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The 31<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, October 30 at the Wedgewood Cove Golf Club in Albert Lea, Minnesota. The Hall of Fame biennially recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of softball.

Softball is the largest adult and youth team participant sport in Minnesota and the nation with over 4,000 teams participating in the local program.

A total of 18 individuals in the player, manager, umpire, sponsor, promoter, administrator, organizer, volunteer or media category have been selected for induction this year. Included are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Softball Hometown(s)</u>
Tom "Whale" Anderson	Player	Owatonna
Jeb Blais	Umpire/Organizer	Austin
Elmer Carlson	Sponsor/Manager/Player	St. James
Roger Cotten	Player	Rochester
Dick Erickson	Player	Dawson
Stan Fredrickson	Player	Lakeville
Gordy Gerlach	Player	Hastings
Laurie Hanrahan	Player/Coach	Minneapolis-St. Paul
Perry Hansen	Player	Lucan-Redwood Falls
Dan Huisman	Player/Promoter	Ellsworth
Jim Langowski	Player/Manager/Promoter	Winona
Dan Lee	Player	Dawson
Gary Letendre	Umpire	Austin
Elwyn Mensink	Player	Ostrander-Preston
Bob Montague	Player/Manager	Coon Rapids
Lou Petterson	Player	Minneapolis
Dave Prehn	Player	Hollywood-Delano
Jon Rehwaldt	Player	Minneapolis-Burnsville
Dan "Fox" Richards	Player	Geneva
Ray Schmidt*	Coach/Promoter	Morgan

\* = inducted posthumously

**2018's banquet was attended by more than 300 people and an equal or greater number is expected this year.**

Wayne Eddy, former President of KYMN Radio, Northfield and MN SBHOF inductee will emcee his 31st consecutive banquet.

The cost of the banquet is \$45.00. Tickets may be obtained from the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame: 118 12th Ave N., South St. Paul, MN 55075 or online at <https://msf1.org/?p=14899>. Phone (651) 451-3140. Deadline for tickets is Friday, October 22.

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