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## November NEWSLETTER 2017

### 2017 GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS - KEITH BEARDEN (ALPHA TX)



I hope this finds you all winding down the semester and looking forward to time with family and friends during the upcoming holidays. Before we get to enjoy that wonderful and needed personal time, we get to experience another exciting event - MIDWEST! This year, we have many things to be thankful for as we see continued growth in our fraternity and a renewed commitment from members of our fraternity. We have an outstanding board of directors who give freely of their time and continue to "push the ball down the field".

The biggest event since last Midwest was the addition of our newest chapter in Arizona! Hopefully you will meet some of our brothers and sisters

from Kappa Zeta at Midwest. Sheryl Bowhay, social media facilitator, continues work with new chapter interest in the Netherlands and Saskatchewan.

Other international projects have been in the works and these events will be discussed at Midwest, you don't want to miss out on the good news!

The motivational speeches given by our recipients last year still ring loud and clear in my thoughts. Who could ever forget our first international outstanding bandmaster honoree, Col. Akira Takeda and his wonderful remarks as they were translated to our group? Our outstanding contributor, Chip Atwater, delivered the most motivating and moving speech I can ever remember. We've become accustomed to these excellent addresses by our recipients. Our slate of honorees this year at Midwest brings another "all star" cast. We will honor our 2017 Outstanding Bandmaster of the Year, Dr. Jerry Junkin of the University of Texas, and our 2017 Outstanding Contributor, Dr. Dennis Fisher of North Texas University. I can comfortably proclaim, you won't want to miss these gentlemen's words! They would

appreciate your attendance and support.

Also last year, we honored our inaugural recipients of the Col. Earl Irons Program of Distinction Award. The award was given to two outstanding groups-Penn HS, director Glenn Northern and Westlake HS, Kerry Taylor director. For 2017, the Col. Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction Award goes to another exceptional band program-Plano East Senior High Band, director Mr. Evelio Villarreal. Mr. Villarreal will be present to accept this beautiful award named in honor of our founder.

I am looking forward to another record crowd at our general business meeting (7:45-8:45am), immediately followed by our annual breakfast/awards ceremony (9:00-11:00am) on Thursday morning, December 21, 2017. These are the only general membership functions. Please make plans in your schedule to attend. I often hear, "I didn't know if I was a member of the international group" or "I didn't know I could come". The answer to both questions is **YES. YOU** are a member of Phi Beta Mu and Midwest is the "convention" of our fraternity. These meetings will be held in

the Chicago Hilton. I would love to see you there!

*Life, Love, Music,*

Keith Bearden, President

### PHIBETAMU NEWS & COMMUNICATION

Welcome to the PhiBetaMu International November 2017 edition. Please note following times, places and deadlines.

- In 2017 the membership of Phi Beta Mu will elect two new International Board Members. Pictures and Bios of nominees can be found on pages 2&3 --- **to vote login to [www.phibetamu.org](http://www.phibetamu.org)** --- Polls close at 12 midnight on November 30.
- The PhiBetaMu International General Assembly (business meeting) will be held at the Hilton Chicago Hotel at 7:30 AM in the Astoria Room - Third Floor on Thursday, December 21, 2017.
- The PhiBetaMu International Awards Breakfast will be held at the Hilton Chicago Hotel at 9:00 AM in the Waldorf Room - Third Floor on Thursday, December 21st. RRSR to [dlambert55@comcast.net](mailto:dlambert55@comcast.net)

*Mike Townsend*

## PHI BETA MU INTERNATIONAL ELECTION 2017

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### Nan Moore - Psi Chapter

Nan Moore recently retired after serving as the Director of Bands at Louisville Male High School for 39 years. Under Moore's leadership, the Louisville Male Band established itself as one of the most respected programs in the country.

In 2011, Ms. Moore founded the Louisville Winds and serves as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor.

Ensembles under her direction have performed at the Southern Division Music Educators National Conference; numerous Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) In-Service Con-

ferences; the 2004 College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA)/National Band Association (CBDNA)/National Band Association (NBA) Southern Division In-Service Conference; the 2001 Midwest Clinic; and as a guest ensemble with the Louisville Orchestra, the Purdue University Symphonic Band, and the University of Louisville (U of L) Wind Ensemble.

