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## OFF MIC

by TRHOF President Gary Beaty



As we say goodbye to 2015, let's look forward to another successful induction of deserving radio veterans in May. We have another group of deserving inductees for our 2016 ceremony, as well as a phenomenal Legendary Radio Station of the Year. I am confident everyone who attends the induction banquet will enjoy the fun and fellowship for which the event has become known, as well as another fabulous show.



In 2016, the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame is also looking forward to presenting the very first "Luther" Community Service Award to a deserving Tennessee radio station that serves its coverage area with the same spirit that award namesake Luther Massingill served Chattanooga for so many years. Entry criteria is in its final review, and will be distributed very soon.

There may be some challenges and issues that our organization will have to address as we move through the coming months. Please, if there any concerns that you might have, be sure to let me, or any of our board members, hear from you.

I wish you, and our organization, the very best throughout the coming year!!

As always,

Keep Calm...

Gary

## Banquet Date Reminder



If you didn't note this important date last month, please do it now. May 14, 2016 is the date of the next Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

The Hall's banquets have always been on the first Saturday in May, but when we consulted our calendars, we discovered Mother's Day fell on that weekend. Not wanting to get in the way of that most important holiday, we selected the second Saturday in May instead.

Stay tuned for more updates on the 2016 induction banquet!



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**Vince Tapler  
Melissa Wagner  
Coleman Walker  
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Jerry Zimmer**

# Happy New Year!



Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Photographer Leslie Pardue emailed this to us in December, so the Board could send you a special new year greeting.



## New Year's Resolutions: Help the Hall



by *Melissa McDonald*  
*TRHOF Secretary*

It's a brand new year, and a good time to take on a new project. This year, how about resolving to get more involved with the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame?

As the box at the right explains, the Hall can use members' help in many ways. But the list at right is not all inclusive. Send along some great air checks for our library. Share some pictures and stories. Or maybe you have an idea of your own. Ask a board member about it. There's a good chance they'll love your idea.

Our goal is to preserve Tennessee's rich radio history. We need help from every part of the state to make it happen.

### GET INVOLVED! HELP THE HALL!

#### DONATE YOUR TIME:

We NEED your help and participation with the Hall of Fame. Projects and tasks, like creating a scrapbook of newspaper clippings or a timeline, are vitally important to the organization.

#### DONATE GOODS OR CASH:

Because of our 501(c)3 IRS status, all donations to the Tennessee Radio Hall Of Fame are tax-deductible. On our home page, there is a button that says **DONATE**.

If you have items you want to donate (tapes, vintage equipment, vehicles, **ANYTHING**, contact **Skip Woolwine** or **Nick Archer**. Vintage broadcast gear is always welcome, regardless of age or functionality.

# Chattanooga Radio Veterans Celebrate



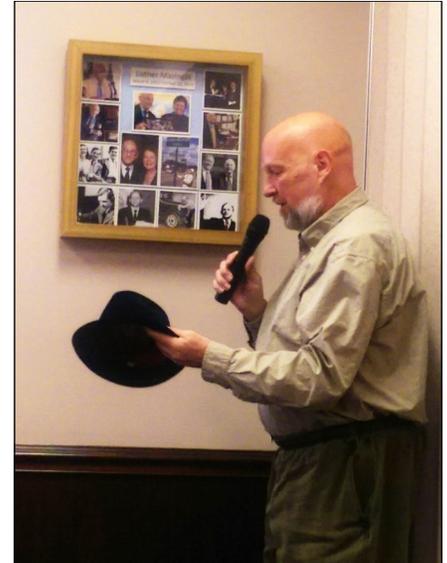
*Editor's note: This article was published in the Chattanooga Times Free Press. It was written by reporter Barry Courter, who is also a former broadcaster. It was provided for publication by Chip Chapman.*

"Never has so much talent been in one room since Luther [Masingill] died alone," Bob Johnson told the room full of radio and television talent last week at the annual Veterans of Radio Wars luncheon at Wally's in East Ridge. The group has met for more than a decade or so to basically tell tall tales and pick on each other. Occasionally someone says something nice, but mostly it's good-natured ribbing.

Never before, however, has the room included so many members of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame. That's in part because the hall is only four years old, but also because joining 2013 inductee Tommy Jett were new inductees Keith Landecker, Bill "Dex" Poindexter and Earl "Hey Earl" Freudenberg. They will be officially installed on May 14 in Murfreesboro during a dinner/ceremony.

Also in attendance were folks who are still in the business, now retired or were smart enough to get out years ago, as more than a few said. Sitting at the table with Johnson was fellow NewsChannel 9 retiree Darrell Patterson, along with Bob Boyer and Chip Chapman. Jim Brewer Sr. and Jim Brewer Jr. were there as well, sitting with Landecker, whom the two hired 26 years ago on a handshake in Cincinnati.

In addition to his friendly jabs, Johnson, who is dealing with Parkinson's, told the group he misses television a great deal and wishes he were still doing the 6 and 11 newscasts.



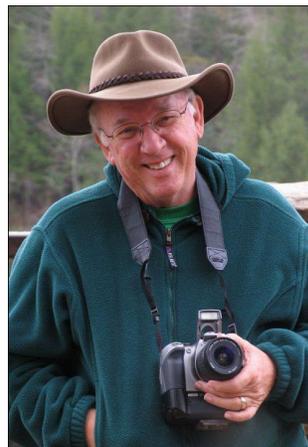
*Right: Jeff Masingill makes an addition to the display in The Luther Room at Wally's.*

The late Luther Masingill is the only other Chattanooga in the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame, inducted in the inaugural class in 2012. A special shadowbox made by Alan Pressley was revealed, and it is now a permanent fixture in the banquet room, which is now known as The Luther Room. Also in attendance was Jeff Masingill, who brought along one of his dad's hats to add to the display.

Other 2016 inductees are longtime Nashville and NASCAR personality Cathy Martindale, Bart Walker of WGNS in Murfreesboro and Greeneville Newscaster Maxine Humphries, who has done the job for 61 years.

## Extending Sympathies

Two well-known broadcasters passed away in December: Chattanooga's Ron Arnold and Nashville's Chuck "Hoss" Burns. The Hall extends sympathy to their friends and families.



*Left: Ron Arnold.*

*Below: Chuck "Hoss" Burns.*



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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 1,100 members, and our YouTube Page with over 58,000 views of air checks, inductions and other audio/video memories.

## Check Your Calendar

Saturday, January 23, 2016, 1:00 p.m., CST  
Meeting of the Board and Advisory Council.

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

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Saturday, May 14, 2016, Time TBA  
2016 Induction Banquet

Location & Time: To be announced

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To check the TRHOF event calendar anytime, go to the home page of our website:

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