

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



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

PPB MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS jammed the Empire Room at the Sportsmen's Lodge on September 21st to be a part of our luncheon honoring Emmy-winning talk show legend **LARRY KING**, whose illustrious career includes 25 years as host of CNN's "Larry King Live," the first worldwide phone-in television talk show.

The crowd entered the room to the sounds of **FRANK SINATRA**, one of Larry's favorite singers. After a greeting from President **CHUCK STREET**, Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** read letters of congratulations from **NANCY REAGAN**, **TED TURNER**, and **DONALD TRUMP**. "American Idol" host **RYAN SEACREST**, KFI talk show host **BILL HANDLE**, and Dodger broadcasters **CHARLIE STEINER** and **JAIME JARRIN** were unable to attend, but sent video wishes.



(Back Row, L-R) **DENNIS GILBERT**, **GARY BRYAN**, **AL DOWNING**, PPB President **CHUCK STREET**, **MICHAEL JACKSON**, (Front Row, L-R) **PAT BOONE**, honoree **LARRY KING**, **BARBARA SINATRA**, PPB Chairman of the Board **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**. (Not pictured: Dr. **P.K. SHAH**, **STEPHANIE MILLER**, and **MARK GERAGOS**), (David Keeler photo)

The illustrious dais included K-EARTH DJ **GARY BRYAN** who remembered watching Larry to learn how to conduct interviews, KABC's **MICHAEL JACKSON** who said "Larry is a man of no pretense — we feel like we know him. Larry is one of the best known faces in the history of the world." Syndicated talk show host **STEPHANIE MILLER** revealed that she's loved Larry for years.

Dr. **P.K. SHAH**, Director of the Division of Cardiology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, who works with the Larry King Cardiac Foundation. He talked about his favorite "Larry King Live" moments.

BARBARA SINATRA explained how her husband, Frank, trusted Larry in interviews, and criminal defense attorney **MARK GERAGOS** told stories about being interviewed by Larry over 250 times.

Larry is well-known as an L.A. Dodger superfan, and the team was represented by agent **DENNIS GILBERT** and former pitcher **AL DOWNING**.



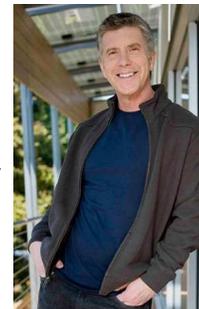
PPB Board member **KRISTIN SHEETS** (left) chats with dais guest, nationally syndicated progressive talk show host **STEPHANIE MILLER**. (Photo: Don King)

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On **Friday, November 16th, 2012**

PPB will honor the host of
"Dancing With the Stars" and
"America's Funniest Home Videos"
TOM BERGERON

The Diamond Circle Award will be
presented to radio program director and
past PPB President
CHUCK SOUTHCOTT



PPB member **PAT BOONE** was one of Larry's first interviews when they met in Miami in the early 1960s. Pat thanked Larry for his kindness when his grandson, **RYAN CORBIN**, was injured in a 40-ft fall. Larry invited Pat to be on his show so that he could ask the public for prayers.



In the Green Room, honoree **LARRY KING** is flanked by PPB member and long-time L.A. disc jockey "**SHOTGUN TOM**" **KELLY** (left) and PPB's President, "**COMMANDER**" **CHUCK STREET**, ready to preside over his first celebrity luncheon. (David Keeler photo)

Before accepting the prestigious **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award, Larry shed his jacket to reveal a bright pink shirt and a pair of his famous suspenders. He concluded his remarks by saying that "there's no better work. I still pinch myself every day — I'm honored to be a pioneer. Thank you."

Notes:

- **GERRY FRY** has posted additional photos and text at www.PPBwebsite.org. From the home page, click on "Details," then on "Additional Photos" in the middle of the page. Enjoy!
- Several of Larry King's interviews with Frank Sinatra and other guests are available on www.YouTube.com.
- "Larry King Now," Larry's newest show, can be seen on www.Hulu.com.