In 1995 Moore was awarded the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster Award for Kentucky, and in 1993 was named the KMEA Secondary Teacher of the Year. In March 2013 she was inducted

as a member of the American Bandmasters Association. She has been featured in the *Instrumentalist Magazine* (2002) and *School Band and Orchestra Magazine* (2003). Moore received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Morehead State University (MSU), a Master of Arts degree in Education from Western Kentucky University (WKU), and a specialist degree in Administration from Spalding University. She has served as the State Band Chairperson for KMEA and as president of Phi Beta Mu. Ms. Moore maintains a busy schedule as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor.



**Julia Reynolds - Omicron**  
is the Executive Sec./Treasurer of

the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association where she coordinates regional and state instrumental music interscholastic events. Prior to accepting that position in 1999, Julia served as Russellville Public School's band director from 1984-1999 and as Sheridan Public School's band director from 1976-1984.

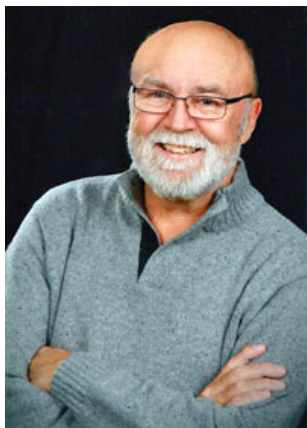
Bands and small ensembles under her leadership consistently performed at a superior level in concert, solo-ensemble, and marching assessments, and individual players attained high placements in all-region, all-state, and band camp honor bands. Julia is a clinician, guest conductor, and adjudicator throughout Arkansas and surrounding states with notable

guest appearances at Four States Bandmasters Association, 1984 Arkansas Honor Band – Sheridan Senior High; American School Band Directors National Association 1994 Convention, and the 1997 United States Presidential Inaugural Parade – Russellville Senior High.

Julia holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Henderson State University and a Master of Arts in Brass Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa. In addition to her work with ASBOA, she teaches studio brass, plays horn in the River Valley Brass Quintet, and serves as the instrumental coordinator at First Baptist Church in Russellville.

Professional affiliations include Phi Beta Mu (Past President), the Arkansas Bandmasters Association (Past President; currently Executive Advisor), the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association (Past President; currently Executive Secretary), and the National Band Association.

In 1984 Julia received the ASBDA-Stanbury Outstanding Young Band Director Award. In 1997 the Arkansas Bandmasters Association named her Bandmaster of the Year. Strathmore's Worldwide recognized Julia as a Woman of Excellence and honored her as the Professional of the Year for 2017 in recognition of excellence, dedication, & success in Education/Music Programs.



### Keith Rudolph - Gamma

Keith Rudolph retired in 2011 after 38 years as Director of Bands and Instrumental Music Coordinator at Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN. Mr. Rudolph earned his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music degrees from Butler University. Under his direction the band program at Penn High School grew from two concert bands with 80 students in 1973 to five concert bands numbering over 300 students today, highlighted by a fea-

tured performance in 2008 at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention.

A member of Phi Beta Mu since 1978, Mr. Rudolph is a Past President and current Secretary-Treasurer of Gamma Chapter. In 2003 he earned the chapter's Outstanding Bandmaster Award and in 2012 was inducted into the Hall of Fame. During his teaching career he was very active in the Indiana State School Music Association, serving numerous times as a board member and twice as President.

In retirement Mr. Rudolph continues to be very active as a clinician, arranger and adjudicator. In recent years he served one term on the PBM International Board and during that time was instrumental in reinstating a Phi Beta Mu Chapter in Arizona.



**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK** Join and invite other PhiBetaMu Members to join the PhiBetaMu International Bandmasters Fraternity Facebook Group. This is a closed group, others can see who the members are and what PhiBetaMu is about. However, they will not see posts or any information that is located in the site. Our site can be found on Facebook using "title search" and type PhiBetaMu International Bandmasters Fraternity or type <https://www.facebook.com/groups/510173002454158/> into your browser.

