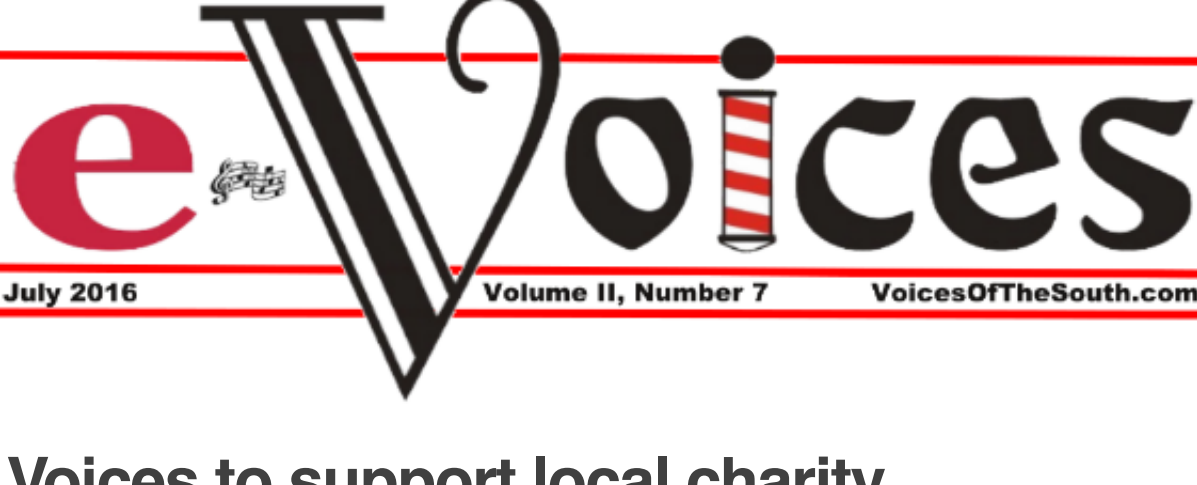


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Monthly newsletter of the Voices of the South chorus

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Voices to support local charity

Voices of the South has agreed to offer its support to the local charity **Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation**.

Wings of Hope is a non-profit organization that offers support to families who have terminally ill children. The group offers many varieties of support. It may consist of activities like lawn care, house cleaning, child care, or providing meals, for example. Also the group provides financial aid to sponsored families. In a nutshell, the group makes available anything that will allow families to spend more time caring for and creating memories with their suffering child.

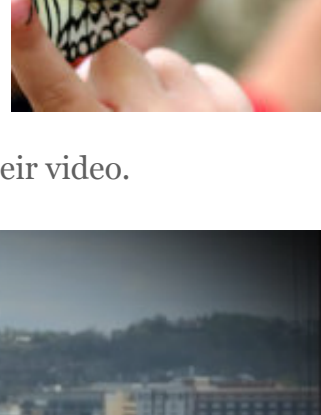
Wings of Hope has no paid staff. That means virtually every penny donated goes to serve the families with terminally ill children.

A portion of Voices' profits from our shows and performances will be donated to Wings of Hope. Frank Holmes, Voices vice president of marketing says, "We anticipate that several of our members will also be involved on a volunteer basis."

To find out more about the great work Wings of Hope is doing please visit their website at [Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation](#). You can also click on the picture below to view their video.



The Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation



Barbershop is considered to be an American invention, but the idea had its roots in England during the 1600s. British barbers kept a cittern — a stringed instrument similar to a lute — handy for their customers to strum while awaiting their shave and haircut. The resulting cacophony was referred to as "barber's music." It didn't really become Barbershop, as we know it, until the 1830s in America.

Voices croons patriotic melodies

Voices of the South spent two Friday nights in late June and early July singing patriotic music.

First they performed at the Fourth-annual **I Love America Celebration** at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Bessemer June 24th at 7 p.m.

