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PPB Honors the King and Queen of Rose Parade Telecasts, Bob Eubanks & Stephanie Edwards

PPB Luncheon Re-cap Written by Celebrity Journalist Margie Barron
(Edited for space)

It was perfect timing for the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters to honor **BOB EUBANKS** and **STEPHANIE EDWARDS** last November as they were getting ready for their last Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, a gig they've had as a team at KTLA since 1982, with a only a few variations over the years.



On the dais (seated L-R) **DAVE HULL**, honorees **BOB EUBANKS** and **STEPHANIE EDWARDS**, **SAM RUBIN**, PPB Chairman of the Board **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** (2nd row) **TOM LaBONGE**, PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**, **JOE QUASARANO**, **ARNOLD SHAPIRO**. Not pictured: **STEVE PERRY**.
(Don Graham Photo)

But the wonderful tribute at the last PPB celebrity luncheon of the year was bittersweet because Bob Eubanks and Stephanie Edwards kept reminding everyone that January would be their last Rose Parade broadcast.

Eubanks (famed *Newlywed Game* host) assured that this was their decision: "Nobody asked us to leave. It's just time and we want to leave while we're on top." After over 30 years together Edwards agreed, and was both sentimental and sassy about her stories covering the Rose Parade with Bob. A very funny lady who was the original host of the national morning show *AM America* (forerunner to *Good Morning America*), Stephanie let it rip about "when we said 'now is the time to go,' Channel 5 began preparing a whirlwind of special events to say 'thanks.' Probably so we couldn't back out of our decision."



The **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award is presented to **STEPHANIE EDWARDS** by PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**.

Edwards told stories about working with **JOE QUASARANO**, KTLA's executive producer of the Tournament of Roses Parade, and **STEVE PERRY**, chairman of the TV and Radio committee for the Rose Parade, who were on the dais at the Sportsmen's Lodge Empire Ballroom event.

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PPB will honor
Actor and Producer
HENRY WINKLER



The Diamond Circle Award will be presented to
TV and Radio Broadcaster
BILL SMITH

Also on the dais were **SAM RUBIN**, **DAVE HULL**, **TOM LaBONGE**, **ARNOLD SHAPIRO**, PPB Chairman of the Board **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**, and PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**, who presented the organization's prestigious **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award. The luncheon was filled with warmth and humor as everyone told fascinating stories about Bob and Stephanie.

Dave Hull, the legendary radio personality known as "The Hullabalooer," told the classic story about Eubanks bringing the Beatles to LA. "Bob did it all and attended to every detail for the 1964 Hollywood Bowl concert. He even made sure the Beatles had bottles of Dr. Pepper in their dressing rooms. That led to John commenting 'We're Dr. Pepper's lonely hearts club band,' which was the inspiration for their Sgt. Pepper's title album," claimed Hull, who was also on stage with Eubanks for that memorable concert.

Also telling tales was KTLA entertainment reporter Sam Rubin who praised Bob and Stephanie as "the real deal, drawing the audiences in with their broadcasts." Oscar and Emmy winning producer and director of *Scared Straight*, Arnold Shapiro revealed he's known Eubanks and have been friends "since working together on the Bob Eubanks Dance Party Show in 1961. He's seen a lot of entertainment history." Former L.A. city council member Tom LaBonge called Bob and Stephanie "part of this city's history."



KTLA's presentation of the Tournament of Roses Parade each year has been carried worldwide by the American Forces Network to service men and women serving overseas. AFN's retired Director of Broadcasting, PPB member **BOB MATHESON**, presented souvenir AFN ball caps to Bob and Stephanie thanking them for their many years supporting our military. (Don King photo)

Diamond Circle Award to PPB's VP Bianca Pino

A member of broadcasting history was inducted into the Diamond Circle at the luncheon as PPB Vice President **BIANCA PINO** received her award from past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**.



BIANCA PINO accepts the Diamond Circle Award from past PPB President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**.

Bianca has had an extensive television career, with King World and most notably with Ralph Edwards Productions for many years, starting with *This is Your Life*. Among the great shows she helped produce were *Name That Tune*, *The Cross Wits* and *Solid Gold*, and lots of program development. Bianca and her husband, **BOB BOWKER** (owners of iNet//Web Solutions), designed the PPB website, and she writes the PPB newsletter.

