

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



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A Non-Profit Fraternal Organization of Radio and Television Broadcasting Professionals

THE LAST PPB LUNCHEON FOR 2012 was a celebration of the career of **TOM BERGERON**, one of television's best known hosts. The event on November 30th at the Sportsmen's Lodge highlighted Tom's career as the front man for two of ABC's longest running programs, "Dancing With The Stars" and "America's Funniest Home Videos." In 2009, the Emmy winner racked up more primetime hours on TV than any other host.

Born in Haverhill, MA, Tom's broadcasting career took off in 1982 at WBZ-TV in Boston where he spent over ten years hosting a series of shows including "People Are Talking." In 1994, he became host of "FOX After Breakfast," and by 1997, Tom was a fill-in anchor on "Good Morning America" before segueing to "Hollywood Squares." While on "Squares," he kept busy as a fill-in anchor on CBS's "The Early Show" and hosted "Supper Club" for Planet Green.



(Back row) PPB President **CHUCK STREET**, **CONRAD GREEN**, **WINK MARTINDALE**. (Front row) **MITZI GAYNOR**, honoree **TOM BERGERON**, PPB Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**, **PAULA ABDUL**. (Not pictured: **VIN DI BONA**). (David Keeler photo)

At the luncheon, after remarks from PPB President **CHUCK STREET** and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE De VIVIER BROWN**, a video greeting by the three "Dancing" judges **LEN GOODMAN**, **BRUNO TONIOLI** and **CARRIE ANN INABA** awarded Tom a Perfect 10!

Chuck introduced the illustrious dais which included the Executive Producer of "America's Funniest Home Videos," **VIN DI BONA**, who called Tom a "consummate broadcaster." Both men worked at WBZ-TV ... 10 years apart, but they



met at an Emmy Awards dinner at a time when Vin was looking for a new host. Vin's mom, watching Tom emcee the event, said, "get that guy" ... and he did. Vin said, "Tom always guarantees his audiences a fun and memorable evening with his wit and humor." The 500th episode of "Videos" was taped the evening of the PPB luncheon.

Dancers par excellence, dais members **PAULA ABDUL** and **MITZI GAYNOR** exchanged memories before the PPB Celebrity Luncheon honoring their friend **TOM BERGERON**. Mitzi is best remembered for her starring role in the movie version of South Pacific and Paula is known for her work as a judge on "American Idol." (David Keeler photo)

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On Friday, March 1st, 2013

PPB will honor Grammy-winning Recording Artist of hits like "Misty," "It's Not For Me To Say" and "Chances Are"
JOHNNY MATHIS



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The Diamond Circle Award recipient will be actress

LEE MERIWETHER

CONRAD GREEN, Executive Producer of "Dancing With The Stars" since its debut 14 years ago, complimented Tom saying that he has the "unique ability to appear effortless on camera and may be the best host in Hollywood." Conrad spoke of Tom's generosity of spirit for his work with Make-A-Wish Foundation.



In the Green Room, honoree **TOM BERGERON** greeted dais members: Executive Producer of "Dancing With The Stars," **CONRAD GREEN** (left), motion picture and stage star **MITZI GAYNOR** and the Executive Producer of "America's Funniest Home Videos," **VIN DI BONA**. (David Keeler photo)

In his introduction, **CHUCK STREET** said, "our next speaker is arguably the most talented and accomplished dancer of all time!" After listing her credits including *My Blue Heaven*, *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *Anything Goes* and *South Pacific*, the PPB crowd honored **MITZI GAYNOR** with a stand-

ing ovation. Jokingly, she remarked that she thought she was there to introduce Tom Brady but went on to tell the crowd how much "DWTS" has meant "by giving all professional dancers the respect they deserve for their hard work and dedication to their craft. The show would not be the success it is without Bergeron as the host. He's so real, honest, fun and smart. I'm glad to be on the same stage as you."

A guest judge on "Dancing" this year, Emmy and Grammy winner **PAULA ABDUL** talked about how "Tom puts 100% into everything he does. He makes everyone around him feel better. He helps maintain truth and integrity for dancers. He has a great respect for performers."

