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Al Michaels, Proclaimed "TV's Best Play-By-Play Announcer by Associated Press, Honored by PPB in June

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On the dais: KNBC-TV news anchor, **CHUCK HENRY**; sports network pioneer, **JOE COHEN**; honoree **AL MICHAELS**; former L.A. Kings broadcaster, **BOB MILLER**; Al's son, **STEVE MICHAELS**; former Dodgers play-by-play announcer, **VIN SCULLY** and sportscaster, **RICH EISEN**.



PPB honoree **AL MICHAELS** enjoys a laugh as his friends and colleagues tell fascinating stories about their relationships.



Sports broadcasting royalty is represented in this photo taken at our PPB luncheon in June - **BOB MILLER** (hockey), **AL MICHAELS** (football), and **VIN SCULLY** (baseball) together account for a cumulative total of 167 years on the air.



Dais guest **VIN SCULLY** posed for dozens of photos in the greenroom prior to the **AL MICHAELS** luncheon. Here, he's flanked by PPB members **LARRY VANDERVEEN** and **MIKE HORN**. On the left is football great and actor **FRED DRYER**.

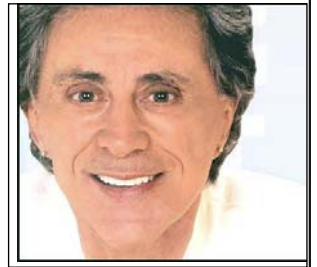
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Before the **AL MICHAELS** celebrity luncheon, PPB President **ALAN PERRIS** introduced several celebrities in the Sportsmen's Lodge Empire Room. Among those on hand were M*A*S*H favorite **JAMIE FARR**, who rose to make a point.

KNBC news anchor **CHUCK HENRY** and **AL MICHAELS** began their TV careers together in Honolulu. Here, Chuck tells the PPB audience about the massive waves crashing on Oahu's north shore, something he and Al decided to see first-hand. That adventure almost cost them their lives as they were swamped by a wave in the "piece of tin on four wheels" in which they were riding.



Original members of The 5th Dimension were saluted by PPB in May. On the dais (1st row L>R): actor **LOU GOSSETT Jr.**, singer with The 5th Dimension **FLORENCE LaRUE**, honorees **MARILYN MCCOO** and **BILLY DAVIS Jr.**, actor **JOAN VAN ARK**. (2nd row): PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**, model and entrepreneur **KATHY IRELAND**, founding member of The 5th Dimension **HARRY ELSTON**, PPB members **PAT BOONE** and **WINK MARTINDALE**.



Vice President "**SHOTGUN TOM**" **KELLY** (left) invited **STEVIE WONDER's** brother **MILTON HARDAWAY** (on the right) to the PPB luncheon on May 19th honoring **MARILYN MCCOO** and **BILLY DAVIS Jr.**



After many years providing audio and video services at PPB luncheons, **STEPHEN BROWN** is stepping down. Here, he takes a bow as his hard work is acknowledged PPB's June event. Steve's dad, **JACK BROWN**, was PPB president in the early 1990's. On the left, is PPB member **GARRY MARGOLIS**, chairman of the Finance Committee for the Audio Engineering Society.

DJ **SPIDER HARRISON**, a fixture at every PPB event says, "The luncheon honoring Al Michaels was just outstanding. However, it was at the one for **MARILYN McCOO** and **BILLY DAVIS Jr.** that I met the one and only **WINK MARTINDALE** for the first time. When Marilyn and Billy parted ways with The 5th Dimension, Wink was on the air at KHJ Boss 30, the premier Top 40 radio station in L.A. After Wink spoke highly of Marilyn and Billy I had learned that he was on KHJ radio. So after the event, I asked him if he knew my former employer, the late **ART ASTOR**. With a big smile he said 'YES, Art was the sales manager at KHJ in its prime years.' I will always remember Mr. Astor telling me, 'it's never too late to get in the winners circle.'"



