilcox (Baritone).

Plan Now -- Micro-HEPs* in Dixie this Fall

<p><i>Who?</i></p> 	<p><i>What?</i></p> 	<p><i>Where?</i></p> 	<p><i>Why?</i></p> 	<p><i>When?</i></p> 	<p><i>How Much?</i></p> 
<p>You</p> <p>Me</p> <p>Any Dixie Member</p> <p>Any Prospective Chapter Member</p>	<p>Individual Vocal Coaching and Instruction</p> <p>Music Education Classes (50 min. each)</p> <p>Tag Singing</p> <p>More Fun</p>	<p>Covenant Presbyterian Church, 819 Georgia Hwy 314 N, <u>Fayetteville, GA</u> 30214</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&</p>	<p>To Receive Tips & Techniques for Better Vocal Production</p> <p>To Produce Barbershop Harmonies & to Ring those Chords</p> <p>To Have Fun & To Meet & Join with Other Brothers in Song</p>	<p>Saturday,</p> <p><u>September 13</u></p> <p>8:00 am – 6:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&</p>	<p>\$50.00 (includes lunch)</p> <p><i>Be sure to complete and submit the Registration Form.</i></p>
<p>Your Quartet</p> <p>Your Chorus</p>	<p>Coaching for Your Quartet</p> <p>Coaching for Your Chorus</p>	<p>Calvary United Methodist Church, 3701 Hillsboro Pike, <u>Nashville, TN</u> 37215</p>	<p>To Increase the Music, Singing, & Presentation of Your Quartet</p> <p>To Increase the Music, Singing, & Presentation of Your Chorus</p> <p>To Enjoy the Hobby/Lifestyle of Barbershop Singing Even More</p>	<p>Saturday,</p> <p><u>October 25</u></p> <p>8:00 am – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>\$50.00 (includes lunch)</p> <p><i>Be sure to complete and submit the Registration Form.</i></p>

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*Micro-Harmony Education Programs

**DIXIE DISTRICT 2014 Micro-HEP
REGISTRATION FORM**

SATURDAY – September 13, 2014

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 819 Georgia Hwy 314 N, Fayetteville, GA 30214

SATURDAY – October 25, 2014

Calvary United Methodist Church, 3701 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Office _____ Mobile _____

Mark Your Micro-HEP Choice:

Atlanta, GA area: _____ or Nashville, TN: _____

If you are in a quartet, please give the quartet's name:

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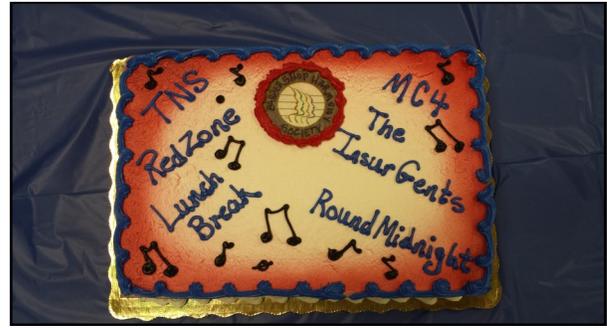
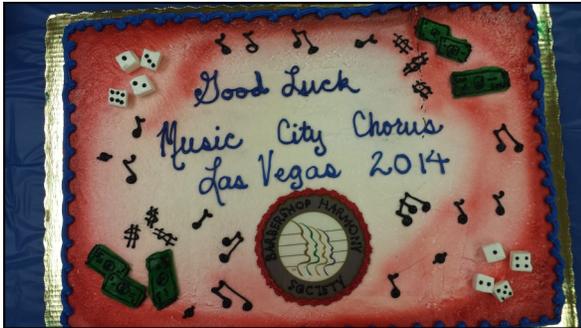
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David Belden reporting

Family and Friends Send Nashville Chorus, Quartet Competitors off to Las Vegas



The Music City Chorus presented its contest set in front of a large Family & Friends Night audience. The chorus will be the final chorus to compete in Las Vegas. Also representing the chapter at the International Contest will be six quartets: *TNS, Lunch Break, MC4 The Insurgents, 'Round Midnight, and RedZone*. Four of the quartets also presented their contest sets to the sendoff crowd.



TNS
(left)



Lunch Break
(right)



MC4
(left)
The Insurgents
(right)



The Dixie District of the Barbershop Harmony Society
and Harmony Foundation is sponsoring the
2014 Harmony Explosion Co-ed Camp



**A 3-day camp for young men and women in high school (and their teachers)
who like to sing a cappella in 4-part harmony**

**with clinicians Clay and Becki Hine, and the award-winning quartets,
A Mighty Wind and *Last Minute*, as teaching quartets**

**Thursday, July 17 through Saturday, July 19, 2014
at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga**

**Note! The only cost for a camper is a \$100 fee. Music Educators who attend will be
granted a full scholarship. Please register early. Registrations will be limited.**

Registration includes three days and three nights in the dormitory, all meals on site, sheet music and learning tracks, t-shirt, workshops on vocal techniques and song presentation, and rehearsal of six songs for performance on Saturday night performance for friends and relatives. Show will include performances by some of the best quartets and choruses in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

For more information contact your local barbershop chapter, or:

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