



THE MAY 16 LUNCHEON, the last of the current season, honored the multi-talented **ALAN THICKE**. **THICKE** started his entertainment career in his native Canada as a writer, producer, disc jockey and actor. He currently has a series on Canadian Broadcasting called "IPOD." **THICKE** played in a band, sang and did stand-up comedy. Well known for his series "Growing Pains," he also appeared on many other TV shows.

He wrote the theme compositions for over 45 TV series including "Wheel of Fortune" and "Different Strokes." He continues to write, act and produce, and recently toured with the musical Chicago.

CHUCK SOUTHCOTT introduced the dais and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DE VIVIER BROWN** read notes from friends who couldn't attend including Dick Van Patten, **PAT BOONE**, Larry Thompson; a DVD from "Growing Pains" cast and a DVD from friend Bob Saget. During lunch, clips from **ALAN**'s career were shown including "Growing Pains," "Seventh Heaven," three "Movies of the Week," a game show, "Pictionary," which **JEANNE** cast, and ending with the current show, "IPOD."

Joining **CHUCK** and **JEANNE** on the dais were Rick Kellard, producer-writer; Todd Thicke, **ALAN**'s brother; Ron Masak; Fred Willard; Garry Marshall; **GARY OWENS** and our own **HAL KANTER**.

President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** presented **THICKE** with the **ART GILMORE** Achievement Award. **THICKE** accepted graciously with a memorable speech.

FORMER PPB PRESIDENT GIL STRATTON in presenting the Diamond Circle Award said: "Today's recipient has worked for literally a Hall of Fame of television producers. To recall some names, let me start with Jerry Devine, the man behind "This is Your FBI" ... "Queen for a Day's" agency led by Jack Bailey ... putting her on the doorstep of John Guedel. He produced Groucho Marx in "You Bet Your Life" and Art Linkletter. It was her association with Linkletter

that extended their relationship for over 50 years! Lee exclusively booked his many speeches, and was doubly important over the last years they worked together. She has my vote as "Queen of the Secretaries ... and I'm proud to introduce her as the newest member of the Diamond Circle ... **LEE RAY.**" **LEE** thanked **GIL** and PPB members.

PPBER MARGIE STEWART JOHNSON, who was the Army Poster Girl during World War II, was honored during the summer by her home town of Wabash, Indiana. Thanks to member **HOWARD FLYNN** for this information. Board member **JUNE FORAY** was filmed for an hour by Turner Classic Movies for their archives as someone who has influenced film makers over the world. They will also send a print to the Motion Picture Academy for their archives.

PPBER AND NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST GARY LYCAN sent us a note about Lenore Kingston Cahn Jensen being awarded posthumously one of the highest honors bestowed upon amateur radio operators (Hams). Presentation was made at the annual Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio in May of 2008. Her work sending patches to soldiers during World War II and the Vietnam War was unbelievable. Lenore was featured for this work on "This is Your Life." Added information was given by Jane **PURCELL**, who with her husband **BOB** and stepson Dennis used to help Lenore with the patches. I hope this makes sense as the messages I received were in Ham talk. Lenore also used to do the PPB newsletter — probably from its inception.

PPBER AND LONGTIME BOB HOPE WRITER BOB MILLS on June 26 was luncheon speaker at the Whittier Lion's Club, recalling Hope's 1979 three-hour special taped in China. Next day, he was featured at the "Birthday Party for Helen Keller" sponsored by the Los Angeles Radio Reading Service for the Blind (on which he hosts the weekly show "Inside Television") as comedy trumpeter Skitch Downbeat, Jazz Legend. **BOB**'s

book *The Laugh Makers: Memories for Bob Hope* will be published this year by Bear Manor Media.

ALMOST 300 ATTENDEES OF THE DVLC Convention were treated with re-creation Time Radio shows and panels celebrating the Golden Age of Radio, May 2-4. Many PPBers participated with Fred Foy ("Lone Ranger"), Dick Beals ("Speedy" Alka-Seltzer) — including **TOM HATTEN, ESTHER McVEY, TOMMY COOK, BARBARA FULLER, GARY OWENS, JIMMY WELDON, SHIRLEY MITCHELL, EDDIE CARROLL, JUNE FORAY, ROBERT EASTON, BOB MILLS, RAY BRIEM, LINA ROMAY, BEA WAIN, GIL STRATTON and NORMAN CORWIN. CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** hosted a music panel; **FRANK BRESEE** directed a "Lone Ranger" re-creation, which **JOHN HARLAN** announced/narrated; Gregg Oppenheimer directed **EDDIE CARROLL** and **CHUCK McCANN** in a "JACK BENNY SHOW" — and that was just Saturday night's program! **CHUCK McCANN** also starred in "The Great Gildersleeve" and "Suspense." Barbara Watkins (28-year producer of "Don't Touch That Dial") directed a "Fatman" and "Easy Aces" with the "30 Minutes to Curtain" group, including Jan Merlin and **BOBB LYNES. BOBB LYNES** also announced/narrated a new radio re-creation "The Adventures of Captain Hudson." Topping off the convention, on Sunday morning, **FRANK** and **Bobbie BRESEE** hosted a Happy 98th Birthday for **NORMAN CORWIN.**

PPBER PAUL PUMPIAN ANNOUNCES the publication of *Compadres, A Cowboy Story*, his first western novel. With **PUMPIAN's** many years as a writer for Bob Hope, Pat Buttram and Milton Berle and his contributions to many comic strips, the novel is sure to have plenty of laugh lines to complement the adventure. *Compadres* can be ordered on-line at www.compadresbook.com or through Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

THE HOLLYWOOD PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL'S annual Reunion, held June 7th, was a tribute to **SUE CLARK CHADWICK's** son, Robert, who was in St. John's Hospital. **SUE** is spending most of her time with him while he is there.

Membership Chairman
KAY HENLEY
announces

New Members

EILEEN CIMORELL
DON McCOY

We will remember with admiration

DICK MARTIN
RICHARD McDONOUGH

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