MEMORIES



PPB member **TOM STORY** remembers where he was in 1966, the year PPB began. "These photos of me were taken off the coast of Vietnam late in 1965, just before PPB was formed. Gives everyone an idea of how long ago that was. I was a member of V-2 Division Catapults, launching air strikes into North Vietnam aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hancock, CVA-19. For our efforts during the cruise of 1965-66, we were awarded the Navy

Unit Commendation for our combat duty, the equivalent of a Silver Star if received by an individual. Our ship was called the Fighting Hanna. Seems like a lifetime ago, and it was!"



KUDOS

RENE LAGLER, an Emmy Award-winning production designer of more than 2,500 television shows and major events, received the Art Directors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award at a black-tie ceremony at the Ray Dolby Ballroom at Hollywood & Highland Center. René is the recipient of five Emmys and 10 Emmy nominations. He is best known for his contemporary and classic designs for awards shows and specials, sit-coms, talk shows, network news shows, and game shows. He's designed the Academy Awards, the Grammy Awards, the Emmy Awards, and the Country Music Awards. He was production designer for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the 1984 Summer Olympics in L.A., and for seven events for David Wolper's Liberty Weekend, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.



RENE LAGLER and his wife, actress and singer **GLORIA LORING**, attended the 21st Annual Excellence in Production Design Awards. René says, "this was my first red carpet, Gloria's 100th."



HARRY YOUNG was awarded his second Emmy at the Daytime Emmy Awards Ceremony in April. The Sound Team from *Days of Our Lives*, of which Harry is Boom Operator, received the award Outstanding Sound for a Drama Series. In the photo, Harry shows off his Emmy at the ceremony with his wife, **NANNY BASKIN**.

Co-produced by **JOHN GOLD-HAMMER** and **FRANCINE BERGMAN**, *The Disappearance of Natalie Holloway* was Oxygen Media's highest rated true crime series premiere in network history.

The online and digital series, *Explore T.O.*, produced by the City of Thousand Oaks and hosted by PPB member **LOREN KLING**, has been nominated for an Emmy Award in the Pacific Southwest Region.

IN THE NEWS

BILL A. JONES will be emceeing and singing in the 2017 tour of Battle of The Big Bands, **GLENN MILLER vs TOMMY DORSEY**. The tour starts August 26th and continues weekends thru mid November at several performing arts centers in California, including Solvang, Torrance, and Escondido. For more info go to www.BattleOfTheBigBands.com.



On June 3rd, newly elected PPB Board Member **KATHARINE "KAT" KRAMER** presented the 9th installment of her cinema series *Kat Kramer's Films That Change The World* at the James Bridges Theatre on the UCLA campus. The event included a double-feature of two social justice films, *Court Of Conscience*, and the award winning documentary feature *The Hunting Ground*. Academy Award winning actor **JON VOIGHT**, who stars in *Conscience*, was the special guest. Both films deal with child abuse and rape on college campuses.

REEL COWBOYS

LARRY VANDERVEEN will be the Master of Ceremonies for the 20th annual Silver Spur Awards event on September 15th at Sportsmen's Lodge. The evening's activities will include a silent auction, a gourmet dinner and awards presentations to honorees **KATHERINE ROSS, MARGUERITE HAPPY, KEVIN SORBO,** and **KRIS KRISTOFFERSON**. Reel Cowboys is a non-profit 501(c)3 that is "dedicated to a unique American tradition - the Western Film." For ticket information, visit ReelCowboys.org.

BOOK CORNER

LORRAINE HILLMAN's new book *Lifetime of News* is now available on Amazon. The cover photo of CBS Columbia Square is courtesy of PPB's **PEGGY DAVIS**, a CBS alum. Peggy wrote a rave review of Lorraine's book in the July edition of the CBS Alumni Newsletter saying, "Don't miss this book! As I read it, a wave of nostalgia washed over me. As a woman in the sixties, climbing up the ladder in the world of television news was not an easy journey, but Lorraine persevered! This book is a page-turner."



