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# TRHoF E-Waves NEWSLETTER

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## OFF MIC

by TRHoF President Gary Beaty



Greetings, and Happy Spring! It probably has escaped your attention, but there's an election coming up. (no, not THAT one...).

I'm speaking of the election mandated in our by-laws to select our next board of directors. It will take place at the Hall's annual general membership meeting set for June 25, at 1:00 p.m. (CDT). On that date, we'll meet in the first floor conference room at 2 International Plaza in Nashville. I hope you will make every effort to attend this meeting and play a role in electing the next board of directors (who then will elect the new slate of officers).



As a reminder and explanation, the current board has altered, or tweaked, the by-laws in recent meetings in order to alter the process of electing the board of directors. Here are the changes:

- All board members must be voting members in good standing (dues paid).
- Second, to maintain institutional and operational knowledge on the board at all times, the board recently voted to conduct an election every year. In odd numbered years, seven board members will be elected. In even numbered years, eight board members will be elected. Terms will be two years (as they currently are). Board members may be re-elected.

There is one exception. *For this election only, eight directors will be elected to one-year terms, and seven directors will be elected to two-year terms.* That enables the Hall to put the staggered election procedure into place. Thereafter, the staggered election process shall become standard unless altered by a future board.

The requirement remains that of the 15 directors, at least four must reside in each of the three grand divisions of

the state. As in the past, the other three directors will be elected at-large without a regional residency requirement.

At this date, three current board members have indicated they will not be seeking re-election. In the very near future, there will be an opportunity (via email response) for you to declare your candidacy for election to the board.

At our last meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the board established a nominating committee (Skip Woolwine, Larry Stone, Garry Mac, George DeVault, Brian Craig and me) which will vet the interested potential board members and present a recommended slate for election at our meeting in June.

This is a lot of info to digest. But for now, remember, an opportunity to declare your interest in serving on the hall's board of directors is coming soon in the form of an email. I hope you will consider "jumping in."

Keep Calm...

Gary



**"Johnny Dark" Dougherty**  
Mike Allen  
Jim Beasley  
"Ricky" Lowell Blanchard II  
Fred Anthony Burton  
Les Butler  
Brad Weiss Carson  
Katy Pat Bellar Clark  
George DeVault  
Elinor "Lin" Folk  
Dru Smith Fuller  
Rick Govan  
Jay Joyce  
Teri King

**Marcia Lee Lorance**  
CC McCartney  
Bobby Melton  
Larry Melton  
Marijo Monette  
David Mott  
Joseph Richie  
Bayard "Bud" Walters  
Dave Walton  
Alex Ward  
Jeff White  
Laura Wolf  
Jessica Zimmer

# Help Celebrate the Hall's First Five Big Years!



The time is drawing near. On Saturday, May 14, at the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame's fifth annual induction banquet will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro. It will be a milestone night, as the fifth class of inductees and a fifth legendary radio station are honored.

Here are some important facts about this year's festivities:

**1. Get tickets now!** They're on sale and they're going fast. Last year's event was a sellout, and we hope for the same results this year.

The individual ticket price is \$85. Tables of 10 will again be sold for \$800. Get together and arrange to sit with your friends and, as a bonus, save \$50 by purchasing an entire table.

**2. Extra Events:** The banquet is not the only event of the day. Based on requests from past attendees, the Hall has arranged other opportunities for those who want a non-structured atmosphere where they can visit with old friends and colleagues. Check the red box below right for the banquet schedule and for other opportunities to visit and share radio stories.

**3. Lodging:** Those who want to spend the night in Murfreesboro after the banquet is over may choose the Embassy Suites or another nearby hotel. Several new hotels are now located within sight of the Embassy Suites. For more information, go to the Hall's web site, [www.tennradiohalloffame.org](http://www.tennradiohalloffame.org), and click on the May 14, 2016 banquet link under the header that says, "Upcoming Events." You'll land on a page where you can buy tickets and get additional information on the event, as well as on lodging.

**4. New Inductees:** The Hall's Board and membership have selected another slate of outstanding Career and Legacy inductees from



East, Middle and West Tennessee. Many are also looking forward to the induction of the Legendary Radio Station of the Year, WUSY-FM 101 of Chattanooga. All in all, the evening will be an exciting one.

**5. The Unveiling of a New Award:** At this year's banquet, the Hall will announce criteria for a new award that will be open to any station in the state. Be there, and be the first to know the details!



## May 14 Schedule of Events

2:00pm: Early-Bird Reception in the Hotel's Atrium Bar



5:00pm-6:30pm: Cocktail Social in the Banquet Hall



6:30pm: Dinner is Served



7:15pm: Induction Program Begins



Post Banquet: Hotel Atrium Bar Open Until Midnight

# Radio's Place in American History



by Melissa McDonald  
TRHOF Secretary

Since its invention, radio has been a part of American history. To many of us, radio represents significant milestones in history. From Orson Welles' *War of the World* broadcast, to FDR's fireside chats, to coverage of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, radio played a major role. I found more examples during a recent trip to Washington, and I wanted to share them with you.

See the radio pictured below. Today, it's in the White House Visitors' Center. But in years past, it was actually



This wood desk is the one where President Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivered his famous "fireside chats" during his administration.

would open many of the broadcasts by saying, "Let us sit down together again, you and I, to consider our own pressing problems that confront us."

