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NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING

Hear ye! Hear ye! Know all ye by these presents (it being close to Christmas) that it's time once again for the regular monthly Pioneers meeting! The date: Wednesday, December 16th. The place: Williamson's in the GSB Building on City Line Ave. The time: cocktails at noon and lunch at 12:30 P.M. The price: \$15.00 (please pay by check if you can). The program this month will feature Ross Eatman, Executive Director of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. Mr. Eatman will discuss his work with Mayor Ed Rendell and others to encourage the industry to make more movies in Philadelphia. As Chairman of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Arts and Sciences in Entertainment (CASE) he assisted in the creation of the Philadelphia Film Office. In the past 18 months, CASE again took the lead role in revitalizing the film office and in promoting Philadelphia as a viable location for the production of films. In well publicized efforts, CASE successfully lobbied the city, state, and private entities for film office funding and focused media attention on the positive impact of film on the region. It should be an interesting meeting. Remember the date is Wednesday, December 16th. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Jo Oristaglio at (215) 642-3298. Your R.S.V.P. is VERY important. So, come on out to this meeting. After all, it's the last meeting of 1992. You're sure to have a wonderful time.

Harold Pannepacker announces that the annual party for Christmas will be held at Williamson's in the GSB Building on Tuesday, January 5th. Cocktails will be at 6:00 P.M. with dinner beginning at 7:00 P.M. The price will be \$49.00 per couple or \$24.50 per person. Don't forget to bring a goofy gift and be prepared for a lot of fun. Please call Penny to make reservations at (215) 886-8844.

Bon voyage and best wishes to Dick Mendenhall. He's left for Athens, Georgia where he has a home and where he will continue consulting. He sold his house here in 48 hours and a garage sale got rid of a lot of the stuff that had collected. Wife Carol had a minor stroke but is recovering. New address: ~~1234 Main Street~~, Athens, GA 30606.

Stu Wayne celebrates his 80th birthday on December 9th and he's doing well which is vouched for by a recent checkup at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Wife Joan continues working as a paralegal in Dover, DE and daughter, Phyllis Adams, has requested membership information from the Pioneers.

A happy note from Edna Whittington that she is now Edna Whittington Cathcart (Mrs. J. David Cathcart). The marriage took place on November 9th and her new address is: 1400 Waverly Rd., Apt. A-314, Gladwyne, PA 19035. Phone: (215) 645-8981. Our very best to the Cathcart's.

Marian Lockett-Egan notes that Neil Harrison was feted by Weightman Advertising on his 25th anniversary with that organization with an agency party/roast. His membership for one year in the Broadcast Pioneers was included in the celebration of the occasion. Welcome aboard, Neil. Lockett-Egan, incidentally, was recently profiled in a column by Dave Martin in Media Week, a national publication for the advertising media professional.

Ken Williams phoned in to report that Ted Vawter has died. The long time technician at channel 10 and Pioneers member will be missed by his many friends.

There will be a WFIL Radio reunion with a long list of celebrants getting together from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. It will be held on December 18th at Quincy's in the Adams Mark Hotel from 4:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Free food; drinks are a dollar and no cover charge if you mention WFIL, or Tom Monaghan, who is the organizer.

In the election predictions that were taken at the Pioneers meeting before the election our high powered prognosticators were led by Ed Harvey who had the closest prediction of the actual result. John Roberts and Lew Klein were tied for second.

Jane King Hall is back on her feet after her recent surgery. She will be off her feet and at the door collecting money at the next meeting. It will be good to have her back.

Ok, here's another appeal for news for our newsletter. The only way we have to know what's going on with our members (or friends) is if you give us the scoop. So, to report any interesting happenings just give Paul Norton a call at (215) 581-4508 or send a note to him at WPVI-TV, 4100 City Line Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131.

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