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IN MEMORIAM

REID POOLE

Music surrounded Reid Poole's life. Reid was born in Toccoa, Ga., in 1919, the youngest of ten children. He first picked up the French horn while attending the Von Steuben Jr. High School in Chicago. He started composing music while in Amundsen High School, going on to write 250 compositions and arrangements for band, piano, voice, orchestra, jazz band, and chamber groups. Reid went to the University of Chicago in 1938 at the encouragement of Harold Bachman, a man who was friends with the band director at his high school. By the time his junior year came around in 1941, the U.S. Army drafted him, and he spent his days in World War II as a bandsman with the 345th Army Service Forces Band. After the war was ended, Reid went back to the University of Chicago to earn his master's degree and then taught music theory for a couple of years at Roosevelt College in downtown Chicago. Bachman became Director of Bands at the University of Florida in 1948, and a year later, he asked Reid to join him in Gainesville. Mr. Poole became the assistant Director of Bands at UF. There he conducted one of the bands, created arrangements for the marching band, which was named "The Gator Variety Band" in the early stages. He also started the band at UF's laboratory school, P.K. Yonge. In its first year of existence, the P.K. Yonge band won Superior ratings at the Florida Bandmasters Association's contest during the 1949-50 school year. In 1958, Reid became Director of Bands, and in 1961 he was named head of the music department. From that point until 1972, he helped the music department develop undergraduate degrees in music, added master's degree and doctorate programs for music education. All the while, he continued teaching in the department and kept an active French horn studio. His musical reach didn't stop there. It stretched out to the Florida Music Educators Association, where he became President-elect in 1961 and served as President from 1963-65. As his term wound down, he was asked to become editor of FMEA's magazine, "The Florida Music Director," a post he held from 1965-1971 and 1974-78. He also served as parliamentarian on FMEA's board of directors for more than 30 years. He taught an honors humanities course at UF until he retired in 2000. He also continued to give private French horn lessons.

EVERETT "BUD" ROBERTS

Everett Lee "Bud" Roberts, former band director and assistant principal at St. Petersburg High School, died January 16, 2006. He was 91. He was born in Meridian, Mississippi and was a graduate of Osceola High School in Kissimmee, Florida. He attended Rollins College on a tennis scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree. He later earned a Master of Arts in School Administration from Stetson University. He started as a music educator as Director of Music in Avon Park schools. He moved from there to become the Bandmaster at Winter Park High School and Instructor of Wind and Brass Instruments at Rollins College, which was interrupted by World War II. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, starting as a recruit and rising to the rank of Captain. He served 42 months in the Army, of which 22 months were in the Pacific Theatre, at New Guinea, Leyte, Okinawa and Japan. He was one of the first group of soldiers to enter Japan when the war ended and was instrumental in establishing the first communications headquarters for the Army in Japan, for which he received the Bronze Star Medal. After the war, he returned to those positions until 1948, when he

became the Bandmaster at St. Petersburg High School, where he served for 20 years as the Director of Bands and an additional 12 years as the Assistant Principal and retired in 1980. After retiring, he remained active as an adjudicator of bands for the Florida Bandmasters Association until 1995. He was a charter member and former president of the Florida Bandmasters Association, and prior to his death, he was the last surviving charter member of the association. He was a member of the American Bandmasters Association, member and former president of the American School Band Directors Association, a founding member and former Chairman of the North American Band Directors Coordinating Committee, a member of the Florida Music Educators Association, a member of the Music Educators National Conference, a member of Pi Kappa Lambda and the honorary bandmasters fraternity, Pi Beta Mu. In 1957, the School Musician magazine named him as an Outstanding Music Director in the United States. In 1961, he was awarded the "Mac" Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Music. He was selected as Co-Director of the first U.S.A. High School Band on its Concert Tour of Europe in 1962. In 1980, he was recognized by the American School Band Directors Association for outstanding service and contributions to the school band movement. He was selected by the Florida Bandmasters Association for Meritorious Support and Service to School Bands and honored by the School Administrators for his 45 years of service to education. In 1984, he received the Phi Beta Mu Award for Outstanding Contributions to Bands. In 1991, he received the Edwin Franko Goldman Award for Outstanding Contributions to School Bands from the American School Band Directors Association. In 1992, he received the Phi Beta Mu Award for Outstanding Band Director. In 1993 Mr. Roberts was inducted into the Florida Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame.

