



## HOOP HISTORIANS 2022 FINAL FOUR HEADQUARTERS



**The Embassy Suites by Hilton New Orleans**, 315 Julia Street in downtown New Orleans has been chosen as the official headquarters of the Hoop Historians during Final Four Week. The hotel served as the Hoop Historians Headquarters in 2012 and 2003 -- the last two times that the Final Four was held in the Crescent City. The location is one-half mile from the New Orleans Convention Center and one mile from the Superdome and the French Quarter. More information regarding the group's activities during the Final Four Week will be communicated in future editions of the Hoop Historians News and posted on the group's official website: [www.hoophistorians.com](http://www.hoophistorians.com).

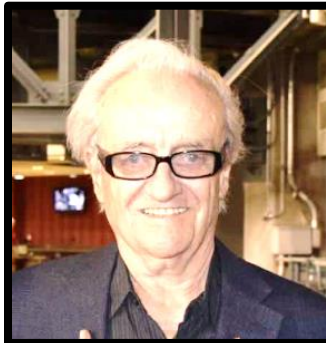
## KENTUCKY UPDATE



Hoop Historian **Dennis DeGraff** reports that he is safe after the tornadoes that went through western Kentucky. Dennis' community of Murray had minimal damage and lost power for several days, but was only 25 miles away from Mayfield, which took a direct hit.

## IN MEMORIAM

**ROLAND HEMOND**  
1929 – 2021



Honorary Hoop Historian **Roland Hemond** passed away at the age of 92. Roland was a 2018 inductee of the Hoop Historians. Hemond was twice named Major League Baseball Executive of the Year and became the second person to receive the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Baseball Hall of Fame. The award recognizes an individual who enhances baseball's positive image on society, broadens the game's appeal and whose integrity and dignity are comparable to the namesake of the award: Buck O'Neil, who will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame later this year. Hemond was the guest speaker at the Hoop Historians 2017 Welcome Dinner in Phoenix, Arizona.



## HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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**LET'S ROCK AND ROLL:** Hoop Historian Darren Sack and sons Austin and Colton are ready to enter First Energy Stadium in Cleveland for the Browns-Ravens game.



**THE BRAIN TRUST:** Hoop Historians Brian Burmeister, Al Sack, Ted Reineking, Fred Allman and Joe Spagnolo gather for a picture and dinner in suburban Chicago.



**CHEESEHEADS:** Hoop Historians Rick Schabowski, Joe Spagnolo, Al Sack, Brian Burmeister and Dave DeGrace are at the Marquette-UCLA game in Milwaukee.

## NOLA, HERE WE COME



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