

Honor Roll

2004

(Continued from previous CODA)

Nelson Hersh...December 2

Ray DeWitt...December 11

Tom Eakle...December 12

Gary Free...December 16

Duffield Myers...December 16

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Henry Uhlend...February 1

George Angus Sr...February 14

Profile of Ray DeWitt

(In Last Issue)

by Harry Vulgamore

As you know, Ray DeWitt died the weekend before you received your last CODA. When I interviewed Ray in September for the article, I didn't realize how sick he was. Ray saw the final draft and I think he was pleased.

At Ray's funeral there was standing room only, with musicians, educators and friends from around the nation. Many brought instruments and treated us to great jazz. Ray, you packed the house for your final gig.

There's Still Time To Vote!

by Harry Gleeson

AFMA President

At the AFMA's biennial general membership meeting in June of 2004, it was made crystal clear to your officers by the vast majority in attendance that the membership wanted to have a vote on where each reunion was to be held.

As a result, we re-opened the bids for our 2008 (Mid-West Section) reunion and received excellent bids from both Colorado Springs, CO and San Antonio, TX.

In the last CODA, we called for votes from the entire membership, using a cut-off date for the votes of January 15th, 2005. Voting couldn't have been easier – all that was required was mailing a paper with the member's name and address and city preference to our AFMA Reunion Coordinator, Phyllis Kohlenberg.

That request netted a total of 13 votes!

Feeling strongly that 13 votes out of a membership of over 650 is simply not representative of either our Association as a whole or of the clear and vocal majority at the St. Louis reunion who expressed such a strong desire to vote on the issue, we have decided not only to extend the time available to vote, but to make it even easier to do so.

If you haven't voted, you can either

write down your city preference plus your name and address and mail it to Phyllis (Phyllis Kohlenberg, 52276 Mallard Pointe Drive, Granger, IN 46530-6229), OR you can E-mail that same information to Phyllis at: PhylmKohl@aol.com.

We have also extended the voting deadline through and including April 30th, 2005. At that time, no matter how few or (hopefully) how many votes we have received, those votes will decide the location of our 2008 reunion, so please take a moment, make your voice heard, and vote now!

Fortunately, this situation should not arise again, because beginning at our 2006 reunion (August 9-13 in Washington, D.C.), we will have the bids ready for the 2010 (West Coast Section) reunion, and the members attending the D.C.'s general membership meeting will be able to vote on those choices.

So please, vote now for one of the wonderful choices we have for our 2008 reunion – Colorado Springs, Colorado or San Antonio, Texas – so the folks selected to put on our 2008 reunion can start planning!

War Stories for the next CODA
are due by May 15th, 2005
LHLohnes@aol.com

2005 - 2006 AFMA Directories to be distributed in late summer

The 2005 - 2006 Directory, which lists all AFMA members in good standing including their contact information, will be printed and distributed in late August of this year.

Although we were used to receiving the directory in the early part of the year in the past, this now causes timing problems since we vote on a change of leadership at

each biennial reunion, which could be as late as the end of August. Printing and distributing it in late summer allows us to include the newly elected officers and members of the board of directors. It also allows us to list the volunteer workers, print any changes to the by-laws and to identify the new reunion committee mem

bers and the location of the next reunion site city.

Please carefully check your personal information as published in the 2004-06 Directory for any changes, additions or deletions, and send those changes to: **Kenneth B. Schinstine**, P.O. Box 7723, Colorado Springs, CO 80933

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