



**Nashville Old Timers
Baseball Association**



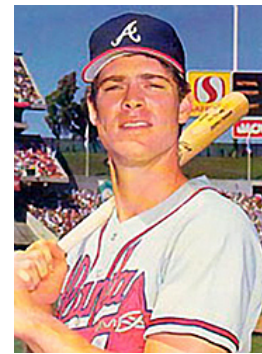
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Old Timers Banquet to Feature Dale Murphy

1982, 1983 National League MVP

NASHVILLE, TN – December 16, 2014 - Former Atlanta Braves star Dale Murphy will be the featured speaker at the 77th annual Old Timers banquet, scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the Nashville Airport Marriott.

With 18 seasons in the Major Leagues including 15 with the Braves, Murphy also suited up for the Philadelphia Phillies and Colorado Rockies. A two-time National League Most Valuable Player in 1982 and 1983, he was a seven-time all-star while winning five Rawlings Gold Gloves and four Silver Slugger Awards.



Murphy was the 1988 recipient of the Roberto Clemente Award, given annually for outstanding service in the community. The Portland, Oregon native finished his career with 2,111 hits and 398 home runs.

Chris Mercado, head coach of the South Nashville team that was one of eight teams to represent the U.S. during the 2014 Little League World Series, will be honored as the Old Timers' 2015 "Mr. Baseball" selection; long-time coach at Vol State and current South Carolina-Aiken head coach Kenny Thomas will be inducted into the Nashville Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

Nashville and Middle Tennessee umpire Ken Norfleet will be inducted into the Umpire Hall of Fame and local amateur MVPs and World Series Champions will be honored.

2015 Scholarship Award recipients will also be recognized.

Banquet tickets are \$60 each and may be purchased from any Old Timers board member, or Hit after Hit, the Nashville Sounds at Greer Stadium, and Nashville Sporting Goods. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the banquet begins at 6:30 PM.

Call Old Timers president Bart Leathers (586-0352), Farrell Owens (269-7348), Rip Ryman (319-8459) or visit www.otbaseball.com for more information.

Formed in 1938 by a group of local baseball enthusiasts, the Old Timers organization is one of the oldest such organizations in the United States, celebrating its 77th year of existence in 2015.