Then on Friday night, July 1st, they kicked off the holiday weekend by singing a Barbershop Harmony version of "The Star Spangled Banner" at Regions Field in downtown Birmingham.

"We provided plenty of chill bumps as we belted out "... and the home of the brave." **God Bless America!**



Voices rings in 4th of July at Baron's game, St. Aloysius



'Butch' loves barbershop's overtones

Why do you sing?

"I sing because I enjoy the exhilaration I feel when our **Voices of the South** Chorus sounds great!"

Butch's Stats

Edward "Butch" Goldblatt was born on November 27, 1940, in Montgomery, Ala. He attended high school at Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery. He then went to the **University of Alabama** where he got his undergraduate degree. He received his medical degree from the **University of Alabama School of Medicine** in 1966. He has been in pediatric practice for more than 50 years. "I have a wonderful girlfriend, **Linda Woods**, who enjoys all of my activities," Butch says.

"I am an avid sailor. I live on my sailboat near Destin, Fla., at least two weekends each month of the year. I have run 32 marathons. I've stopped running marathons, but now I ride mountain bikes or workout with weights six days a week.

"I am working four days a week as a pediatrician at **Southlake Pediatrics** in Hoover, Ala., but I plan to retire in 2017. I enjoy smooth jazz and I go to as many concerts and Broadway shows as I can.

"I have four daughters, two stepsons, five genetic- and two step-grandkids. They live in Napa, Calif., Kansas City, Mo., Chicago, Orlando, Fla., and Birmingham.

"I dress in superhero costumes and/or pirate's attire for all kinds of special events."

You can email Butch at goldblatte@aol.com.



Barbershop Experience?

Butch has been singing and acting for most of his life. "I sang with the Sidney Lanier High School chorus when I was in school. In one of my high school musical productions I got to sing and perform with **Tony Tenille**.

"When I got to the University of Alabama I sang in the glee club. I also performed at Birmingham's **Town and Gown Theater** over a five-year period. Mostly my stage career was in musical theatre. I was

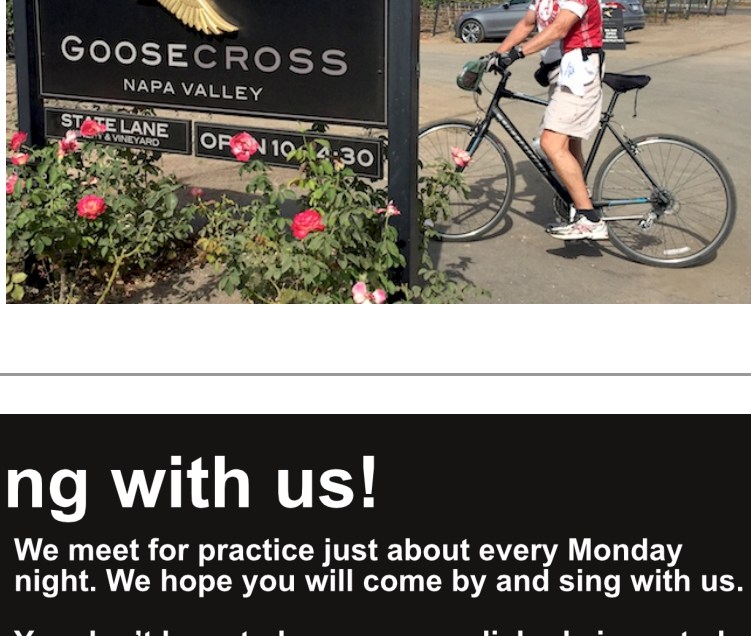
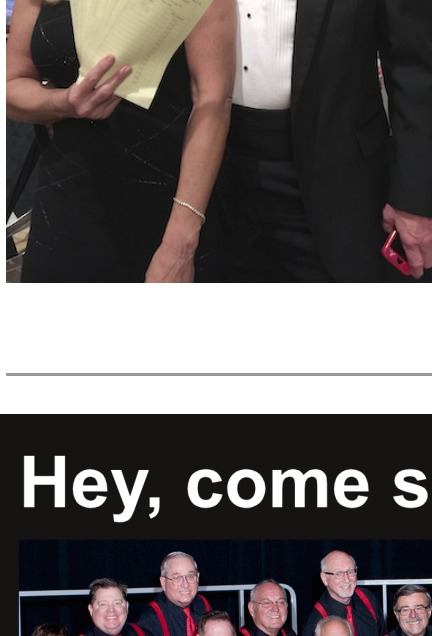
privileged to perform with **Fannie Flagg** and **John Caradine** in **Tobacco Road** at the Town and Gown in December 1984.

