

# Gold Card (Life Member) - 1999

## Bill Peters

### Presented by Jim Mayo

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**T**he Gold Card membership in CALLERLAB is given in recognition of service to CALLERLAB. It is given to callers who have effectively retired from active calling. The list of those who have been given this recognition is short. It includes people who have worked very hard - and very effectively - for CALLERLAB.

This organization has many ways of recognizing our members, and in some cases even non-members, for their contributions to the square dance activity. The Gold Card is reserved for those who have worked to make CALLERLAB a more effective leadership organization. The service that our Gold Card members have given has come in many forms. The early vision and the willingness to work and cooperate to make it happen were the hallmarks of the first four Gold Card recipients - Arnie Kronenberger, Lee Helsel, Bob Osgood, and Bob VanAntwerp. Cal Golden was a great promoter always urging us to more enthusiasm and commitment. Herb Egendar has been active on several committees, chaired a few, was our Assistant Executive Director, and contributed substantially to the Caller Training Curriculum Guidelines. Bill Davis, our resident rocket scientist, was always thinking way ahead of the rest of us. He made us look at where we were going when that was not a popular thing to do. His vision may yet lead us out of some of the problems we have created for ourselves.

Tonight I am privileged to present the latest Gold Card membership to Bill Peters. Bill and Betty recently moved to Hawaii where Bill even calls a tip now and

then. Bill was one of the founding members of CALLERLAB. He came to the meetings at Ailomar before the first Convention was held and was a member of the first Board of Governors. He served 12 years on the Board of Governors and one year on the Executive Committee.

Before he became a caller, Bill wrote resumes. His typewriter was an extension of the man and over the years he has used it repeatedly in service to CALLERLAB. He was part of the initial group of caller coaches that developed the Caller-Coach Accreditation process. He took part in the meeting of coaches that negotiated agreement on standardization of the terms we would use in teaching callers. He was Chairman of the Caller Training Committee and chief writer and editor of the Curriculum Guidelines for Caller Training. When the Technical Supplement to that document was published, Bill wrote several major sections of it and shared actively in editing the whole document. His most recent contribution came during the development of CALLERLAB's Standard Applications documents. The presentation format that makes these books understandable was created by Bill Peters.

Over the years, Bill and I have had a running disagreement about square dance programming. Bill has believed that dancers are happiest when they are at the very limit of their dancing ability. He wanted to keep them close to the cliff of failure without pushing them over the edge. I, on the other hand, continue to believe that the dancer's need to be challenged is a good bit less than most of us think. I have been a strong advocate for programming so that dancers are put at risk of failure rarely. In the mid 1980's Bill and I debated this issue at a CALLERLAB Convention. The poster in the lobby of the hotel listed the subject of the debate as "Programming for Survival". A number of the non-CALLERLAB guests in the hotel, asked at the front desk what CALLERLAB was and were we computer scientists. They wondered whose "Survival" we were debating.

It is my privilege to award this Gold Card membership to Bill Peters. It is richly deserved.