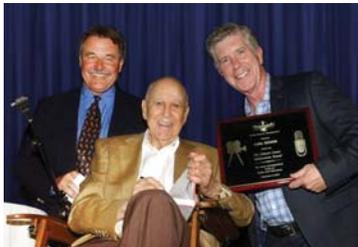


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Carl Reiner is in the Spotlight as PPB Honoree in September

PPB Luncheon Re-cap Written by Frank and Margie Barron

The Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters did something unusual at their last awards luncheon. Gone was the big dais of VIPs to toast and gently roast the honoree. Instead there were just two chairs on stage at the Sportsmen's Lodge for the legendary **CARL REINER** and his buddy **TOM BERGERON**. Both would captivate the PPB members with their wit and stories before Reiner was presented the coveted **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award from PPB president **CHUCK STREET**.

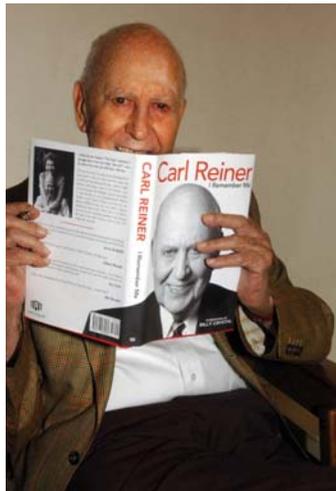


Honoree **CARL REINER** autographed pages from his book for the whole audience at Sportsmen's Lodge. Here, his friend **TOM BERGERON** holds the **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award as PPB President **CHUCK STREET** adds his congratulations. (Photo: David Keeler)

The affable *Dancing With the Stars* host Bergeron "interviewed" his longtime friend using Reiner's book *I Just Remembered* (a great follow-up to his *I Remember Me* memoir) as a template for the funny and fascinating conversation. Bergeron quipped that when he visits the home of "the man of so many amazing accomplishments, I have to move around all his awards so we have a place to sit and talk."

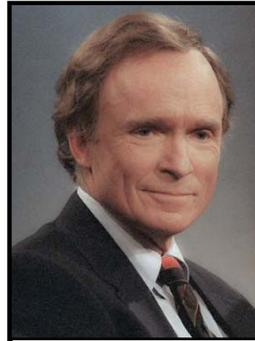
Before talking about his life, Reiner mentioned his great admiration for Bergeron, "who I like as much as a hot dog and sauerkraut—and I really love hot dogs with sauerkraut. In fact when I was a kid, and I loved going to school, when I was sick I had to ask myself 'Am I too sick to eat a hot dog with sauerkraut?' And if the answer was 'Yes,' I knew I was too sick to go to school. So that's how much I love Tom Bergeron."

Tom kept Reiner on course, navigating all the anecdotes that kept flowing from the man who has done it all—writer, director, producer, actor, and crazy-legs dancer. There were clips shown reflecting Reiner's variety as a performer, and the wild dance routines were unbelievable, showing off the flexibility of an acrobat with rubber-band legs. Reiner noted he's still very nimble, and Bergeron confirmed it, saying, "We both can sit in the yoga lotus position." Tom, 59, demonstrated it for the crowd. Carl at 92 did not, but we'll take his word for it. Carl said that he remembers getting his first laugh as a limber kid "by putting one leg behind my head and hopping around on one foot."



CARL REINER relaxes backstage before his appearance at the PPB luncheon by reading a good book. (Photo: David Keeler)

Carl gave credit to his father "for my work ethic. He also taught me how to solve problems by telling me, 'If you have a problem, step back and take a good look at it, and the answer will come to you.' I still do that to this day, and it works."



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Friday, November 7, 2014

PPB will honor
Legendary Talk Show Host

DICK CAVETT

★★★★★

Dick will be interviewed
by the one and only
LARRY KING



The Diamond Circle Award
will be presented to
Actor and Comedian
CHUCK McCANN

Of course there were stories about **SID CAESAR**, who Carl called the "greatest comedy star who ever lived." *Your Show of Shows* was live television and he was brilliant." Reiner dispelled the notion that Sid Caesar inspired the egomaniac Alan Brady character he played on *The DICK VAN DYKE Show*, which Carl created, produced and wrote. "Alan Brady was a creation of mine and sort of a composite of three guys I thought had some of the qualities—**JACKIE GLEASON, MILTON BERLE** and **PHIL SILVERS**."

