# November Newsletter



Issue 3

## November Meeting Bala Golf Club November 21, 2003

## Reception Dinner Ratecard

## Here it is November and time for the Pioneers biggest meeting of the year. This is the one where we get the money for the scholarships and the other charitable works we help support. It is also the time when we say 'thank you' to the wonderful people who have done so much for the broadcasting industry over the years. Please join us, but be sure to send in your reservation early. Last year there were about 30 people who had to be turned away at the door. There were no more seats. Don't let it happen to you. Questions about the dinner should be directed to Shirley Morris at 610-436-4217 or email morrissam6@aol.com.

The honorees are a glorious group of broadcast professionals who have spent their lives in the industry and truly deserve our appreciation. Your invitations recounted their spectacular achievements so we won't try to detail them here. Also you will see the video of them and hear their credits on November 21 at Bala Golf Club with the reception at 6 and dinner at 7. **Bucky Clark** will provide the music.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Herb Clarke again will add his narration to the wonderful script and video by **Dave Abramson**, producer. Don't miss it.

## PERSON OF THE YEAR

\$60 Members / \$80 Non-Members



GENE CRANE

To refresh your memory: Person of the Year is Gene Crane. Hall of Fame Inductees: Jane King Hall, Rob Jennings, Tom Lamaine, Hy Lit, and Bob Perkins.



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Happenings







"Before I tried it, The kisses I missed, But Afterward - Boy, the misses I kissed."

#### Burma Shave

Great meeting last month. Remember if you missed the meeting you can always go to our website and find out what happened - www.broadcast pioneers.com. **Jay Meyers** was an outstanding speaker for the group. He grew up in Philadelphia and displayed a familiarity with all of the pioneers who were present. He also worked at various Philadelphia suburban stations before becoming Senior VP of Clear Channel Communications in May 1999.

President **Bill Webber** is keeping busy arranging for us to have a wonderful lineup of programs in upcoming months. In December we will feature **Ukee Washington** with songs for the holiday's **Wally Kennedy** will speak in January and **Michael Smerconish** is penciled in for March.

#### **More Happenings**

Past President and Person of the Year John Roberts finally did it. He and Agnes have downsized and moved to Rydal Park where they've put two apartments together and they and the two cats are slowly getting it organized to their satisfaction. It's a long established location rated #1 on the East Coast, where their meals are provided and later on they can use medical care and other conveniences. They love it, he says. They've enlarged the living room so they can have the grand piano there, and a wonderful 4th floor view of the woods, a stream and a waterfall. They go on various trips with groups from the nearby Queen of Peace parish, most recently to see Mama Mia in New York.

We note that our very own **Pizanne**, **AKA Jane Norman**, is moving right along with her

#### And More

Many of you will remember member **Bob Feldman** who was a newsroom wheel horse for years at WFIL-WPVI TV. **Bob** left to go to Cap Cities in New England and then to WMAR in Baltimore as News Director. For the past 12 years **Bob** has been with Associated Press in Washington, though he spends most of his time where he lives in Baltimore. He travels in ten states checking the 100 or so stations AP provides services to and sees that they have no problems, and handles election wires, etc. He still gets to Cap Cities meetings in New new cabaret career. Her act "Broadway Magic Moments and Beyond" will be at the Prince Music Theater at 1412 Chestnut Street on November 19 at 8:30 pm. **Norman** also has recently put out a CD "madly in Love" which is available at music stores.

We neglected to mention that the lovely Edna Whttington Cathcart was with us at the meeting in September. What an oversight not to mention this real pioneer who came to hear Jack Whitaker. Tom Moran, Herb Clarke and Paul Norton were charmed by Edna after the meeting as she recounted being on duty at WIP on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. It was her duty to notify the program director on that fateful Sunday afternoon. We hope Edna can make it again soon.

York and sees all his friends there. He advises that his daughter was among those evacuated from Big Bear, CA during the recent fires and during that period headed for China to get her adopted baby. His son was with ABC for 12 years and still works in media in New York.

We have been waiting with baited breath for the results of **Ed Harvey**'s sixth annual Cadaver Open. **Frank Ford, Al Meltzer, Joe Pellegrino, Tom Brookshier, Herb Clarke** and junior member **Chris Wheeler**  We're delighted to note that member Dr. **Diego Castellanos** was among those invited to the party for Channel 6 GM **Dave Davis** who is going to New York to take over WABC-TV, while **Alan Nesbit** who was the former news director and GM of Channel 6 has returned to that job on an interim basis. **Diego** says **Larry Pollock** and many old timers were at the party. **David** will be working with Disney station VP **Walt Liss** who will be remembered as Channel 6 Promotion Director of some years ago.

**Grace Kenny** fell down a couple of steps and broke her fibula which she wasn't aware she had until she tried to walk on it. The doctor put her in a cast, then in a boot, and she's getting around a little bit now. She gets around the house OK but can't do all the things she would like to do.

participated. **Pellegrino** emerged victorious over three-time winner **Chris Wheeler. Harvey** said since the Dollar Store was having a sale he awarded **Frank Ford,** with the highest score, a set of women's golf balls, and a pair of panty hose.

"I hate to recommend drugs, alcohol, violence or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me."

Hunter S. Thompson

### And.....

Past President **Marion Lockett-Egan** keeps trying to make our meetings but things keep coming up. Most recently she took a Food and Wine tour through northern Italy in September. She had a great time visiting producers and sampling Parma ham, cheese, balsamic vinegar, olive oil and...wine with everything. Traveled through Tuscany and Umbria, staying in small towns in delightful old small palace hotels. You're forgiven, **Marion**, if you come to a meeting soon.

Ed and Cissie Hurst are getting around in spite of some recent medical problems Cis-

**sie's** has had. They recently returned from a trip to Nova Scotia where they loved Halifax and took a tour of the fabulous Doris Duke mansion. They plan to go to Loughlin, and Las Vegas, NV in January and in March to South America. Working at WPEN can be a joy.

John Roberts reports that he's seen Larry Kane back on KYW doing reports on the election. He's like an old fire horse when an election's going on he's got to be doing something. **Ed Harvey** sure does stay busy. We hope you saw the recent article in the October 8 issue of Radio World on his role in the beginnings of Talk Radio. It's fascinating stuff. **Ed** should recount some of his adventures at a meeting of the pioneers soon.

Please don't forget to get items for the newsletter to Paul Norton at 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958, by emailing him at his new address nanort@comcast.net, or by phone at 302-645-8910.