## PHI BETA MU INTERNATIONAL ELECTION 2017 - CONTINUED

### Angela Schroeder MuAlpha



A native of Alberta, Canada, **Dr. Angela Schroeder** is currently Associate Professor of Music in the Department of Music at the University of Alberta. She is the

Director of Bands, the Area Coordinator for the Winds and Percussion, oversees all areas of instrumental ensembles, and conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Summer Band. She teaches undergraduate courses in conducting and wind band education, and works with graduate students in instrumental conducting. She previously taught conducting at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. Angela is also the conductor of the St. Albert Community Band, an ensemble that is currently in their 47th concert season. This ensemble recently completed their first overseas tour, performing throughout Austria and Germany.

Dr. Schroeder completed undergraduate degrees in Music and Education at the University of Calgary, majoring in Secondary Music Education, with performance studies in piano and trumpet.

She also completed the Diploma of Fine Arts in Wind Band Conducting under the supervision of Glenn Price. After a teaching career at various secondary schools in the Calgary area, she entered the Long Term Residency program at The Banff Centre, where she studied and performed on piano, trumpet and as a conductor. Angela entered the Master's program in Wind Conducting at Northwestern University in 2002, where she studied with Mallory Thompson and earned the Master of Music in Conducting. In 2007, she completed the degree Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Band Conducting at the University of North Texas, under the supervision of Eugene Corporon.

Angela Schroeder is well known in the Alberta music education community; not only through her teaching and conducting both in

schools and in community music organizations, but through her involvement as an executive director of the Alberta Band Association for several years. Angela has performed on cornet with the Mill Creek Colliery Band and was the Principal Trumpet for the Concordia University Orchestra for seven seasons. Angela has guest conducted and adjudicated numerous wind bands in festivals and clinics throughout Canada, the United States, Austria, Germany, Australia and Thailand. She is a contributor in 11 volumes of the *Teaching Music through Performance in Band* series, which profile wind literature for all levels of instrumental instruction, published by GIA.

She is joyfully married to husband Geoffrey and mother to her brilliant sons, Joshua and Jonah.



**Troy Stovall - Psi Chapter** has been teaching in Muhlenberg County since 1995. He was appointed Director of Bands for Muhlenberg County High School

in 2009. His primary responsibilities include directing the Grades 11/12 Band, Grades 9/10 Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, assisting at the two feeder middle schools, and teaching Music Theory. Prior to his appointment at Muhlenberg County High School, he taught in the Muhlenberg County School System at Muhlenberg North Middle School for 12 years and Muhlenberg North High School for two. In addition to his many teaching responsibilities, he periodically performs with the Western Kentucky University Faculty Brass Quintet and also serves as a staff member for the Kentucky Ambassadors of Music. He is an active clinician and adjudicator throughout the state of Kentucky. During his tenure, three bands have been invited to perform at

the KMEA Conference. The Muhlenberg North Middle School Band was invited twice to perform in 2001 and 2005. The Muhlenberg County High School Symphonic Band performed in 2012. The MNMS Band also performed at the University of Kentucky Middle School Invitational Concert Band Festival in 2005. The bands and students under his direction have consistently received distinguished ratings at all KMEA festivals.

Stovall earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1995 from Western Kentucky University, and in 2004 a Master of Arts in Music Education from the same institution. While at Western, he participated in the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and the Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra. Stovall was named

Kentucky's Outstanding Young Band Director of the Year by Phi Beta Mu in 2001, Third District Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2004-05, and KMEA Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2004-05.

Stovall's professional affiliations include the Kentucky Music Educators Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the National Band Association, Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity, the American School Band Directors Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He has served as the State Band Chair for KMEA, and has twice been the Chairman of the Third District Band Directors Association. He has served as President of the Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, and has been Secretary/Treasurer for the same organization.



### Gary Wells - Alpha Chapter

2017 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year of membership in Phi Beta Mu for Gary. He was inducted into the Omicron Chapter in Arkansas while serving as the band director at Hope High School. The Hope Band represented Arkansas at the Four States Bandmasters Association annual convention. During his tenure in Arkansas, he served as Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Arkansas Bandmasters Association and received the 1977 National ASBDA Medalist Stanbury Award.