After talking about Carl's TV shows, movies, Broadway, friends, social activities, and a little bit of politics, Bergeron regrettably had to wrap things up because Reiner was going off to a book signing. But before he left, Carl announced he had a unique gift for all the PPB members and their guests who packed the ballroom. "I couldn't give each of you a copy of the book, but I have autographed each page of one book and I have scored and cut the binding of the hardcover to make it easy for each of you to tear out a page and pass it to the next person. I think there are 330 pages, which should be plenty," Reiner said offering everyone a treasured keepsake.



STEVEN STRAUSS, RON SHAPIRO and **JEFFREY LEONARD**, and "SHOTGUN TOM" **KELLY** had a great time at the **CARL REINER** luncheon and show off some of the autographed pages from Carl's latest book *I Just Remembered*. (Photos: JoMo for Art Laboe)

TV Producer George Sunga Receives Diamond Circle Award

LARRY VANDERVEEN presented PPB's Diamond Circle Award to long-time member **GEORGE SUNGA** at the September 12th luncheon. Below are Mr. Vanderveen's remarks introducing Mr. Sunga:



LARRY VANDERVEEN presents PPB's Diamond Circle Award to TV producer **GEORGE SUNGA**. (Photo: David Keeler)

Today's Diamond Circle inductee is one of television's most talented and most respected producers: **George Sunga**. George's introduction to big-time TV came as a San Diego State College student, when he was sent off to Hollywood to do a written production analysis of the network dramatic series, *Climax*.

The resulting 225-page narrative was an "a-to-z" explanation of what it takes to produce a live network drama series. It was also the launching pad for the stellar career that followed, which began

with a bang in CBS Television City's mail room! Years later, George could look back at the steady upward trail that led him from dispatching trucks and messengers, to stage crew scheduler and on and on, learning with every step. It all brought him to the day he was made the first production supervisor at Television City for such shows as *Password*, *The JUDY GARLAND Show*, and *Cinderella*.

George became the associate producer for the very first TV specials of **CAROL CHANNING** and **DICK VAN DYKE**. Those landmark shows were followed by a *Who's Who* of variety specials by such stars as **SID CAESAR**, **CAROL BURNETT**, **DON RICKLES**, and yes, today's honoree **CARL REINER**.

When it became evident that George's talent was in demand, he resigned his position at CBS and was named the associate producer, and then the whole producer of the legendary *SMOTHERS BROTHERS Comedy Hour*. After that, the man at the helm gave us some of the finest TV specials in history like *ROWAN and MARTIN Bite the Hand That Feeds Them*, *Of Thee I Sing*, starring **CAROL O'CONNOR**, and **FRED ASTAIRE's Color Me Red, White and Blue**.

But even those achievements weren't enough for George. He went on to make his biggest mark helping to produce the smash hit sitcoms *All In the Family*, *The Jeffersons*, and *Good Times*, all for **NORMAN LEAR**. He then moved over to spend the next nine seasons producing *Three's Company*, *The Ropers*, and *Three's A Crowd*.



CBS pals on hand to honor our newest Diamond Circle Award honoree included (front row) **PEGGY DAVIS**, **GEORGE SUNGA** (holding plaque), **JUDY SUNGA**, (back row) **ADRIENNE PETTIJOHN**, past PPB President **SAM LOVULLO**, **DEE BAKER**, **MARCIA MINOR**, **BOB LAHENDRO**, **MORT GOLDSTEIN**, **SHIRLEY RAY**. (Photo: David Keeler)

