

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

**O**UR SEPTEMBER 16TH CELEBRITY LUNCHEON was a stellar Salute to Radio, with some of this nation's best-known personalities appearing on the dais in celebration of radio's great impact on life in Southern California. At the head table were Honorees **BOB EUBANKS, BILL HANDEL, WINK MARTINDALE, KERI TOMBAZIAN, CHARLIE TUNA, MARK WALLENGREN** and "SWEET DICK" WHITTINGTON. Representing PPB were President **SAM LOVULLO**, Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** and program host and former President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**.

The afternoon was filled with anecdotes from radio luminaries, past and present. Keri Tombazian from KTWV The WAVE, remembered how difficult it was to go on the air the night of September 11, 2001; Mark Wallengren (KOST) was proud of the fact that he and Kim were the first man/woman team on radio; Bob Eubanks and Wink Martindale talked about getting into game shows following successful careers in radio; Bill Handel discussed the two programs he hosts at KFI and the ups and downs of giving legal advice on the radio; Charlie Tuna (KRTH) reminisced about his career — he's worked as morning drive personality for more stations and formats than anyone in LA radio history; and "Sweet Dick" Whittington proved to be as irascible and charming as ever. Chuck Southcott would like to thank Dick for making the four-hour drive from his home in Central California and adding "seasoning" to the event.

PPB thanks Board Members **GARY LYCAN** of the *Orange County Register* and **RICHARD WAGONER** of the *Los Angeles Daily News* for their print support of this event.



On the Dais: Back Row (L-R): WINK MARTINDALE, MARK WALLENGREN, CHUCK SOUTHCOTT; Front Row (L-R): KERI TOMBAZIAN, "SWEET DICK" WHITTINGTON, Entertainment Chair JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, CHARLIE TUNA. Not pictured: BILL HANDEL, BOB EUBANKS. (Photo: David Keeler)

**AT EACH LUNCHEON, WE HONOR MEMBERS** who have made an important contribution to the development of broadcasting. In September, Second Vice President **LARRY VANDERVEEN** presented the Diamond Circle Award by saying (in part): "The term 'living legend' is often tossed around rather loosely. But not this afternoon, because we have one with us.

"His career began as MC for Canadian Army shows. In 1955, he went national with a five-year run on NBC radio's 'Monitor' program in New York. In 1960, CBS named him to host 'Video Village,' bringing him to Hollywood where he started selling his own show ideas. His first was aptly titled, 'Your First Impression,' on NBC, and his second was 'Let's Make a Deal' which remained on the air for a limited 22-year run — a remarkable total of 4,700 episodes. 'Deal' can currently be seen weekdays on CBS with host Wayne Brady.



Diamond Circle Honoree **MONTY HALL** and **LARRY VANDERVEEN** (Photo: Pat Gleason)

"Along the way, our Honoree headlined at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, starred in his own ABC variety specials, produced hundreds of other game shows and had his star placed in the Walk of Fame. As Chairman of the Board of Variety Clubs International and with his commitment to far too many additional charities to name here, our Honoree has raised over **one billion dollars** to help those in need.

"You have just heard, ladies and gentlemen, how you become a living legend. It is my honor and my pleasure to present to you, Diamond Circle member, Mr. **MONTY HALL**."



Students and their advisor from Columbia College, Hollywood, were guests at the RALPH EDWARDS Invitational Table. Seen here with past PPB Honoree A.C. LYLES (right). (Photo: Larry Nemecek)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next PPB Celebrity Luncheons will take place on:

- ◆ **Friday, November 18, 2011 — Florence Henderson**  
(order your tickets now)
  - ◆ **Friday, February 17, 2012**
  - ◆ **Friday, May 18, 2012**
- ★★★ **CORRECTION** ★★★ If you've received your PPB membership card, an error was made on the back — the last date listed should be **May 18, 2012**.

**LONGTIME PPB MEMBER JUNE FORAY** has been given the Comic-Con Icon Award, a huge honor. She's in good company with previous winners George Lucas, Stan Lee and Ray Bradbury. In the last six months, June's also been given the Southern California Motion Picture Council's Lifetime Achievement Award, cited as a Shorts (London) Visionary Leader and honored by the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television for her Outstanding Contribution to Animation.



If accepting awards doesn't keep her busy enough, June's recording new episodes of *Looney Tunes* for the Cartoon Network and will be heard as Mrs. Cauldron, the witch, on the *Garfield* series.

JUNE FORAY is the voice of popular animated characters including Rocky the Flying Squirrel and Cindy Lou Who.

**PPB PRESIDENT SAM LOVULLO** spent the first two weeks of October in Nashville where he attended meetings of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee for the Country Music Hall of Fame®.