"Over the years I've also sung in numerous church choirs."

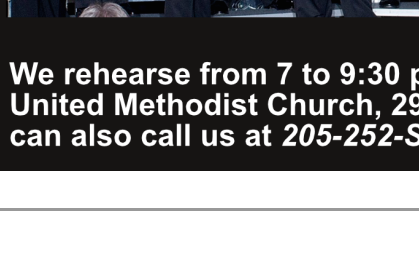
An Anecdote ...

"I have had many thrills singing and acting over the years. But I remember, especially, one of the performances of **Voices of the South**. We were singing in a choir loft in a church in Alabaster, Ala."

One of the things that barbershop does is create overtones — it's when those chords just ring. Butch says, "that night those overtones really rang." It's what barbershop is all about!



Hey, come sing with us!



We meet for practice just about every Monday night. We hope you will come by and sing with us.

You **don't** have to be an accomplished singer to be in **Voices**. Most of us don't read music. We use part-predominant "learning tracks" to help us learn our music. And, we provide sheet music for those who are used to it.

If you can sing "Happy Birthday," we can teach you everything you need to know to hop on stage with us. There's one restriction, though. You have to be a male. Sorry ladies!

We rehearse from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, 2901 Columbiana Road, Vestavia Hills, Ala., 35216. You can also call us at **205-252-SING (7464)** or visit us at VoicesOfTheSouth.com.

Dustin Springer is Voices' newest member

Voices of the South added another new member in June — **Dustin Springer**, 25, a baritone, from McCalla, Ala.

We'd like to tell you a little bit about him.

Dustin is a full time university student. He went to John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham, and is working toward finishing a business degree at the University of Alabama.

"I've been singing almost all of my life," Dustin says. "I played piano for 10 years and sang in kids' choirs. I sang in the adult choir at my church and sang in choir and acted in musical theatre in high school. I also sing at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham."

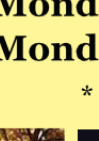
Two **Voices** members, **Linc Parrot** and **Frank Holmes** tag-teamed Dustin. "I knew Linc through work, and Frank through St. Stephen's. They both invited me to come sing.

"Singing with Voices has been amazing already. Joining a chorus where everyone is musically competent and great singers is fun and challenging." Dustin says it allowed him to learn. "Boy, have I learned a lot in the past few weeks."

You can email Dustin at dustin.c.springer@gmail.com.



2016 — Calendar



July

Sunday-Saturday, July 3-9 — Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention, Bridgestone Arena, Nashville

Monday, July 4 — "God Bless America," Let's Celebrate!

Monday, July 11 — Chorus Rehearsal *

Monday, July 18 — Chorus Rehearsal *

Monday, July 25 — Chorus Rehearsal *

Monday, August 1 — Chorus Rehearsal *

* Rehearsals from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Saint Mark United Methodist Church



Upcoming

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-9 — Dixie District Fall Convention and Contest, Crown Plaza Atlanta at Perimeter, Atlanta.

Friday, Dec. 16 — Voices Holiday Show, Performing Arts Center, Oxford, Ala.

Saturday, Dec. 17 — Voices Holiday Show, Lyric Theatre, Birmingham.



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