

# **Texas Alumni High School Baseball Coaches Association**

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**Yesterday was the first day of practice for this year, you could see the Boys of Summer out in the Middle of the Winter getting ready for the Game of the Spring and opening day! Wow, am I the only one that makes sense of what I just said?**

**I want to pass on a very profound quote that has an effect on each and everyone of us in the Texas Alumni High School Baseball Coaches Association. It is from someone we all know or knew at one time, Past President and Hall of Fame Member – Coach Robert Copley. It is with his great wisdom and forethought that this man chose these wise and very correct words. It is the epitome of quotes concerning retirement:**

**“ EVERY DAY IS A SATURDAY AND THE ONLY DAYS OF THE WEEK ARE TUESDAY AND FRIDAY, .....TRASH DAYS” .....And now for the rest of the story!**

**With that being said let me get into what took place in Waco this year.**

**We are growing guys! At the present time we have a total of 83 members and we are adding more coaches each day. That is a long way from the 34 that we started with the first year and have continued to grow each and every year. Please remember that when you do register again to not send your registration to Mario, send it Chip, we are trying to keep things separate for recording purposes and it makes it easier to keep things in order that way, a big thank you for doing that please. We will be able to print out whatever we need to at the convention, this will take a load off of Mario. We will have a table with all our equipment, a banner so you will be able to find us, it will be a lot better set up than we had this year.**

**We still need to get the word out to the masses that we are in existence and functioning as a contributing group for the main association. We have made great strides in taking on some of the burden off the main association to help free them up to concentrate on issues that are current and pressing for them.**

**We are here to serve in any way possible to help further in keeping All Baseball Coaches up on the current topics that are affecting Texas High School Baseball. So get the word out to those coaches you may know about what we are doing and give them a word on what we are trying to accomplish.**

**We had the business meeting at ten A.M. on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, it was well attended, and we were able to through the old business and new business within an hour. The financials were given, we gave away two scholarships this year (\$1000 each), one was given away in the Memory of John Carpenter and the other was given in the memory of Ray Knoblauch. Next year we will again give a scholarship in the member of Coach Carpenter and the second one will be given in the Memory of Coach Freddy Carlton, past president and we still have money left over in the checking and savings accounts.**

**The panel discussion was a success and well attended, we are grateful for the panel members Frank Chumbley, Gerald Turner, John Dudley, Diz Reeves and Don Fry. A job well done by a group of very successful coaches each in their own right. Thank you again coaches, we appreciate your time and effort in contributing to the pane.**

**The banquet had a new wrinkle to it, each of the four Hall of Fame Candidates, Rudy Alvarez, Steve Castillo, Jim Long, and Julian Pressly were videoed in their respective home towns. All were asked basically the same questions and each gave a very sincere answer to each of the questions that were asked. Each coaches video was approximately 9 minutes or less in time and very informative and entertaining for those attending the banquet. Congratulations to each of the coaches and their families for an honor that is most well appreciated and deserved.**

**Attached is a current roster of Alumni members, please check to make sure your information is correct, if it isn't just drop Chip a quick e-mail and he will make the change(s), [cnila@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cnila@sbcglobal.net).**

**We are also in the process of getting all the information up to date for the 2017 Hall of Fame Candidates, if you are a candidate be sure and get all your information into Chip Nila by the first of April. He has sent out the files for you to make any changes or additions. If you have any problems be sure to e-mail him or give him a call (832.723.3637) and he will be glad to help in any way that he can.**

**At this time I would like to thank Ronnie Clanton for the work that he did at the convention in tending to our registration table and keeping things running as good as possible, thank you Ronnie.**

**You know life is short and you have to have a little time to relax, enjoy and expound your everyday thoughts. You need to have a sounding board to deflect those everyday issues that arise. Well below is my sounding board, a friend that I can rely on and tell my troubles to, we share a lot of ideas and just hang out with each other and discuss things over a good cigar!!!!!!**



**Have a good day and we will get back with you soon!! Joe Ray**