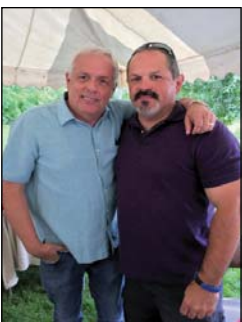
Ray Reed Jazz Originals has been published by PPB member **BOB IRVINE** of RBI Enterprises, with the full support of the Reed family as part of Ray's legacy. The introduction provides a comprehensive biography of the composer/musician, a first-call, multi-reed, instrumentalist with performance credits on hundreds of jazz recordings, including those with the **STAN KENTON, JOHNNY MANDEL, BILL HOLMAN,** and **FRANK ZAPPA** orchestras. The book contains 43 out of the over 100 of his best known tunes in Concert, Bb and Eb keys.

ROBERT S. LEVINSON will have a new short story, *The House Across the Street*, in the November/December issue of Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine, which goes on sale October 24. Meanwhile, Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine has purchased another of his short stories, *All About Evie*; no publication date yet set. He was in EQMM's May/June issue with *Rosalie Marx is Missing*. Bob's current novel, *The Stardom Affair*, is a Shamus Award Best Novel finalist of the Private Eye Writers of America.

TRAVELS

JERRY BURNHAM recently retired from KIIS-FM which gave him the opportunity to travel to Zimbabwe with his son Jon in August. He says, "We got some great photos of 26 types of mammals and logged 32 assorted birds while staying in five safari lodges. It was the trip of a lifetime." Jerry was **RICK DEES'** "personal engineer" and a project engineer for KIIS-FM.

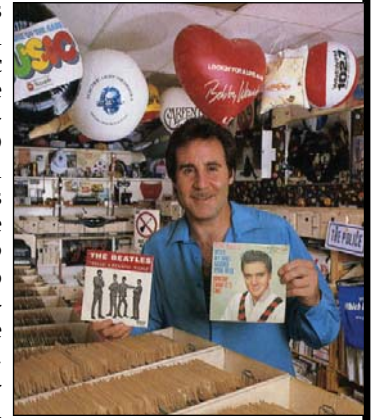
LOU*LOU (LOU CARTER KEAY) joined relatives in Kentucky where nine of her family members were on hand to view the total solar eclipse. She has a long tradition to travel with each of her grandchildren to see a solar eclipse upon graduation. So far, she's been to Turkey, Africa, and the South Pacific.



DAVE MASON "just returned from an exciting eight days in New York State visiting my sister and enjoying a family reunion. The young man on the right in the picture is my half brother George, whom I've only seen one other time in our lives. We reconnected a few weeks ago." Recently, Dave joined the staff of KXSN, Sunny 98.1 in San Diego, doing mornings on an interim basis. He's also doing pledge work with KOCE/PBS in LA/Orange County and KPBS-TV in San Diego.

An Invitation to the Resnik Music Museum

In the only collection of its kind in the world, the 45-room **STEVE RESNIK** Music Museum includes at least one copy of every 45 rpm phonograph record, cassette, or CD single that has ever charted in Billboard's Hot 100 Singles Chart for every week since the chart's inception in 1955 up until today. The collection also includes thousands of novelties; non-chart records, more than 1,000,000 45 rpm vinyl, 12" vinyl, CD singles and cassette singles, albums, extended play singles (EP's), over 350,000 selections of music, thousands of pieces of record company and recording artist paraphernalia and memorabilia, and several shrines featuring rock 'n' roll's most important historical artists. For a tour, send a note to Steve at THE45KING@aol.com.