FREDERICK N. HUMPHREYS

Frederick N. Humphreys, 75, formerly of Deerfield Beach, passed away on Friday, January 20, 2006, of brain tumor complications. A renowned band director and in-demand conductor and adjudicator, Fred was recently teaching at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Tennessee. His career began there, where he quickly earned the reputation as an innovative program builder, creating the outstanding Washington County unified band program in 1953 at age 23. In 1957 he was recruited by the Superintendent of Okechobee High School for the same purpose, establishing a presence that literally put the small town "on the map" with parade requests from as far away as the Mardi Gras. In 1963 Fred accepted a position at Deerfield Beach Jr. High, a program with 3 full-time music teachers, where his concert band rivaled Florida's finest high school groups. In 1968 he was hired to open Palm Beach Gardens High School, and from 12 students built a state-rated "Superior" ensemble within 8 months. By 1970 Fred was recalled to Deerfield's new high school, forming a band that was known throughout the southeast as well as in Mexico and Europe, always earning highest accolades and honors. Nova High called in 1976, and Fred's love of educational travel saw that group perform in 12 other nations on both sides of the iron curtain. After retiring from Broward County in 1985, he began teaching for the Department of Defense schools, stationed in Sasebo and Yakota, Japan, whose band marched in Tokyo's St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Karlsruhe and Schweinfurt, Germany. In 2001 Fred returned to Tennessee to take his final position at Science Hill, until last June. From his first festival in Bristol TN (1956) to his last performance with Science Hill in 2005, Fred never received less than the ultimate "Superior" rating at District and State-level Concert, Marching and Sightreading Evaluation, likely a national record. Fred also conducted the Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches (1978-86) and was an Adjunct Professor of Music Ed. at F.A.U. He was a President of the Florida Bandmasters Association and nominated to the Florida Bandmaster's Hall of Fame in 1998. He was a member of the National Band Association, Phi Beta Mu honorary music fraternity, the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, and was granted lifetime memberships in the American School Band Directors Association, and the John Philip Sousa Society of Japan. Educational author William Miller called him "Mystical Fred" for his uncanny ability to hear and correct complex ensemble harmony. Fred was most revered for his folksy and unorthodox teaching method that endeared him to students and colleagues. A humble person with no pretensions and a dry sense of humor, he inspired others to reach unimaginable personal highs, and is credited with salvaging many young, impressionable lives. His work ethic of preparedness, personal sacrifice, and devotion to others is constantly cited by students as the mantra of their personal success.

*The 2006 FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held at the Altamonte Springs Hilton on July 13 - 15, 2006. Pre-registration and hotel reservation information will be mailed to you in April. Again, everyone will be in the **DIRECTOR'S BAND**, and we will once again have our **MASTERWORKS IN REHEARSAL** (Two again this year, that seemed to work better). More information will follow, and it's going to be great, AGAIN! Bring the family, enjoy the clinics and fellowship, and get inspired for next year!*

ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

Information about State S&E is on the web site. Deadlines for State S&E entry are only 1(one) week after district. Please be ready for that deadline. It always comes so quickly after district. North State S&E will be March 27, 28, 29, 2006 at West Port High School in Ocala, and South State S&E will be April 10, 11, 12, 2006 at Northeast High School in Ft. Lauderdale.

Look for State MPA information in late February. If you have not received yours by MARCH 1, please call the Executive Director immediately!!! 352-625-9570

MPA dates are:

North - April 24 - 28, 2006 - Ft. Walton Beach H S in Ft. Walton Beach

South - April 24 - 28, 2006 - Vero Beach High School in Vero Beach

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

ORDER SCORES AND MUSIC FOR MPA'S NOW! See Handbook for FBA rules regarding music scores. Do it now, don't wait. You MUST secure permission to copy out-of-print copyrighted music from the copyright owner. Your music dealer should have a form to secure permission. The use of this form, when sent to the copyright owner, will expedite the inquiry and permission process greatly.

<p>GENERAL MEETING of the FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION Tampa Convention Center - Tampa - January 5, 2006</p>
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The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM by President **Paula Thornton**, who made a brief statement commending everyone who helped make the convention run smoothly. After the introduction of the FBA Officers seated on the dais, the minutes of the July 2005 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2005 Executive Board meeting were approved as distributed to the membership. Attendance rolls were sent around the room for members to sign.

A big thank you to Jeanne Reynolds of Pinellas County and Ted Hope from Hillsborough County in their help in procuring the larger percussion instruments.

TREASURERS REPORT (As of January 1, 2006)

FBA Operating Account	\$ 35,732.25
FBA Festival Account	\$ 4,226.81
FBA Reserve Account (Operating CD)	\$ 44,413.35
FBA Commissioning Acct. MM	\$ 29,719.53
FBA Severance Account CD	\$ 13,155.94
FBA Reserve Account (Festival CD)	\$111,723.45
FBA Hall of Fame CD	\$ 3,035.25

