

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



FEBRUARY 2007

WELL, THE HOLIDAYS HAVE COME and gone and evidently everyone had a good time as evidenced by the many lovely cards. Unfortunately, there wasn't much travel news.

INTERNATIONAL FILM, TELEVISION AND STAGE actor **ERIC BRAEDEN** was the January luncheon Honoree. While his credits are many, he is probably best known for the highly rated "The Young and the Restless" on which he has starred since 1980. A native of Germany, he immigrated to the United States as a teenager.

President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** introduced the dais and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** read missives from persons who couldn't attend including Dick Van Patten and Ed Scott and our own **HAL KANTER** who was sorely missed. Clips from **BRAEDEN**'s career were shown.

Singing his praises and telling anecdotes about their relationship were City Councilman **TOM LA BONGE**, **TOMMY COOK**, **PAUL BROOKS**, **PETER BERGMAN**, **JOSHUA MORROW**, **WENDELL NILES, Jr.**, **BILL SCANLON**, **CLARENCE WILLIAMS III**, **MARLA ADAMS** and **DABNEY COLEMAN**. **BRAEDEN** responded to each one and made a gracious speech when President **SOUTHCOTT** presented the Award.

PRESIDENT SOUTHCOTT introduced **JUNE FORAY**, who was hosting the Ralph Edwards table for students and professors of broadcasting from USC.

PAST PRESIDENT GIL STRATTON presented the Diamond Circle Award with these words: "Today's recipient of the Diamond Circle membership has received more awards from more people than any performer I know. But after all the acting categories were covered, she received a flock more for her humanitarian work. She has testified before Congressional Committees for the rights of the handicapped. The Screen Actors Guild gave her their highest honor, the Humanitarian Award. She won three Emmys as the best comedienne for her unforgettable work with Sid Caesar. She says her finest achievement is her medical doctor son. We've known each other since we both started on Broadway. I am pleased to present the Diamond Circle Award to dear friend Nanette Fabray!!!!" **NANETTE** graciously accepted with some timely words.

AUSTIN "ROCKY" KALISH and his wife, Irma, have individually been awarded honorary doctorates in speech and dramatic arts by Syracuse University. They will receive their degrees at commencement on May 13. Irma's mystery novel, *As Dead As It Gets*, was published last August and she has a new one, *Few Good Murders*, due out this summer.

BARBARA FULLER, who has been the PPB Secretary since the organization's founding, has retired from the position and all of the PPBers give a great vote of thanks for the wonderful and tireless job **BARBARA** did. It is not an easy task and **BARBARA** never missed a trick. Board member **DAVID DOW** becomes the new Secretary and we give him a hearty welcome.

LONG-TIME PPBER ALICE BACKES has moved to Virginia Beach, VA and **WILLIAM FURNELL** has moved to Reno, Nevada. They'll be missed.

AWARDS: GERRY BUCCI, a long-time PPBer, was honored February 16 by the Palm Springs "Walk of Stars." **BUCCI** won four prime-time Emmys and 10 nominations as Technical Director during his 35-year career at ABC. Retiring to Rancho Mirage in 1996, he now sings for charities and made a CD album with pianist Ben Marx, Harpo's son. **NORM CROSBY** was surprised recently at the Motion Picture Mother's Awards Luncheon. He had presented their Humanitarian Award to **HAL KANTER** and to his surprise they then gave him their "Gold Star" Award.

HERE AND THERE: Past President **GIL STRATTON** will be lecturing aboard the *Celebrity Summit* in April with his old boss and PPBer **LEON DREW**. Then five days later he flies to London with his son to watch soccer and theatre. PPBers **DAN GINGOLD** and **CHARLES CAPPLEMAN** were welcomed to the CBS Alumni Committee as Committee Members at large. **ED WILLIAMS** recently acted in a commercial for DePuy Orthopaedics in Hollywood's historic Fleur-de-Lis Apartment building. Board member **PAT GLEASON** spent the holidays with his father in Minnesota.

