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GAY SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

Inductees to be Recognized at Annual Dinner in Portland

PORTLAND, OR (JULY 31, 2017) – Today, the Rose City Softball Association (RCSA), hosting the huge gathering of players for the international “Gay Softball World Series” in 2017, announced the new inductees for their 2017 Hall of Fame (HoF) to be honored at an annual dinner on September 5th in Portland, Oregon.

“These individuals have earned our thanks for their contributions to NAGAAA, their local league(s) and the LGBTQ Community,” said Mona Garcia, HoF Program Chair. “Please join me in Congratulating and welcoming the Class of 2017 to the NAGAAA Hall of Fame,” said Garcia. This year’s inductees are:

Tim Bias, Portland
DebraJean Lowrey, Dallas
Warren Mitchell, Boston
Brian Redar, Chicago
Larry Ruiz, Los Angeles
Chuck Saylor, Memphis
Dug Sharpe, Seattle
Tony Timmons, Los Angeles
Rick Twomey, Boston/Los Angeles/San Francisco
Gary Vien, Chicago



“In the 41 years of our organization, we have had close to half a million players in Canada and the U.S. play gay softball. Honorees inducted into the HoF are recognized for their dedication to sportsmanship and athletic ability,” said Roy Melani, Director in charge of bringing the World Series event to Portland. “We have 134 living and 28 deceased honorees. This is our way of applauding their contributions to our member leagues and communities.”

The RCSA will be honoring the new inductees at the annual dinner on September 5th at the Tiger Woods Center on the Nike Campus in Hillsboro, Oregon. Tickets for the event can be purchased online: <https://goo.gl/nxG32G>

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The Rose City Softball Association (RCSA) burst onto the gay social scene in 1995. Host city for the international Gay Softball World Series in 2002, Portland embraced 76 teams and 1500 participants. This year, the RCSA will show off their city by hosting GSWS a second time, anticipating 200 teams and their 3500 players and supporters from around the US and Canada Labor Day week, celebrating community and friendship in 2017 through “*Progress, Pride and Play!*”

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