Gary's last 21 years were spent at Hamshire-Fannett High School near Beaumont. He built the small rural program from 18 members to over 110 by his retirement. The band was a consistent Sweepstakes winner and had numerous students named to the TMEA and ATSSB All State Bands.

Gary served Alpha Chapter in several capacities as Chairman of the Outstanding Contributor Committee, Chairman of the Program and Reception Committee and as a member of the Hall of Fame Committee. He has been Secretary-Treasurer of Alpha

Chapter since 2001. He was named to the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame in 2013.

Gary is married to Judy and they have two children - Alex, the band director at Port Neches-Groves High School and Beth, who works in the neuro-monitoring medical field in Nashville, Tennessee.



## EARL D IRONS PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION AWARD 2017



### PLANO EAST BAND

Since the opening of the school in 1981, the band program at Plano East Senior High has evolved into one of the finest band programs in the state of Texas. The Plano East Band program has been honored by the American School Band Directors Association with the Dale C. Harris Exemplary Band Program Award. The Plano East Wind Ensemble has been selected as a Class 5A Honor Band Finalist by the Texas Music Educators Association and a featured performing ensemble at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. The Wind Ensemble has been recognized as a National Winner by the National Wind Band Honors competition sponsored by the Foundation for Music Education on numerous occasions. In 2015, the John Philip Sousa Foundation awarded the Sudler Flag of Honor to the Plano East Wind Ensemble and Band Program for sustained excellence over a period of several years.

Band students have the opportunity to participate in one of four concert bands, marching band, percussion ensemble,

music theory and color guard. All students participate in the marching band which meets after school during the fall semesters. Students audition every semester and are placed by ability into one of the four concert bands that meet daily during the school day. During the spring semester, students participate in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, the East Plano Chamber Winds and Brass groups, Percussion Ensembles and Winter Guard. Plano East Band students are highly successful in the state's region, area and all-state selection process, as well as the UIL solo and ensemble contest. Many students have become music educators at the public school and university level, perform professionally with symphony orchestras, on Broadway and in some of the United States' top military bands. It is the goal of the Plano East band program to provide a balanced and well-rounded music education curriculum while teaching the many skills necessary to succeed in life.

The marching and concert bands participate in both invi-

tational and Texas University Interscholastic League competitions throughout the year. The Plano East Marching Band has received first division ratings at the UIL Region Marching Contest every year since the school opened in 1981 and advanced to the UIL Area Contest where it has been selected to advance the 5A UIL State Marching Band Contest on four occasions. The marching band has participated in many invitational marching festivals where it has received many caption awards, been named "Best In Class" and most recently was a finalist at the Bands of America Super Regional in San Antonio, Texas. In 2012, the Plano East Marching Band was awarded the Sudler Shield by the John Philip Sousa Foundation which recognizes outstanding high school marching band for world class excellence.

The four concert bands participate in the University Scholastic League Concert and Sight Reading Contest along with invitational festivals throughout the United States. The concert bands are consistent winners of the UIL Sweep-

stakes Award for Superior Ratings in Concert Performance and Sight Reading. The Wind Ensemble has earned the UIL Sweepstakes Award for Superior Ratings in Marching, Concert Performance and Sight Reading every year since the school opened in 1981. All of the concert bands have earned numerous "Best In Class" awards at nationally adjudicated festivals in Texas and throughout the United States.

Students interested in the jazz idiom have the opportunity to further their musical experience as a member of the Plano East Jazz Ensemble. Membership to this ensemble is by audition held each spring. Students participate in the Texas Music Educators Association Region Jazz auditions during the fall. Plano East is well represented in this prestigious group of student jazz musicians. Over the years, members of the Plano East Jazz Ensemble have earned positions in the TMEA All State Jazz Ensemble. Former students have gone onto professional careers performing with some of the top stars on today's music scene.

