

# WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



DECEMBER 2010

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS, ONE AND ALL!



Rona Barrett

**A**T THE NOVEMBER 19TH CELEBRITY LUNCHEON, PPB President **SAM LOVULLO** presented the coveted **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award to a true television pioneer — noted celebrity journalist and businesswoman **RONA BARRETT**.

Rona developed the first in-depth personal television interview specials about the celebrities of motion pictures, TV, music, sports and politics and paved the way for today's entertainment reporters. Her 40+ year career began in 1966 on KABC-TV and moved on to "Good Morning America," "The Today Show" and "Entertainment Tonight." She frequently sat in for Larry King on CNN.

During the '60s and '70s, she edited a series of magazines about the entertainment industry including *Rona Barrett's Hollywood* and is the author of three books.

Joining Rona on the dais were PPB President **SAM LOVULLO**, Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DEVIVIER BROWN**, resident humorist **HAL KANTER**, along with **NANCY DUSSAULT**, producer/director **LARRY EINHORN**, **RUTA LEE**, casting director **MARVIN PAIGE**, producer/writer **BILL ROYCE**, and **ROBB WELLER**.

Photos of this Celebrity Luncheon are posted on the PPB website's "Luncheon" page. To view them, go to [www.PPBwebsite.org](http://www.PPBwebsite.org) and click on the orange "Details" link next to Rona's photo. When the new page opens, click on "Additional Photos" ... and enjoy!

**BOARD MEMBER CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** PRESENTED the Diamond Circle Award by saying that the Honoree is a writer, producer, director and actress and is celebrating her 83rd remarkable year in entertainment. She's performed in over 8,000 radio programs, 200 TV shows, and appeared in 100 stage plays and 21 feature films.

She made her stage debut at the age of 2½, singing and dancing at intermission in silent movie theatres. She began working in radio at age 11; by 18, she was writing, producing and directing early television shows; at 21, she won the award that was later known as the Emmy for her drama anthology series "Treasures of Literature." At 22, she wrote and directed the first "Colgate Comedy Hour." Among her many thousands of radio credits, our Honoree appeared in over 100 "Dragnet" programs, playing Ma Friday and other characters.

Because of her interest in education, she created a series about school teachers called "Oh Miss Tubbs." CBS optioned it and renamed it "Our Miss Brooks."

She has been the artistic director of seven theatres and in 1984, began a quest to revive radio drama by founding the California Artists Radio Theatre which produces both contemporary and classic works and can be heard on SIRIUS XM Satellite Radio.

She's won 35 National and International awards for artistic excellence including Gold Medals from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the New York International Radio Festival. On November 7th, she was inducted into the Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

It is with great pride that Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presents its Diamond Circle Award to **PEGGY WEBBER**.



Chris Thomas & Peggy Webber

**OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, RALPH EDWARDS** Productions has donated thousands of reels of original film and video tape of all existing "This Is Your Life" programs along with "Truth or Consequences," "It Could Be You" and many other titles to the UCLA Film and Television Archives. These programs are now available for screening on campus by calling 310-206-5388 to schedule an appointment.

**IN EARLY NOVEMBER, Diamond Circle Award recipient ART LABOE** joined the largest gathering ever of Walk of Fame honorees as the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Walk of Fame. Art reminisced with stars of radio, TV, film, recording and live stage along with Los Angeles City officials. Said Art, "It's so exciting, this is a big deal, the 50th anniversary. I'm one of those people that someday hoped to be successful and now I've got a star on the Walk of Fame, right here at Hollywood and Highland on the southwest corner. When I got it in 1981, this was not a special corner. It's a thrill to be here today."

**MANNY PACHECO SIGNED A DEAL** with Vision4Media to develop his book *Forgotten Hollywood, Forgotten History* into a documentary. The show will feature interviews that provide first-hand accounts of Hollywood through the eyes of the people who were there. Manny says, "It's a great way to reintroduce the Golden Age of Hollywood and its relationship to American history."

**CHARACTER ACTRESS CONNIE SAWYER** APPEARED as a member of the jury on a recent episode of the ABC show "The Whole Truth" starring Rob Morrow and Maura Tierney. And, you can see Connie in the new movie *Due Date* with Robert Downey, Jr.

**DIAMOND CIRCLE HONOREE VAN ALEXANDER'S** recently-published autobiography, *From Harlem to Hollywood, My Life in Music*, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC). The book is available at Amazon.com.