Many former PPB presidents gave her praise. **CHUCK STREET** called Bianca "a truly extraordinary person." **SAM LOVULLO** called her the backbone of PPB. **TOM HATTEN** said, "She makes efficiency look easy." With a nod of total agreement from **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**, **JOHN HARLAN** said, "Bianca does it all, and with thoroughness and grace." Kudos, Bianca.

Margie Barron is a celebrity journalist. A member of the Television Critics Association, she has written for a wide variety of TV, entertainment and travel publications for more than 30 years. Among her credits: being featured in the movie Alligator, and being half of the husband and wife writing team: Margie & Frank Barron

IN THE NEWS

Attorney **ED BLAU** represents The Caucus for Producers, Writers and Directors, an alliance of television and new media content creators. At the Caucus' Awards Dinner in December, Ed was awarded a plaque for his dedication and contribution to the organization. In his introduction, producer **GARY GROSSMAN** said "It is with deep appreciation that on behalf of the Caucus we thank Ed Blau for his services to us and for his personal impact on art, commerce and the greater entertainment industry."

CHERIE MacQUEEN let us know that nationally-syndicated radio personality and music promoter, **SPIDER HARRISON™**, known to millions as the voice of Rock and Soul on Nashville's famed WLAC throughout the 70's and early 80's, was inducted into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame in May. WLAC, where Spider first made his mark, was also honored with the "Legendary Station" award.



On September 15th, **PEGGY WEBBER** celebrated her 90th birthday with members of CART and her family at Osteria Mozza in Hollywood. Peggy founded California Artists Radio Theatre and is the producer and director of the company's productions. Their schedule can be found at www.CARTradio.com.

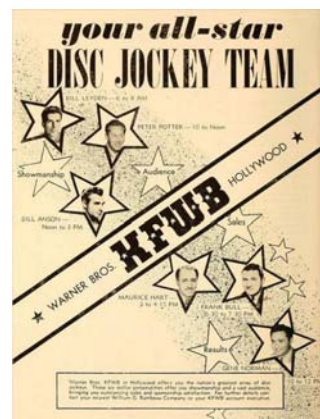
ED and **NANCY WILLIAMS** recently repeated last year's 60th Wedding Anniversary California Coastal Cruise; this time for their 61st Anniversary. On this occasion, their oldest son, **IAN** met them at the pier in San Francisco and took them on a nostalgic drive in the city where Ed had once been in broadcast advertising. The last PPB luncheon was a happy one for Ed because **BOB EUBANKS** was one of Ed's very first broadcasting students at the Don Martin School.



PPB Board Member **CARSON SCHREIBER** has been named by the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication to serve as the college's campus appointment to the CSUN Foundation Board. As a CSUN student, Carson was involved with the campus radio station as well as stations KRLA, KBLA/KBBQ and KLAC. In his well-rounded career, he worked in almost every capacity including promotion, as an engineer, music director and on-air personality.

ANDY CORLISS was featured in an August article in the Ventura County Star titled "Corliss Showed Gifford Ropes of Broadcasting." **FRANK GIFFORD** had just passed away and the article details how Andy met Frank in 1954 while working at KERO in Bakersfield. Frank was a football hero in town, but Andy had never heard of him. The management wanted to put Frank on the air and Andy was asked to train him - how to use a mic, take the sports off the Teletype and in general show him the ropes. Gifford had broadcasting talent and good looks and was soon on the air. At 94, Andy still works as an ambassador and sales rep for Cumulus Media.

PPB's Friendship Chair **KAY HENLEY** would like members to know about a newly published article by **JIM HILLIKER** about the early days of Warner Brothers station KFVB. The on-line article celebrates the station's 90th anniversary, the 8th oldest radio station in the L.A. market. Jim shares some of the early history of the station when it was owned by the Warner Brothers movie studio, and explores the early relationship between radio and the film industry. You can access the article on the web at jeff560.tripod.com/kfwb.html.



1950 ad for KFVB DJs featuring (top to bottom) **BILL LEYDEN**, **PETER POTTER**, **BILL ANSON**, **MAURICE HART**, **FRANK BULL** and **GENE NORMAN**.

At the Monaco International Film Festival in Monte Carlo in December, PPBer **DAVID SHEEHAN** received the Angel Film Awards Lifetime Achievement in recognition of his pioneering idea to bring entertainment reporting and celebrity interviewing to nightly newscasts and his 44 year career crusade against violence on screen.

LARRY VANDERVEEN has turned his one man play into a lecture. *Knowing F. Scott Fitzgerald - The Lecture* is an even deeper look at the great author's life and includes Larry's experiences visiting many of the places where Scott had been, from his Princeton dormitory to the room in which he died. On February 25, Larry will appear in the play at the Ontario Library. Larry's new book about F. Scott is now available on www.amazon.com.

