

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Monzingo

Robert "Bob" Monzingo of Gulf Breeze and Pensacola passed away on Saturday, December 6, 2008 after surgery for cancer. He was 85 and was born in Minden, Louisiana. During World War II he served in an Army/Air Corps military band. He attended Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas, graduating with a Master's Degree in music. He taught high school band in East Texas where his bands received consistently top ratings at Texas band contests. He later became Assistant Band director at Louisiana State University. In the early 1960's Bob came to Pensacola and opened "Monzingo Music" store. He had a positive influence on the Panhandle area bands for many years. He was always available to help area bands and offer helpful advice to their band directors. He dramatically influenced area directors, young and old, and was a valuable mentor to many young new directors. According to a retired band director, "Bob taught several of us everything we needed to be successful band directors. He was a tremendous mentor to us for many years." He spent a lot of time in the local band rooms and rehearsals. His influence on Florida "panhandle" bands was significant, and became apparent as soon as he arrived in Pensacola. He closed "Monzigo Music" store in the late 1970's and returned to teaching. He served as an instructor of instrumental music as a band director and/or asst. band director at Ransom Middle School (Pensacola), Gulf Breeze Middle School, Pensacola High School and Washington High School (Pensacola). He retired in the early 1990's. His organization memberships include: Texas Bandmasters Association, Florida Bandmasters Association, Florida Music Educators Association and Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Fraternity, Alpha (Texas) chapter. When he moved to Pensacola, he transferred his membership in Phi Beta Mu to the Omega (Florida) chapter. Bob is buried in Barrancas National Cemetery at the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

The 2009 FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held at the Altamonte Springs Hilton on July 9 - 10, 2009. Pre-registration and hotel reservation information will be online in April. Marguerite Wilder, Guest Conductor and Clinician across the country and has been to Florida many times, will be our Keynote Speaker. We are starting a three year program for the summer conventions with this year having emphases on pedagogy. We will have clinics on each instrument at the beginning level and also on a more advanced level. Next year our summer convention will be held with the ASBDA National Convention and will have Jerry Junkin as our Keynote Speaker and will have an emphasis on conducting and artistry. The third summer will deal with rehearsal techniques. There will be a different approach for the next three years. 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! We will again have the Southern Winds with Bobby Adams, performing on Thursday evening.

ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

North State S&E will be March 30, 31, April 1, 2009 at West Port High School in Ocala, and South State S&E will be April 6, 7, 8, 2009 at Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples. We will use the MPA Online program this year.

Look for State MPA information in late February on the website.

MPA dates are:

North - April 20, 21, 2009 Ft Walton Beach High School in Ft Walton Beach

North - April 22, 24, 2008 - University of Florida in Gainesville

Concert

Rich Bergman - Retired, Herndon High School

Ray Lichtenwalter - Retired, University of Texas at Arlington

Joe David - Columbus State University

Commentator

David Waybright - University of Florida

Jay Jackson - Appalachian State University

Robert Hansbrough - The College of St Rose

South - April 20 - 24, 2009 - North Port High School in North Port

Concert

Joseph Scagnoli - Retired, Ball State University

Ernest Hebson, Retired, Ft. Walton Beach High School

Dennis Silkebakken - Retired, East Central University, Ada, OK

Commentator

William Gora - Retired, Appalachian State University

Lindsey Williams - University of Missouri, Kansas City

Tom Stidham - University of Kansas

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.

**GENERAL MEETING of the FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
Tampa Convention Center - Tampa - January 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:24 PM by President **Mark Spreen**, who made a brief statement commending everyone who helped make the convention run smoothly, especially the All-State Band Coordinators. 11th & 12th Band-John Seth, 9th & 10th Band-Brian Dell, 7th & 8th Band-Kristy Leduc, SSHBand-Nick Albanese, MSHBand-Linda Mann, and Jazz Band-Jeff Cayer. After the introduction of the FBA Officers seated on the dais, the minutes of the July 2008 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2008 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 and all the directors in both counties who helped in procuring the larger percussion instruments for our All-State groups.

TREASURERS REPORT (As of November 27, 2008)

FBA Operating Account	\$45,847.48
FBA Commissioning Acct. MM	\$24,492.72
FBA Severance Account CD	\$26,089.68
FBA Reserve Account	\$141,715.93
FBS Hall of Fame CD	\$16,498.72

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- Jeanne Reynolds, President of FMEA was introduced to the membership and she introduced the candidates for FMEA President Elect, Shelia King and Michael Allen.
- Barbara Johnson, teaching in Amman Jordan, was introduced and in turn introduced her students who were also here from Jordan, visiting the FMEA Convention for the third time in 9 years.
- Past-Presidents stood and were introduced by Mark Spreen.
- Hall of Fame members were introduced.
- 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 57 years membership in the FBA.
- The following members received the 25-year Life Member pin:

Vincent Capo, Jeffrey Carroll, Kathleen Crotty, Madeline Dunsizer, Tommy Ferlazzo, Sarah Fouse, David McGuffin, Barry Mullins, Mark Nelson, John Rusnak, Mark Sanders, Tim Skinner, Terry Stryker

- The following directors received their five-year superior plaques for middle school:

