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NJBA Hall of Fame Announces 2015 Inductees

MONROE TOWNSHIP-- New Jersey Broadcasters Association President & CEO Paul S. Rotella, Esq., announced the names of the newest inductees into the New Jersey Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame. "The 2015 NJBA Hall of Fame Class of Inductees is comprised of true pioneers, innovators, and visionaries, with their accomplishments spanning the state and the region." Said Rotella.

"Today, I am pleased to announce our newest nominees, who will be inducted into our prestigious Hall of Fame at our 68th Annual NJBA Convention and Gala in Atlantic City on June 17-18th!", said Rotella, "Our 2015 Class included legendary broadcasters Harry Hurley, Dan Finn, and Kevin Williams. In addition, Richard Swetits was named our Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, and he will enter the NJBA Hall of Fame as part of this extraordinary honor for a lifetime dedicated to our industry and the NJBA."

Harry Hurley Adds Important Accolade to His Broadcast Career Resume

Atlantic City's Harry Hurley started his broadcasting career on July 1, 1992 on WFPG, 1450 AM, when he created the program, "***Hurley in the Morning.***" Hurley's first guest was New Jersey Governor Jim Florio. No Governor had ever appeared live, in-studio on an Atlantic City-Cape May, Metro Market broadcast prior to Hurley's program. Since then, NJ's Governors make frequent stops to visit Harry and his loyal audience. Hurley has been known as The Mayor of the Morning in South Jersey for more than two decades and has been an annual recipient of PolitickerNJ's Top 100 Political Power list in the state of the Jersey each year from 2007 to the present. And just this week, Harry was selected as one of the 100 Most Important Radio Talk Show Hosts in America" also known as industry's prestigious "Heavy Hundred" by Talker's magazine. The publication "In the Lobby" ranked Hurley as the 7th best political journalist in the state of New Jersey in their top 10 list. Hurley has interviewed numerous Members of Congress, Governors (Florio, Whitman, McGreevey, Codey, Corzine and Christie) state, county and local elected officials and A-List celebrities during the past several decades. "Hurley in the Morning" has aired consecutively since July 1, 1992 (18-plus years on Millennium Radio New Jersey/now Townsquare Media, 5 years on WIBG 1020 AM Radio and a brief stint with New Talk 1400 WOND Radio, before returning to Townsquare Media. During this time, Hurley has logged more than 24,000 on-air hours of broadcasting time. Hurley is presently the Senior Programming Consultant for Townsquare Media Atlantic

City's WPG Talk Radio 1450 and the host of the "Hurley in the Morning" Radio Program, weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Hurley has spent more than 16 of his 24 years in radio with Townsquare Media, before that known as Millennium Radio. Hurley was the former Afternoon (12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. daily) Talk Show Host for News Talk 1400 WOND Radio and the former Vice President of Programming & Operations for WIBG 1020 AM Radio (Talk format) and Wibbage FM 94.3 Radio stations.

Kevin Williams Joins Colleagues in NJBA Hall of Fame

For over 40 years, Kevin Williams has been the broadcast voice of Ocean County on WOBM AM and FM. To call him a jack of all trades doesn't do him justice. A nine-time New Jersey Sportscaster of the Year, Kevin has served as a morning show host, sports reporter and public service ambassador. Currently, he provides sports reports for WOBM-AM/FM and the entire Townsquare New Jersey network. His daily "Hometown View" segments on WOBM AM/FM are "must listen" material in Ocean County. He is also the Founder and Director of the Shore Sports Network, which provide coverage of local amateur sports including High School football and basketball. While Kevin's on-air work is pace setting, his off-air work in the community is equally compelling. Working with too many charities to mention, Kevin tirelessly volunteers his time hosting events, emceeding gala dinners and providing endless on-air advocacy. Worthy organizations will never hear "no" from Kevin Williams. Kevin also single-handedly coordinates the annual WOBM Christmas Classic, a basketball tournament for local boys and girls basketball teams. This is a feel good event without parallel as current squads battle for the honor of tournament champion, while those who went before them return to see their alma mater fight for the title. Scholarships are also given to student athletes who exemplify the best of Ocean County. This event is now three decades old yet has not lost its appeal to the community. Kevin is truly a renaissance man in the broadcasting community. It is for all of the reasons above that Kevin now joins his colleagues in the New Jersey Broadcaster Hall of Fame.

Garden State Icon Daniel A. Finn - Senior Vice President / Regional General Manager - Greater Media New Jersey Earns Well Deserved Tribute!

Two time former NJBA Chairman and faithful Board Member Daniel A. Finn was named Vice President & Regional General Manager of Greater Media New Jersey in 2001, when Greater Media Inc. purchased New Jersey Broadcasting Inc. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in December 2007. Prior to working for Greater Media, he served as President & Chief Operating Officer of New Jersey Broadcasting Inc. Dan also worked for legendary stations WYNY-FM and WPAT AM/FM. He was elected to the board of directors of the New Jersey Broadcasters Association (NJBA) as treasurer in 2001. In 2004, 2005 and 2012, he was unanimously elected chairman of the organization. Mr. Finn is a past member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Ad Club. Dan was also featured as one of New Jersey's "Top Executives Under Forty Years Old" in the 2002 Annual "40 Under 40" issue, published by *New Jersey Business Magazine*. This past year, he was also a founding member of The City University of New York's new CSI School of Business' Dean's External Executive Board and was named to the RAB's Sales Advisory Committee (SAC). But the NJBA is indebted to Dan for his selfless service and dedication to promoting the broadcast radio industry in New

Jersey, Washington DC, and indeed, around the nation. Dan is a selfless leader who has given of himself time and again for the NJBA serving his fellow broadcasters nobly with distinction and honor.

Richard K. Swetits, Named NJBA Lifetime Achievement Recipient and Enters NJBA Hall of Fame!

NJBA Treasurer and longtime Board Member Richard (Dick) Swetits is honored with the NJBA's Lifetime Achievement Award, which included automatic Induction into the NJBA Hall of Fame. Dick Joins Pinky Kravitz, Jules Plangere and Bob Levy in this prestigious Cadre of New Jersey's legendary broadcasters. Dick is a faithful supporter of the NJBA. He is a constant figure in Washington where he lobbies with other members of our leadership teams and is a very persuasive voice for broadcasters. Dick started his NJ broadcasting career in 1975 as the Chief Engineer for WHLW in Lakewood, now WOBN FM. In the summer of 1975, WBJB asked him to be their engineer so they could stay on the air. Later, the engineer for WHTG AM and FM was transferred to Georgia, so the Gade family who owned WHTG needed a new engineer, so Dick over the position, operating his own two-way radio business at the same time. Dick's responsibilities included the maintenance of police and fire departments in Monmouth and Ocean County, as well as Radio Broadcasting. Theo Gade died in 1978. Faye B. Gade bought WHTG AM and FM from her father, Harold, in 1985. Dick then became the stations' General Manager at that time until the stations were sold. In 1988, Faye and Dick started WHTG Tower Corporation, where he serves as Vice President to this day. Dick started attending NJBA Conventions in the 1980s, and has been on the Board of Directors for over 25 years! Always the first one to respond to any NJBA call to action or request for support, you can count on Dick Swetits to be there when you need him and the NJBA is grateful for his decades of faithful service.

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Congratulations to all of our wonderful NJBA Hall of Fame Inductees!