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT OF FBA

Mark Spreen from Riverview High School was elected President-elect of the Florida Bandmasters Association.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- a. Barbara Johnson, Life Member of the FBA, teaching in Amman Jordan introduced her students who were here from Jordan to enjoy the FMEA Convention, as guests of FBA.
- b. Jim Davis running for Governor of Florida was introduced and spoke to the group.
- c. Past-Presidents stood and were introduced by Paula Thornton
- d. New members were recognized and everyone was asked to stand and sit down after number of years in the FBA. John DeYoung stood the longest with 54 years membership in the FBA.
- e. The following members received the 25-year Life Member pin:
William Dishman, and Michael Vail
- f. The following directors received their FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES
David Dixson - Westwood Middle School, Jim Matthews - Andrew Jackson Middle School, Paul Harris - Meigs Middle School, Eddie Steadman - Addie R. Lewis Middle School and C.W. Ruckel Middle School, Steve Kirkland - Hammonds Middle School, Barbara Fultz - Jewett Academy, Cara McKinney - Deltona Middle School, Anthony Fuoco - Oak Grove Middle School, Bill Thompson - Mowat Middle School, Annette Greive - Bayonet Point Middle School, Glen Maerki - Howard Middle School, Tina Laferriere - Tavares Middle School.
- g. **TOM BISHOP AWARD - Michael Antmann - Swift Creek Middle School, Pamela Chaffin - Southeast High School, William (Asa) Jernigan - Mandarin Middle School, Cara McKinney - Deltona Middle School, Keary Pence - Carver Middle School, Connie Pettis - Jay High School, Ian Schwindt - Titusville High School, Jane Sholine - Lakeland Highlands Middle School, Erick Stallings - Dunnellon Middle School**
- h. **OLIVER HOBBS AWARD - Gary Bottomley - Teague Middle School, Bert Creswell - Fleming Island High School, Jim Matthews - Andrew Jackson Middle School**
- i. The following District Chairpersons were presented CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION for their hard work and dedication to the FBA: **Bill Muse** District 6, **Becky Sego** District 8, **Ian Schwindt** District 10, **David Fultz** District 12, **Paul Destito** District 14, **Bill Reaney** District 18.
- j. **Recognition of Retirees - Chuck Beutel, David Fultz, Frank McKinney, Lee Ponder, Jim St. Clair.**

JR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS FORUM: - Reported by **Annette Greive**, JH/MS Rep.

The meeting of the Jr. High/Middle School Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those directors who assisted with auditions of both seventh and eighth grade bands were recognized and thanked.

In new business, Eddie Steadman from Okaloosa County was elected the new Jr. High/Middle School representative beginning July 1, 2006.

Extensive discussion was held regarding questions to be addressed in the forthcoming FBA informational brochure. Numerous suggestions ensued.

Topics for the summer clinic were announced and many new suggestions for the future were made. Suggestions to various committees were also made and those will be referred to the appropriate committees.

Travis Henry was thanked for taking notes at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS FORUM - Reported by **Chuck Fulton**, FBA President-elect

The Senior High Directors Meeting began promptly at 7:08pm.

Items presented were the Solo & Ensemble Music Revision to take place this summer, the Strategic Planning and Vision Report (located on Pg 14 in The December Bulletin,) and String Bass Solos added to Solo & Ensemble MPA.

A great discussion ensued about clinics before, during and after Concert MPA's and Sight Reading at State Concert MPA.

- Paula Thornton introduced our President Elect Candidates.
- Neil Jenkins, Brian Wesolowski and the J P Taravella Band were congratulated on an exceptional performance at last night's President's Concert.
- Bentley Shellehammer made a call for Marching Band videos to be viewed and discussed at the Summer Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

District 1 - Eddie Steadman
District 2 - Jamie Birdwell
District 3 - Josh Bula
District 4 - Everett McConn
District 5 - Mary Harvey
District 6 - P L Malcolm
District 7 - Cynthia Starling
District 8 - Jodi Wunsch
District 9 - Don Edwards
District 10 - Michael Waller

District 11 - Keith Stark
District 12 - Jeff Cayer
District 13 - Joann Kinder
District 14 - Tammy Roggen
District 15 - Paul Morton
District 16 - Anthony Simons
District 17 - Asa Jernigan
District 18 - Joel Pagan
District 19 - Gabe Fielder
District 20 - Cathi Leibinger
District 21 - Jason Duckett

INTRODUCTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Adjudication Committee - Bill Reinecke
- b. All-State Bands Selection Committee - Shawn Barat
- c. Clinics Committee - Paula Thornton
- d. Concert Music Committee - Gary Bottomley
- e. Ethics Committee - Joe Luechauer
- f. MPA Committee - Chuck Fulton
- g. Finance Committee - Rob Roadman
- h. Past-Presidents' Council - Rob Roadman
- i. Professional Resources Committee - Nick DeCarbo
- j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Jeanne Berry
- k. Solo & Ensemble Music Committee - Karen Crocco
- l. Benevolence Committee - Da-Laine Chapman
- m. Commissioning Committee - Lee Ponder
- n. Technology - Josh Bula

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Strategic Planning and Vision - Cynthia Berry
- b. Auxiliaries - Linda Boone
- c. Small Schools - Nick Albanese
- d. Jazz Band Committee - Jeff Cayer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

HALL OF FAME BOARD REPORT - Bobby Adams

2006 Hall of Fame inductees are Jim Dodd from Max Bruner Middle School, and Duane Hendon FBA Executive Director.

2006 Roll of Distinction inductee is Manley R. Whitcomb from Florida State University.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

The following directors have been selected by their fellow teachers as TEACHER OF THE YEAR at their respective schools:

David Cadle - Crestview High School

Barbara Fultz - Jewett Academy

Paul Morton - Dirftwood Middle School

Allison Rosser - Blankner School

Laura Singletary - Lyndon B. Johnson Junior H S

The following teacher has attained National Board Certification:

Amy Bradley - Electa Lee Middle School

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane L. Hendon, Executive Director.