## WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



## SEPTEMBER 2011

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

**O**N MAY 20TH, music and laughter filled the banquet hall at the Sportsmen's Lodge as over 300 PPBers and their guests gathered to honor iconic singer JACK JONES and hear stories about him from friends and colleagues. President SAM LOVULLO presented the coveted ART GILMORE Career Achievement Award to a performer with a disarming smile, an effortlessly engaging wit and a vocal style that stands alone. A true "Singer's Singer," Jack performs around the globe to sold-out audiences in venues ranging from jazz clubs to the London Palladium. His musical perfection, vocal passion, phenomenal breath control and impeccable phrasing illustrate why he stands with luminaries like Mel Torme, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and Vic Damone.

Jack's talent has earned him two Grammys for "Best Pop Male Vocal Performance" for his singles "Lollipops and Roses" and Bacharach/David's "Wives and Lovers." *Jack Jones Paints A Tribute To Tony Bennett* was nominated for "Best Traditional Pop Vocal Performance"; he was also nominated for "The Impossible Dream" and "Wives and Lovers." Other hits include "The Race Is On," "Lady," "Call Me Irresponsible" and "What I Did For Love." In 1989, he was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

In addition to a successful recording career, Jack's credits include film and television acting roles, an internationally syndicated TV variety show and performances at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and the White House. And, he's recorded theme songs for film and TV, notably *Love With A Proper Stranger* and "The Love Boat."



Pictured:First Row: Eleonora Jones, PPB President SAM LOVULLO, Honoree JACK JONES, Nicole Jones, Entertainment Chair JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, GARY OWENS. Second Row: Publishing Co. owner JIM LONG, NORM CROSBY, Past President CHUCK SOUTHCOTT, KMPC D.J. JOHNNY MAGNUS, PETER MARSHALL, JIM MacGEORGE, FRANKIE RANDALL (Missing from photo: ALAN BERGMAN) (Photo: Pat Gleason)

At the Luncheon, we missed the wit of our recuperating Resident Humorist, HAL KANTER, and thank JIM MacGEORGE for filling in.

Board Member and Webmaster **GERRY FRY** has posted more photos from the Luncheon on our website. To view them, go to **www.PPBwebsite.org**, click on the orange "Details" link next to Jack Jones' picture, then on "Additional Photos."

**AT EACH PPB LUNCHEON**, we honor a member who has made an important contribution to the development of broadcasting. In May, **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** presented the Diamond Circle Award by profiling a man who, for 31 years, was Chairman/CEO and owner of KVEN-AM and KHAY-FM in Ventura where he received a remarkable 50 Golden Mike Awards.



Honoree ROBERT (Photo: Pat Gleason) Our recipient was Chairman of the Radio Board of both the National and Southern California Association of Broadcasters which honored him in 1993 as Broadcaster of the Year and in 1994 with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

He was Founder and Co-Chair of the Museum of Television and Radio's Advisory Board. As President of the National Leukemia Broadcast Council, he helped raise 30 million dollars to fight Leukemia.

It was with great pleasure that Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presented the Diamond Circle Award to **ROBERT L. FOX**.

ALSO ON MAY 20TH, BOARD MEMBER CHARLES CAPPLEMAN introduced students and their professor,

Kathleen Cooke, from Biola University in La Mirada who were guests at the **RALPH EDWARDS**' Invitational Table.



Students from Biola University chat with past PPB Honoree A.C. LYLES at the RALPH EDWARDS' Invitational Table. JOANNE WORLEY, one of our 2005 Honorees, smiles for the camera.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS **The next PPB Celebrity Luncheons will take place on Friday, September 16th** (order your tickets now)

• Friday, November 18, 2011

WE WISH TO THANK OUTGOING PPB BOARD MEMBERS STEVE BINDER, JOHN COUCH, A.C. LYLES, MARCIA MINOR, CHUCK PANAMA, TOM PATTERSON and CHRISTOPHER THOMAS for their three years of service and welcome ROB-ERT L. FOX, PAT GLEASON, KAY HENLEY, MARY MIL KNUDSON, GARY LYCAN, BOB MATHESON and SHEL STUART.

