

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



MARCH 2011

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY EVERYONE who attended the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters' Celebrity Luncheon on January 21 — it was the 225th Luncheon in the history of this illustrious organization!!! We were treated to good food, wonderful friends and an entertaining and meaningful program.

Presented by PPB President **SAM LOVULLO**, the recipient of the coveted **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award was **CHAD EVERETT**, best known for his seven-year run as the dashing Dr. Joe Gannon on the 1970s TV series "Medical Center," which earned him two Golden Globe Awards and Emmy Nominations. Since his first appearance on "The Red Skelton Hour" in 1951, Chad has been seen in over 90 TV shows and movies.

The PPB afternoon began with a piece by Highlights Video Producer **PAT GLEASON** which featured titles from dozens of shows in which Chad appeared over his long career.

Born in South Bend, Indiana, Chad graduated from Wayne University in Michigan. After coming to Hollywood, he signed on as a contract player for Warner Brothers Studios and guested on most of their shows including "Hawaiian Eye," "Surfside 6," "77 Sunset Strip" and "Cheyenne." A sought-after guest star for many years, Chad's been on "Route 66," "The Love Boat," "Murder She Wrote," "Melrose Place," "The Nanny," "Caroline in the City" and recently, "Without A Trace" and "Cold Case."



Pictured here (back L to R) PPB President **SAM LOVULLO**, **RON MASAK**, "Medical Center" Technical Advisor **DR. WALTER DISCHELL**, **DICK VAN PATTEN**, **TOMMY COOK**, (front L to R) **CONNIE STEVENS**, Honoree **CHAD EVERETT**, Resident Humorist **HAL KANTER**, **RON ELY**, Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DE VIVIER BROWN**.

More photos are posted on the PPB website's "Luncheon" page. To view them, go to www.PPBwebsite.org, click on the orange "Details" link next to Chad's photo, then on "Additional Photos." Enjoy!

PPB BOARD MEMBER CHRISTOPHER THOMAS presented the Diamond Circle Award by profiling a Sports Announcer who, for 35 years, has been on the air reporting and calling the plays from the Los Angeles Coliseum, the LA Sports Arena, Pauley Pavillion or the Rose Bowl. In addition to his sports reports on KNX, KFI and KTLA, our Honoree is the only person in Los Angeles history to serve as the broadcast voice of both the USC Trojans and the UCLA Bruins.

His broadcasting career began at a local radio station, WCVS, in his home town of Springfield, Illinois. After completing military service, our Honoree found his way to WTMJ in Milwaukee doing play-by-play for the University of Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Braves and the Green Bay Packers.

In 1966, the West Coast beckoned and he's been here ever since. Be it baseball, basketball, football or tennis, he's worked with the greats: Vin Scully, John Wooden, Vince Lombardi, Billie Jean King and many more. He's announced seven Rose Bowl games and won numerous awards for his professional excellence — including four Golden Mike Awards. In 2003, he was inducted into the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

It is with great pleasure that Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presents the Diamond Circle Award to Mr. **MIKE WALDEN**.



CHRISTOPHER THOMAS and Diamond Circle recipient **MIKE WALDEN**

PPB BOARD MEMBER CHARLES CAPPLEMAN introduced the guests seated at the **RALPH EDWARDS** Honor Table — six students studying Radio, Television and Cinema at the University of Southern California. They are Olivia Bonin, Cassie Brooksbank, James Creech, Kathryn Hendricks, Nick Rizzo and Nathaniel Schermerhorn. The students were accompanied by their professor, Don Tillman, whose career spans time as an Executive with NBC, Telco International, Metromedia and Fox.

PPB BOARD MEMBER DALE OLSON, who celebrates his 50th anniversary in the entertainment business this year, points out an historic book by veteran TV producer Chuck Fries that he thinks PPB members will find interesting. "At least I did," he said, noting "Chuck writes about so many people we have all known. The book is called *The Godfather of the Television Movie, A History of Television* and Chuck mixes the history of the medium with fabulous anecdotes and reminds us of all the changes that have happened over the past 50 years." Chuck's participated in the production of over 5,000 series episodes and 120 TV movies or mini-series. His shows includes "Sea Hunt," "Highway Patrol," "Bewitched," "The Naked City," "Route 66," "Hazel" and "Father Knows Best." You can order the book at www.CreateSpace.com/900002738 or www.Amazon.com. Chuck will be available to sign copies after our Celebrity Luncheon on March 18 when he's being honored.

