



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## 2012 DESTINATION: NEW ORLEANS



The **Embassy Suites Convention Center**, 315 Julia Street, in downtown New Orleans will once again be the Hoop Historians Headquarters for the 2012 Final Four Weekend in March and April. The Embassy Suites served as Hoop Historians Headquarters when the NCAA finals were last in the Crescent City in 2003.



Hoop Historians in New Orleans in 2003

## SAVE *the* DATE

Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians should mark down Friday, March 30 on their calendars as it will be the date of the annual Hoop Historians Social Event in New Orleans. The Entertainment & Social Committee is working on finalizing a site and time. More information will be posted in future editions of The Hoop Historians News and on the group website: [www.hoophistorians.com](http://www.hoophistorians.com)

## HOOPING IT UP OVER THE HOLIDAYS



Basketball courts were in full force over the holiday season as many of the Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians gathered on the hardwood. For the fourth straight year the Proviso West Holiday Tournament hosted an outing for the Midwest members. Hoop Historian **Joe Spagnolo** was the Director of the event which brought together the Historians in suburban Chicago. When not watching basketball, fellow Historian **Fred Allman** was whistling while he worked -- as a high school official. Fred officiated 15 games over the holidays, including the title game of the prestigious Pontiac Tournament.

## YOU CAN BECOME A HOOP HISTORIAN

*Wanted: A few good men (and women) to join the Hoop Historians.* Applications are now being accepted through March 1 for new membership to the Hoop Historians. If you have been to three Final Fours and have been a Friend of the Hoop Historians for at least one year, you are eligible to become a member. An application form can be found on the bottom of the Hoop Historians home page at: [www.hoophistorians.com](http://www.hoophistorians.com)



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES NEEDED

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Hoop Historians Board of Directors, please submit your request to Executive Director Joe Spagnolo by March 1. Board of Directors candidates must have been a member in good standing of the Hoop Historians for at least three consecutive years prior to serving on the Board. The election for officers will take place at the Annual Meeting. There will be two (2) two-year terms and one (1) one-year term on the ballot at the Annual Meeting. Send your nomination to Joe Spagnolo via e-mail at: [hoophistorians@hotmail.com](mailto:hoophistorians@hotmail.com)



## FINAL FOUR WEEKEND EVENTS

- March 29 – NABC Welcome Reception, 7:00 p.m.
- March 30 – Hoop Historians Social Event, Time & Location TBA.
- March 31 – Hoop Historians Annual Meeting, Embassy Suites New Orleans, Time TBA
- March 31 – NCAA National Semi-Final, Mercedes-Benz Superdome, 5:09 p.m.
- April 1 – AT&T Awards Show, 6:00 p.m.
- April 2 – NCAA Championship Game, Mercedes-Benz Superdome, 8:18 p.m.



MARCH 31 & APRIL 2