**FRANCES ROBERTS, KNOWN FOR** writing, producing and directing films, has just finished acting in only her second movie since 1952. It's called *DeWitt and Maria* and will be in general release next year. Frances says, "It's a delightful, romantic comedy in which I am typecast as a little old lady. Strange!" And, she's joined a comedy troupe out of the Manhattan Beach Joslyn Center. They put on stand-up comedy reviews at retirement homes and conferences. If you'd like a delightful (and free) hour+ show of comedy sketches, please contact Frances at 310-831-3974.

**HAL KANTER AND BUD YORKIN** along with Bill Dana and the girl singer from "The George Gobel Show," Pretty Perky Peggy King, have been interviewed for a documentary being produced by Henry Park called "Forgotten Laughter." Henry says, "It's a celebration of three of early television's greatest comedians, George Gobel, Martha Raye and Ben Blue. Our goal is to introduce these unjustly forgotten comedy stars to a new audience." He'd love to hear from any PPB members who worked with George, Martha or Ben — you can contact Henry at 818-780-2304 or at [SwanSongMail@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SwanSongMail@sbcglobal.net).

**PPB AUDIO HISTORIAN AND WEBSITE MANAGER GERRY FRY** and his wife, Marty, just finished two weeks aboard Holland America's *MS Zaandam* cruising the Hawaiian Islands travelling with 96 other Ventura County residents. The highlight of the trip was a moving visit to the USS *Arizona* Memorial in Pearl Harbor.

**IN ORDER TO BE NEAR** his son, daughter and grandchildren, Charter Member **MARTY HALPERIN** has moved north and he'd love to hear from any of his PPB friends. You can contact him at Pacific Senior Living, 24305 Lyons Ave., Apt. 136, Newhall, CA 91321. Telephone 661-259-2844. E-mail [MHALP@att.net](mailto:MHALP@att.net).

**AND, LONGTIME PPB MEMBER NICHOLAS ROYCE** moved to a care facility called Windsor Gardens of the Valley. It's located at 13000 Victory Blvd., Room 11C, North Hollywood, CA 91606. His phone number is 818-985-5990.

**PRESIDENT SAM LOVULLO HAS APPOINTED** Board Member **BIANCA PINO** as Editor of the PPB Newsletter following the passing of **SUE CHADWICK**. A founding member of PPB and recipient of the Diamond Circle Award, Sue was active with the Newsletter, as Program Editor and as a Board Member until her death in November at 96.

Sue Clark Chadwick got her start in the late 1930s on MGM's *Boom Town*, starring Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy, after sending a letter to the studio urging them to hire her as a technical advisor.



Sue Chadwick

During WWII, she worked for the Armed Forces Radio Service where one of her co-workers was our own **HAL KANTER**. During this time, she met her husband, Jim, and after the war, they founded The Chadwick Co. and represented Janet Leigh, Cameron Mitchell, Arlene Dahl, Howard Duff and William Conrad. They also represented a Mutual Network radio show called "Smile Time" with Steve Allen, Wendell Noble and PPBer **JUNE FORAY**.

Sue was Director of Standards and Practices and Station Relations for Metromedia Producers for 13 years where she repped on "The Merv Griffin Show" and many others.

For over 60 years, she represented **RALPH EDWARDS** and his shows including "This Is Your Life" and "Truth or Consequences." Sue was instrumental in pulling off one of the most successful promotional events ever when the city of Hot Springs, New Mexico officially changed its name to Truth or Consequences, NM.

**FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION OF INTEREST** to members, including past issues of the Newsletter, check the PPB Website at [www.PPBWebsite.org](http://www.PPBWebsite.org). You'll also find a complete membership list and pictures from the last luncheon.

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Member and Friendship Chairman  
**KAY HENLEY**  
Announces

New Member

**GARRY MARGOLIS**

Dais Honorary Members

**RONA BARRETT**  
**NANCY DUSSAULT**  
**LARRY EINHORN**  
**RUTA LEE**  
**MARVIN PAIGE**  
**BILL ROYCE**  
**ROBB WELLER**

We will remember with great admiration

**SUE CHADWICK**  
**BILL ERWIN**  
**LINA ROMAY**

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If any news items were missed because of **SUE CHADWICK's** passing, please re-send them to **BIANCA** for the next Newsletter.

**PLEASE NOTE**  
THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT NEWSLETTER IS  
**February 7, 2011**