"**SHOTGUN TOM**" **KELLY** is a few months into his new roll with K-EARTH 101 radio. Not only is he an ambassador for the station, making personal appearances and cutting promos, he's also on the air every Saturday from 8:00am-10:00am and Sunday from 10:00am-noon. And, he's busy working on a TV pilot. He says "It's a good thing, man. All is good."

In December, **DIANE THOMPSON** interviewed our own **JIMMY WELDON** when he was proclaimed "KNX Hero of

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the Week." During WWII, he served in Patton's third Army batallion and was there for the liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp. Jimmy "just loves this country" and now spends all his time speaking in schools, to church groups and to veterans ... anybody who wants to hear about what he has to say about America. According to Diane, the best thing he does is a four minute presentation on the flag which he's given all over the country. His talks are about goal-setting and being of value to others. At 92, Jimmy is the last living voice of *The Yogi Bear Show*.

Past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**'s two-hour show *Sinatra Centennial* aired on the man's 100th birthday - December 12. Affiliate stations from Canada to Ohio, to Alabama and Maryland carried the show. Included in the program were rare interviews with **VIC DAMONE** and director **GEORGE SIDNEY** who told the story of how *The Lady is a Tramp* came to be used in the film version of *Pal Joey*. The show also included a telephone interview with **FRANK SINATRA** not heard since KGIL in L.A. aired it in 1972.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Us - PPB Turns 50

The official formation of Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters took place on January 28, 1966 at a luncheon emceed by **PAT BUTTRAM**.

At first, 178 signed up for membership but soon, there were 534 who were declared Charter Members.

For the last 50 years, five luncheons, with a few exceptions, have been held each year to honor people who have made a significant contribution to radio, television or an allied field. Some of the exceptions were dinners when the Carbon Mike Award was presented to **RALPH EDWARDS** in 1967, **EDGAR BERGEN** in 1968, and **JIM JORDAN** in 1969.

ART GILMORE was the founding president of PPB and the award we present to each honoree bears his name. Art was 98 when he passed away in September of 2010.

Art began his long career in Seattle as a staff announcer at KOL. After moving to L.A., he was hired as a staff announcer at KFVB and soon went to work at CBS-owned KNX. During WWII, he served as an officer in the Navy in the Pacific.

After the war, Art became a radio announcer on shows like *Amos 'n' Andy*, *Red Ryder* and *The Sears Radio Theater*. Moving into TV in the 50's, he announced *The George Gobel Show*, *The Red Skelton Show* for 16 seasons, and all 156 episodes of *Highway Patrol*, among many others.

Moviegoers heard him on over 2,700 trailers, including those for *It's a Wonderful Life*, *The Best Years of Our lives*, *Rear Window*, *Shane*, *Creature from the Black Lagoon*, and the original *Oceans 11*. Among the odds and ends of a career that included narrating children's records and serving as national spokesman for Chrysler, he was the voice of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1942 movie *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

JOHN HARLAN says of his friend, "if there ever was a 'gentle man' it was Chairman of the Board Art Gilmore."

WE REMEMBER

Former long-time PPBer **JAY GERBER** was a seasoned actor with countless film appearances. He served on boards and committees of SAG-AFTRA, the Credit Union and was an interim west coast representative for the Actors Fund of America.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please advise
PPB's Friendship Chair **KAY HENLEY**
by leaving a message at 323-461-2121

TV Guide's 50 Greatest TV Characters of All Time (but we only have room for 25!)

1. Louie De Palma - *Taxi*, Danny DeVito
2. Ed Norton - *The Honeymooners*, Art Carney
3. Lucy Ricardo - *I Love Lucy*, Lucille Ball
4. Arthur 'Fonzie' Fonzarelli - *Happy Days*, Henry Winkler