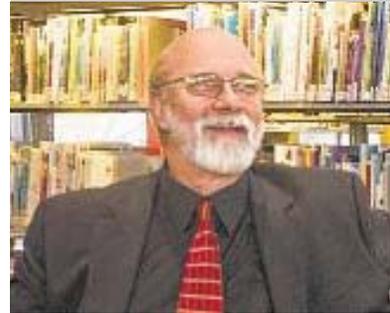


Two celebrity entertainers and long-time PPB members, **JAMIE FARR** and **JOANNE WORLEY**, greeted pioneer TV producer **GEORGE SUNGA** prior to him being inducted into PPB's Diamond Circle. (Text: Gerry Fry, Photo: David Keeler)

The list of his accomplishments goes on and on. But now it's time to say: Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome the newest member of the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters Diamond Circle, **George Sunga!**

Guests at the **RALPH EDWARDS** table were residents of the MPTF Wasserman Campus: **BOB LARKIN**, **TONY LAWRENCE**, **GEORGE** and **MARY WATTERS**, **BRETT HADLEY**, **STEPHEN KHOLER**, and PPBer **CONNIE SAWYER**. The group was accompanied by **ARLENE GLASSNER**, senior marketing executive for MPTF, and their driver, **JULIO SCIAN**. **MARCIA MINOR**, an MPTF volunteer, hosted.

In The News



PPBer **STEVE BROGDEN** is proud of his accomplishments at the Thousand Oaks Library and says he "... just wanted to make the library a very positive experience for the public."

Thousand Oaks Library Services Director **STEVE BROGDEN** has retired after 24 years overseeing the city's library system. According to the Ventura County Star, "under Brogden's tenure, the library has opened a new purpose-built children's library and expanded its community programs such as One City, One Book, movie screenings, and reading and educational events." Steve

played an instrumental role in the restoration of the Library after heavy damage sustained in the 1994 Northridge earthquake and in the acquisition of the PPB archives that were donated to the Library when they were moved from our former home in Hollywood. For inquiries about the PPB archives now in Ventura County call **JEANETTE BERARD**, Special Collections, Thousand Oaks Library, 805-449-2660, extension 7328.

Past PPB President **FRANK BRESEE** celebrated his 85th birthday in August with a broadcast on the Yesterday USA Blue Network. On hand with congratulations were friends **ALEX TREBEK**, **LIZABETH SCOTT**, **KARI CLARK**, and **MILT LARSEN**. The event was produced by **BOBBIE BRESEE** with **WALDEN HUGHES** and **LARRY GASSMAN** helping with hosting chores.

On August 8th, former PPB President **SAM** and his wife **GRACE LOVULLO** celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Along with family and friends the couple was invited by PPBer **MRS. GENE AUTRY** to be her guest in her executive suite at Angel Stadium in Anaheim. This was an appropriate venue since the Angels were playing the Boston Red Sox where **TOREY LOVULLO** is bench coach. Torey played second base for the Angels in 1993 and the Lovullos and Autrys have remained close friends ever since.

GREAT READS: MY FAVORITE BOOKS

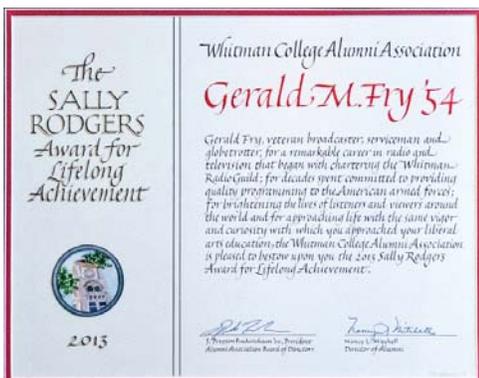
By FRANK La MARCA

As a new PPB member, I'd like to recommend a favorite book-author of mine named **ROY McSHANE**. He writes aviation-theme books which are fascinating - even if you don't usually read that type of novel.

Roy's trilogy, **HWELTE** (a Navajo word meaning fortress or place of refuge) revolves on a little known historical footnote: during the Battle of Stalingrad in 1942 a squadron of female Soviet fighter pilots fought the Luftwaffe, coming up against the best fighters the Nazis had to offer. By chance, one of these female fighter pilots intercepted a crippled American B-25, led it to her air base and saved the bomber pilot's life. The B-52 pilot's Navajo grandmother had foretold this event to US Army pilot Chuck Hewitt before he left for war. Hewitt and the Soviet pilot would find their refuge, their Hwelte, in each other.

