

**CBA Hall of Fame Application Form : Entry # 3082****Name of Nominee**

Steve Kelly

**Media Nominee Worked In:**

Both

**Total No. of Years Worked in Colorado Broadcasting**

30

**Status:**

Living

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**Nominee Information****Nomination Type**

Nominator

**Nominator Name**

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**Nominee Details****Nominee's Work History**

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Company/Call Letters	Position Held	Year Started	Year Ended
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KIMN, KOA, Fox 31	Talk show host	1977	2019
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### Description of Merit

#### Contributions to Profession:

Steve, (whose real name is Tim Kuzava), is a legend in Denver radio! He started in Denver at AM-950 KIMN in 1977 doing the 6-10pm slot. His popularity soared in a short time on the AM powerhouse by creating witty sketches and doing wild and wacky stunts to raise money for numerous charities. Steve opened many shows with hilarious skits relating to what was happening in the news and popular culture at that time. He helped raise over two-million dollars for needy causes. He eventually tackled a new challenge and was hired to do afternoon drive at KOA radio which he did for the better part of 19 years. He was host of "Kelly and Company" for many years. Steve's next challenge was to move to television by doing morning new on Fox 31 News which he did for three years. He ended up his career at KNUS doing morning talk but a car accident forced him to end his broadcasting life and focus on healing.

#### Broadcast Career Highlights:

\*Please see the section on Local, State, or National Broadcast Activities...

#### Broadcast Recognition & Awards:

Denver Radio Personality of the Year" (1983); Marconi Award winner- Large Market Radio Personality of the Year- 1999 among others...

#### Local, State, or National Broadcast Activities:

Steve started his career in his home town of Flint, Michigan. He wanted to be a DJ from the time his high school had an in school radio station. He was forced to read school announcements each morning because he was talking too much in class. That's when he caught the radio bug. Despite his desire to break into the business after high school, he couldn't get hired in town, so he became a janitor at WTRX in Flint. One night, the overnight DJ didn't show up. Steve called the program director who told him he could take over for the night "But don't talk!" That's when he got his radio name. He was given a choice between J.J. Jackson or Steve Kelly... He became the overnight jock at that point. After he got his foot in the door in Flint, he found a job in Tampa, Florida at WCLY where worked for a couple of years and then Denver and KIMN came calling. The rest is Denver radio history.

#### Community Service:

As previously mentioned, Steve raised over two-million dollars doing stunts for charity. Here is a small list of some of them: He sat in every seat in both the old AND new Mile High Stadiums, crawled on his hand and knees 101 miles on the 16th street mall; swam 101 miles in Sloan's Lake; pogo sticked 43 miles from Denver to Boulder (in a blizzard); Set the world record for hand shakes, played the longest golf hole ever- 55 miles from one end of Denver to the other, losing over 600 balls, and he washed over 10,000 windows on not ONE but two Denver glass covered sky scrappers...

#### Reason Nominee Should Be Chosen:

I have lived in Denver for over 40 years. I too moved here from Michigan while he was just starting out at KIMN. I was amazed how witty and creative he was from the onset. He had a creative gift and he took full advantage of it. Over the years, I've talked to literally hundreds of people who remember Steve and often say he was the best radio DJ and talk-show host Denver has ever had. Of course, I am bias and agree. But if anyone has been around this town for any period of time, they inevitably will probably know his name. He's not seeking this award, nor does he know anything about it at this time, I'd like to make it a surprise if possible. He now lives in Florida near his wife, three grown children and one grand child. Over the years I believed he should receive this honor, but I've finally taken the time to pursue it on his behalf. I hope you find him worthy of this award. Please don't hesitate to contact me with if you need any further information. Thank you!

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### Supporting & Additional Material Uploads

#### Recommendation Letters

- [Steve-Kelly-letter-2-Jayson-Luber.pdf](#)
- [Steve-Kelly-letter.pdf](#)

#### Additional Materials

- [Steve-Kelly-KIMN.png](#)
- [Steve-Kelly.png](#)

#### Notes



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