SPERDVAC (The Society to Preserve and Encourage Radio Drama, Variety and Comedy) is holding their Honorary Members Luncheon on Saturday, November 11th at the Best Western Sails Hotel in Long Beach. The event, produced by PPBers **JOHN GASSMAN, LARRY GASSMAN,** and **WALDEN HUGHES**, will include re-creations of a Thanksgiving Bickersons show and Fibber McGee and Molly will celebrate Christmas in Wistful Vista. The cost is \$30.00. For a reservation form, contact BarbaraWilliams.sperdvac@gmail.com.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

KIM BRAGG began her career in radio in 1998 broadcasting live daily shows. During her varied career, she's been an actor, a director, a camera operator, writer, and engineer. She is currently with Yesterday USA Radio Network, and has been on location for Old Time Radio Convention broadcasts in Newark, New Jersey, Seattle, Washington, and Hollywood, California. Kim was sponsored by **WALDEN HUGHES**.

PATRIKA DARBO is an actor with over 40 years on stage, film, and TV. She made her stage debut in *Anything Goes*, but her big break came in *Daddy's Dyin' ... Who's Got The Will?* On film, Patrika appeared in *Leaving Normal*, *In the Line of Fire*, and *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, among others. In 1998, she joined the cast of *Days of Our Lives* and is currently on *The Bold and the Beautiful*. In 2016, she won an Emmy for Outstanding Actress in a Short Form Comedy or Drama Series. Patrika is sponsored by Board Member **MIKE SAKELLARIDES**.

MICHAEL HATHAWAY started in 1968 producing and recording overnight music and did a live Saturday night show on KHOF-FM. He's worked for TBN Television as a studio engineer, cameraman, audio engineer, and set builder; and was a news reporter and microwave engineer for KABC-TV. He is semi-retired, but works part-time at KABC-TV as a microwave and satellite engineer. His sponsor is **CLIFF CORDER**.

DAVID KENIN has been a TV broadcaster for over 50 years. From 1994 through 97, he was president of CBS Sports, and brought in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament, and Masters Golf Tournament. Through Kenin Partners, he represented Viacom, Microsoft, and Lucent Technologies. He joined the Hallmark Channel in 2002 and was instrumental in developing family-friendly movies across an array of popular genres. David is sponsored by Board Member **JOHN GOLDHAMMER**.

OOPS!! In new member **ALFRED ARCHULETTA's** bio in our last issue, KVEE should have been KSEE and KESH should have been KRSX.



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NEW MEMBERS (continued)

KATHARINE "KAT" KRAMER began as a child performer in *The Music Man* and has gone on to appear in several films including *Little Fockers*. She founded Kat Kramer's Films That Change the World to showcase movies that raise awareness about important social issues, following in the foot steps of her late father, the legendary producer/director **STANLEY KRAMER**. She's also a singer and performed at PPB's tribute to **LILY TOMLIN** in 2012. She is sponsored by Board Member **MIKE SAKELLARIDES**.

As research director, **EVELYN MEYERS** worked at WTOP-TV in Washington, DC, and then in Jacksonville at WJXT-TV, where her sponsor, PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**, was general manager. In 1978, she went to work in San Francisco as research director at KGO radio followed by a move into sales at CBS, both in L.A. and N.Y. She was sales manager at both Petry TV and Telerep (Cox rep) until she retired in 2015.

JANE PLATT worked as a news reporter and anchor for radio stations KLOS, KMET, KLAC, KFI, KABC, and was news director at KRLA. For 10 years, she reported on entertainment news for KDOC-TV. By 1986, she was ABC Radio's West Coast correspondent for 2,500 stations nationwide. For over 20 years, Jane has been news chief and works in the Media Relations Office for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Her sponsor is past PPB Board Member **RICK SCARRY**.

Producer and writer **JOHN RAPPAPORT** began as a D.J. in Bloomington, Indiana in 1959 and continued in radio as promotion manager. At KLAC, he was the comedy sidekick for **GARY OWENS** and a comedy writer for KMPC. His TV credits include: *Laugh-In*, *Maude*, *All In The Family*, and *The Odd Couple*. John co-wrote the final 1983 episode of *M*A*S*H*, the highest rated entertainment TV show in history with 60.2 rating and a 77 share. This record wasn't broken until the 2010 Superbowl Game 27 years later. John's feature credits include: *Fun With Dick & Jane*, *Out Of Sight*, and *Out Of Mind*. His awards include People's Choice, a Golden Globe, and eight Emmy nominations.