More fascinating tales by Roy McShane are available. Feel free to contact me at lucamar2@att.net or call: 818-784-4969.

Note: PPBer Frank La Marca was in the 101st Airborne during the Korean War. In his 42 years in broadcasting, Frank worked as an engineer and producer - today he's a writer's manager.



PPB board member **GERRY FRY** planned to accept his alma mater's Lifelong Achievement Award at his 60th Whitman College reunion in September. He was to have received it last year, but a medical problem on the drive to Walla Walla forced him to return home.

Educators International Press just announced the publication of **Bats, Balls & Hollywood Stars: Hollywood's Love Affair with Baseball** by Hollywood publicist and producer **JOE SIEGMAN**. The book includes photos and stories that made Hollywood Stars Night a Los Angeles Dodgers tradition for nearly 60 years. Joe represented stars like **CARROLL O'CONNOR** and was a producer of TV reality shows and movies-for-television. He was active in the careers of marquee comedians such as **DON RICKLES, DON ADAMS, SID CAESAR, SHELLEY BERMAN,** and **SHECKY GREENE,** and helped launch or foster the careers of **JAY LENO, BRAD GARRETT, ARSENIO HALL, ELLEN DeGENERES, BOB SAGET, HOWIE MANDEL, NATHAN LANE,** and **PAUL RODRIQUEZ.**



This year, the week before the planned trip, a fall caused another disappointment. Whitman presented the award in absentia.

PPB member **ED ARNOLD** recently ended his 60 year broadcasting career that began as a 14-year old DJ in Texarkana, AR, in 1954. Ed spent 30 years as a sportscaster for TV stations KTLA and KABC and did morning radio sports reports for **CHARLIE TUNA, ROBERT W. MORGAN,** and **JIM LANGE.** He served as the voice of KCET at the same time he was with Eyewitness News. Ed spent his last 14 years as a news anchor for KOCE-TV. In September, Vanguard University dedicated the Ed and Dixie Arnold Stage in their campus theater and on November 7th, the Orange County Boy Scouts will give Ed their top honor, the Spurgeon Award. He will continue serving as an emcee for charitable events and hopes to get to some PPB luncheons soon.

A milestone for long-time PPB member **DAVID SCHWARTZ:** On September 30th, he "remembered that it was 20 years ago today that I began at Game Show Network. To **DICK BLOCK,** thank you for creating the network. To **BOB BODEN** and **RUSS MYERSON,** thank you for hiring me and giving me a place to call home for the past 20 years. To everybody I've met along the way, it has been a great ride with more adventures to come!" Congratulations, David.

In September **LOU*LOU (LOU CARTER KEAY)** was in Orlando, Florida to preside at the annual Board of Directors meeting of Intertel, of which LOU*LOU is international president. In October, she attended her granddaughter's wedding in Austin, TX and visited family in Houston. She's now back in town to answer calls for auditions.

ED and **NANCY WILLIAMS** just completed a nostalgic California coastal cruise to the San Francisco Bay Area where Ed started his radio and TV career many years ago.

Upcoming Events

PPBer **BILL A. JONES** will headline at Hollywood's Catalina Jazz Club on October 29th in *Frank, Bobby, & Me! A Salute to the Great Gentlemen of Song!* Call 323-466-2210 for reservations. While best known as "Rod" on TV's *Glee*, as a singer Bill has opened for **TONY BENNETT, STEVE TYRELL, PETER MARSHALL,** and toured with the **GLENN MILLER** Orchestra.

The annual SPERDVAC convention will take place November 14-16 at the Holiday Inn Media Center in Burbank. The three day event will include panel discussions and a huge number of PPB members will recreate great radio shows of the past including *Dagnet, The Bickersons, My Favorite Husband* and *The Shadow.* For more information go to www.SPERDVAC.com.