**WALDON HUGHES WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO KNOW** that on November 5th, four radio plays will be performed including *I Love Lucy: The Untold Story*; *Sorry, Wrong Number*; *The Six Shooter* and *My Client Curley*, written by **NORMAN CORWIN**. Performances will feature PPB members **TOMMY COOK, IVAN CURY, GLADYS HOLLAND, CHUCK McCANN, JAN MERLIN, GARY OWENS, DICK VAN PATTEN, DORIS SINGLETON** and **JANET WALDO**. **LARRY GASSMAN** will serve as an emcee. The SPERDVAC Honorary Members Appreciation Luncheon will take place at noon on November 5th at Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn, No. Hollywood. The \$50.00 cost includes lunch. For information, call **530-990-4214**.

**LOU CARTER KEAY (LOU\*LOU) JUST ATTENDED** her daughter's wedding in Austin, TX. After the festivities, she attended a Board Meeting in Cleveland of Intertel, the international society for the intellectually gifted, for which she publishes a newsletter and serves as Regional Director for California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

**THIS SUMMER PPB AUDIO HISTORIAN GERRY FRY AND HIS WIFE Marty** enjoyed a two-week cruise down the Danube River. After a few days in Prague, they embarked on their "floating hotel" and visited Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary before flying home from Budapest.

**IN SEPTEMBER, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS WAS IN SCOTLAND** to attend a family wedding. The question is: Did he or didn't he wear a kilt to the ceremony?

**BILL A. JONES CONTINUES TO MAKE APPEARANCES** on FOX TV's "Glee." On September 20th, he made his 11th appearance on the Season 3 premiere as newscaster and local celebrity Rod Remington.

**ROSITA MALLAH (MRS. CARLOS MALLAH) JUST RETURNED** from San Francisco where she welcomed her first great-grandchild, Alexis Anne. She says "what a beautiful present at my age! (86)."



"This Is Your Life" honors Holocaust survivor Hanna Bloch Kohner. (Photo: Ralph Edwards Archives)

**IN SEPTEMBER, JOHN COUCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF RALPH EDWARDS** Productions, attended a UCLA Festival of Preservation event held at the University of California Berkely. The evening featured screenings of episodes from Edwards' program "This Is Your Life" which honored three courageous women, all survivors of the Holocaust. John was accompanied by Dan Einstein, archivist at the UCLA Film & Television Archive, and Julie Kohner, daughter of Hanna Bloch Kohner, who, in 1953, was the first Holocaust survivor to share her story on national television.

**PPBERS MANNY PACHECO AND GARY LYCAN CAN BE** heard on Saturday afternoons on "Forgotten Hollywood" on KSPA/1510 AM and [www.thesparadio.com](http://www.thesparadio.com). Their interview with **ART LABOE** will air on December 31st at 3:00 P.M. Manny recently attended a successful book festival in Washington State to promote his book *Forgotten Hollywood Forgotten History*.

**BOARD MEMBER GARY LYCAN SAYS** he is hoping to pick up the mantle left by Don Barrett when LARadio.com ended its 15-year run in September. He's asking PPB members to send tips, stories, hires, etc. for his *Orange County Register* radio column to [garylcan@sbglobal.net](mailto:garylcan@sbglobal.net). Gary also teaches communication classes at the Academy of Radio & Television Broadcasting in Huntington Beach.

**JEFF WILLIAMS FREQUENTLY GETS TO BE** a game show host on the radio program he co-hosts, "The Let's Dine Out Show." Jeff says, "We do our own versions of favorites — instead of 'Let's Make A Deal,' we play 'Let's Win A Meal,' instead of 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?,' we play 'Who Wants To Win A Prize?.'" You can hear Jeff on 590 KTIE or [www.letsdineoutshow.com](http://www.letsdineoutshow.com) Saturdays, 3:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,** "ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT"! In September, syndicated daily program "Entertainment Tonight" celebrated its 30th year on TV. When it debuted in 1981, there were no other entertainment news shows on the air. Also, FedEx didn't exist and it took six minutes to send a one-page fax from coast to coast!



Ron Hendren and Mary Hart were early co-anchors on "Entertainment Tonight." Mary retired in May, 2011 after 29 years.

"ET" was the first syndicated program distributed by satellite and invented the genre that led to many others like "Access Hollywood" and "TMZ." "Entertainment Tonight" remains one of the top 10 highest-rated syndicated programs.

**PAST PPB PRESIDENT FRANK BRESEE TOOK A FALL** recently and as of the publication of this newsletter, he's resting comfortably at Cedars. Franks wife, Bobbie, reports that "he's on the mend. This is only a little notch backwards, just a little bump in the road."

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Membership Chairman **KAY HENLEY** announces:

**NEW MEMBERS**

**IVAN CURY** — Staff producer/director at CBS in New York and has appeared as an actor in series, specials and commercials.

