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37th Annual Scholarship Dinner Reception
Bala Country Club Dinner
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Thanksgiving brings us a time to meet with family and give thanks for our wonderful country, and the freedom we share. It also brings time to celebrate great broadcasters who have entertained Philadelphians for a lifetime. Our 37th annual scholarship dinner will be held on Friday, November 19 at Bala Golf Club. Members should have received their invitations by now and should be getting their reservations in soon. The usual rates prevail: \$60 per person for members and \$80 for non-members.

The much honored **Harry Kalas**, member of the Baseball

Happenings

A great time was had by all at the October meeting. **Roger LeMay** of WXPB was our featured speaker, and he was greeted by a number of members of the group who enjoyed lunch with fellow broadcasters. Check our web site for audio of Roger's talk to the group. It is www.broadcastpioneers.com.

The Pioneers are once again hosting a panel discussion on Careers in Broadcasting on Tuesday, November 9 at Rowan University Bozorth

Hall of Fame, will be our Person of the Year. In addition, that evening the Broadcast Pioneers organization will induct into its Hall of Fame Philadelphia Broadcasters **John Carlton, Frank Ford, Tom Moran, Vernon Odom and Marciarose Shestack**. The group will also induct posthumously the late **Gunnar Back, Bill and Dolly Banks, Pete Boyle, Jerry Donahue, Chief Halftown, Jocko Henderson, Jack Jones** and **Phil Sheridan** into the Hall of Fame.

Portions of the proceeds will fund scholarships to area college students majoring in com-

Auditorium in Glassboro from 7 to 9 pm. The panelists will be Moderator **Keith Brand**, Rowan University, **Pat Delsi, David Dye** (The World Café), **Scott Palmer** (Channel 6), **Karen Thomas** (Fox News), **Bill Webber** and **Caroline Foy Welch** (Channel 6).

Al Maslin has retired. He is the former Pioneers Secretary, and the person who originally put the newsletter together and mailed it to members. Al was with Channel 6 in Master Con-



Person of the Year
Harry Kalas

munications. Last year students at Rowan, Temple, Drexel, Cabrini, and Arcadia were awarded scholarships.

rol for 42 years and thought he'd never get out of there. Now he'll be living at the Jersey shore near Wildwood and is now in Lake Worth, Florida where he has just built a new place for him and Nina. Congratulations, Al, you'll love it.

A few notes from the Pioneers Board of Directors: They have unanimously agreed to change membership requirements to ten years in Broadcasting, and are looking at redesigning the Pioneers logo for 2005.

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"His mind is so narrow he could look through a keyhole using both eyes."

Unknown

Don't forget to get your items for the newsletter to Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE, e-mail nanort@comcast.net, or phone Paul at 302-645-8910. We really need your help to keep it going.

More Happenings

Bill Webber is keeping busy as Chairman of the Board of Pioneers although he recently went through a bout of laryngitis. He has plans for December that he is not ready to announce, but in January Pioneer broadcaster and Eagles great **Tom Brookshier** will be his speaker. He's working on several others that will make it a great year. He is also doing cruises as part of the WPEN gang of hosts. **Bill** and **Constance** will be heading out soon on the Queen Mary II with 140 of their closest friends for the Caribbean and stops in 10 ports.

Dean Tyler is now 'sortta' retired to his

place in Brigantine, NJ where his wife is a hostess at the Borgata Casino. In spite of that she'll be able to get away for a trip with Dean to Vegas and Baja, CA as part of a ten-day cruise to the Western Caribbean. The Tyler's have been doing more travel than they really need recently because of family emergencies, having been away to North Carolina and Florida.

Jack Hyland is going to the Battle of the Bulge monthly meetings regularly, and as part of the 60th anniversary of the epic WWII battle, his group will be going to Washington on December 16 for a get to-

gether. With all of the conflicts the country has known, 'The Bulge' is still the largest land battle ever fought. 20,000 lost. One pauses to wonder how today's media would have handled that.

Ed Harvey and wife, lovely **Marg Wieting Harvey**, recently visited Rehoboth Beach, DE and stayed at a bed and breakfast, although their daughter has a lovely home nearby. Ed explains that he is in pursuit of material for an article on B & B's that he is writing. They were joined for dinner by Lewes resident and Pioneer, **Paul Norton** and **Nancy**.

And More

Paul, incidentally, is recovering from the rigors of a big election in Delaware. He was appointed to the Delaware Board of Elections by Governor Ruth Ann Minner and spent his Election Day traveling Sussex County visiting 18 voting locations to make sure that all was proceeding properly. **Paul** and **Nancy** recently returned from a visit to son Michael and his family in Naperville, IL where Mike is in research and development with Lucent Corporation. Had a great time with the two grandchildren!

We wish we could do the whole story, but it would take the whole letter, as with any-

thing that involves the redoubtable **Captain Noah (W. Carter Merbreier)**. Suffice to say that Dutch Wonderland, sometime ago, made a life size figure of the Captain for their wax museum, complete with red uniform and gold braid. The effect was wonderfully life like. You'll have to ask **Noah** for the full details of its history, but it ended up at the station where the crew used to put it in the toilet stall with its pants down, etc. Then they would hold mock funerals with voiceover from the booth. (There are some great stories). Finally, **Carter** and wife **Pat** bundled the head, complete with red hat and gold tie, into a shopping bag and took it with them

to dinner at the Old Guard House Inn in Gladwyne. There they surreptitiously placed it in a cabinet next to the table where they regularly dine. When Albert

"You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and a dog will look at you with a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would have thought of that.'"

Dave Barry

Bruers, the owner, joined them and saw the head 'I almost jumped out of my socks' he said. After more than twenty years, the head still peeks from behind the cabinet door—with nary a sock in sight.

Hall of Famers



John Carlton



Frank Ford



Tom Moran



Vernon Odom



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Gunnar Back



William/Dolly Banks



Pete Boyle



Jerry Donahue



Chief Halftown



Doug "Jocko" Henderson



Jack Jones



Phil Sheridan