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“Aeey,” Henry Winkler honored by Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters

PPB Luncheon Re-cap Written by Celebrity Journalist Margie Barron
(Edited for space)



HENRY WINKLER as “The Fonz” sporting his famous leather jacket. star of *Royal Pains* **CAROL LEIFER**, who won four Emmys for *Seinfeld*, and producer **JASON EHRlich** (*The Bachelor*).

Hanging somewhere in a place of honor at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, is the leather biker jacket **HENRY WINKLER** wore when he played “The Fonz” on the TV classic *Happy Days*. But even wearing a suit and tie Winkler was the image of coolness when he strolled into the ballroom at the Sportsmen’s Lodge to be honored by the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters.

On the PPB dais to pay tribute to Winkler were *Happy Days* producer-writer-director **GARRY MARSHALL**, producer of *America’s Funniest Home Videos* **VIN DiBONA**, **MARK FEUERSTEIN**, comedian-writer **CAROL LEIFER**, who won four Emmys for *Seinfeld*, and producer **JASON EHRlich** (*The Bachelor*). PPB entertainment chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** read congratulation letters from **MARION ROSS** and **LEE MERIWETHER**. PPB President **ALAN PERRIS** presided over the event and presented the **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award to Winkler for his many accomplishments. In addition to his credits as an actor (*Royal Pains* and *Arrested Development* on TV, and *The Waterboy* and *Night Shift* on film), he has



During the luncheon, **HENRY WINKLER** posed with students from Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut who were guests of **RALPH EDWARDS** Productions. New PPB member **TAMMY TRUJILLO** teaches at Mt. SAC and hosted the table.

been a producer (most notably the *MacGyver* series), and a successful TV and film director.

The lovely afternoon was filled with stories confirming that Winkler, 70, is one of the nicest guys in Hollywood. He is also a devoted family man who gives much credit to his wife Stacey, and he is a creative force in front of and behind the cameras.



Before the luncheon **HENRY WINKLER** “admires” PPB Vice President “**SHOTGUN TOM**” **KELLY**’s hat.

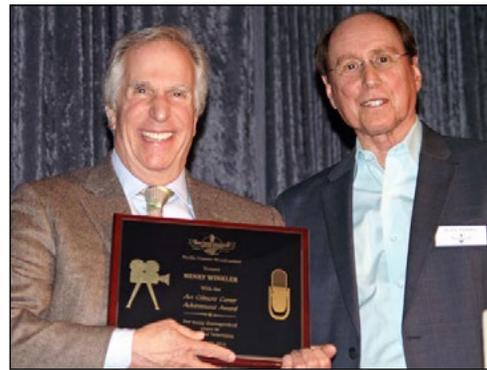
Happy Days’ creator Garry Marshall recalled when Henry joined the cast—“I also got him to play on the show’s softball team. Ron Howard got him a baseball glove, and Henry became our pitcher and a good one. On the show his character was so influential that when The Fonz got a library card, requests for cards went up 500% across the country. He is my friend and fellow artist.”



On the dais (seated L-R) **CAROL LEIFER**, honoree **HENRY WINKLER**, **GARRY MARSHALL**, **VIN DiBONA** (2nd row) **MARK FEUERSTEIN**, PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**, **JASON EHRlich**. (Don Graham Photo)

Mark Feuerstein told everyone, “As a boy, I worshiped The Fonz because he was so very cool. I wanted to be The Fonz. So imagine how thrilled I was when Henry came on *Royal Pains* to play my father. Now I’m not only a big fan, he’s my friend.”

Producer Jason Ehrlich talked about filming the new *Better*



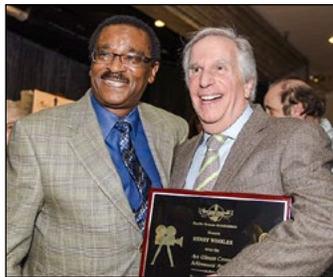
At the conclusion of a highly-successful and well-attended celebrity luncheon, PPB President **ALAN PERRIS** presented honoree **HENRY WINKLER** with PPB’s coveted **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award. (Don King photo)

do things they can check off their bucket lists. “On the trip Henry faced a lot fears such as holding a snake, but he told me, ‘Life is filled with risks and you either take them or you don’t.’ And that is why Henry is my superhero,” Ehrlich praised.

