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## **2018 Old Timers Banquet Sponsor: Franklin American Mortgage**

Eighth Consecutive Year to Support Old Timers Organization

NASHVILLE, TN – December 5, 2017 – Chief Financial Officer Tommy Parker announced today that Franklin American Mortgage Company will be the 2018 Old Timers banquet sponsor. It is the eighth consecutive year that Franklin American has supported the organization's event as sponsor.



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The banquet will be held Monday, January 15, 2018, at the Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Dr., Nashville, TN 37214. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the banquet is set to begin at 6:30 PM. The event will include a silent and live auction.

Former major league pitcher and Hall of Fame member Gaylord Perry will be the featured speaker. Previous banquet speakers include Hall of Famers Harmon Killebrew, Ferguson Jenkins, and Rollie Fingers. Rick Dempsey, Doc Gooden, Lance Parrish, Bill Buckner, Bobby Richardson, and Dale Murphy have also spoken at the event.

Each year scholarships are given to deserving high school senior baseball players; just over \$425,000 has been presented in the past 18 years. At the 2017 banquet, 17 scholarships were awarded.

The deadline for new applications is December 15; the form may be found at [www.otbaseball.com](http://www.otbaseball.com).

The organization's "Mr. Baseball" and Nashville Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame selections will be acknowledged at the banquet, and local amateur World Series teams and MVPs will be recognized.

Banquet tickets are now on sale for \$75 each and may be purchased from any Old Timers board member. For more information call Old Timers president Russ Pyles (238-5308), Farrell Owens (587-1384) or Rip Ryman (319-8459), or email [info@otbaseball.com](mailto:info@otbaseball.com).

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 80th year of existence in 2018.