Henry "the Fonz" Winkler is
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5. Archie Bunker - *All in the Family*, Carroll O'Connor
6. Spock - *Star Trek*, Leonard Nimoy
7. Lt. Columbo - *Columbo*, Peter Falk
8. Emma Peel - *The Avengers*, Diana Rigg
9. Barney Fife - *The Andy Griffith Show*, Don Knotts
10. George Costanza - *Seinfeld*, Jason Alexander
11. J.R. Ewing - *Dallas*, Larry Hagman
12. Oscar Madison - *The Odd Couple*, Walter Matthau
13. Felix Unger - *The Odd Couple*, Jack Lemmon
14. Ralph Kramden - *The Honeymooners*, Jackie Gleason
15. Homer Simpson - *The Simpsons*, Dan Castellaneta
16. Lilly Harper - *I'll Fly Away*, Regina Taylor
17. Ernest G. Bilko - *The Phil Silvers Show*, Phil Silvers
18. Alex Keaton - *Family Ties*, Michael J. Fox
19. Lt. Theo Kojak - *Kojak*, Telly Savalas
20. Maxwell Smart - *Get Smart*, Don Adams
21. Eddie Haskell - *Leave It to Beaver*, Ken Osmond
22. Mary Richards - *Mary Tyler Moore*, Mary Tyler Moore
23. Maynard G. Krebs - *Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, Bob Denver
24. Sgt. Andy Sipowicz - *NYPD Blue*, Dennis Franz
25. Paladin - *Have Gun - Will Travel*, Richard Boone

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

HALLA LINKER AGUIRRE spent 25 years in TV as co-anchor and producer of travel logs, which included *Wonderful World of Women*, *Passport to Travel*, *Wonders of the World*, *Caesar's World* and *Hawaii Calls*. All of Halla's programs and out-takes now reside in the Smithsonian Institute. She was sponsored by **JOYCE LILLY**.

When he took over as program director in 1958, **CHUCK BLORE** transformed KFVB into a Los Angeles radio powerhouse by an innovative Top 40 format. His Color Channel 98 became the highest rated radio station ever. For the last 50 years, the Arizona and Texas alum has headed up his own creative services company. Chuck was brought into PPB by **DON GRAHAM**.

BOB BODEN has spent 37 years in TV. He was VP of development and production at FX Networks, senior VP at Dick Clark Productions, Game Show Network, Fox Reality Channel and Hasbro Studios. Bob headed up development as a consultant for Sony International TV, Warner Bros. Animation, Mark Burnett Productions and **VIN Di BONA** Productions. Vin sponsored Bob into PPB.

MARLA BODEN started in college radio and went on to become a radio assistant on KOST-FM, then produced and engineered a syndicated radio show for the Premiere Radio Network. She spent many years in TV and radio as a voice-over agent for KSR and Don Pitts and performed as a stand-in for TV game shows. **VIN Di BONA** sponsored Marla.



JOHN NEWTON and Board Member **RICK MARCELLI** have set up a PPB Facebook page and would like all PPBers to join. To get in on the fun and help support our organization, go to facebook.com and search for "Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters."



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MORE NEW MEMBERS

FRANK BRUNO was sponsored by past PPB President **JOHN HARLAN**. Frank began his 35 year career as a film expediter in New York. On the west coast, he did video tape duplication for *Jeopardy*, *Wheel of Fortune*, *The Simpsons*, and *Home Improvement*, among others. Up until 2011, he worked on *Live! with Regis and Kathy Lee* for Buena Vista.

DAVID CROSTHWAIT is the owner of D.C. Video, which specializes in archival, rare and obsolete videotape remastering, restoration and duplication. David began as a board operator and announcer in Dallas, moved to L.A. where he worked at KCOP-TV as an engineer and later as an editor and TD at NBC. David was sponsored by former PPB President **SAM LOVULLO**.

JACK DABNER has more than 50 motion pictures to his credit including *The Silent Scream* and *Noah's Ark & the Genesis' Flood*. Jack received the Bronze Halo Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Motion Picture Industry and the President's Award for Film Direction from the Academy of Christian Cinema Graphic Arts. Jack holds a Doctor of Law Degree and was sponsored into PPB by **DENNIS RICOTTA**.

MARY DOWNEY spent 35 years as a casting director, booker and talent producer. Her credits include *Best Damn Sports Show Period*, *America's Next Top Model*, *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and *Million Dollar Password with Regis Philbin*. Mary's worked with the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences on the Emmy Awards Nominee Reception Event. PPB Board Member **RICK MARCELLI** is Mary's sponsor.

PETER R.J. DEYELL is a 57 year TV veteran. He started acting in 1958 as the son on *Sid Ceasar Invites You*. In 1970, he was V.P. of production for Handcranked Pictures and in 1978, CCO for American Biograph Films. Currently, Pete is a writer, producer, and director. His book, *Quest for the Golden Griffin*, is available on www.Amazon.com. PPB Board Member **RICK MARCELLI** is his sponsor.