## EARL D IRONS PROGAM AWARD 2017 - CONTINUED

### Evelio Villarreal



#### Director of Bands, Plano East Senior High, Plano, Texas

Evelio Villarreal is currently the Director of Bands at Plano East and serves as cluster leader for the East Cluster Band Program. A music educator for 38 years, Mr. Villarreal has experience as a percussion instructor and band director in the Plano, Duncanville, Austin and San Angelo Independent School Districts.

Bands under his direction have consistently been awarded the "Sweepstakes Award" for Superior Ratings in University Interscholastic

League Marching, Concert and Sight Reading contests and been named "Best In Class" at nationally adjudicated festivals throughout the United States. In 2012, the Plano East Marching Band was awarded the Sudler Shield by the John Philip Sousa Foundation for world class excellence. In 2015, the Plano East Wind Ensemble was awarded the Sudler Flag of Honor by the John Philip Sousa Foundation for continued excellence in concert performance. The Plano East Wind Ensemble has been named a finalist in Class 5A Honor Band competition by the Texas Music Educators Association in 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014 and 2016 and selected as a "National Winner" by the National Wind Band Honors Project in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015. Most recently, the Plano East Band program was named the recipient of the 2017 Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction Award by the Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternity.

Percussion ensembles under his direction have performed at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention and the National Percussion Festival.

Mr. Villarreal is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity, Percussive Arts Society and Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternity serving on the State Board as a committee member. In 2000, he was selected for induction into the American School Band Directors Association, which honors outstanding band directors in the United States. In 2006, Mr. Villarreal was awarded the Legion of Honor by the John Philip Sousa Foundation for excellence in teaching and contributions to high school bands. For many years, he served for on State Board of the Texas Music Educators Association and the UIL Region Music Advisory Committee. Mr. Vil-

larreal is a multi-year honoree of Who's Who Among America's Teachers and was honored in 2013 with a Honorary Lifetime Membership by the Plano East PTA. He maintains an active schedule as a clinician and adjudicator.

Mr. Villarreal is an educational artist/endorser for Innovative Percussion, Incorporated and a contributing author of the band method book, *Essential Musicianship for Band*, published by the Hal Leonard Corporation.

Mr. Villarreal holds the Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Angelo State University and a Master of Music Degree from Texas A&M-Commerce.

#### Note:

*PhiBetaMu International wishes to thank International Past President, Paul Worosello, for his vision and his efforts in establishing and sustaining The Earl D Irons Program of Distinction Award.*

At the Midwest Clinic in December 2017, Phi Beta Mu will recognize Evelio Villarreal and the Plano East High School Band, winner of the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction for 2017. The purpose of the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction award is to recognize those bands that exhibit and exemplify the founders' ideals of honoring superior achievement, moral uprightness, and promoting the international development of bands, in order to challenge other groups to strive to attain these same levels of achievement. Plan to join us at the awards breakfast in the Chicago Hilton Hotel at 9:00 AM in the Waldorf Room - third floor - on Thursday December 21, 2017 when we will honor this significant achievement of this exceptional band program. - **Paul Worosello, Past President, PhiBeta Mu International**

## GEORGIA ZETA CHAPTER COMMISSION PROJECT - BARRY GOLDEN (ZETA/GA)



The Zeta (Georgia) Chapter embarked on a new commission project this year. The inaugural work *Down in the*

*River (A Southern Rhapsody)* was composed by internationally renowned composer Jay Bocook. Funds for the commission were raised through the contributions of Zeta Chapter members and other supporters. The pre-

mier performance was presented in Athens, Georgia at the 2017 Georgia Music Educators Association state in-

service conference by the Georgia Wind Symphony under the baton of the composer. The Georgia Wind Symphony, one of Georgia's newest adult concert bands, is under the direction of Dr. David Gregory.

According to Bocook the composition is based on 'Down in the River to Pray,' which emerged as an African American spiritual in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Slaves often sang this spiritual as a prayer for guid-

ance as they navigated their escape through the Underground Railroad. They would travel in the river because the water masked their scent from slave masters' dogs attempting to track them down.

The Zeta Chapter hopes to continue to contribute to the production of original band compositions with future projects.

