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by TnRHOF President Doug Combs



On May 6th, 2017, the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame welcomed six new members into our Career category, five members in our Legacy group and added a sixth Legendary Station of the Year. For those of you who were in attendance, we say "thank you." If you didn't make it this year, you missed a great party. Again this year, the distance award goes to Carlos Clemente. This WLAC alumni made the trek from Los Angeles, California, to be with old friends and take part in the evening's festivities.



To top it off, the Nashville Marriott Airport was a great host. I hope you agree, but the board wants to know what impressions our guests took away from the evening. In the next few days, those who were there will receive our annual post event survey as we begin planning for 2018.

Our master of ceremonies, John Young, led us through the evening as he spoke from the heart and wove through the career history of this year's inductees. John is one of the Hall's biggest cheerleaders. His love for our industry (*and what it can be*) sounded great from his pulpit for the evening and the audience played the part of the choir. Everyone left the event with a better understanding of why this year's inductees were added to the Hall. Our state is gifted with talented individuals in all walks of our profession. From engineers to managers to on-air talent, our Hall is bringing attention to more of Tennessee's great voices.

All of the videos from the event are now on our website (www.tennradiohalloffame.org) for you to

enjoy. I would also like to extend thanks to show producer Chip Chapman and his assistant, Austin Chadwick, for a job well done. It takes hours and hours of work to produce the show we all enjoy at the induction banquet, and they carry the lion's share of getting it done.

At the end of June, a new fiscal year begins for the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame's Board of Directors. As you may remember, we updated our by-laws last year to move half of our board to staggered terms. The purpose was to maintain stability and insure institutional knowledge on the board at this time. As of this writing, I know we will have at least three vacancies on the board for the coming year. If you're interested in serving, please let me know!

What's involved? As a board member, you would be expected to attend meetings and contribute your time as we continue to grow our organization. If you, or someone you would like to nominate for service, please let me know. With more of our members becoming involved we will continue to grow. Everyone can contribute, please consider adding your experience and voice to our family.

Doug



Don Benson
Harry F. Chapman
Chuck Chellman
Danny Crouch
William Hearn
Genma Holmes
Kevin Lee
Ken Mabry
Robert McKay III
Mike Medley
Jerry Minshall

Dave Nichols
Robert Robison
Brent Stoker
Max Templeton
Marty Theurer
David Tower
Dan Vaccaro
Larry Ward
Boyd H. Webb, III
Iris Wray

Congratulations to Our Inductees!



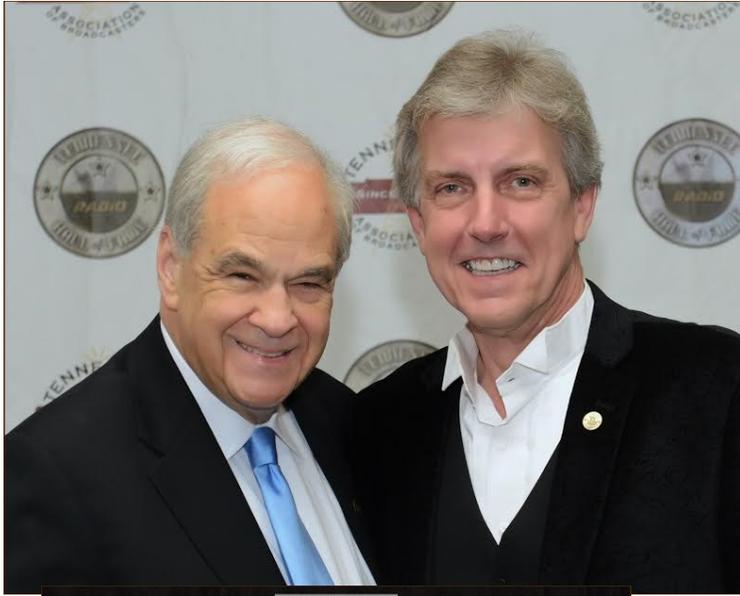
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**Volunteer or nominate a worthy candidate for the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame.
Four positions must be filled before July 1st.**

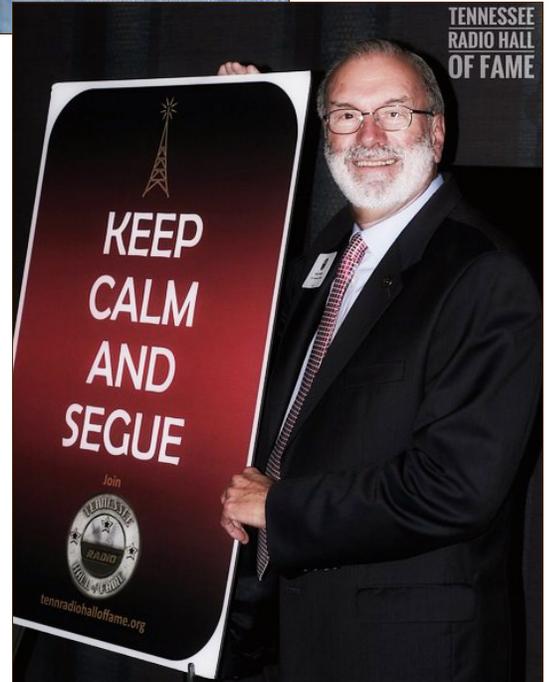
Elections take place at the June 17 general membership meeting.

