



EIGHT MEMBERS ADDED TO HOOP HISTORIANS

The third largest new membership group in Hoop Historians history was selected at the Annual Meeting in Phoenix. **Dennis DeGraff, Matt DeGraff, Carrie Gibbons, Billy T. Haynes, Mike Kerry, Joseph Lyons** and **Ron Newton** were elected as full-time members and **Rose Tate** was elected as an honorary member. Biographies on the newest Hoop Historians can be found on the group's website at: www.hoophistorians.com/2017inductees.htm



Some of the New Members of the Class of 2017 include (left to right): Billy T. Haynes, Ron Newton, Mike Kerry, Joseph Lyons and Carrie Gibbons.

HOOP HISTORIANS DINNER HITS A HOME RUN

This year's Hoop Historians Welcome Dinner certainly did well at the plate. A record 56 people attended the event held at Friday's Front Row at Chase Field where Hoop Historians and Friends of the



Hoop Historians were also able to watch the last spring training game of the year from the World Series Suite.

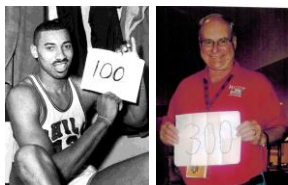
In addition to conducting regular business at the combined Dinner/Meeting, the highlight of the evening was guest speaker **Roland Hemond**, a 60-plus year executive with Major League Baseball and current special assistant to the President of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Hemond also donned his World Series rings and joined with many of the Hoop Historians in various events during Final Four week.

OFFICERS NAMED FOR 2017-18



At the annual Meeting of the Hoop Historians, **Ted Reineking** and **Al Sack** were re-elected to two-year terms and **Bruce Ziemer** was re-elected to a one-year term on the Board of Directors. They join **John Mayberry** and **Dennis Mishko** on the Executive Committee. The Board renamed Reineking as its chairman.

MISTER 300 – RECORD MARK REACHED IN NCAA SEMI-FINALS



ABOVE: In true Hoop Historian fashion, Ted Reineking (right) celebrates his 300th NCAA game at Phoenix at this year's Final Four.

Ted Reineking reached uncharted territory during the Gonzaga-South Carolina game this year, as he became the first Hoop Historian to attend 300 NCAA Tournament games. Reineking's tourney trek started in 1964 attending first round games in Evanston, Illinois.

HE DOESN'T MIND BEING IN THE WORST SEAT IN THE HOUSE



Hoop Historian **Joe Klebon** attended this year's ACC Tournament in Brooklyn in the Bob Uecker seats on the top row of the Barclay's Center. The former coach not only enjoyed the tournament experience, but was interviewed by the ACC Digital Network. Catch the video here at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76u5IBzvc5M>



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Be sure to check out the Hoop Historians 2017 Final Four Photo Gallery by clicking [HERE](#). You can email your photos by sending them to: hoophistorians@hotmail.com

FLYING HIGH TO A CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE



Stockton University was crowned champions of the 2017 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Men's Basketball Championship. Stockton came from behind to defeat Penn State Behrend 74-72 to win the ECAC championship in men's basketball for the first time. The Ospreys won four games in a five-day span to win the 12-team tourney and capture their initial ECAC crown. **Bob Hutchings**, a Hoop Historian, is an assistant coach on that championship Ospreys team. Great job Bob!

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