Winkler is also producing *Better Late Than Never*, and Carol Leifer is a writer on the show. She reported, “Henry always wanted to make things funnier and better as we experienced new cultures. He rode an elephant through a muddy river, and proved that being game is really where the magic happens on set.”

Vin diBona noted that he went to school with Winkler. “At Emerson College we were Alpha Pi Theta fraternity brothers.

Knowing him for all these years I can tell you he's always been the most positive person in the room, as well as the kindest," DiBona revealed.



DJ **SPIDER HARRISON** hangs out with honoree **HENRY WINKLER** after the afternoon's tribute. (Ken Karagozian photo)



PPB Board Member **JHANI KAYE** produced an entertaining tribute video to Winkler which was enjoyed by all (with PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**)

For 11 seasons on *Happy Days*, Fonzie was the best friend of Richie Cunningham (played by **RON HOWARD**), and so Henry's tribute would not have been complete without a taped message from Howard who was directing a film out of town. He had high praise for Winkler's "talent, charisma, intelligence, soul, and humor."



Newsman **BILL SMITH** (R), accepts his Diamond Circle Award from past PPB President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**. (Ken Karagozian photo)

It was noted that PPB was celebrating its 50th anniversary, and a distinguished member was honored with the organization's Diamond Circle Award. Past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** presented the award to veteran broadcaster **BILL SMITH**. A busy newsman in radio (KGIL, KABC) and television (KTLA), Smith also co-anchored KTTV's ground-breaking "Metro News - Metro News."

Margie Barron is a celebrity journalist. A member of the Television Critics Association, she has written for a wide variety of TV, entertainment and travel publications for more than 30 years. Among her credits: being featured in the movie *Alligator*, and being half of the husband and wife writing team: Margie & Frank Barron



As a surprise to our Diamond Circle Honoree **BILL SMITH**, his co-anchor on the KTTV-TV *Mid-Day News* **NANCY NELSON** came in from Minneapolis to attend the event. Bill was delighted to see her and also enjoyed remembering the good old days at KTLA with News Director **JEFF WALD**.

IN THE NEWS



Past PPB honoree **WINK MARTINDALE** is a busy guy. He's optioned rights to develop game show hits *Treasure Hunt* for Baracuda Prods and *Celebrity Sweepstakes* for Telepictures. A series of audiobooks based on Wink's interviews with legendary singing stars is being produced by Envision Networks. Recently, Wink interviewed Alex Trebek for a Canadian game show documentary. And in June, Wink and Sandy will be in Elvis' birthplace, Tupelo, MS, for the annual *Elvis Music Festival*. Wink and Sandy both have long histories with "the King."

In October, longtime PPBer **BOB MILLS** and his wife Shelley completed a 14-day trek across the Canadian Rockies with Grand Circle Tours. Photos he took along the way are on-line and have had over 2,500 hits. You can view them at GiveaSchmuck-aCamera.Blogspot.com. Bob's 15-minute scripted tribute to *Fibber McGee and Molly* entitled *Fibber's Missing Tux* was reenacted by members of the Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound. If you send Bob an e-mail at TheLaughMakers@GMail.com he'll send you a copy.



Last year, **BOB** and **SHELLEY MILLS** trekked across the Canadian Rockies.

DON GRAHAM's client **LYN STANLEY** has just released her third album of love songs called *Interludes*. JazzMostly.com says, "although some of these songs are familiar, they are given interpretations that render them new and fresh while remaining true to the original intentions of composers and lyricists. Lyn sings with flair and understanding and the result is a delight."