Past PPB honoree, game show host **WINK MARTINDALE** read a letter from his friend **PAT BOONE** who was unable to attend the luncheon.



Webmaster **GERRY FRY** has posted additional photos at www.PPBwebsite.org. From the home page, click on "Details," then on "Additional Photos" in the middle of the page. Enjoy!

Past PPB President **SAM LOVULLO** (R) proudly introduced his son, **TOREY**, and Torey's wife, **KRISTEN**, to honoree **TOM BERGERON**. Torey is Bench Coach with the Boston Red Sox. (David Keeler photo)

PACIFIC PIONEER BROADCASTERS' FIRST VICE PRESIDENT LARRY VANDERVEEN presented the Diamond Circle Award to PPB Past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**. Here are Larry's remarks:

"Chuck has been a highly successful and highly honored part of Los Angeles radio for decades. Along the way, he was named *Los Angeles Times* Disc Jockey of the Year, and he received both the *Billboard* and Gavin national awards for Program Director of the Year. While he was programming KGIL, it was named Radio Station Of The Year by *Billboard* Magazine. And when he was making the same magic at KMPC, it received the National Association of Broadcasters' Marconi Award for Radio Station Of The Year. I guess he knows something about programming.

Chuck served as both program director and air personality in Los Angeles at KGIL, KMPC, KPRZ, KJQI, KKJZ and KKLA, working with such stellar talents as **ROBERT W. MORGAN, WINK MARTINDALE, GARY OWENS, CHARLIE TUNA, "SWEET DICK" WHITTINGTON, DICK WHITTINGHILL** and **PETER MARSHALL**. For several years, he recorded a weekly program for Armed Forces Radio.



PPB's First VP, **LARRY VANDERVEEN**, presents the Diamond Circle Award to Past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** for his work as radio program director and on-air personality.

At KPRZ, he prepared the popular 'Music Of Your Life' format for satellite distribution, and for the next 12 years was program director and air personality for the 'Music Of Your Life' network, providing exceptional programming to hundreds of U.S. radio stations.

Broadcasters also know Chuck Southcott's warm and knowledgeable presentation of the greatest music ever made, through his memorable 'Biographies In Sound' series, featuring such legends as **JOHNNY MATHIS, HENRY MANCINI, DUKE ELLINGTON** and **NAT KING COLE**. And they know him by his internationally syndicated weekly show, 'Musical.' It was a special honor for Chuck that the great **PEGGY LEE** did her last extended radio interview with him at her home in Bel Air, CA.

All of that and with his big heart he still found time to be a major factor in the growth and success of the not-for-profit National Leukemia Broadcast Council."

Congratulations to the newest member of the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters Diamond Circle, PPB Past President Chuck Southcott.



The Ralph Edwards' sponsored table was the setting for broadcasting students and faculty from California State University Northridge (CSUN). PPB members **CHARLES CAPPLEMAN** (standing left), **JOHN COUCH** and **JANET WALDO** hosted. (David Keeler photo)

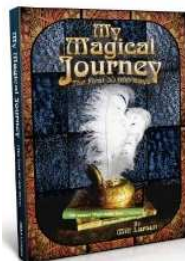
PPBER GARY LYCAN, WHO WRITES A REGULAR COLUMN for the *Orange County Register*, has been honored by the Los Angeles Press Club for his piece "Sweet Dick' Whittington: An Unpredictable Talent." In naming the Print Columnist of the Year, the judge said: "Gary Lycan, as he's been doing for years, keeps Southland radio fans informed on what's happening now and what's

happened to legends of the past." In the category of Entertainment Blog by an Individual, **MANNY PACHECO** was recognized for his book *Forgotten Hollywood, Forgotten History* which shares America's story through the eyes of character actors of Hollywood's Golden Age including **CLAUDE RAINES, WALTER BRENNAN, VAN HEFLIN** and **BASIL RATHBONE**.