PPB'S FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, LARRY VANDERVEEN, presented the Diamond Circle Award to producer/director/writer **STEVE BINDER**. Here are Larry's remarks:

Steve's journey to broadcast success began on the other side of the world — in Germany, as an announcer on American Forces Radio. From there, it was back to civilian life and into what would be the launching of a great career, the mail room at KABC-TV. It was to be a quick launch, very quick. In less than a month, at the ripe young age of 22, he was directing "The Soupy Sales Show" in prime time on the ABC Network.

Even though he was now network television's youngest director, he made a very big decision. He decided to go out on his own. Good decision, because not much later he was in a theater just across the street from the Hollywood landmark, The Hollywood Ranch Market at La Mirada and Vine Street, directing the super syndication hit, "The **STEVE ALLEN** Late Night Show."



Producer/director/writer **STEVE BINDER** (L) received the Diamond Circle Award from **LARRY VANDERVEEN**.

After that, there was no stopping this talent. As he rolled on, there was hardly a major musical star whose TV specials he didn't either write, direct, produce, or all of the above. **PETULA CLARK, DIANA ROSS, JOHN DENVER, DEBBY BOONE, LIZA MINELLI, OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN, and BARRY MANILOW** were just a few of the many who joined the

parade. The Manilow special won an Emmy for the singer. Along the way, Steve stopped to receive his own Emmy and a Golden Globe Nomination. And it never quits. Just last month, Sony/CBS released a DVD of his "Lucy in London" special starring **LUCILLE BALL**.

And Steve's directing "crown jewel" is now the stuff of legends. *TV Guide* called it "the second greatest musical moment in television history next to the Beatles' debut on 'The Ed Sullivan Show'." It was titled simply, "ELVIS." Today it's known as "The Comeback Special," all by itself a very significant contribution to the development of broadcasting.

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have comments about anything related to PPB's Celebrity Luncheons, please let us know. How was the food, the service? What did you think about the Larry King program? Is there anything we can do to improve the experience?

Please send comments to:

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SINGER, ACTOR, AND VOICE OVER ARTIST BILL A. JONES recently released his newest CD *I've Heard That Song* which features big band vocal standards including "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo." To order the CD or hear a preview, visit www.BillAJones.com.



TONY BENNETT with PPBer **BILL A. JONES** backstage at the Beverly Hilton during the St. Jude Children's Hospital fundraiser in January.

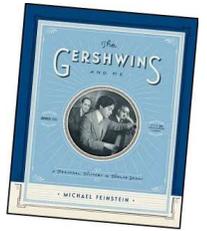
DIAMOND CIRCLE AWARD recipient **CONNIE SAWYER** just finished a movie with "Friends" star **MATT LeBLANC** called *Lovesick*. Look for the film in theatres in December or January.

PPBER ROBERT HECKER'S MUSICAL, *Honestly Abe*, is still going strong on stage at New York's Actors Temple Theatre. A sample of the cast album that was recently completed will be available soon on iTunes. Robert's latest mystery/thriller novel, *Murder is a Lousy Way to Die*, is now available at www.Amazon.com.

EACH WEEK, FRANK BRESEE, WALDEN HUGHES, and JOHN and LARRY GASSMAN conduct interviews on the "Friday Night Live Show" which is broadcast at 7:30 p.m. on www.yesterdayusa.com. Recent guests have included PPBers **RICHARD BURDEN, TOMMY COOK, FRED ESSEX, JUNE FORAY, BARBARA FULLER, LEE HALE, HOR-**

ACE HEIDT, Jr., FORREST OWEN, GARY OWENS, STUFFY SINGER, JEFF SILVER, JANET WALDO, and PEGGY WEBBER.

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, PPBER BILL MORAN will conduct an interview with award-winning singer and pianist **MICHAEL FEINSTEIN**. In Michael's new book, *The Gershwins and Me: A Personal History in Twelve Songs*, he tells the story of his friendship with **GEORGE and IRA GERSHWIN** and reveals the roots of his own musical journey. During the evening, Michael will perform his favorite songs. The event will take place at the American Jewish University, 15600 Mulholland Drive. For tickets, call **310-440-1246**.