MARCIA MINOR took the photos below on her recent trip to Cuba. She says, "it was a wonderful 13 day adventure - drove 1,000 miles ending in Havana. Lots of music, lots of rum and lots of fun. My boat ride back to Florida was uneventful except for the part when soldiers boarded my little dinky and me having



to fight off the revolutionists - I succeeded! They don't know they already won the war - but it seems that the brothers Castro wanted me to stay on the island for god knows what purpose - maybe they like the way I roll those cigars and cut that sugar cane!! I told them PPB needs me - I have to return to my homeland!! I thoroughly recommend the trip - but, there's no place like the US of A - free to be whatever you dream."

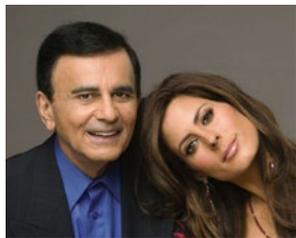


Order forms for PPB Badges are available at each luncheon at Sportsmen's Lodge. There's a version for members and another for non-member guests.

In late February, **STEVE TYRELL** finished a 10 night stand at Catalina Bar and Grill on Sunset in Hollywood. On hand to support him was his pal **JERRY SHARELL** who says, "... he was stupendous for the packed-house." Steve has been on the air at KKJZ-FM, 88.1FM, for a few months with his nightly show that runs from 6-9PM. Jerry is in his fourth year of doing *Weekends With Sinatra & Sharell* on Saturday nites, 10PM to midnite, and Sunday mornings 10AM-noon.



Vocalist **STEVE TYRELL** with **JERRY SHARELL** at Catalina Bar and Grill.



American Top 40 host **CASEY KASEM** and daughter, PPB **KERRI KASEM**.

Board Member **LOIS TRAVELINA** is encouraging PPBers to attend the Kasem Cares Conference on Aging which will be held April 21-23 in Orange County. Founder **KERRI KASEM**, daughter of the late **CASEY KASEM**, has made raising elder abuse awareness her life's mission. Keynote speakers at the event will be Kerri, elder abuse expert **PAUL GREENWOOD**, advocate for elder abuse awareness and KNBC-TV weatherman **FRITZ COLEMAN**,

plus over 44 speakers and four panels. For information, visit AgingAndEducation.com. A limited number of complimentary tickets for PPB members are available by entering the promo code PPB when registering on-line.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

STEVE ABRAMSON began his career in 1971 at WMGB in Williamsburg, Virginia. After eight years in radio, he moved into television where he is still a director, writer, and producer. Some of the shows that Steve has worked on include *Sightings*, *CBS Morning News*, *The Flintstones*, *Dr. Phil* and *The KFC Bluegrass Music Festival*. He's also done telethons, talk shows and sporting events. He received an Emmy nomination for *Fox News at 10*. Steve's sponsor is **HOWARD STORM**.

DIANE ADAIR has a long acting career in radio, TV, film and theatre. She appeared in feature films *UFOria*, *Instant Trauma* and *Blue Desert*, was on stage with June Lockhart in *The William* and toured as the narrator in *The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial* with Ed Asner. On TV, she was Fonzie's girlfriend on *Happy Days* opposite Henry Winkler and was an alien on *Babylon 5*. She's sponsored by past PPB President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**.

BIRDIE BUSH is a voice-over talent, known as "the voice you can trust." She currently does voices for *The Simpsons*. During her extensive career, she's worked at KROQ, KHJ, and KIIS. In television she ran camera and edited for NBC, CBS News, HBO and others. Birdie co-owns Line of Sight Captions, a TV captioning company. Her sponsor is **RUSSELL STACEY**.

MIKE CALLAGHAN has a 43-year radio career and just retired from KIIS-FM as an engineer where he had worked for 40 years. Mike began at KPPC as chief engineer in 1970 and was later at KWST. He taught electronics and broadcasting at Pasadena City College. **JEREMY BURNHAM** sponsored Mike.

ROGER CORTES continues to work in TV as production mixer for *Days of Our Lives*. He started as a staff audio mixer at NBC Burbank and worked on *The Tonight Show* (with both Johnny Carson and Jay Leno), *Dateline*, *Access Hollywood* and specials for Bob Hope. He was liaison between NBC and outside production companies. He has two Emmys for *Days* and *The Tonight Show*. **AL TADDEO** is his sponsor.