THE LAST FILM APPEARANCE OF LONGTIME PPP MEMBER ERNEST BORGNINE, who passed away last year, has just been released. *The Man Who Shook the Hand of Vicente Fernandez* was filmed when Ernie was 94 and, according to the *Daily Variety* review, "the Oscar-winning actor appears remarkably hearty throughout this indie drama ... " He plays a retired radio DJ who is haunted by his failed dream of becoming a Western movie hero.



JIM OVERMAN IS A LONGTIME PPBER and Life Member of the Camp Roberts Historical Museum. The "Army Camp of the Stars," as it is sometimes known, was the largest replacement training facility in the nation when it was completed in 1941. Located on Highway 101 half way between L.A. and San Francisco, the camp was the training facility for countless Hollywood actors, producers and others who worked in radio, TV or film including **RED SKELTON, STEVE REEVES, JACKIE COOGAN, ROBERT MITCHUM, BOB NEWHART** and **ROBERT FULLER**. The Museum Curator and Foundation Board Chairman, **GARY McMASTER**, is always interested in finding out about additional celebrities who trained at Camp Roberts. You can contact him at bydandforever@msn.com. And, when you're in the area, drop by the museum — for info — www.MilitaryMuseum.org/CampRobertsMuseum.html.



JANUARY, 2013, MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the world-famous Magic Castle which would not exist if it weren't for **MILT LARSEN** and his brother **BILL LARSEN**. Milt's newest book, *My Magical Journey: The First 30,000 Days*, chronicles the creation of the Castle along with the story of the Larsen family, amazing and amusing Hollywood stories, history, and even a little gossip about some legends.

Milt's fourth book is almost 300 pages and includes hundreds of color photos. It's available in both hard and soft covers in The Gift Shop at www.MagicCastle.com and from retailers.

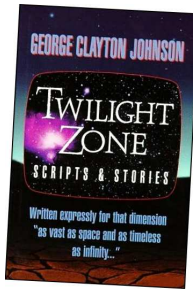
PPBER DAVID SCHWARTZ WOULD LIKE members to know that **EDWARD R. MURROW**'s 1953 tour of CBS Television City is now available online. Produced a year after the complex was dedicated, it's a behind-the-scenes look at the studios on Fairfax and Beverly. The 15-minute video, produced by the "See It Now" staff, can be seen on YouTube and www.CBS TelevisionCity.com.

"SHOTGUN TOM" KELLY SIGNED A THREE-YEAR contract extension and will continue to play oldies during afternoon drive time on CBS radio's K-EARTH 101. In an interview with **SDRadio.net**'s **JOE NELSON**, Kelly gives praise to KRTH Program Director and PPB member **JHANI KAYE** and Market Manager **STEVE CARVER** by saying "I would really



PPBer **"SHOTGUN TOM" KELLY** (left) poses with CBS Radio Los Angeles market manager **STEVE CARVER**, who dons the classic Shotgun-style ranger and Market Manager **STEVE CARVER** by saying "I would really

like to say how proud I am that these good people have the faith in me and have asked me to continue doing what I love to do; I could not be more happy!" On Tuesday, April 30th at 11:30 A.M., "Shotgun Tom" will be honored with a well-deserved star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Check the next newsletter for the exact location.



AARON WEBSTER'S PRODUCTION COMPANY Adventurous Arts & Films [us] is co-producing a remake of **GEORGE CLAYTON JOHNSON'S** "Twilight Zone" stories. Johnson, who wrote the first televised episode of "Star Trek," and co-created *Logan's Run* and *Ocean's Eleven*, wrote seven episodes of the original "Twilight Zone" series. Johnson's story, "Kick The Can," was directed by **STEVEN SPIELBERG** in a 1982 anthology feature. Webster is a member of the

ROD SERLING Memorial Foundation.

GARRY MARGOLIS HAS BEEN NAMED a Fellow of the Audio Engineering Society and was re-elected as the AES Treasurer. His colleague and fellow PPBer, **RON STREICHER**, was re-elected Secretary. Ron is in charge of the audio at both AES and PPB luncheons. Founded in 1948, AES is an international organization with over 14,000 members and is the only professional society devoted exclusively to audio technology.