Call Doug Combs for more information: 615-476-4625, or email dougcombs@comcast.net

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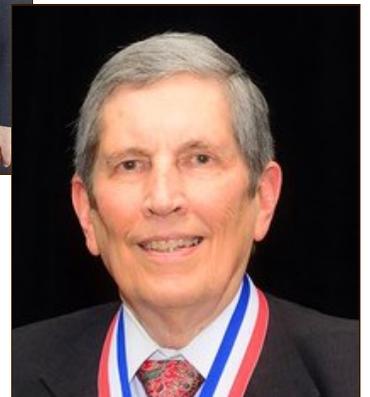
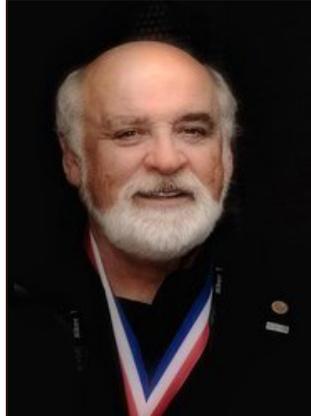


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A Word from the Vice-President



by Garry Mac

Derby Day was special because it was also our day for the 2017 Induction Ceremony of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame.

Each year as I reflect on the event, I have very positive thoughts as I run the highlight reel in my head. Each of us celebrate the special people and moments as folks we either listened to growing up, or worked with, are recognized for their contribution to the radio business in Tennessee.

Until Saturday May 6th, I had never met Dave Brown, but knew of him for over 30 years. What a gracious and kind man to spend the time he did talking to me. How special it was to spend time talking with Don Spain's lovely wife, giving me a few minutes to tell her how Don impacted my life as a young radio reporter. Two young men arrived early that afternoon, and in greeting them I was given a chance to talk with the sons of "Bad Dog" McCormack, who were anxious and excited about the opportunity to talk about their Dad, a guy I never knew, but now wish I had.

It brought a smile to my face to watch Gary Beaty and the others receive their medals while being mightily impressed by the good job done by our stellar emcee, John Young. Was it just me, or did it sound like John knew the name of every street every inductee grew up on? (big smiley face here) The whole evening was just plain ol' fun, fun, fun!

This year, I reserved a fair amount of my personal pride for James Lee Reynolds, III, from WGOW in Chattanooga. I was directing news or programming or parking lot traffic the day we brought Jim in to be sports director for WGOW and the "Voice of the Mocs" for UT-Chattanooga. When you are there the first day someone walks into the station

and you are there when they are inducted into the Hall, it's pretty special.

For the two weeks following this year's inductions, I filled-in on the morning show and worked alongside "J.R.". But not a day went by without some comment about his special night. It was a compliment to the TRHOF that J.R. said, numerous times, that the event exceeded all his expectations. I bragged on his acceptance speech, we talked about who we might nominate for next year's induction and the accolades continued. Up close with Jim, I saw that it really does mean something to be recognized by your peers for work well done. More inspiration for each of us to be involved, make nominations and attend the banquet.

To close, here is the note I received from Jim:

G. Mac:

As I have now had a week to reflect on my "Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame" experience, I wanted to make sure you knew how much I appreciate all of your help and support. As I have told many people, the induction ceremony was much more than I ever thought it would be, and I was truly honored and humbled. Thank you so much for helping me and my family celebrate during this very special time. This was a "once in a lifetime" experience for me, and that "once in a lifetime" experience was made much more special because of your participation.

Thank you so much.....I could never repay all of the nice things affiliated with this honor.

Sincerely, Jim Reynolds-WGOW



Don't forget — (nudge, nudge)

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.

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

Let Treasurer Cindy Arnold 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 TnRHOF Facebook page.

Our Facebook page now boasts more than 1,200 members, and our YouTube Page includes air checks, inductions and other audio/video memories.



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June 17, 2017

Board Meeting with General Membership
12-noon - 2:00 p.m.
Location TBA



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<http://tennradiohalloffame.org>

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