



## Jon S. Sutton

A native of New Castle, Indiana, Jon S. Sutton began his musical career as a trumpet player in the New Castle High School Band. After high school he attended Ball State University where he received his BS and MA in music education. In 1973 he began his teaching career in Knightstown, Indiana where he taught for 4 years. In 1977 he accepted the band director position in Lebanon, Indiana where he remained for 5 years. Beginning in 1982 he spent the last 27 years of his career in Greenwood, Indiana where his bands were ranked among some of the best in the state. His marching bands made 26 consecutive state finals appearances. Of those appearances, 22 were top 3 finishes with 10 of those being Class B State Championships. His concert bands received 25 consecutive gold ratings with 4 state finals appearances, his winter guard received 26 consecutive state finals appearances with 17 top 5 finishes and his winter percussion received 9 consecutive state finals appearances including 2 state championships. His organizations have performed in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Fiesta Bowl Field Competition and Parade, the Hollywood Christmas Parade, the 500 Festival Parade and the Smoky Mountain Music Festival.

Mr. Sutton has served as an adjudicator in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arizona and Hawaii. He also serves as an adjudicator for the Indiana State School Music Association including adjudication of marching band, concert band and solo and ensemble festivals. He has served as guest conductor of the Purdue University Band Day, the Greater Greenwood Community Band and the Brown County Community Band. He is past president of Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Mu. He helped found the Greater Greenwood Community Band and served on the committee that built the City of Greenwood Amphitheater. He has served on the ISSMA State Board, Marching Band Committee and trained ISSMA solo and ensemble adjudicators. He has hosted ISSMA events including Solo and Ensemble Festival, Jazz Band Festival, Large Organization Festival and District Marching Band Festival. He has also hosted the Central Indiana Marching Band Festival and the Greenwood Marching Band Invitational. Some of the recognition and honors received by Mr. Sutton include induction into Phi Beta Mu, 1997 Indiana Outstanding Bandmaster Award, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Educator Award, the City of Greenwood Citizen of the Year Award, named Greenwood Honorary Mayor and he was presented with the Key to the City of Greenwood. He and his wife, Peggy, were married in 1973 and are getting ready to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He enjoys travel, woodworking and is still actively involved in the band activity. Jon and his wife are active members of the Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church.

Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Mu is proud to present Jon S. Sutton as our 2013 inductee into the Hall of Fame.