IN JANUARY, PPBER **BILL A. JONES** RETURNED to "Glee" in his recurring role of Rod Remington in an episode entitled "Naked." To see a compilation of clips from Bill's appearances in "Glee," go to www.BillAJones.com. Bill also recently appeared in "CSI: New York" as a "Donald Trump inspired" character.

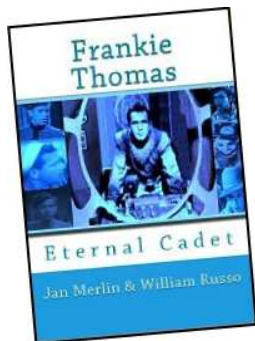


BILL A. JONES with **EARLENE DAVIS** (aka co-anchor "Andrea Carmichael") on the set of "Glee."

LARRY "SUPERMOUTH" HUFFMAN HAS BEEN DEALING with medical problems lately. In November, he underwent a partial amputation of his left foot. He says, "I'm doing well now but I want to warn other PPB members that if they want to race me, I'll always be a half-foot behind ... or in front."

ACTOR BOB DIX IS BUSY RE-WRITING his autobiography, *Out of Hollywood* before a second printing, and is working on a new book, *So You Want to Be a Star?* He's re-married, moved to a Cochise RV resort in Benson, Arizona, and is happy to be away from the L.A. traffic.

FORMER REAL-LIFE CRUISE DIRECTOR JERALDINE SAUNDERS, whose book *Love Boat* was the inspiration for the TV show, just finished a cruise on the *Golden Princess* where she autographed copies and visited with other passengers. She says, "It's a great ship and had really great entertainers. The cruise staff was the best ever."



EMMY WINNER JAN MERLIN has published his latest book, *FRANKIE THOMAS: Eternal Cadet*. Close friends since they worked together on "Tom Corbett, Space Cadet" in the early fifties, Jan and professor of film studies Dr. **WILLIAM RUSSO** follow Frankie's successful career from child actor to teen idol to cadet-in-training for the elite Solar Guard. The biography tells Frankie's story in his own words from interviews with the authors.

PPB'S FIRST VP LARRY VANDERVEEN'S TRAVEL website, "America's Hideaways" (www.americashideaways.com) now features 50 great hideaways and getaways in 28 states. He has also written and posted travel stories including a humorous misadventure of his own on a trip to New York titled *The Suit*. On the site, you'll find photos, travel articles, and some thoughts about the U.S.A. in *Our America*.

YOU'LL FIND SOME INTERESTING AND PROVOCATIVE READING on actor and radio personality **SCOTT ST. JAMES'** blog. In the current posting as of the printing of this newsletter, Scott comments on everyone from Cardinal **ROGER MAHONY** to **STAN MUSICAL, HILLARY CLINTON, ALBERT EINSTEIN** and **JENNIFER LAWRENCE**. www.scottstjames.blogspot.com.

KCBS-TV NEWS VET LORRAINE HILLMAN has moved from Encino to her new "adopted" home of Peachtree City, Georgia, to be near her grandchildren. She says, "I miss the PPB luncheons and want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year." Lorraine is the recipient of 10 Golden Mikes and two Emmys.

PRODUCER CHUCK FRIES AND HIS WIFE, AVA, will be honored for their philanthropic activities at the 39th Block Party Fundraiser for Concern Foundation. The event will take place on Saturday, July 13th, on the New York back lot of Paramount Studios in Hollywood and will feature four stages of entertainment, casino style gaming, a silent auction, and cuisine from over 50 restaurants. Founded in 1968, Concern Foundation

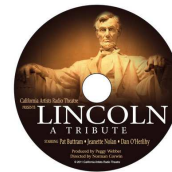


Iconic entertainment producing team, **CHUCK** and **AVA FRIES** will be honored by Concern Foundation in July.

is an independent, volunteer-driven non-profit organization dedicated to raising and granting funds to support cancer research worldwide.

