

WBDI Past President - 1982-1984



# Laurence “Laurie” Neeb

- Born in New Orleans, LA, and raised in Metairie. She is daughter of Alcee P. Neeb and Lucy Resweber Neeb, and sister of Lucy Marie Neeb, all predeceased.
- Lauree was a teacher/ band director for 35 years. Thirty years at Brentwood Jr. High/Middle School in Pensacola, FL. Others in England and Reserve, La. She also conducted bands travelling through Europe in summer.
- Lauree continued travelling to Europe and many other countries and even taking her mother with her twice a search of roots of family.
- Lauree received her Bachelor's Degree from Loyola University in New Orleans, in 1952, and her Master's Degree from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, IL, in August, 1956.
- When she moved to Pensacola, she belonged to all national, State and local professional organizations. She served as State and Southern Division Chairman, President-Elect and President of the National Women's Band Director's Association.
- She served as guest conductor and adjudicator, clinician and speaker in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida, and a band judge in Tokyo, Japan, with 10 directors from Florida. She was involved with the Fulbright Exchange Program in Germany. Laurie was selected as one of 10 Band Directors in the Nation's special salute "They are Making America Musical".
- After her retirement in 1986, Laurie travelled even more. A God-given good life full of what she loved and wanted to do – travel: 5 continents and many countries and islands – taking in as much as she could.
- She also loved art and revived her interest in watercolor and painted. Another love was sports, playing and watching. New Orleans Saints football, her favorite. She was and holds a charter member card of the "Who Dats". She played tennis, baseball, swimming, water skiing, golf, sailing, horseback riding, jogging, snow skiing and cross-country skiing. She loved animals and had dogs and Siamese cats.

