

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



APRIL 2010

THE PPB LUNCHEON ON MARCH 12 paid tribute to **BOB BANNER**, a true Pioneer Broadcaster. **BOB** is a prolific producer and director of comedy and variety programming and is responsible for some of TV's most enduring programs including "Your Hit Parade," "The Carol Burnett Show," "Candid Camera" and "Solid Gold," to name just a few.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, the **BANNER** signature on programming has consistently been associated with great entertainment, excellent quality and good taste. His productions have been honored with nine Emmy Awards, eight Christopher Awards and four Peabody Awards.

Joining **BOB** on the dais were President **SAM LOVULLO**, Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**, resident humorist **HAL KANTER**, along with **NORM CROSBY**, Dionne Warwick, Charlotte Rae, John Davidson, comedy writers Ken and Mitzi Welch, orchestra leader **RAY CHARLES**, choreographer Anita Mann and the President of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences John Shaffner.

AFTER EACH CELEBRITY LUNCHEON, a photograph of the honoree with the dais members is posted on the PPB Website's "Luncheon" page. Now, eight additional photos taken at luncheons are also available. To view them, go to the PPB Home Page at www.PPBwebsite.org and click on the red "Details" link under "Bob Banner." When the new page opens, click on "Additional Photos" ... and enjoy.

THE MARCH DIAMOND CIRCLE AWARD went to **SHEL STUART**, a man with a distinguished 50-year career. In presenting the Diamond Circle Award, **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** told the story of **SHEL**'s rise from radio in New York and dragging scenery around in Hollywood to positions at Foote, Cone and Belding and Compton Advertising. As Producer/Director, he contributed to giving us many hours of great entertainment with stars like Bob Hope, Judy Garland and David Copperfield. He produced shows all over the world in a rich and adventurous career. We welcome **SHEL STUART** to the Diamond Circle.

ON FEBRUARY 28, FOUR VINTAGE EPISODES of Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" were screened at the Hammer Museum in Westwood — the first time these programs had been viewed by the public in over 50 years! The evening was hosted by the UCLA Film and Television Archives and followed the donation of hundreds of reels of original film and video tape to the UCLA Archives.

With introductions by Shannon Kelley, Head of Public Programs, and Dan Einstein, Television Archivist, the standing-room-only crowd of over 300 watched with delight shows featuring comedians Harold Lloyd, Lou Costello, George Burns and Buster Keaton. Representing Ralph Edwards Productions at the event were PPB Board Member **JOHN COUCH** and PPBer **BIANCA PINO** along with Ralph's grandson Matthew Steer, archivist Ed Hammond, attorney **ED BLAU** and assistant controller Ben Jackson.

MANNY PACHECO HAS PUBLISHED a new book, *Forgotten Hollywood Forgotten History* with a forward written by **GARY LYCAN**. The book highlights the fine supporting stars of Hollywood's Golden Age. History comes alive with a fresh, new take from notable character actors as Claude Rains, Ward Bond, Basil Rathbone and Walter Brennan. For more information, go to www.ForgottenHollywood.com.

THE TRAITOR IN US ALL is the name of Robert S. Levinson's newest novel. It's been called "... a delicious blend of all the best in thriller writing: a keenly-drawn hero, sharp plotting and dialogue, intelligent intrigue and a dash of the past. A great read." www.RobertSLevenson.com.

AND — FREDERICK TUCKER HAS JUST published his biography of radio/film/stage/TV actress Verna Felton. She was one of radio's busiest actresses during its heyday and appeared with Jack Benny, Burns and Allen, Edgar Bergen, Red Skelton, etc. The 760-page book contains over 200 rare photographs and features interviews with family members and

performers like Gil Stratton, Gale Storm and a host of others.

A GENTLEMAN NAMED Arnold McMunn contacted PPB for assistance in finding the name of a mid-1960s TV movie program theme song. He believes the theme for KTLA's "Late, Late Movie," circa 1965, was a recording by Hugo Winterhalter "...featuring a lovely, twinkling piano, starlight strings and a low horn bank." Anyone with information that may assist Mr. McMunn may email him at **AMCMUNN@roadrunner.com** or **Newsletter@PacificPioneerBroadcasters.org**.

IN MARCH, PPB MEMBER AND JANUARY 2009 Diamond Circle Award recipient **ART LABOE** was enlisted by Mayor Villaraigosa's Office of Census 2010 to assist in his efforts to have Los Angeles count in the 2010 Census. **ART** recorded a video public service announcement that may be viewed at **www.LAcounts2010.org**. You may hear **ART** mention the Census on his nightly radio show on HOT 92.3.

PPBER BILL A. JONES HAS BEEN SIGNED to guest star again as News Anchor Rod Remington in the season finale of FOX TV's hit "Glee," airing sometime in June. **BILL** is also grateful to be honored by SAG "ACTOR" Awards as a member of the cast of "Glee," which won Best Ensemble TV Comedy. A copy of **BILL's** award is available at **www.BillAJones.com**.

TY FENTON WRITES THAT HIS MOTHER, actress Ginny Tyler has moved to a new retirement home. Although Ginny is under aggressive treatment and her memory isn't what it used to be, Ty appreciates calls to his mom and encourages you to contact her at the Regency Newcastle in Newcastle, Wash. For information on how to contact Ginny, please send a note to Ty at **typhoon44@msn.com**.

JUNE FORAY IS CONTINUING her voice as Granny in the new "Looney Tune" series. She also was the guest speaker at Dreamworks and SPERDVAC.

DONALD ELSON WOULD LIKE US ALL TO KNOW that his wife Valerie Weber Elson is the oldest woman to hold ranking in the World Cube Association. At the Caltech Winter 2010 competition in Pasadena, Valerie solved the Rubik's Cube in one

minute and fifty-one seconds. In other news, the **ELSONs** will be visiting China in April, cruising the Yangtse River on a Viking Cruise.

FORMER PPB PRESIDENT CHUCK SOUTHCOTT is happy to report that his "This Is Music" syndicated program is picking up affiliates. Along with Retro1260 here in L.A., stations now include WSBB AM1230 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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