

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Bob Raskob

Special Recognition Award in 2008

Bob and his brothers enjoyed dancing and bowling and had visions of building their own year-round ballroom and bowling alley.

In September 1956, the vision became a reality when they opened the Medina Ballroom which they built themselves. The place was packed and was the start of their success. In the 50's and 60's the guests would dance until 1 a.m. and then enjoy a snack, often staying as late as 4 a.m.

In June 1974, a tragic explosion leveled the ballroom killing Bob's daughter and one of her friends. The family rebuilt and in March 1975 the ballroom was back, bigger and better than ever. The new ballroom included a ballroom, restaurant, bowling alley and liquor store.

The Medina has hosted many national acts over the years including Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Bobby Vee, Charlie Daniels, Garth Brooks and many more.