IN SEPTEMBER, DIAMOND CIRCLE HONOREE ART LABOE hosted his 10th live concert in San Bernardino at San Manuel Amphitheater with 12,000 fans in attendance. In November, he'll be inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in Chicago. Past inductees include PPB members **GARY OWENS, VIN SCULLY**, and September's honoree, **LARRY KING**. Art says "It is an honor...these are my heroes... I've been inspired by their voices and accomplishments."

FOR THE 30TH YEAR, PPBER RAY CHARLES will be a part of the production team on the "Kennedy Center Honors." The December 26th broadcast on CBS will include actor **DUSTIN HOFFMAN**, late-night TV host **DAVID LETTERMAN**, bluesman **GEORGE "BUDDY" GUY**, ballerina **NATALIA MAKAROVA**, and members of the rock band **LED ZEPPELIN**. Ray just celebrated his 94th birthday and is still going strong.



KRLA alums—Board member **JOHN NEWTON** chats with DJ **JOHNNY HAYES**.

PPBERS JOHN NEWTON, DAVID SCHWARTZ, and JEFF LEONARD attended a reunion recently with former KRLA and KIIS staffers. According to John, "what started as a small group of friends getting together now and then has been opened up to the college stations KEDC and KCSN at Cal State Northridge which many of us attended in the early '70s."

TV HOST, VOICE ACTOR, ventriloquist and author JIMMY WELDON now has a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The Center for Youth

Patriotism has a mission to instill in California youth a sense of civic, non-partisan pride and a better understanding of our common heritage through the use of audio/visual programs and personal presentations. Jimmy will be speaking at schools about America.

AFTER A LONG ILLNESS, BILL CELELLO, who was an engineer at NBC and ABC, was excited to be able to attend the Larry King luncheon. He and Barbara had a great time.

AUDIO HISTORIAN GERRY FRY and his wife, Marty, drove to Spokane in late September to join nieces and nephews in celebrating his sister's 99th birthday. They promised to return in a year for number 100.

KARL SOUTHCOTT

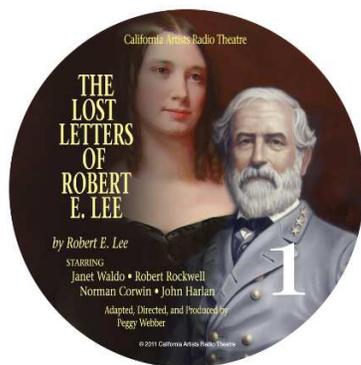
and his wife, Jennifer, became happy new parents when Montgomery was born on September 22. Karl's dad and former PPB President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** will be in Denver in October for his new grandson's baptism.



KARL SOUTHCOTT, wife Jennifer, and older brother Charles welcome Monty into the family.

IN SEPTEMBER, **LOU*LOU (LOU CARTER KEAY)** attended a director's meeting of Intertel in Grant's Pass, Oregon and went on to Eugene to visit fellow PPBer **ESTHER GEDDES McVEY** (widow of **TYLER McVEY**). She and the McVeys performed at the Hayloft Dinner Theatre in Lubbock, TX in the '70s and became lifelong friends. Lou*Lou is President-elect of Intertel, an international society for the intellectually gifted.

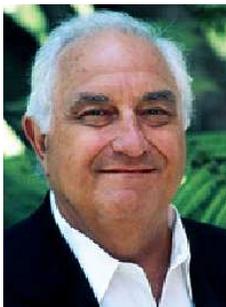
CALIFORNIA ARTISTS RADIO THEATRE (CART) has just released new programs for the fall. Included in the collection is



"The Lost Letters of Robert E. Lee." Written by award-winning Broadway playwright **BOB LEE** (*Mame*, *Inherit the Wind*), the play features correspondence between a student from West Point and a young girl. Starring **ROBERT ROCKWELL** and PPBer **JANET WALDO**, the show is narrated by the late **NORMAN CORWIN** and CART's announcer **JOHN HARLAN**.

