



# Dixie Town Crier

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



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## DIXIE DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION & CONTESTS DUNWOODY, GA OCTOBER 23-25

### Fall Convention Registration, Hotel Details

It is time to complete your registration for the 2015 Dixie District Fall Convention and Contests to be held in Atlanta on October 23-25.

The easiest way to register is to do so online at [www.dixiedistrict.org](http://www.dixiedistrict.org), but a copy of the registration form is included in this issue of **The Dixie Town Crier** for your convenience. Earlybird pricing (\$41.00) is in effect until October 9. The price increases to \$51.00 at that time. Member and guest registrations allow entrance to all contest sessions. Remember, EVERY singer who appears on stage MUST have a paid registration. **Guests and the general public who wish to attend only specific sessions may purchase tickets onsite for \$15 per session.**

All housing and contest sessions will be held at the **Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia**. You can call and make reservations at 1-888-233-9527 or 1-800-972-2404. Use the convention code **DDX**. Reservations can also be made online through the Dixie District website. Room rates are from \$99.00 to \$119 per night.

Who Will  
WIN?

- *District Quartet Champion*
- *Senior Quartet Champion*
- *International Senior Quartet Preliminary*
- *Novice Quartet Champion*
- *International Chorus Prelim*
- *Chorus Plateau Awards*
- *Most Improved Chorus*

*From Dennis Brannon, Dixie District Treasurer*

## Dixie District Website Now Utilizes PayPal

PayPal is being introduced for this Fall Convention season. Yes, we've been very cautious about it, but so far, so good. Many of you have been using the PayPal system either as a customer or on the merchant side with your online transactions for years. You're probably saying: "So what's taken the District so long?" Case in point: I first started paying with PayPal when I opened my eBay account in 2001.)

Dixie District is now accepting debit and credit card payments via PayPal. Of course we also accept payments using your PayPal cash account if you happen to have one. Primarily, we changed from traditional credit card processing to reduce that cost in our line-item budget.



I believe it was in 2012 that we introduced Square payment processing for handling on-site registrations and marketplace purchases. It's not been without challenges, but overall we have more timely, relevant information available for less cost. We plan to continue using Square for processing on-site payments as we have these last few years.

PayPal, started in 1998. According to their corporate website, they processed 4 billion payments during 2014 in 57 different currencies, and I'd hasten to add, they're very good at it. I'm sure glitches happen, but I've never been the recipient of one. As a customer that often makes purchases online, I appreciate the fact that my credit card information is handled securely when I purchase from a vendor that offers PayPal processing. Because I actually have a PayPal account, my credit card doesn't even have to be re-entered. The PayPal folks already have my information.

But hear this, for this is really important: *You don't have to have a PayPal account for the District to accept your online payment.* Nope. Just do as you've done in the past, and enter your debit or credit card info in the payment area.

By the way, I recently became familiar with the "international" aspect of PayPal. It made a non-US\$ currency transaction a breeze and there's no additional currency conversion cost. That's pretty nice, really! Yet another cost savings, but most importantly, it was a huge time-saver on both ends of the transaction since the payment was in the vendor's account within seconds.

So as you poke around DixieDistrict.org, keep an eye out for that little two-tone blue PayPal logo. And if you have any questions, shoot me a note: [Treasurer@DixieDistrict.org](mailto:Treasurer@DixieDistrict.org).

*Memphis Men of Harmony, Stan Peppenhorst Reporting*

## Street Singing at the Annual Cooper-Young Neighborhood Festival in Midtown Memphis



As our guys sang, those passing by would stop and listen, smile, and even sing along. Several men enjoyed singing a part in a quartet when a selection of songs and the sheet music were made available.



MEMPHIS MEN  
of HARMONY

Nashville Chapter

## Putting the "HIGH" in High Gravity!



When Alaska Airlines made its initial flight from Seattle to Nashville in October, the man at the helm was Captain Mike Rinehart, a Seattle barbershopper. Captain Rinehart was excited to arrive at the home of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Nashville's **High Gravity** entertained those waiting for the plane's arrival (while getting some TV coverage) and later joined in a double quartet in the airport terminal. What a great job representing the sound and fellowship of our great hobby!

### MC4: An Educational Experience

MC4 baritone Kyle Snook, a Belmont University graduate, has been helping to introduce barbershop music to a campus choral group. To assist with his instruction, he recently brought the current Dixie District Quartet Champions with him to perform. The picture was taken in their warm-up room. The actual classroom session was filled to capacity!





# Stone Mountain Chorus

Presents their 2015 Fall Concert!