Michelle Barber - Martinez M S, **Jeanie Berry** - Southwest M S,
Bruce Brazinski - D.S. Parrott M S, **Janice Hessney** - Paul Laurence Dunbar M S,
Everett McConn - Fort Clarke M S, **Mike Reynolds** - Meadowlawn M S,
Gerry Ricke - Eustis M S, **Mark Sanders** - Central M S, **Fred Schmidt** - Westglades M S, **David Tagliarini** - Madeira Beach M S, **Chris Touchton** - Southside Fundamental M S, **Chris Tredway** - Lewis M S

h. **TOM BISHOP AWARD**

Paul Bryant - Rockledge H S, **Kendall Carrier** - Braden River H S, **Nicole Greco** - Forest Glen M S, **Erich Rivero** - Glades M S, **Willie Snipes** - Van Buren M S, **Mark Sorrells** - Liberty M S, **James Yaques** - Palm Beach Central H S, **Brian Sullivan** - New Smyrna Beach H S

i. **OLIVER HOBBS AWARD**

Marianne Flanagan - Colonial H S, **Joe Hooten** - J. M. Tate Senior H S,
J. Kevin Lewis - Burns M S, **Mark Nelson** - Satellite Senior H S,
John Nista - Ramblewood M S

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

District 1 - Mike Philley	District 11 - Jim Bruce
District 2 - Jamie Birdwell	District 12 - Jeff Cayer
District 3 - Mike German	District 13 - Page Howell
District 4 - Ed Amaya	District 14 - Bill Castillo
District 5 - Joe Harrin	District 15 - Edgar Rubio
District 6 - Josh Langston	District 16 - Jennifer Jimenez
District 7 - Brian Dell	District 17 - Shawn Barat
District 8 - Hannah Jennings	District 18 - Dan Davis
District 9 - Greg Urban	District 19 - Scotty Vance
District 10 - Mark Nelson	District 20 - Carolyn Hutchinson
	District 21 - Jason Duckett

INTRODUCTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Adjudication Committee - Bill Reinecke
- b. All-State Bands Selection Committee - Ian Schwindt
- c. Clinics Committee - Mark Spreen
- d. Concert Music Committee - Monty Musgrave
- e. Ethics Committee - Joe Luechauer
- f. MPA Committee - Randy Folsom
- g. Finance Committee - Chuck Fulton
- h. Past-Presidents' Council - Chuck Fulton
- i. Professional Resources Committee - Nick DeCarbo
- j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Jeanie Berry
- k. Solo & Ensemble Music Committee - Keith Stark
- l. Benevolence Committee - Da-Laine Chapman
- m. Commissioning Committee - Rob Roadman
- n. Technology - Josh Bula
- o. Auxiliaries - Linda Boone

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AMENDED MOTION: Philley/Vance

Limit the number of Marching Band Field Evaluations to a total of four per school year, one of which must include the Florida Bandmasters Association Marching Music Performance Assessment. Events hosted by a member school would not count toward that total of four. In addition, events with a Prelims/Finals format would only count as one event. Verification and reporting of violations of this policy will be the responsibility of the District Secretary. Consequences would be as follows:

1st offense = Letter from Executive Director to Band Director, District Chairman, Principal, Music Supervisor (if applicable), and Superintendent and referral to Mentoring Committee.

2nd offense = Letter from Executive Director to Band Director, District Chairman, Principal, Music Supervisor (if applicable), and Superintendent and referral to Ethics Committee and a fine of \$250 payable to FBA.

3rd offense and beyond = Letter from Executive Director to Band Director, District Chairman, Principal, Music Supervisor (if applicable), and Superintendent and a fine of \$500.

Rationale: In order to align our activities with the Florida Bandmasters Association philosophy and the "Best Practices" for Marching Band, it is necessary to establish an equitable balance between the various aspects of Band programs. Excessive participation in Marching Band competitions has potential ramifications for our profession, including excessive fees, lower retention rates which may affect teacher units, and a de-emphasis of other significant aspects of our curriculum. The consequences incurred allow for potential growth, education, and mentoring of the director(s) and administrator(s) without penalizing the students and parents in the affected band program.

MOTION PASSED BY THE BOARD AT THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE GENERAL MEETING TONITE.

HALL OF FAME BOARD REPORT - Bobby Adams

2009 Hall of Fame inductee is Dwight R. (Rob) Roadman, Director of Bands at Martin County High School.
2009 Roll of Distinction inductee is Richard Feasel from Stetson University.

The concerts will be held on November 14 & 15, 2009 at Stetson University. Plan on attending.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

**Neil Gray - Mowat Middle School
Jamie Birdwell - Mosley High School
Barbara Hemmert - Jinks Middle School
Don Reynolds - West Nassau High School
Mark Sanders - Central Middle School
Keith Nichols - Conway Middle School
Jeremy Klein - Robinson High School
Charlie Rankin - Pacetti Bay Middle School
Susan Bazin - Key Largo School
Doug Yopp - Mt Dora Bible Jr/Sr High School**

The following directors have been selected by their fellow teachers as ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**Doug Yopp - Mt Dora Bible Jr/Sr High School
Lee Morrison - New World School of the Arts**

The following directors have been selected TEACHER OF THE YEAR by Wal-Mart

**Rodney Dasinger - Rutherford High School
Ben Futoran - Indian Rocks Christian School**

The following directors have been selected TEACHER OF THE YEAR by Sam's Club

Amy Isenhower - Oak Hammock K-8

Congrats! J. P. Taravella High School Band, under the direction of Neil Jenkins and Cheldon Williams, were selected to march in the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade on January 20 in Washington DC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane L. Hendon, Executive Director.