

### **HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS**

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# HOOP HISTORIANS MEMBERSHIP REACHES 50

Three new members were elected as Hoop Historians at the Annual Meeting in Dallas this month. Judi Caldwell, Gary DePerry and Jim Martin now give the group 45 full and five honorary members. The passed three the mandatory requirements of having to attend at least three Final Fours, be a Friend of the Hoop Historians for at least a year and be elected by more than 75% of the voting members at the Annual Meeting. Biographies on the newest members to the group can be found on the Hoop Historians website www.hoophistorians.com/2014inductees.htm







ABOVE: Judi, Gary and Jim make up the Hoop Historians Class of 2014

#### HISTORIANS OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2014-15

At the Annual Meeting, John Mayberry and Dennis Mishko were re-elected to two-year terms on the Board of Directors. Bruce Ziemer was also re-elected to a one-year term. They join Al Sack and Ted Reineking whose terms will expire in 2015.

### WELCOME DINNER WELL ATTENDED

After a one year hiatus, the Hoop Historians Welcome Dinner was brought back by popular demand and was the third highest attended Welcome Event in group history. 37 members and Friends of the Hoop Historians were at the Press Box Grill in downtown Dallas to celebrate the occasion. The event was only topped twice, with a record 43 attendees in Indianapolis in 2010 and Houston's total of 41 in 2011.

### NCAA WEST REGIONAL: SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

The off-day of the NCAA West Regional provided a number of

surprises. Five Hoop Historians travelled to Palm Springs



and visited with Bill Marx, son of legendary comedian Harpo Marx, and then came back to Anaheim to watch some games on the TV. Their viewing was temporarily interrupted with the largest earthquake Southern to hit California in six years, proving that history always follows the Hoop Historians.

#### TITLE GAME ALUMNI REUNION

The last time the Final Four was held in Dallas the games were played downtown at Reunion Arena. This year a reunion of sorts took place at AT&T Stadium, as Hoop Historians Executive Director Joe Spagnolo met one his former athletes he coached at Proviso West High School. Michael Morris, who lives in Arlington, was Coach's quest for the championship game. Michael brought another Proviso alum Kelvyn Morris to the game, and as they entered the stadium they were joined unexpectedly by Clyde Jackson, another Proviso graduate and Tennessee resident, who just happened to be attending the finals and walked through the entrance at the same time. The four alumni made sure to pose for a picture before the title game.



ABOVE: Michael Morris, Joe Spagnolo, Clyde Jackson and Kelvyn Morris were in the right place at the right time.

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### PAT IRVINE VISITING THE BALLPARK AT ARLINGTON



The Hoop Historians group outing to see the Texas Rangers baseball stadium proved personal for one Historian. **Pat Irvine**, got to visit through the Rangers Hall of Fame and take in exhibits that highlighted her brother, former Texas manager **Billy Martin**. She even got to sit in her brother's desk that he used when he ran the squad. Billy was named American League Manager of the Year in 1974.

# THREE GENERATIONS ATTEND FINALS



ALL IN THE FAMILY: Parents Matt and Meredith Regan, baby Lincoln, and grandparents Cath and Frank Wilson all were in attendance for the championship game.

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