



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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SIX JOIN HOOP HISTORIANS

Four new members and two honorary members were inducted into the Hoop Historians membership at the Annual Meeting in Houston during Final Four Week. Three members of the Mishko Family, **Dennis Jr., Jillian and Samantha** were chosen as supporters of the game and **Gordon Welch**, former player at Southern Methodist University, was also selected. Two individuals who have served the National Association of Basketball Coaches group were inducted as Honorary Members. NCAA Photographer **Neil King** and Pittsburgh Souvenir & Novelty vendor **Mike Rossman** were chosen as Honorary Members to the group. Biographies on all of the inductees can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: <http://hoophistorians.com/2016inductees.htm>



ABOVE: Hoop Historians Class of 2016 Inductees include (left to right); Samantha Mishko, Mike Rossman, Gordon Welch and Neil King.

HOOP HISTORIANS WELCOME DINNER HOSTS BIG TURNOUT

The Hoop Historians Final Four Welcome Dinner played host to 44 members and Friends of the Hoop Historians at **Russo's New York Pizzeria** in downtown Houston, marking the second largest turnout in group history. The group presented a signed t-shirt of its members in attendance to restaurant manager **Linda Mohammed** who will frame the shirt and display it in their establishment. The Welcome Dinner's all-time mark of 48 attendees was established in Indianapolis in 2016.



HOUSTON PAPER CHRONICLES HISTORIANS ADVENTURES

What do Hoop Historians do on their day off at the Final Four? Promote the Hoop Historians no doubt. Hoop Historian **Bren Petar and wife Kitty** provided good p.r. for the group, as they were interviewed on the streets of Houston by the Houston Chronicle. The article, which ran on the day of the championship game, can be found [HERE](#).



HOOP HISTORIANS OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2016-2017

The votes are in! **Dennis Mishko, John Mayberry and Bruce Ziemer** were re-elected to the Hoop Historians Executive Board by a vote of the general membership at the Annual Meeting. The trio joins existing officers Al Sack and Ted Reineking on the five person panel. The group named Reineking as its Chairman of the Board.

DUES INCREASE FOR 2017-2018

At the Annual Meeting in Houston, the Hoop Historians general membership voted 18-0-1 to increase membership dues from \$25 to \$30 effective with the 2017-2018 membership year. This marks the first increase since initial dues were collected, dating back to 2006.

FINAL FOUR MILESTONES

This year a number of Hoop Historians reached Final Four milestones in Houston. **Bill Carsley** attended his 40th Final Four. **Jim Jorgensen** and **Cal Dilworth** both attended their 30th Final Four and **Rick Schabowski** attended his 20th Final Four. Congratulations!



HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

Send your pictures to: hoophistorians@hotmail.com

Click [HERE](#) to see photos from this year's Final Four Week in Houston.

HISTORIANS RAISE MONEY FOR JIMMY V FOUNDATION



The Hoop Historians raised \$300 for the Jimmy V Foundation during their annual "pass the hat" event during the Welcome Dinner in Houston. The group has donated \$700 to the foundation over the past two years.

THE WALKING MAN

After retiring from teaching this past summer, Hoop Historian **Don Fromknecht** and his wife took to the streets – literally. Since retirement, the couple walked 1600 miles, which was the equivalent of four million steps! Don has lost 60 pounds and now is enjoying the outdoors in his Montana home.



Coming up in the next edition of the Hoop Historians News:

- * A Hoop Historian's induction into the Hall of Fame
- * A special trip to the heart of the Southeast Conference

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