

PPB PAST-PRESIDENT CHUCK SOUTHCOTT presented the coveted **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award to television pioneer **CHUCK FRIES** at the March 18th celebrity luncheon at the Sportsmen's Lodge.

Chuck is considered the "godfather" of the TV movie, having produced or supervised over 275 hours of programming and is especially known for issue-oriented themes. Fries' programs include *Small Sacrifices* starring Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal, *The Neon Empire* starring Ray Sharkey, Martin Landau and Gary Busey, *Leona Helmsley: The Queen of Mean* with Suzanne Pleshette and Lloyd Bridges and *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury starring Rock Hudson.

His films have garnered the Emmy, Peabody, Humanitas and Christopher Awards. During his long career, Chuck worked at Ziv Television, Screen Gems, Columbia Pictures and Metromedia Producers Corporation. He's served in various capacities at the American Film Institute, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. In 2006, Chuck was awarded a Lifetime Membership in the Producer's Guild of America.



Pictured here (back row L to R) ED ASNER, MICHELLE LEE, STACY KEACH, MORGAN FAIRCHILD, Past PPB President CHUCK SOUTHCOTT; (front row L to R) Resident Humorist HAL KANTER, Entertainment Chair JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, Honoree CHUCK FRIES and ERNEST BORGNINE.

BOARD MEMBER AND WEBMASTER GERRY FRY posted more photos from the luncheons on our website. To view them, go to www.PPBwebsite.org, click on the orange "Details" link next to Chuck Fries' picture, then on "Additional Photos." Enjoy!

AT EACH PPB LUNCHEON, we honor a member who has made an important contribution to the development of broadcasting and is 75 or older — hence, the award is appropriately named Diamond. At the March 18th luncheon, Board Member **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** presented the Diamond Circle Award by profiling a woman with an astounding 41 year career in Radio and TV.

Beginning in 1955 at WTOP-TV in Washington, D.C., she went on to set up station feeds of the Cape Kennedy space launches for WDBO-TV in Orlando, Florida. In 1965, she came to Los Angeles where she worked her way up to Executive Secretary to the General Manager at KNXT. This led her to CBS Television City as Supervisor of Production Facilities where she scheduled the talent, technicians and equipment for shows starring Bob Hope, Carol Burnett, the Smothers Brothers and "All In The Family," among others.

Always intrigued by a good challenge, she accepted a position at Twentieth Century Fox Studios in the newly-organized Promotion and Product Placement Department.



CHRISTOPHER THOMAS and Honoree PEGGY DAVIS

In 1996, she retired from Fox as Senior Executive Assistant for Worldwide Promotions.

After five years as President, she currently serves as Membership Chairperson for the CBS Alumni Association.

It was with great pleasure that Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presented the Diamond Circle Award to **PEGGY DAVIS**.

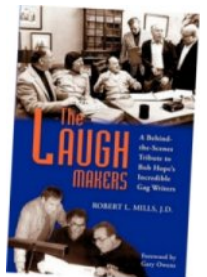
PRESIDENT SAM LOVULLO IS SORRY he missed the March luncheon because of health problems, but is feeling much better and looks forward to seeing everyone at the May 20th Celebrity Luncheon. Sam thanks **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** for filling in and appreciates all the good wishes he received.

THANKS TO MEMBER ED STAUSS for donating music for our luncheons — you'll hear his choices played as we enter the banquet room and during the meal. Ed is the host of "California Swing Scene," a special music show for radio station WMKV in Cincinnati, Ohio.

HEADED BY PAT GLEASON, a Digital Archives Committee has been formed with the mandate of transferring over 200 ¼" audio recordings of PPB Luncheons to digital files. Working with Pat are **DON KING** and Board Member **TOM PATTERSON**. It was Charter Member **MARTY HALPERIN** who began recording the luncheons in 1966 and was responsible for safeguarding the hundreds of tapes that were recently turned over to Pat. Thanks, Marty!

DUE TO HER BUSY SCHEDULE JANET WALDO has been forced to resign as PPB historian after many years. We thank her for her fine work. **MARLENE VARNEN** will take over the responsibility of collecting clippings and data on our members.

FORMER BOB HOPE WRITER BOB MILLS delivers his hour-long cruise ship lectures to libraries, service clubs and retirement communities. The show features anecdotes from his book *The Laugh Makers: A Behind-the-Scenes Tribute to Bob Hope's Incredible Gag Writers* and includes a Q&A and clips of vintage Hope sketches. To find out the schedule or to book Bob's show, write to: the_laughmakers@gmail.com. The book is available at Amazon.com and retailers.



ON APRIL 19TH BILL A. JONES made his 10th appearance on the hit TV show "Glee." Bill, as newscaster "Rod Remington," played a celebrity judge, this time alongside characters played by Kathy Griffin (*My Life on the 'D' List*) and Loretta Devine (original Broadway cast of *Dreamgirls*).

FOR THE PAST YEAR KGIL (Retro 1260) has carried Past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT's** syndicated Standards show "This is Music" each weekday. They just switched their format to another favorite musical genre of his — Classical. For two weeks in April, Chuck played the classics live from 2-5 PM Monday through