AFTER HIS NOVEMBER 2012 INDUCTION, ART LABOE is now a member of the National Radio Hall of Fame at the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago. In February, he'll present his annual Art Laboe Valentine's Super Love Jam concerts in Bakersfield (2/9), Phoenix (2/15) and San Diego (2/16) with a lineup that includes Grammy Award winners The Delfonics. Laboe is planning more concerts in 2013 and he continues his dedication and request radio show, "The Art Laboe Connection," Sunday-Friday 7:00 P.M.-12:00 A.M. PT on Hot 92.3 Los Angeles which is also heard on the Internet and Smartphones on iHeartRadio.com and KOKO94.com.

ON FEBRUARY 9TH, HORACE HEIDT, JR. will be the Special Honoree at the Encino Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation Soirée. For information, call 818-789-4711, or visit: www.encinochamber.org.



CALIFORNIA ARTISTS RADIO THEATRE'S producer/director **PEGGY WEBBER**, has announced that CART is now offering all of their collaborations with **RAY BRADBURY** and **NORMAN CORWIN**. Now available is "Lincoln: A Tribute," written and directed by Norman and produced by Peggy.

The show features **JEANETTE NOLAN** as Ann Rutledge, **PAT BUTTRAM** as Lincoln and includes **KATHLEEN FREEMAN, PARLEY BAER, VANCE COLVIG, EDDIE FIRESTONE, LOU KRUGMAN, WILLIAM WOODSON, DAN O'HERLIHY, DEAN McCLORY, RICHARD ERDMAN** and Past PPB President **JOHN HARLAN**. This and other newly available titles can be heard at www.CARradio.com.



ALONG WITH MANY OTHER PPBERS, **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** is a big supporter of the Motion Picture & Television Fund. For more than 90 years, MPTF has provided financial assistance and services essential to the well-being of the community and is a leader in the development and implementation of services and programs for seniors and those who care for them. The six MPTF health centers located across the L.A. area serve more than 60,000 people each year. MPTF is supported by the generosity of corporate donors and fellow entertainment industry members who contribute their time and money because they believe in the importance of Hollywood Helping Hollywood. For more information about MPTF services or to learn how you can participate, contribute or volunteer, visit www.mptf.com or call **ARLENE GLASNER** at 818-876-1554.

SUPERSTORM SANDY BY PPB PRESIDENT CHUCK STREET

As we all know, Hurricane Sandy was a devastating event in our recent history. The disaster produced a "ripple effect" across the U.S. It even affected us in the PPB. The **TOM BERGERON** tribute luncheon was rescheduled to accommodate his rearranged New York TV production schedule.



Two days before Sandy slammed into the East coast, PPB Second Vice-President **BIANCA PINO** and her husband **BOB BOWKER** completed driver's certification for operation of an American Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle. Little did they know that they would be called into action a week later when they were asked by the Red Cross to drive a van across the country to aid in relief efforts in the community of Lindenhurst, Long Island. Bianca and Bob joined a couple of other teams and made the five-day trek from Ventura to New York in early November.

During their ten days in the disaster affected areas, Bianca and Bob worked out of a field kitchen delivering hot meals, snacks, water and clean-up supplies to residents who were displaced by the epic storm. Most nights they slept in their Red Cross van. The weather was bitter cold during their time in the region. And the hurricane devastation was astounding!

Our hats are off to Bianca and Bob for their selfless service. Here is another example of the kind of special people who are members of the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters! Click on the link on our PPB web site for a firsthand account of their experiences. The photos are pretty amazing, too!

