

April Newsletter

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**April Meeting
Bala Country Club
April 21, 2004**

**Reception
Lunch
Ratecard
Reservations**

**12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.
\$20.00
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April 21 brings us the meeting that is "what we're all about", the scholarships. The Pioneers are proud to provide money for young people who have been selected by their school, and then by us, to continue their education with our help. Over the years we're proud of the men and women in broadcasting who have been able to receive this and finish their education. The late Neil Harvey for many years chaired the committee that was responsible and did a wonderful job. His

recent death brought our Vice President **Frank Hogan** to the forefront of this effort. The usual admonitions apply. It will be at Bala Golf Club at 12 noon fellowship, 12:30 lunch, and the rate card continues at \$20. The meeting date is the third Wednesday of the month, April 21. We again caution, we must hear from you so we know how many we'll have. **Call 610-436-4217 or email morrissam6@verizon.net.**



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Happenings

Dorie Lenz, Chairperson, informs us that the Nominating Committee has selected **Frank Hogan**, President, **Marie Pantarelli**, **Barry Reisman** and **Gerry Wilkinson**, Vice Presidents, and **Shirley Morris**, Secretary-Treasurer. These will be announced at the April meeting along with the selections for three-year board terms.

We had a memorable meeting in March. **Michael Smerconish**, the WPHT morning talk show host, was wonderful in relating how he got into the

business, and the people and places he went through to get where he is now, which is "very much in demand." When you see him ask him to tell you the story of getting **Larry Kane** out of bed while delivering Chlorine to his house so he could get his picture taken with him. His interview with a South Dakota Congressman (**Les Waas**) about blocking one nostril to prevent excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere was hilarious. Thanks Michael, and Les, for a great talk.

Irv Homer couldn't make the

last meeting because he has had a recent quadruple by-pass from which he is recovering very well. At 80, Irv can't wait to get back on the air. He was fortunate in having the chest pains while at the hospital, and was quickly in surgery. He says that he told his doctor to be careful, and Irv says the doctor, who knows his reputation, said "If anything happens to you, we're burying your head in Pittsburgh and the rest of you someplace else." Fortunately, that's not going to happen any time soon.

"May a sick ox
make bubbles in
your hot tub."

Carnak the
Magnificent



More Happenings

John Carlton sent a note that his back-up for the Go Patrol in 1962, **Tom Stanwood**, has turned 65, and is Vice President and CEO of a fourteen station small market radio group in Georgia-Carolina. Standwood may be remembered by some from his days at WIBG and WFIL. Carlton says that he and **John Roberts** taught the Temple student everything he knows

Great to get a nice note from **Monroe "Hank" Hanish** who hasn't been able to get to many meetings. He was brought to Pioneers by **Les Waas** who knew him from his jobs in Marketing. Hank spent a brief period at WARM in Scranton when it went on the air as engineer and air personality in

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Malcolm Poindexter says he is semi-retired but says stay tuned. He would love to be doing some writing or reporting and is working on a deal where he may be representing Channel 3 as a good will ambassador in different venues.

What does **Merrill Reese**, the Voice of the Eagles since 1977, do in the off season? The part owner, Vice President and General Manager of WBCB in Doylestown, does a lot of speaking for corporate affairs in addition to running the station. He also plays a lot of golf at Blue Bell Country Club,

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If you've been looking for **Howard Eskin**, he shouldn't be hard to find. He's on WIP Sports Radio from 3 to 7 pm, and also on NBC-10. You'll remember he did the first sports talk show on WIP in August of 1986. Howard has been on the air continuously since 1976 and is heard nationally on the George Michael Sports Machine seen in 151 cities across the country. Howard says WIP just had the highest ratings in the 25-54 men's demo in the last 5 years. Life is good, says Howard, and he still enjoys the

1943, and still stays in touch with people he knew from those days.

Welcome new members: **Mike Nozilo** who began in broadcasting in 1954 and worked at WFIL-TV as a director from 1967 to 1972. Mike who is now retired, and living in Wallingford, PA after having been a teacher in area schools, will be joining us at meetings. **Bob Pantano** began in broadcasting in 1967 and now works at Comcast of NY-PA-DE. He works out of Philadelphia and lives in Blackwood, NJ. **Dave Michaels** began in broadcasting in 1976 and is now President of DMO Productions in Blackwood, NJ.

where he belongs and on Mondays at any number of different charity events to which he contributes his time.

Art Moore, Past President / Past Person of the Year and current Program Director at WABC-TV, is also Executive Producer of "Live with Regis and Kelly", which program is getting great numbers. Art was delighted recently to have **Dave Davis**, former WPVI-TV News Director and then General Manager join him at the main Disney-ABC station where Dave is Vice President and General Manager. Art lives in

300 plus sporting events he attends annually. The kids are doing great too. Son Spike works at WYSP, daughter Cara is at Harmelin Media, and Jason is dean's list in his first year at Southern Cal.

Mel Kampmann, who was one of those who was instrumental in the creation of Action News has retired to Dewey Beach, DE where he has joined the Ad Hoc Radio Theatre group. The group recreates old radio dramas and performs for charitable

We caught **Jerry Blavat** on his way to the gym (you thought that body was an accident). He works out at the Olde City Iron Works. He has his 8th Show at the Kimmel Center coming up, and says the first seven were sellouts. This time he'll feature Chicago, Philly, and New York music featuring, among many others, Pooky Hudson and the Spaniels, and the Chi-Lights. He was recently at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland for the induction of the Dells in the Hall. Jerry, himself inducted to the Hall in 1998, is on the nominating committee. Jerry gets only one vacation a year after he closes his place, Memories in Margate.

nearby New Jersey, about 10 miles, and the commute isn't that tough. While he travels on business to LA quite frequently, he and the **Roberts, Dave and Patti**, don't take as many trips as they used to pre-9-11. He makes it a point to get to Philadelphia around the holidays for a visit with the Roberts.

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."

Billy Wilder

groups in Southern Delaware. Mel has had a beach block home in Dewey for many years, and enjoys speaking to various local groups and recently he spoke to the Lewes-Rehoboth Rotary Club.

Please keep those news items coming. Send to Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958, email nanort@comcast.net, or call 1-302-645-8910. We need you to keep it interesting.