Produced and directed by **PEGGY WEBBER**, one of the production engineers is **MARTY HALPERIN**. This and other recordings are now available on CD at www.CARTradio.com.

MIKE FRIES, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER of international cable operator Liberty Global, has made a gift of \$2 million in support of the University of Wesleyan Cinema Archives Endowment Fund. The gift establishes the Charles W. Fries Curator of Wesleyan Cinema Archives, which Fries named in honor of his father. **CHUCK FRIES** is widely considered the "godfather" of the television movie and is a longtime PPB member and luncheon honoree in 2011.



Producer **CHUCK FRIES** will donate archival materials to Wesleyan University.

GARY LYCAN WOULD LIKE members to know about a new Sinatra show. Hosted by PPB's **JERRY SHARELL**, who has been long associated with the Society of Singers, "Sundays with Sinatra," can be heard from 10 a.m. to noon on K-JAZZ 88.1 FM. For more info, visit www.kkjz.org. By the way, "Sundays with Sinatra" follows the everlasting "The Swingin' Years" show with **CHUCK CECIL**.

PPB BOARD MEMBER TOMMY COOK IS PRODUCING the Silver Spur Awards Gala at the Sportsmen's Lodge, on Saturday, October 27th, to benefit the MVAT Foundation that contributes to the Wounded Warrior Project and other war veteran organizations. The evening will include dinner, live entertainment, and tributes to stars who have played major roles in film and television westerns including **JON VOIGHT**,

ROBERT LOGGIA, ANNE JEFFREYS, TOM LAUGHLIN, BO SVENSON, REX ALLEN, Sr., and legendary stuntman **CLIFFORD HAPPY**. Tickets are \$125 and are available at www.silverspurawards.eventbrite.com.

MUSICIAN AND PLAYWRIGHT AARON WEBSTER HAS been working with LsL Instruments to design a new signature model electric guitar. Delivery is expected next Spring. Aaron was on stage recently at LsL to jam with **DEL CASHER**, the legendary musician who invented the Wah-wah pedal and recorded with stars from A (Autry) to Z (Zappa).

A SHORT STORY BY ROBERT S. LEVINSON, *The Girl in the Golden Gown*, is included in the new anthology *The Interrogator and Other Criminally Good Fiction*. In stores now is Robert's book, *A Rhumba in Waltz Time*, which will be followed early next year with the publication of *Phony Tinsel*. Both novels are set in Golden Age Hollywood.



GOING BACK IN TIME: This photo was taken in January, 2006 at the Celebrity Luncheon honoring comedian **BILL DANA**. Then PPB President **JOHN HARLAN (L)** presided over the afternoon. The dais included **BETTY WHITE, JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** (who provided this photo), **JAYNE MEADOWS**, honoree **BILL DANA, HOWARD STORM, JACK RILEY, SHELLY BERMAN, TOM POSTON**, and **HAL KANTER**.

THREE CHEERS FOR OUR VETERANS

By PPB Vice President **Larry Vanderveen**



On Veterans Day, November 11th, the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters will join all of America in thanking our military veterans. And why not make it a point to do it a little more often, too? If a loved one or anyone you know has served our great country, let's think about saying a simple thanks now and then through the year, just because you remember their service. You will know how much it means to them when you see the light in their eyes.

But Veterans Day is their special day — the one day every year when, as a nation, we let them know how much they are appreciated wherever and whenever they served. Many PPB members have worn the uniform. If they and countless others like them hadn't, we might not be able to show them our gratitude today.

They gave us America by their sacrifices in the Revolutionary War.

They saved us and the world by their courage in World War II.

And they have been there every time they were needed in between.

Among the many blessings we Americans have, none is greater than those among us who stand bravely when we are in harm's way. God Bless Them All!

