

Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame

Gary Wells, Secretary-Treasurer, Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Mu

On behalf of the membership of Phi Beta Mu, I cordially invite you to attend this year's Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame ceremony. It will be held on Sunday, July 22, at 2:00 PM at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, Salon C.

This year's inductees include Alfredo Cortinas, Mike Geddie, Louis Kuentz, Jr., Robert Lewis, Linda McDavitt, Bob Parsons, Van Ragsdale, James Simmons, Don Thoede, and Ronald Thornton. Membership in the Hall of Fame originates with nominations received from a variety of sources. There is a standing committee that investigates potential candidates that are received from the general public, music educators and Phi Beta Mu members. Candidates do not have to be a member of Phi Beta Mu to be eligible. Requirements are that the candidate is at least 65 years of age (or deceased) and retired, has taught a minimum of 10 years in the state of Texas, and has produced and maintained a consistently outstanding band program. You may acquire nomination forms from the Hall of Fame committee chairman, Ben Gollehon, at bengollehon@att.net or contact me, Gary Wells, at gwells2505@aol.com and I will be happy to send you one.

We feel this is one of the premier events of the TBA Convention. It gives us a chance to recognize the contributions of music

educators who have made a difference in the bands of Texas. I invite you to visit the Phi Beta Mu web site (which can be accessed on the TMEA web page) to view the biographies of past inductees—this is a wealth of band history. These eminent men and women made our band programs today possible. You will be inspired by their commitment to excellence and their perseverance in overcoming obstacles.

The Band Directors' Support Network enjoyed a successful beginning. I urge you to take advantage of these services—a FREE clinic of your band, class coverage while you visit other director's rehearsals or a Phi Beta Mu member will act as your mentor. You can access BDSN by clicking on "Phi Beta Mu—Alpha Chapter" on the TMEA web site.

Phi Beta Mu will be sponsoring two clinics at TBA. Friday, July 20, at 5:15 PM in CC214AB will be "Doing More With Less" with clinicians Gabe Musella and Jim Rhodes, and Saturday, July 21, at 10:45 AM will be "The Region Band Clinician: Strategies for Success!" with clinician William Owens.

Finally, I invite you to hear the Phi Beta Mu Directors Reading Band (Wind Symphony) for New Music – Grades 1, 2, 3. The Reading Band will perform at 10:45 on Saturday, July 21 in Room CC217.

**Congratulations
to the 2012
Inductees:**

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