PEGGY WEBBER reports that the California Artists Radio Theatre will present "Ruggles of Red Gap" at the Beverly Garland Theatre on Vineland, March 7 at 1:30 and 7:30 P.M. Starring Vincent Dowling, former director and ac-

tor with the National Theatre of Ireland, the Abbey Theatre in Dublin and currently the star of a recent New York hit, *Mr. Dooley*. Others in the cast are Samantha Eggar, **JO ANNE WORLEY**, **BEVERLY GARLAND**, William Windom, Peter Dennis, Bob Legionaire, H.M. Wynant, Paul Keith, Sky McDougall and John Bliss.

PPBER ART LABOE is a busy one. His new radio show, "The Art Laboe Connection," was syndicated in July and is heard in Los Angeles from 7:00 P.M. to midnight daily on Hot 92 JAMZ KHHT. He also has a Sunday special show that plays on 14 stations and in February he presented The Art Laboe Super Love Jam Concert at several locations in the Southland.

PPB HISTORIAN JANET WALDO and her family off to New York for the April 12 opening of *Inherit the Wind* at the Lyceum Theatre starring Christopher Plummer and Brian Dennehy and directed by Doug Hughes. *Inherit the Wind*, which was written by **JANET**'s late husband, Robert E. Lee and his partner Jerome Lawrence, first appeared on Broadway over 50 years ago and has been reprised many times. Spencer Tracy and Fredric March starred in the film version. Amazing that the play is still as relevant today as when it was first produced.

FORMER BOARD MEMBER JAMES POLLOCK was recently fêted by the Edwards office for his 30 years with Ralph Edwards Productions.

JIM OVERMAN sends the following information: The Camp Roberts Historical Museum is seeking memorabilia from PPB members about radio programs that were broadcast from Camp Roberts during World War II and the Korean War. They have a collection of scripts of radio shows that were broadcast from there. The Museum's administrator, Gary McMaster, says, "We would love to locate anyone who had anything to do with radio broadcasts from there." McMaster can be reached at (805) 238-8425 or E-mail garymcmaster@usarmy.mil.

BOARD MEMBER JACK LLOYD sends this information about the Big Band Academy of America. They will be presenting "Big Band Reunion 2007" Sunday, April 29 at the Sportsmen's Lodge. Lunch will be served followed by a concert with Pat Longo conducting the BBAA Blue Ribbon Band and performances by Jo Stafford, Horace Heidt, Jr. and Gordon Goodwin. David Bernhart is the host and may be reached for tickets and information at (818) 559-1313 or E-mail bigband-academy@yahoo.com.

THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST among members to make available a "baseball" type jacket featuring the PPB logo and the member's name. After considerable research, we have come up with the following options: We have selected a dark blue nylon jacket with snap closures, a ribbed collar, waist band and cuffs. The jacket can be ordered with the logo (an appliqué) on the right chest or with a larger logo across the back. Because the cost of the larger logo is determined by the number of stitches it requires, that option is more expensive. With the logo on the front, the cost of the jacket will be \$42 plus \$5 shipping and handling and tax, but including the name stitching. The back-logo model price will be \$65 plus tax and shipping and handling. Jackets are available in Small, Medium, Large, X-Large and 2X-Large.

OUR CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, ART GILMORE, always points out that the real value of our PPB get-togethers is just that — the get-togethers. Let's face it, where else could you hear one person say to the other, "I've got steady work for the next two weeks," and hear a response like, "Oh, great; congratulations." Or, "I think she's doing some *walla* these days." Or, "The tiny checks keep coming for it. I did it 20 years ago and they seem to love it in Australia." Who else can we say these things to? How true.

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Membership Chairman **KAY HENLEY**
announces

New Member

JOSEPH SIEGMAN

We will remember with admiration

RAY EVANS
PEGGY GILBERT
BARNEY PHANEUF

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