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Newsletter

Broadcast PIONEERS



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June Meeting

Bala Golf Club
June 13, 2001

Reception 12:00 noon
Lunch 12:30 p.m.
Ratecard \$16.00
Phone 215-563-1310 or 856-365-5600

WE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST IN 2001

For our final meeting of the year before our two-month summer hiatus we've chosen **Gene Crane** as our speaker. Gene has just started his 61st year in broadcasting, 56 of them at WCAU, which is probably a Guinness record..."continuously on the

air on the same station for 56 years." Gene is still on the air 52 weeks a year as seniors correspondent.

Arthur Godfrey interviewed HIM, he worked with Harry Reasoner and Douglas Edwards, he SURVIVED for 61 years. Don't miss it on Wednesday, June 13.



Gene Crane
June 13 at Bala

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May Meeting

What a great meeting we had in May. **John Roberts** and **Dr. Neil Harvey** presented our attractive, bright and talented selections for scholarships who were presented with their \$2,000 checks at the meeting. The recipients were Jaime DeLisio of LaSalle University, Valerie Harper of Montclair State University, and Natalie Neczypor of Rowan University. They all attended the meeting with their families and school counselors and accepted their awards with gracious thanks to the group.

Peggy King absolutely bowled the people over with songs from Gershwin and Berlin. There was more than one teary eyed person mouthing the words to the old songs with Peggy as she sang. She sounds better than ever, with **Richie Rome**, accompanist, at the piano, just back in Philadelphia after time in Hollywood at Paramount.

At the meeting we also elected unanimously the new slate of officers for the coming year, headed by new **President Ed Papazian**. You have received the complete slate of officers in

a separate mailing but unfortunately did not include in the three year terms on the board the names of **John Roberts**, and **Bill Webber**. Please note.

The thanks of all our members are extended to outgoing President **Pat Delsi** who has done such a wonderful job in growing and improving our club.

Don't forget your items for the newsletter to Paul Norton at 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958, or call 1-302-645-8910, e-mail nanort@aol.com, or Fax 1-302-644-9036.

They must be in three weeks before publication.

"Adopted kids are a pain—you have to teach them to look like you."
Gilda Radnor

And pert and perky, pretty

Happenings

Congratulations to **Mike Quinn**, Senior News Writer at KYW-3 News who celebrates 40 years in broadcasting in July. He began in 1961 typing the teleprompter for John Facenda at WCAU-TV, and as a tour guide for the station. He's been a reporter, newscast producer, anchor and public relations director during his long career. He relishes his acquaintance during his career with Al Ringler, News Director at WCAU-AM, D.J. Doug Arthur, and Charlie Shaw, News Director at Channel 10 and many

others. Mike is fulfilling a childhood dream in his present job. He remembers going to "Contest Carnival" as a youngster (which was hosted by this month's speaker, Gene Crane), and says he still stays in touch with Herb Clarke, and others of the 'old gang.'

Ed Hurst will host a 12-day cruise tour to Rome and the Riveras on August 17 to the 28th this year. **Cissie Hurst**, daughter Merle and granddaughter Kate will also be going along. It should be a great trip with a

lot of Ed's fans from WPEN and perhaps some Pioneer's would like to join. For information call 215-969-8666 or 800-257-7747. Ed will also be hosting a Boardwalk Reunion in Atlantic City with a trip down memory lane for Resorts International - call 1-800-736-1420.

Alan Jay stays busy. He was an extra in "Emmett's Mark" and an Atlantic City Bingo Shoot.

"She's descended from a long line her mother listened to."

Gypsy Rose Lee

More Happenings

Condolences to the family and friends of member **Alan Barkley** who was 80 on St. Patrick's Day and had called in reservations for the May meeting. Alan died on May 5. Pioneer's member and announcer for WFLN and WHYH he was scheduled to attend a nephew's confirmation on the day of his death. Thanks to **Marj Criscuolo** who worked with him at WFLN for the report.

We also have a report that **Sylvia James** died on April 7 in Santa Monica, CA, at the age of 94.

Sid Doherty, his brother Dick, and daughter Dr. Beth, a Podiatrist, saw The

Producers in New York and have joined the people who have seen the show in their praise of it. Tickets are really hard to get, and have recently gone to \$100. Sid still works at ABC in New York doing the weekend announcing, brother Dick was boom operator for Saturday Night Live and David Letterman. Quite a family!

Congratulations to **Dave Roberts** who has been installed in the Buffalo Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame. Dave, of course, was our Person of the Year last year. Dave was speaker at the annual CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Hall of Fame banquet April 9 at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

We send kudos to **Captain and Mrs. Noah (Pat and Carter Merbreier)**. They have been added to the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. There was a big article and picture of them in the "Inky" recently. They frequently join us at our meetings.

Another Pioneer, **Jerry Lee**, was also inducted into the PAB Hall of Fame on May 20 in Hershey, PA. Congratulations!

Congratulations also to our computer maven **Gerry Wilkinson** on his youngest daughter Zara, 15, one of four winners in a celebration of the arts competition for best play from among hundreds submitted by students in Philadelphia. Her play's title was "Perchance to Dream."

And More

Greet new member **Richard K. Weidman** an artist, art director and promotion director at WGAL 8 in Lancaster, PA for 41 years.

Also joining the Pioneers are long-time Channel 10 employees, **Delores Briqueleur** and **Dia DiLullo**. Dolores spent 42 years with CBS as an editor and technician. Dia worked at CAU for 28 years as Continuity Director after spending 2 years at WJMJ Radio.

As we mentioned last month, **Bill Wright**, Sr. has now joined the Pioneers, and attended the May meeting. Great to see him,

and now hear him on WPEN every night.

Shirley Morris, Secretary/Treasurer of the Philadelphia Pioneers, will be retiring from her job at Lankenau Hospital at the end of June. Before going there, Shirley spent 18 years at WFIL and 2 years at WCAU. She looks forward to staying busy in retirement and being able to stay to the end of the monthly club meetings, not having to rush back to work.

Retired studio supervisor **Bud Galow** and wife Mary are finally taking the European river boat tour they have dreamed about for

many years. Bud recently had his knee replaced, and a cataract removed so that he can see where he's walking, and on June 21 they'll put the improvements to the test with a River Boat Cruise on the Danube. They'll see us in the fall.

We wish to correct new member **Helene Sperka's** e-mail address: It is HeleneHMS4@aol.com. Helene reports a recent trip to St. Augustine and staying at a wonderful old hotel (1888) recently restored with a great gourmet restaurant. She then went to Savannah, GA, for a jazz concert and fireworks on the river.