**BROADCASTING MILESTONE — 40 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER, 1972 — “M*A*S*H” PREMIERS ON CBS-TV**

Based on the novel by Richard Hooker and the movie, “M*A*S*H” premiered on CBS-TV on September 17, 1972. The show became one of the most celebrated series in the history of the medium.

Developed for TV by **LARRY GELBART**, the stories follow a team of doctors and support staff stationed at the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in South Korea during the Korean War.



During its initial season, “M*A*S*H” was in danger of being canceled due to low ratings. The show reached the top ten program list the following year when it was moved to Saturdays and sandwiched between “All in the Family” and “The Mary Tyler Moore Show.” It never fell below the top 20 rated programs during the remainder of its run. The final episode was a two and one half hour special that attracted the largest audience to ever tune into a single TV episode.



The original cast of TV's “M*A*S*H” (L to R) **LARRY LINVILLE**, **LORETTA SWIT**, **ALAN ALDA**, **MCLEAN STEVENSON**, **WAYNE ROGERS**, **WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER**, **GARY BURGHOFF**, and **JAMIE FARR**.

The original TV cast assumed roles created in Robert Altman’s movie. The protagonists were Dr. Benjamin Franklin “Hawkeye” Pierce (**ALAN ALDA**) and Dr. “Trapper” John McIntyre (**WAYNE ROGERS**). Although excellent surgeons, Pierce and McIntyre preferred to chase female nurses and

drink homemade gin to operating, and had little use for military discipline or authority. As a result, they often ran afoul of staunch military types Dr. Frank Burns (**LARRY LINVILLE**) and Senior Nurse, Major Margaret “Hot Lips” Houlihan (PPB honoree **LORETTA SWIT**).

Regulars were camp commander Lt. Col. Henry Blake (**MCLEAN STEVENSON**), company clerk Corporal Walter “Radar” O’Reilly (**GARY BURGHOFF**), Corporal Max Klinger (PPB honoree **JAMIE FARR**), and Father Francis Mulcahy (**WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER**).

During its run, the series experienced many cast changes. Newcomers included Dr. B.J. Hunnicutt (**MIKE FARRELL**), Dr. Charles Emerson Winchester (**DAVID OGDEN STIERS**), and Colonel Sherman Potter (**HARRY MORGAN**).

After 281 episodes, “M*A*S*H” ended its 11-year network run in 1983, but can still be seen in syndication.



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

ANNE L. DAVIS — Anne was at Capitol Records for 40 years in personnel, special markets, and the Record Club. Part of her job was supplying records to radio stations and working with new talent.

BOB LaHENDRO — Bob began his 40-year TV career in 1956 at WCHS-TV in West Virginia. In the '50s, he worked as a stage manager and AD at CBS-TV and KNXT-TV. Bob directed over 250 TV shows including “All in the Family,” “Welcome Back Kotter,” “Good Times,” and “Sanford and Son.”

AL TADDEO — Al worked in radio for 30 years and in TV for 23 and has been in California markets ranging from San Francisco to San Diego. At NBC, he was an audio engineer and won a 2006

Emmy for NBC-TV’s “Passions.” He currently works on www.martininthemorning.com.

JEFF WALD — Jeff served as news director at KTLA for 18 years during the “**HAL FISHMAN** era” and worked in news at KCBS-TV and KCOP-TV. During his career, Jeff won 13 Emmys, 23 Golden Mike Awards, and was named Journalist of the Year by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He’s taught journalism classes at USC and currently is the owner of RealNews Collective, an Internet, broadcast, and newspaper consulting firm in L.A.

WE REMEMBER WITH GREAT ADMIRATION

BOB FINKEL — Emmy Award-winning TV director and producer. In his long career, Bob produced TV series with Andy Williams, Jerry Lewis, Phyllis Diller, and others. He won a Peabody Award for a show with Julie Andrews and directed sitcoms including “Barney Miller” and “The Bob Newhart Show.”

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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