**MADELEINE S. DOBRONTE** — Administration at CBS-TV and Disney.

**VALERIE ELSON** — Film, television and theater actress. Married to longtime PPB Member **DON ELSON**.

**HARRY F. FLYNN** — Been in publicity for 58 years at Screen Gems, Columbia and Universal Studios.

**LARRY W. GASSMAN** — Radio announcer, producer, director and writer. Currently at Audio Cinema Entertainment producing and hosting internet radio shows.

**MORTON GOLDSTEIN** — Was in the Production Department at CBS-TV and a Unit Manager at ABC-TV.

**LARRY HUFFMAN** — Announcer. TV credits include "Fantasy Island," "CHiPS," "Knight Rider," "Miami Vice" and "Charlie's Angels." The voice of Supercross for 16 years.

**JEFFREY LEONARD** — Radio announcer, producer, director and writer who has worked with Don Steele, Rick Dees and PPBer **GARY OWENS**.

**MARY LYON** — Announcer, Producer, Writer.

**VINCENT C. MACK** — An actor with over 40 years experience in TV. Was a DJ for AFRTS in Okinawa in 1967. Currently Fox 11 helicopter camera operator.

**J.V. MARTIN** — Announcer, actor, producer, director. Currently narrator of shows on National Geographic, Ovation and History channels.

**JAN MERLIN** — Actor who appeared on TV in "Tom Corbett, Space Cadet" and "The Rough Rider." Staff writer for the soap "Another World," for which he received an Emmy®.

**DAVE RANDALL** — Announcer/sportscaster with a 30-year career in radio. For the last 17 years, Dave's been a DJ at KRTH.

**EDWARD P. RAY** — Ted's been a stage manager of ABC news and sports programs, series and specials including "The Academy Awards," "Grammy Awards," "LA Olympics."

**LAWRENCE A. SICHTER** — Larry has worked in television for 39 years beginning at KHET-TV in Honolulu. In Germany, he was Chief of TV Command information. Currently, the Supervisory TV and Radio Program Planning Officer for the Armed Forces Network.

**PAUL H. SAKRISON** — Began his 39-year career in radio at KNAC-FM. Currently Director of Operations & Engineering of KLA Angels Baseball Radio Network.

**SCOTT ST. JAMES** — Scott's worked at numerous radio stations in LA including Arrow 93FM for nine years. In the '80s, Scott was the on-camera Sports Director at KCAL. He's appeared in motion pictures, TV series and commercials.

**STUFFY SINGER** — Performed in more than 2,000 radio and TV shows and movies, alongside stars like Gracie Allen, Mel Blanc, Eddie Cantor and Frank Sinatra.

**ROCHELLE STAAB** — Music industry Promotion Director; national music Director; Vice President of Programming.

**BARBARA WATKINS** — 32-year career in radio as an actor, producer, director, writer, engineer and host. Currently producing and co-hosting "Don't Touch That Dial" at KPFK.

**FRED WESTBROOK** — Fred's been in production for Jay Wolpert, Merrill Heatter, Bob Stuart and Charlie Colarusso. In 1990, became a celebrity agent, representing top game show clients.

A big THANK YOU to the efforts of the sponsors of these new members for making our Membership Drive a huge success — **DON ELSON - WALDEN HUGHES - SAM LOVULLO - BOB MATHESON - K.M. RICHARDS - SANDY RYAN - RAY SAVOY - DAVID SCHWARTZ - CHUCK SOUTHCOTT - MICHAEL STARK.**

**PPB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE—Deadline extended!**

We welcome your friends and co-workers with at least 20 years non-consecutive experience in radio, television or an allied field to join PPB. If our Membership Committee receives the application by November 30th, we'll waive the Initiation Fee — that's a savings of \$50.00!

To get an application — call 323-461-2121 and leave the name, address and phone number of the applicant and we'll mail one. Or, pick one up at the Luncheon on November 18th.

**We remember with great admiration:**

**EDDY KING** — Announcer for Armed Forces Radio Service during WWII, "The \$64,000 Question," "The Bob Hope Show," "Dagnet" and many others.

**UAN RASEY** — Played trumpet on hundreds of films including *Singin' in the Rain*, *My Fair Lady* and *West Side Story*. On TV, he performed on "Your Hit Parade," "The Jack Benny Program" and "Kraft Music Hall." A celebration of Uan's life will take place on November 7 at the Odyssey Restaurant, Granada Hills. Ticket orders must be received by October 28th. For info — <http://www.rmala.org/pubs/uancelebration.pdf>.

**AL VESCOVO** — Professional guitarist for over 65 years.

**GENE WEBSTER** — President of the Los Angeles Press Club. On-screen Editorial Director of KABC-TV.

**LEILA LOUISE WENDELKEN** — TV Host, Executive.

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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](http://www.PPBwebsite.org) or by leaving a message at **323-461-2121**.

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