60 YEARS AGO — 1953 BROADCASTING MILESTONES

- Jan. 15 – **HARRY TRUMAN** becomes the first U.S. president to broadcast his farewell address on radio and television.
- Jan. 19 – 68% of all U.S. TV sets tunes in to "I Love Lucy" to watch Lucy give birth to Little Ricky.
- Feb. 1 – "General Electric Theatre" airs for the first time on CBS.
- Feb. 10 – "Romper Room" premieres and runs thru 1994.
- Feb. 18 – **LUCILLE BALL** and **DESI ARNAZ** sign an \$8,000,000 contract to continue "I Love Lucy" thru 1955.
- Feb. 26 – **FULTON SHEEN**, on his program "Life Is Worth Living," reads Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," with the names of high-ranking Soviet officials replacing key characters. At the end of the reading,



Sheen intoned that "Stalin must one day meet his judgement." Stalin died one week later.

- March 19 – The "Academy Awards" are simulcast on both radio and television, the first time that the show airs on TV. NBC telecast the ceremony over its 64-station network and on its 174-station radio system. The Armed Forces Radio Service recorded the proceedings for later broadcast.
- March 25 – CBS concedes victory to RCA in the war over color television standards.

Membership Chairman **KAY HENLEY** announces:
NEW MEMBERS

DORIS DREW-ALLEN — Doris is a radio and TV actress, singer, and voice-over performer. Her singing career has included "The **TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD Show**" and she's appeared with **MEL TORME** and **BOBBY TROUP**. Several videos of Doris are available on YouTube. In the 1970s, Doris took up painting on porcelain and is now known among the leading artists in that field.

JANE KEAN — Jane has worked as an actor, singer and comedienne for over 40 years. She was a regular on "General Hospital" but is best known for her portrayal as Trixie on "The Honeymooners." She still performs in her one-woman show, "An Evening with Jane Kean."

LEE MARSHALL — Primarily a voice-over actor, Lee is also an actor, announcer and director. Lee's worked in radio in Phoenix, San Diego, New York and at KHJ, KDAY and KABC in L.A. He's been with Turner Broadcasting and Cumulus Broadcasting for over 30 years and, since 1999, he's been the voice of Tony the Tiger for Kellogg's Frosted Flakes.

DOUG McINTYRE — Doug's TV producing and writing credits include "WKRP in Cincinnati," "Full House" and "Married...With Children." Currently, he can be heard on "McIntyre In The Morning" on KABC 790 and is a page one columnist for the *Los Angeles Daily News*.

LISA OSBORNE — Lisa's been in Los Angeles radio for more than a decade as news anchor at KFWB and KFI. She's also worked as a traffic reporter, talk show host, program director and deejay. She hosts a '60s and '70s music network program that airs on over 300 stations across the country.

RUSSELL A. STACEY — Russell's worked as an engineer at NBC Burbank for over 37 years. Currently, he's Manager for Transmission and Technical Maintenance Operations.

HONORARY DAIS MEMBERS

**PAULA ABDUL • TOM BERGERON • VIN DI BONA
MITZI GAYNOR • CONRAD GREEN**

WE REMEMBER WITH GREAT ADMIRATION


LOUISE ARTHUR (PENN) — Louise was a Rockette and worked in radio, theatre and movies. She appeared on numerous TV series including "Boston Blackie," "Death Valley Days" and "Bachelor Father."

RAY BRIEM — Ray was a radio personality who worked in L.A. most of his career where he was noted for his conservative viewpoints, historical knowledge and love of Big Band music. At KABC, he interviewed a wide range of celebrities primarily from the golden age of radio, music, movies and television. He worked the overnight shift and dominated the ratings. Over the years, Ray received many honors, including a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and, in 2008, PPB's Diamond Circle Award. Ray was a current member of the PPB Board of Directors.

PATTI PAGE — Unforgettable songs like "Tennessee Waltz" and "(How Much Is That) Doggie in the Window?" made Parri Page the best-selling female singer of the 1950s and a star who spent much of the rest of her life traveling the world.

JIM REILLY — A former longtime PPB member, Jim was a camera operator at CBS.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please advise Membership/Friendship Chairman **KAY HENLEY**. Kay can be contacted through our website at www.PPBwebsite.org or by leaving a message at **323-461-2121**. We're always looking for items of interest about our members for this Newsletter. Please send your news and that of your PPB friends to:
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