PBB MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS SUMMER —

**LARRY VANDERVEEN**, President of the Broadcast Cause Council, and **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**, Secretary-Treasurer, want to thank KABC for their magnificent assistance with the mini radiothon on Larry Elder's August 4th program on behalf of Operation Homefront Southern California. The organization provides emergency financial and other support to the families of deployed enlisted military personnel and also supports and honors wounded warriors of any rank for their sacrifice. If you'd like to participate, go to **www.BroadcastCauseCouncil.org**.

IN MAY, THE CALIFORNIA ARTISTS RADIO THEATRE (CART) presented PPB Member NORMAN CORWIN's "Together Tonight," which starred Monte Markham, John R. Lee and Phil Proctor and featured Richard Herd and Samantha Eggar. Leonard Maltin spoke, Past President JOHN HARLAN announced and PEGGY WEBBER directed. Peggy says "the production was a tribute to Mr. Corwin for his 101st birthday. He was in attendance and in high spirits, greeting fans and signing autographs." PPB Board Member BOB MATHE-SON and CART star JANET WALDO were also in attendance. For information on upcoming events, visit www.CARTaudio.org.

**MICHAEL KACEY DIRECTED TOMMY COOK** in radio recreations of "Lights Out" and "X Minus One" at the annual Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound (REPS) Showcase in Seattle in June. New PPB Member **WALDEN HUGHES** helped produce the three-day event and had a chance to perform, playing the lead role in *Three Skeleton Key* from the series "Escape." To find out more about the group, go to **http://repsonline.homestead.com**.

**TOMMY COOK IS WORKING ON TWO PROJECTS.** His new screenplay, *White Knuckles*, is a follow-up to his 1977 hit film *Rollercoaster*. The movie starred George Segal, Richard Widmark and Timothy Bottoms and created a frenzy at amusement parks all over the country. Tommy's excited about the possibility of shooting the new film in 3D. He's also working on a new reality show with **STEVE BINDER** called "America's Million-Dollar Dance Marathon." And — of his high school pal, Past PPB President **FRANK BRESEE**, Tommy says that with daily physical therapy and the valiant and dedicated support of his wife, Bobbi, Frank is making excellent progress and hopes to be able to attend September's Celebrity Luncheon.

**THANK YOU VERY LARGE IS A DOCUMENTARY** feature about '50s TV comedy greats Martha Raye, George Gobel and Imogene Coca, now in the early stages of production. In addition to clips

and interviews, the film will explore the artists' careers through the eyes of contemporary comedians. Among the people who have been interviewed are PPBers **HAL KANTER**, who wrote the first very successful year of "The George Gobel Show," and attorney **ED BLAU**, who represented Gobel.

**OUR PRESIDENT, SAM LOVULLO**, longtime producer of TV's "Hee Haw," was on hand in May for the opening of a new exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center called *Pickin' and Grinnin' — Roy Clark, "Hee Haw" and Country Humor.* The 3,000 sq. ft. display includes a re-creation of Korn Kounty and is part of the ongoing development of the Oklahoma Museum of Music and Popular Culture.

**ON OCTOBER 1ST AT THE AUTRY IN GRIFFITH PARK,** Country Music Hall of Fame inductee ROY CLARK is being honored with The Autry's Spirit of the West<sup>TM</sup> Award, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the art, culture and legacy of our American West. The evening will include a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner and an after-party. For more information, call **323-667-2000, ext. 317**.

**PPBER ED WILLIAMS PLAYS A HAPPY FARMER** on an Internet promo for pop singer and songwriter Lady Gaga. It's called *Farmville Has Gone Gaga* and can be seen at **www.zynga.com/ladygaga/gaga.ph#**.

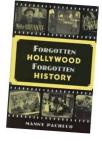
**IF YOU ATTENDED OUR TRIBUTE IN MAY** to **JACK JONES**, you'll know that **PETER MARSHALL** was a "boy singer" long before hosting "Hollywood Squares." He's currently doing a two-hour show on the Internet seven days a week from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at **www.MusicOfYourLife.com**.

ACTOR, AUTHOR AND SPEAKER BOB DIX, son of RKO leading man Richard Dix, will be accompanied by his wife, Mary Ellen, when they attend the Cinecon 47 banquet on September 4th at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel. Bob says "Cinecon is one of the oldest movie-related festivals, and promises to be as exciting as ever." The next event on Bob's schedule of film festivals is The Hollywood Celebrities and Memorabilia Show in Chicago in late September.

**ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, DIAMOND CIRCLE RECIPIENT ART LA-BOE** will be hosting his annual concert featuring recording artists and their hit songs. Tickets to the event are available at **www.LiveNation.com** or by calling **800-745-3000**. In May, Art hosted a sold-out concert at the Orpheum Theatre, made a guest appearance on KTLA channel 5's "Morning News" and welcomed Rick Dees to his Studio at KHHT, Hot 92.3, to congratulate Dees on his new show. Rick said of his meeting with Laboe, "I hope we can spend more time in the studio and create some more fun. What a joy it was to be on the same microphone with him."

MANNY PACHECO AND GARY LYCAN are

co-hosting a radio program based on Manny's well-reviewed book *Forgotten Hollywood*. They're pleased that they will be recording a show in September that will salute **ART LA-BOE**. You can listen to Manny and Gary Saturdays at 3:00 PM on KSPA-AM 1510 and on the Web at **www.thesparadio.com**.



**RADIO CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVOCATE MARILYN MITCH-ELL** was awarded a Silver Ace Award in the screenplay division at July's Las Vegas International Film Festival. Her script, which was selected from over 4,800 entries, is entitled *Sea Wench* and is an update of TV's "Sea Hunt" starring Lloyd Bridges. Marilyn says, "My first film festival ... what a summer vacation!"

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TV!** — 70 years ago, on July 1, 1941, commercial television was born! On that day, FCC licenses took effect that allowed stations to broadcast programming and try to sell you something, just like radio.

LOWELL THOMAS'S TV SHOW aired live in New York on Channel 1, WNBT on the first full day of commercial broadcasting followed by **RALPH EDWARDS'** program, "Truth or Consequences."



"TorC" had been on radio since March 1940 and would continue to air on radio or TV for nearly 40 years.

**THE JULY ISSUE OF** *CLASSIC IMAGES MAGAZINE* features articles on Sophia Loren, Richard Arlen and PPB Board Member **LUCKY BROWN**. Not bad company to be in, Lucky! The article on Lucky highlights his long career and contributions to the film industry, particularly in westerns.

**LONGTIME MEMBER GENE WEBSTER** is in the hospital and would love to hear from his PPB friends. Notes or cards should be sent to Belmont Village, 455 E. Angeleno Ave., #313, Burbank, CA 91501.

**JIMMY & SAM IS A PLAY** written by Michael Rhodes, PPBer **PAT HARRINGTON**, **JR**. and Howard Storm. It's described as a "charming, hilarious and heartfelt new comedy about the warm relationship between two elderly men, one Irish, one Jewish who have been friends for 40 years." The play begins its World Premiere on September 22 at Theatre 40 in Beverly Hills. For reservations, call **310-364-0535**.

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Membership Chairman KAY HENLEY announces:

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**DENNIS BEAVER** — As a college student, Dennis worked for **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** at KGIL. He went on to get his law degree, worked for the Kern County D.A., covered stories for the L.A. *Daily Journal* and reported for KNXR radio, KERO-TV, KBAK-TV and the Voice of America.

WALDEN S. HUGHES — Producer/Writer has worked with Budd Granoff and Kitty Kallen. He's hosted shows for Yesterday USA network and works with Past PPB President **FRANK BRESEE** on "The Friday Night Show."

**K.M. RICHARDS** — A 38-year radio veteran with announcer credits in Ojai, Santa Barbara and in L.A. at KGIL and KMGS. She's currently a programming consultant.

**DAIS HONORARY MEMBERS** 

ALAN BERGMAN JACK JONES JIM LONG JOHNNY MAGNUS FRANKIE RANDALL

## We remember with great admiration:

**BOB BANNER** — Emmy-winning TV producer/director. PPB's Luncheon Honoree in March 2010.

MONICA WHALEN COTE — Actress

**BUD GOODE** — Known as the "godfather of NFL statistical analysis."

**JOHN F. GREGORY** — General Manager of KPCC-FM at Pasadena City College

GLENN RANSOM — Actor

DONALD WOLF — Producer

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please advise our Membership/Friendship Chairman, **KAY HENLEY**. She can be contacted through our website at **www.PPBwebsite.org** or by leaving a message at **323-461-2121**.

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We're always looking items of interest about our members for this Newsletter. Please send your news and that of your PPB friends to:

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For the latest information, including past issues of this Newsletter, check our website at **www.PPBWebsite.org**. You'll also find a membership roster and photos from the last luncheon.

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