DON ELLIOT spent 54 years in broadcasting in southern California in a varied career that includes actor, announcer, producer, writer, musician, singer, engineer and administrator. Along the way, he worked at KIIS, KFI and KOST. He currently sells real estate to celebrity clients. Don's PPB sponsor is **RON SHAPIRO**.

HARVEY LAIDMAN - Sponsored by PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**, Harvey is a professor of TV production, film directing and a lecturer at Cal State Northridge. He began his career as a tape editor at KTTV-TV, worked in Akron, and went on to direct episodics including *Matlock*, *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*, *7th Heaven* and *The Waltons*.

TAMI LYNN has spent 40 years in television as producer, writer, and beginning in 1971, personal manager for Mary Beth McDonough of *The Waltons*, then for Christina Applegate, the daughter on *Married With Children*, Adam Rich of *Eight is Enough* and others. In 1998, she produced *Jesse* for NBC, and won the People's Choice Award for Best Comedy series. She is currently executive producer at Given A Chance Company and has developed *Healing Heroes*, a documentary TV series. PPB Board Member **RICK MARCELLI** is Tami's sponsor.

KIM MARINER began his career in 1966 in Colorado at KBTR, first in radio then in TV as a journalist, anchor and announcer, and worked at KIRO-TV in Seattle and KCBS-TV in L.A. Kim's announced documentaries, industrial films, and appeared in feature films and was awarded six Emmys and three Golden Mike Awards for his work. He can heard on KNX news radio and is working for Given A Chance Company with Tami Lynn. He was sponsored by PPB Board Member **RICK MARCELLI**.

REID McLEOD began his 38 year career in Vancouver at CHUB radio where was a nighttime DJ and co-anchored hockey games. In 1965 he moved to KWIZ in Santa Ana. In one of his promotions for Disneyland, a family won a car and seven days at each Disney park in Anaheim, Japan and Florida. Reid was sponsored by **LARRY "the Mouth" HUFFMAN**.

EDMUND P. PRICHARD worked in radio for 20 years starting in Charlotte, NC, at WAYS and WROQ. In Florida, he worked at several radio stations including, WJBW-FM in Orlando and WKRL-FM in Tampa/St. Pete. He came to L.A. and was morning host at KNAC-FM and spent time as "Engineer Ted" on KLOS-FM on *The Mark & Brian Show*. Currently Edmund is producing an audio documentary for KNAC-FM. He was sponsored into PPB by **RICHARD STARK**.

JOHN RICCI, JR. spent the last 20 years in Television Game Show Computer Adaptations for Villa Crespo Software and Paradise Group Agency. He's been a consultant for *Family Feud Live* and *The Price Is Right Live* and has created on *The New Joker's Wild*, *Slingo* and GSN's *The Pyramid*. Currently, John is working with **WINK MARTINDALE** on *The New Treasure Hunt* and was sponsored by **PAUL GILBERT**.

MELODY ROGERS has been an actor in TV, radio and the theatre. She appeared on *Two On The Town*, *Saved By The Bell*, *Jag*, *Night Court* and soaps *All My Children*, *Another World* and *The Young and the Restless*. On Broadway, she was in *A Chorus Line* and *Coco*. Melody worked at KFWB for 10 years and is now a guest speaker and a real estate broker. Her sponsor is **JOYCE LILLY**.

LESLIE SIMMS is an actor who's appeared on TV in *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *The Young and the Restless*, *Hunter* and has a recurring role on *Jane the Virgin*. On the big screen, Leslie has been seen in *The Wall*, *The Long Goodbye* and *The Last American Virgin*. Stage productions include *Gypsy*, *Richard III* and *The Miracle Worker*. For the past 30 years she's been a drama coach and is sponsored by **TED RAY**.

JOHN SUMMERS spent the last 43 years in radio as an announcer, program director, news director and consultant in Dallas, Palm Springs, Riverside and L.A. He's also worked in Polynesia, Australia, Pago Pago and Cook Island/Rarotonga. Currently, he is regional program director in Wenatchee, Washington and is sponsored by **LISA OSBORN**.

TAMMY TRUJILLO has been an announcer, host and news anchor on KNX, KFI and KFWB radio. On TV, Tammy was metro traffic anchor on Channel 4 KNBC and co-host for *That Pet Place Telethon*. Currently, she is the news director for Cameron Broadcasting in Arizona as well as KLAA and KPCC in L.A., and professor of broadcasting at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. She was sponsored by **TED ZIEGENBUSCH**.