ART LABOE entertained 12 thousand fans at his 12th Annual September concert at San Manuel Amphitheater in San Bernardino. On Saturday, December 6th, he takes it on the road to the Honda Center in Orange County as *Art Laboe Presents Chicano Soul Legends.* After that, he returns to the state line at Buffalo Bill's in Primm, NV, to host the inaugural *Art Laboe's Holiday Jam* on December 28th. Check www.ArtLaboe.com for the complete lineup. Art's nightly radio show can be heard on Hot 92.3 locally, iHeartRadio nationally, and on KOKO94.com.



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This photo was taken at a meeting of the PPB Board of Directors – although we don't know the exact date, it took place sometime in the early 60s at Sportsmen's Lodge. Pictured are (front row, left to right): **BARBARA FULLER, BILL BALDWIN, ART GILMORE, JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, LENORE KINGSTON, KEN CARPENTER, ROBERT AHMANSON;** (Back row) **LES TREMAYNE, FRAN ALLISON, unidentified, VICKI RISK, LENA ROMAY, DRESSER DAHLSTEAD, OLAN SOULE, JANET WALDO, unidentified, MARTY HALPERIN, MARIE SAMUELS, HARFIELD WEEDEN, JOHN GUEDEL, HARRY O'CONNOR.**

New Members

DAVID SHEEHAN has been a trail-blazer in the world of broadcasting for the past 40 years. His first job was as an entertainment reporter at KNXT. He was the first local newsmen to work for two networks simultaneously: *America Alive* on NBC and *The Big News* on CBS. At NBC, David produced, wrote, and hosted network specials including *Macho Men of the Movies* and *Hollywood's Leading Ladies*. On Broadway, he produced and camera-directed **BOB FOSSE's Pippin** in the early 80's. He's the author of numerous magazine articles and has published a novel, *Before I Wake* with the assistance of **HENRY MILLER**. David is currently, but casually, developing new projects for syndication, cable, the internet, and new media.

SHERMAN L. WEISS – Some of Sherman's extensive credits include announcer and associate producer of *Spotlight on Youth*, segment producer on *Hollywood Road to Fame* with NTG, writer and announcer on *Life is What You Make It* on CBS, and producer of *TV Teen Theater*. He served as chief NCO for AFRS Hollywood and as a newscaster for Voice of America. Currently, Sherman is a voice over actor for radio commercials and corporate videos.

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Our next Celebrity Luncheons are scheduled on:

- Friday, January 23, 2015
- Friday, March 20, 2015
- Friday, May 15, 2015



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We Remember With Great Admiration

TRENT CHRISTMAN, a former PPB member, had been living in Las Vegas. Trent worked as station manager for NBC in Kona and for McCann Erickson in Honolulu. He was deputy director at AFRTS.

JACK KABATECK grew up in LA, enlisted in the US Army and served as Sergeant of the Guard to General Douglas MacArthur in Seoul, Korea. He graduated from USC with a degree in telecommunications. While applying for a job at KABC-TV in 1952, he met the love of his life, Glady. Jack produced early TV shows, including *Criswell Predicts* and was featured in the film **ED WOOD**. He left TV production to sell air time on radio, which would become his career for the next 60 years. He spent over 20 years with Westinghouse Broadcasting as the West Coast sales manager before starting his own company which represented radio stations up and down the coast. Jack was on the boards of the Glendale Symphony, the American Red Cross, and the Boy Scouts.

JOHNNY ROTELLA had a prolific career as a songwriter and was a master of the saxophone, clarinet, and flute. After serving with the 389th Army Service Forces Band during World War II, Johnny hooked up with the **RAYMOND SCOTT** Orchestra and quickly moved on to the superstar bands of **TOMMY DORSEY** and **BENNY GOODMAN**. In addition to his work as a studio musician, playing on the soundtracks of countless movies and hit TV shows, Johnny wrote more than 200 songs including compositions with **JOHNNY MERCER**, and **SAMMY CAHN**, with whom he wrote his signature song, *Nothing But the Best* which was recorded by **FRANK SINATRA** in the 1960s.

ARTHUR WATKINS was an original PPB charter member when the organization was formed in 1966 and has been a member ever since. He had a career in public relations.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please advise PPB's Membership/Friendship Chair
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