Featuring

*"Atlanta's Premier Award-Winning Ladies Barbershop Chorus!"*

## Atlanta Harmony Celebration!



Barbershop Harmony from two Premier Choruses and their Quartets



*Stone Mountain Chorus*



*Atlanta Harmony Celebration!*

**Saturday, Nov 14th (2pm and 8pm)**

Peachtree Corners Baptist Church

4480 Peachtree Corners Circle, Norcross, GA

Doors Open One Hour Before Show Time



**Order tickets online at [www.stonemountainchorus.org](http://www.stonemountainchorus.org)**

Advanced Tickets \$18 - Sr (60+) Student & Group (12+) \$15 - VIP Seating \$20 / Tickets at Door \$20

Music City  
*CHORUS*  
PRESENTS

# A WHITE ELEPHANT CHRISTMAS



**SATURDAY, DEC 5<sup>th</sup>, 2PM & 7PM**

Live at Father Ryan High School

700 Norwood Dr, Nashville, TN 37203

Early Bird Price: \$15 (before Nov 1). Discounts available for students and seniors.

VIP seating also available for \$25 (VIP seating NOT available at the door).

For tickets, visit [www.MusicCityChorus.org](http://www.MusicCityChorus.org) or call 615-200-6193

OR REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.DIXIEDISTRICT.ORG](http://WWW.DIXIEDISTRICT.ORG)



**Dixie District Fall 2015 Convention**  
**October 23 – October 24**  
**Atlanta, GA**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (ex. B104)

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus/Quartet: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Handicapped Services Needed (Request must be received by Friday October 9, 2015)

Description	How Many	Cost	Total
Early Bird Registration Member		\$41.00	
Early Bird Registration Guests		\$41.00	
Mailed after October 9 add \$10.00 per registration		\$10.00	
		Total Due	

Registration gets you admittance to the Quartet Semi-Finals, Chorus Contest, and Quartet Finals

**Make check/money order payable to "Dixie District BHS"**  
**PLEASE WEAR YOUR CHAPTER NAME TAG**  
**We will be using pre-printed tickets for entrance. Name tags will not be printed.**

Credit card payment: Complete the information below. (MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover ONLY)

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ exp. (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name as it appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:  
 Russell Bell  
 2716 Braemore Gln  
 Powder Springs, GA 30127-1760  
 Phone: (770) 439-8249

email to:  
[registration@dixiedistrict.org](mailto:registration@dixiedistrict.org)

Form must be Postmarked by  
 October 9, 2015 to receive early  
 bird registration rate.

Official Use only  
 Circle One - Mail - Online - Email Form Received on \_\_\_\_\_ Entered into Database \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ticket Numbers assigned \_\_\_\_\_

## All Chapters, Choruses, and Quartets Are Encouraged to Submit Photos, Articles, and Show Flyers for Publication in the DIXIE TOWN CRIER!



NO CHARGE

Please Submit Materials to:  
David Belden, Editor  
[david.belden@comcast.net](mailto:david.belden@comcast.net)



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This Fall, Harmony Foundation International and the Contest & Judging program are again teaming up to auction off the **Best Seat in the House**. So if you've ever wanted to test out your judging chops, you can bid on a seat in the Judge's pit at your District Contest and be a 'Judge for a Day'.

Register on the [BSITH website](#) and bid for as many contest sessions as you wish. Winners will sit with the judging panel, will be able to (unofficially) score contestants, will discuss the contest afterwards with the judges, and will participate in the evaluation sessions that follow. They will be afforded the same access and privileges as the official panel.

Funds raised by the BSITH program will be applied to the programs and projects supported by Harmony Foundation.

If you have additional questions, contact [BSITH@harmonize.com](mailto:BSITH@harmonize.com).



## THE DIXIE TOWN CRIER

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

[david.belden@comcast.net](mailto:david.belden@comcast.net)

# 2015 Dixie District Calendar

## Fall Contest

October 23-25

Dunwoody, Georgia



**Harry B. Arnold - Jonesborough, Tennessee**

Harry Arnold, 68, passed away in his home on July 22, 2015. He was born May 23, 1947, in Elizabeth, NJ, to the late Nyles and Virginia Arnold. Harry resided in the local area for the last 10 years.

Harry graduated from Texas Tech University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in September of 1991 after serving in Vietnam and Desert Storm. Following retirement from the military, he taught high school in Clark County, Nevada, from 1992-1996.

His love of singing led him to his memberships in the **Appalachian Express Chorus** and the Barbershop Harmony Society. Harry enjoyed singing a cappella with four-part harmony and playing golf. Harry was an outstanding MC for the Chorus and he will be certainly missed!