A third example of radio's place in American history was waiting for me at the Newseum, where I found this photo of young CBS correspondent Richard C. Hottelett, a pioneer of wartime radio news reporting. He, Edward



part of the White House décor. If you can't read the inscription on the display, it says, "In January 1941, the White House purchased Emerson radios for bedrooms on the Second and Third Floors. This radio is the only one that survives in the White House collection."

Another treasure from the golden age of radio was also waiting to be discovered in the White House Visitors' Center. It's the desk from which FDR delivered his famous "fireside chats" to the nation. We have all seen photos of American families in the 1930s and 40s, gathered around their radios. They listened to George and Gracie Allen, Jack Benny, Bob Hope and other popular shows of the day. But they also listened to the President's fireside chats. The blue plaque in front of the desk says Roosevelt



R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite and others were war correspondents in the field during those important days in history.

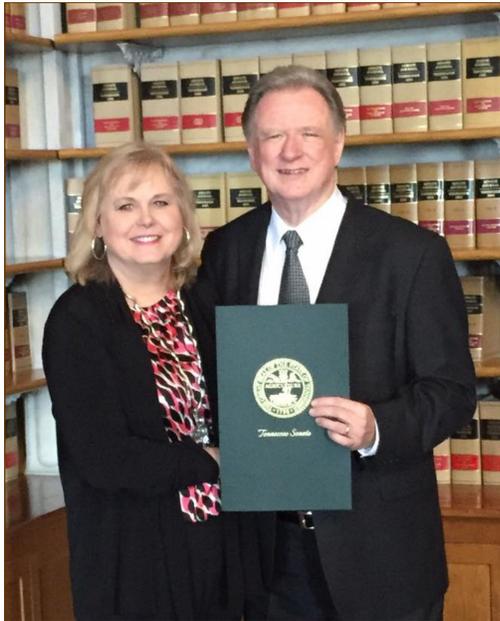
The importance of American history is easy to spot, if you just look for it. Share your stories and pictures of radio's place in history, and we'll share them with others.



# TRHOF Members in the News



The Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame's inductees and members have gained a lot of attention in the past month. Here are some of the highlights.



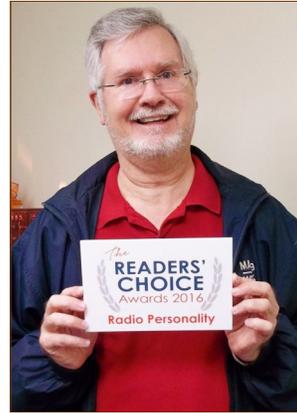
**Keith Bilbrey**

Keith Bilbrey was recognized in the state Senate on March 14 with a resolution honoring his career and his induction into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Emy Joe, are pictured above in the Senate library after the presentation.



**Chip Chapman**

Hall of Fame Board Member Chip Chapman and his wife, Lynn, appeared as Batman and Catwoman at Chattanooga's annual Denim & Diamonds event. The theme was "Heroes & Villains." The event raised \$100,000 for the Medical Foundation of Chattanooga.



**Bobby Melton**



**Steve Bowers**

Readers of the *Camden Chronicle* selected Bobby Melton as their favorite radio personality for 2016.

Readers of the *Jackson Sun* selected Steve Bowers as their favorite radio personality for 2016. Bowers received the award last year too.

## New Members

Several new members have joined the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame in the past month. They are Starlet Burney, Les Butler, Matt Haase and Greg Wood.

Welcome!

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## REMINDERS



### What's Your Radio Story?

Do you have a radio story you'd like to share? It can be anything that is part of your radio history.

**We love radio stories. Please, tell us yours.**

Just email it to [starmagic@comcast.net](mailto:starmagic@comcast.net).

### Keeping Up With the Hall

Our newsletter is published the first of every month. Back issues may be viewed on our official website: [www.tennradiohalloffame.org](http://www.tennradiohalloffame.org)

Let Treasurer Skip Woolwine know of any change in your email address so you don't miss an issue!

### Collecting Our History

The Hall has a committee to collect and purchase Tennessee radio memorabilia, including old microphones, on-air signage, transmitter parts, promotional items and anything else related to radio stations in our state.

If you have items to donate (or purchase on Ebay, Craigslist, etc.) please contact Nick Archer via a message on the TRHOF Facebook page.

Our Facebook page now boasts over 1,150 members, and our YouTube Page includes air checks, inductions and other audio/video memories.

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## Check Your Calendar

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 1:00 p.m., CDT  
Meeting of the Board.

Location: Fridrich & Clark Realty,  
3825 Bedford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37215



Saturday, April 30, 2016, 1:00 p.m., CDT  
Meeting of the Board.

Location: Fridrich & Clark Realty,  
3825 Bedford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37215



Saturday, May 14, 2016, 5:00 p.m. CDT  
2016 Induction Banquet  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Murfreesboro



June 25, 2016, 1:00 p.m., CDT  
Meeting of the Board & Membership.  
Location: 2 International Plaza  
1st floor Conference Room, Nashville, TN 37217



To check the TRHOF event calendar anytime,  
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