*Note: Pictured Jay Bocook (l) and Dr. David Gregory (r)*

## ETA CHAPTER (TENNESSEE) UP-DATES: - JUSTIN SCOTT (ETA/TN)

We are excited to welcome the following new brothers and sisters to our ETA Chapter: Brother Darrell Boston from Lorretto High, Brother Paul Brown from Anderson County High, and Brother Adam Huff from Lenoir City High School.

Congratulations to the following Phi Beta Mu members with ensembles performing at our State Music Conference this past April: Brother Andrew Lynn - Stewart's Creek Middle School, Brother David Aydelott - Franklin High, and Brother John David Hazlett - McGavock High School.

We would like to recognize a few of our brothers and sisters who received the Country Music Association (CMA) Music Teacher of Excellence Award. For the past two years, the Country Music industry has gathered to honor music educators and their impact on students and school communi-

ties through the power of music. The program was created in partnership with Metro Nashville Schools' "Music Makes Us" initiative and was formed as a result of a 2015 study. "Teachers of Excellence" are recognized by the CMA with a cash award and a matching grant given to each recipient's school. Winners are selected after a panel watches lesson videos and reviews each application. Five-time CMA Vocal Group of the Year "Little Big Town" hosted the event at Nissan Stadium and more than a dozen other artists attended the ceremony.

Twenty-five Metro Nashville Public Schools teachers were recognized which included ETA members *John David Hazlett-McGavock High, Paul Waters-Bellevue Middle School, Susan Waters-Oliver Middle School, and Katie Harrah-Oliver Middle School (2016).*

"These educators are build-

ing and inspiring a generation, equipping students with tools they will continue to use throughout their lives," said Joe Galante, CMA Foundation Chairman. "Music City is Music City because of the Country Music Association," said Dr. Shawn Joseph, Metro Nashville Director of Schools. "The CMA Foundation has set the bar high and established new standards for public/private partnerships between Metro Schools and business partners in Nashville and Davidson County." The City of Nashville showed its support by lighting

up downtown landmarks Ascend Amphitheater, Bridgestone Arena, Korean Veterans Boulevard Bridge, Omni Hotel, and Westin Hotel in CMA blue lights.

"Nashville is a city that is committed to our music teachers and values the impact that they have on our Metro Nashville Public Schools students," said Nashville Mayor Megan Barry in a video message. "CMA has worked alongside our school district in an effort to provide the best music program for our community, our state, and the country."





## REPORT FROM MU CHAPTER - LINDA FOX MILLER (MU/OHIO)

Composer, Jack Stamp, will be composing our 2019 Commission commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the MU Chapter. The selection will be performed at the 2019 Ohio Music Education Association Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. We are also producing a new CD with the recordings of all ten Ohio Commissions. Elaine Ostrander and William Wittman are chairing these committees.

This summer, on June 12, we

held our fellowship gathering at the Apple Valley Golf



Course in Howard, Ohio, for the Swinehart/McKinley Memorial Golf Outing. The out-

ing was a scramble were twenty of the chapter golfers

and guests that participated in the 18 holes of golf. Afterward we gathered for a meal and

plenty of fun and fellowship. The first-place team included

Dennis Wollam, Jason Leeds, Greg Smith and Jennifer Marshalek.

Our annual meeting will be held on February 10, 2018, at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. We will be welcoming a transfer member, making nominations for new candidates, and inducting new members during our meeting.

## PHIBETAMU MEMBER, STAN MICHALSKI AWARDED GOLD - MIKE TOWNSEND



Dr. Stanley F Michalski Jr was awarded the Gold Medal of

Honor by Carsten Petersen of the Danish Association of Marching Show Bands on July 1, 2017. This is only the 9th gold medal awarded to individuals in the past 25 years and Stan is the only American recipient of the award.

Stan has judged this biannual national event five times in the past 12 years. It is an event that involves concert bands, small ensembles, marching bands in parade and marching

bands presenting field show performances. There are ten adjudicators involved in this intense process. Stan was the sole representative from the United States. The other judges were from Denmark, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Belgium.

Pictured: Carsten Petersen (l) & Stanley Michalski (r)

