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BOARD MEMBERS: A lot of things have come up and a special board meeting has been called for Tuesday, May 24th at the channel 17 studios at 5001 Wynnefield Ave. in Philadelphia. The meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. this will be a strictly business meeting...no meal. Among other considerations will be the report of the nominating committee for officers for next year.

We note here that the Art Moore luncheon was the biggest of the year. So big, indeed, that lunch was late and the honored guest never did eat because he was speaking. The biggest big part of the problem was that additional seating and meals had to be arranged for the overflow crowd that was not expected. This points out the need to make reservations as most of the lateness was dictated by the number of people without reservations who appeared. It was, however, a very nice tribute to past president Art Moore and his talk was well received. We appreciate the fact that he took time from his busy schedule in New York to come down to Philly to be at our luncheon. Folks, when we ask you to R.S.V.P., PLEASE do so. We're not doing it because we need something to do. We're asking because it's VERY important for Williamson's to know how many seats to set up and how many meals to prepare. The management at Williamson's is not very happy when we show up with a lot more people than we have arranged to have that day. It makes life miserable, not only for them, but for our members and guests as well.

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There will not be a regular meeting in May. Normally, the Person of the Year banquet is held in May so we eliminate the regular meeting that month and hold a meeting in June as usual. This year, the Person of the Year banquet is being held on June 1st but it has been decided to still follow the normal procedure as the June meeting is quite important. It's the last meeting prior to the summer and it is the meeting at which we hold our elections for next year's officers. So, no meeting in May but we will have our usual meeting in June and more details about that one will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. You should have received your invitation to the Person of the Year banquet by this time. Please return the R.S.V.P. card as soon as you can.

The planning for the Person of the Year banquet continues and it may very well be the biggest one ever. For those who have not been informed, this year's "Person" will be Roy Shapiro, Vice President and General Manager of KYW Newsradio. There will also be a presentation of the President's Award to "Captain Noah and his Magical Ark" which is seen on channel 6. The award will be presented to Captain Noah (Carter Merbreier), Mrs. Noah (Pat Merbreier), and 1st mate (Larry Ferrari). In addition to receiving an award, Larry will, as he has done for many years, provide the music during cocktails, with Bucky Clark doing the honors during dinner. The proceeds from the banquet, as always, benefit the Philadelphia Chapter's scholarship fund.

At this point we would like to extend a special thanks to Suzanne Tavani of KYW, who has been a great help to the committee for the banquet with calls, mailings, and so forth.

New members: We have a few new members to report this month. For a starter, we welcome back Marc Howard, Anchorman/Reporter for WPVI-TV's Action News. Marc was a member several years ago and let his membership lapse for a while. This time he has joined as a Life Member and we are certainly glad to have him with us.

Another new member is Kal Rudman, Publisher of the Friday Morning Quarterback. Kal's credits include the Today Show, Tomorrow Show, and Merv Griffin.

Also joining us is Barry Reisman, who is with WSSJ in Camden, N.J. Barry's career began in 1962 at WPNJ in Atlantic City, and includes stints at WMID, WSLT, WTEL, WQAL and WIBF.

Finally, we welcome to our ranks William Russell. Bill is now retired from his position as Lighting Director and member of the studio crew at WPVI-TV.

We offer a warm welcome to these fine new members and we hope that they will be able to join us at our monthly meetings.

No, we don't want your money....yet! This is just a preliminary reminder that our new membership year will begin in September. At some point in August most of you will receive a membership renewal notice at which time your dues for next year will be due. When you receive your notice, please send your dues in promptly so your membership will remain in force.

Remember, if you have any interesting notes for the newsletter please contact Paul Norton and give him the information. To do so you only need to call Paul at (215) 581-4508 or you can write to him at WPVI-TV, 4100 City Line Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131.

DON'T FORGET TO R.S.V.P. FOR THE PERSON OF THE YEAR BANQUET TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1st.

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