DIAMOND CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT ART LABOE, hosted his Valentine's Super Love Jam concert in Phoenix, Ariz. at the U.S. Airways Center on February 11. Performing their most-requested and dedicated songs from the "Art Laboe Connection" radio show were Peaches and Herb, Deniece Williams, Bloodstone, Zapp, The

Delfonics, The Impressions, Sly, Slick and Wicked and MC Magic. And, the Art Laboe Foundation, Inc. was a Silver Patron Sponsor for the National Hispanic Media Coalition 14th Annual Impact Awards Gala on February 25 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

IN JANUARY, STEVE BINDER WAS HONORED at the Grammy Museum with an evening devoted to his work. He played excerpts from his Elvis Comeback Special, "Diana Ross in Central Park" and *The T.A.M.I. Show* movie which featured James Brown and The Rolling Stones. Steve was also a guest speaker at David Leaf's class at UCLA and John Hartmann's class at Loyola. Currently, he's working on two Diana Ross projects: preparing a DVD release of his "Diana Ross in Central Park" concert, for which Steve won the cable ACE award for directing, and a new show that will be shot in early 2012 in New York.

PPB MEMBER JACK LLOYD IS ABOUT TO PUBLISH his second book. His first, which came out last November, is called *Endless Summer: My Life with the Beach Boys* and is now available on www.Amazon.com. One reviewer said, "While this isn't quite a 'tell all' book, it is definitely a 'tell some' book. Anyway, herein lies an opportunity to live what Jack Lloyd lived and then re-lived as he wrote it. Enjoy the ride." His new book, which will be available this spring, is *From Cyrano to Magoo: My Years with José Ferrer and Jim Backus*. Sounds like another good read.

PPB MEMBER MILT LARSON IS BEST KNOWN as the founder of Hollywood's private club for magicians, The Magic Castle. Radio-wise, Milt is celebrating his sixth year with Mike Horn's Cable Radio Network. His "Hear Them Again (for the first time)" show is heard on national cable (CRN-1 from 4:00-5:00 PM on Sundays) and worldwide on the web at www.CRNtalk.com. Milt's latest project is a new stage musical called *Pazzazz!* Milt wrote words and music with his longtime friend and collaborator Richard M. Sherman (*Mary Poppins, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, etc.*). A new, full-scale production will play Santa Barbara's historic Lobero Theater on March 25, 26, and 27. Milt met his wife, Arlene, when he was a writer on **RALPH EDWARDS'** "Truth or Consequences" with Bob Barker and she was a costume designer. Arlene's created 150 glamorous costumes for the new show that takes place in New York in 1899 and recounts the story of legendary comedians Weber and Fields. For ticket information: www.PazzazzTheMusical.com.

AND SPEAKING OF RALPH EDWARDS, three historic episodes of "This Is Your Life" will be screened as part of the UCLA Film and Television Archive's 15th Festival of Preservation which highlights movies and TV shows recently acquired by the Archive. The evening will feature episodes that honored exceptional women, all survivors of the Holocaust which, at the time they were broadcast live between 1953 and '61, was still a fresh and horrific memory. The event is FREE and will take place on Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 PM at the Hammer Museum's Billy Wilder Theater in Westwood, 10899 Wilshire Boulevard.

HOWARD FLYNN'S FAMILY SAYS that he's recovering nicely from a broken hip and is temporarily in a rehab center. Good news: he's using a walker and hopes to be at the next luncheon.

THE PPB BOARD VOTED TO APPOINT CHUCK STREET as the organization's Second Vice President. "Commander" Chuck has been reporting on LA traffic from his helicopter for over 25 years and is

currently on KISS-FM (102.7) from 6:00-9:00 AM (M-F) with Ryan Seacrest and Ellen K. For Chuck's full bio, go to www.CommanderChuck.com.

PPB PRESIDENT SAM LOVULLO WOULD LIKE TO HEAR from members. You can reach Sam directly by sending a FAX to 818-784-7850 or a letter to Sam c/o Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters, P.O. Box 4866, Valley Village, CA 91617. Any comments about the organization or suggestions for PPB's future are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — 2011 LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Friday, March 18 — **Chuck Fries**

Friday, May 20 — Honoree to be announced

MEMBER AND FRIENDSHIP CHAIRMAN **KAY HENLEY** ANNOUNCES

NEW MEMBER

JIM BALL — Jim worked in radio for four years and in TV for 58 years. He's currently Producer/Director of Programming for Channel 22, the TV service for the Motion Picture Television Fund.

DAIS HONORARY MEMBERS

RON ELY
CHAD EVERETT
RON MASAK
CONNIE STEVENS
DICK VAN PATTEN

WE WILL REMEMBER WITH GREAT ADMIRATION

VERN LANEGRASSE — NBC Executive, known as "The Hollywood Chef"

PEGGY REA — Character Actress
ED ROTHHAAR — TV personality, historian, educator
IRVING NEIL PARKER — 103, Former Diamond Circle Award Winner

And, PPB sends condolences to **TOM KENNEDY** on the loss of his wife, Betty.

We're constantly looking for interesting items about our members for the PPB Newsletter. Please send your news and that of your PPB friends to:

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April 7, 2011

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