WE REMEMBER

ANDY CORLISS, a native of Montreal, worked in Ventura County in the 1940s before moving to Bakersfield where he went to work at KVCC (now KVTA-AM). By 1954, he was a staff announcer at both KERO-TV and radio. One day, one of his bosses came to him with quarterback **FRANK GIFFORD**, who was interested in getting into broadcasting, but didn't even know how to use a mike. With Andy's help, Frank was put on the air for the first time. Into his 90's, Andy was working as an ambassador and sales representative for Cumulus Media, which owns four radio stations in Ventura County.

NEW PPB BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

At PPB's board meeting in June, seven new board members were elected. They are **DICK BURDEN**, **BILL DEFOI**, **DON GRAHAM**, **JHANI KAYE**, **KATHARINE "KAT" KRAMER**, **CHRIS ROBERTS**, and **JIMMY WELDON**.

President **ALAN PERRIS** thanked these outgoing board members for their service on the board for the last three years: **MARY MIL KNUDSEN**, **MARTHA ROURKE**, **RICK SCARRY**, **CARSON SCHREIBER**, **BILL SMITH**, and **DEE STRATTON**. **MARY BETH GARBER** will serve out the remainder of the term of **STACEY FARISH**.

WE REMEMBER (continued)

JUNE FORAY was the voice of Rocky the Flying Squirrel and his nemesis Natasha Fatale and a key figure in the animation industry. During her long and illustrious career, she voiced Looney Tunes, Witch Hazel, Nell from *Dudley Do-Right*, Granny in the *Tweety and Sylvester* cartoons and Cindy Lou Who in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. The first lady of voice acting was one of the original members of animation organization ASIFA-Hollywood and founder of the annual Annie Awards to highlight accomplishments in animation. She was instrumental in the creation of the Oscars' animated feature category.

MARTY HALPERIN's first significant job was as a page for NBC, where he became enamored with the entertainment industry and worked on programs starring **JACK BENNY**, **EDGAR BERGEN** and **DINAH SHORE**. He later joined the Army and was stationed in Hollywood, working at Armed Forces Radio, doing his part to provide programming to soldiers overseas. After WWII, he continued to work at AFRS as a civilian and then took a job at North American Aviation (now Boeing), where he became a sound engineer and traveled to locations recording test flights of aircraft such as the X-15 and B-1 Bomber, and where he worked until his retirement.

BILL SMITH - A PPB board member for the last three years, Bill was a longtime Los Angeles TV and radio newsmen. He made his name anchoring the afternoon news with **NANCY NELSON** on KTTV-TV, but it was another gig at the station that solidified his local standing. He co-anchored *Metro News Metro News*, the irreverent and influential newscast that aired after the soap opera *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*. KTLA's **SAM RUBIN** called the program "the true forerunner to any of the fun and freewheeling newscasts that we enjoy here today." Smith left KTTV in 1987 and joined KTLA in 1995, where he spent the next 13 years. His man-on-the-street interviews became a favorite. "Bill could just walk up to anybody, camera rolling, and he could get them to loosen up instantly," cameraman and friend **GREG THEROUX** said. "It was magic." Last year, Smith, who colleagues called "the Wordsmith" because of his command of language, received PPB's Diamond Circle Award.

BEA WAIN was one of the last surviving singers of prominence from the big band era. She began performing on radio when she was only six and remained a stage presence for decades, racking up nearly 30 hits: 25 in the late '30s with the big band of **LARRY CLINTON**, including chart-toppers *Cry Baby Cry*, *My Reverie*, *Heart and Soul*, and *Deep Purple*; and more on her own in the early '40s with *I'm Nobody's Baby* and *Kiss The Boys Goodbye*. As one of the regular singers on *Your Hit Parade* in the 1940's, she sang with Frank Sinatra and the big name singers of the day. Bea could take words and music written by others and absolutely convince you that the emotions she was expressing came directly from her own heart. She was 100.

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