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TIM CRESCENTI began with Merv Griffin Entertainment in 1984. He and his wife Colleen founded Small World IFT to find unique and entertaining properties. In 2010, Tim was named Top Deal-maker in International Television by Broadcasting Magazine. He's brought the world global hits *Dragons' Den*, *Shark Tank*, *I Survived a Japanese Game Show* and *Japanizi Going Going Gong*. In the past year, Tim has tapped into markets in Thailand, Romania, Finland and South Korea. PPB President **ALAN PERRIS** is Tim's sponsor.

ERNANI DI MASSA, JR. began his career on *The Mike Douglas Show* and worked his way up to producer. At NBC-TV he produced *The Regis Philbin Show* and *Fantasy* with **LESLIE UGGAMS** and PPB **PETER MARSHALL**. In 1989, Erni joined KingWorld as senior VP of programming and development supervising *Wheel Of Fortune*, *Jeopardy*, and *Oprah*. He is currently president of TriWest Entertainment and sits on the advisory board of SnowballExpress.org. Erni is sponsored by PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**.

If you have ever watched KABC Eyewitness News, then you're familiar with **GENE GLEESON**, anchorman and reporter, who retired in 2010. Gene started in radio in Calexico as a D.J. and continued working in Hawaii, San Bernardino and San Diego. San Diego is where he began his TV career in 1970 at KFMB and later at KGTV. **RICK SCARRY** is his sponsor.

STEVE GRANT began right out of college as a runner for Alan Landsburg Production and was a production assistant on *In Search of ...*, *That's Incredible* and *Those Amazing Animals*. He was associate director on *Breakaway* and *Good Morning America* and directed *Hollywood Squares*, *Divorce Court*, *It's Christopher Lowell* (Emmy nominated), *BrainSurge* (Emmy nominated) *Mike and Maty*, *Shop 'Til You Drop*, and *Loveline*. **BIANCA PINO** is sponsoring Steve.

KEVIN HAMBURGER began his career in 1975 at WNET in New Jersey as a systems design engineer and worked as VP of engineering at Nickelodeon, The Movie Channel and VH-1. In 2004, Kevin was senior VP/production for Telepictures which produced *Extra*, *Tyra Banks*, and *Judge Mathis*. He held the same position for Fox-TV on *Burn Notice*, *White Collar* and *The Wanda Sykes Show*. Currently he is with *The Talk* as senior supervising producer and serves on the board of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. PPB President **ALAN PERRIS** is his sponsor.

LOREN KLING was a camera operator for KADY-TV in Oxnard and at KPBS-TV in San Diego. He worked in other areas of TV including content producer, audio video production, digital utility and digital camera tech. He is currently a commercial and animation voice actor and on-camera digital host. **VIN Di BONA** is sponsoring Loren.

MARIA LAING-SMITH spent 20 years in radio and 10 years as a booking agent. She was with Triad Artists handling national touring acts, and worked at Speed of Sound, Global Satellite Networks and Prism Media Partners servicing the classic rock format. Currently she is vice president of business development for Mr. Masters On-Line. Maria is sponsored by PPB Board Member **RICHARD BURDEN**.

Agent **RICHARD LAWRENCE** worked as a D.J. in Buffalo, New York, in the mail room at KTTV here in Los Angeles and helped produce *The Les Crane Show* before starting his agent career with Abrams-Rubaloff. From 1976-2004, he headed up Richard Lawrence Enterprises and is currently president of the talent and literary agency Rebel Entertainment Partners, Inc. Richard is being sponsored by PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**.

BOB LOUDIN's long career as a television director has included *The Mike Douglas Show*, *Hollywood Squares*, *The Home Show*, *The Carol Duval Show*, *Shop 'Til You Drop*, *Jane Fonda Workout*, *That's Incredible* and *Pyramid*. Bob was field director for *Good Morning America* and *Fantasy* and is currently a freelance director and president of Force 9 Productions. His sponsor is PPB VP **BIANCA PINO**.

OOPS! With apologies, **KIM MARRINER**'s name was spelled incorrectly in the last newsletter.



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PERRY MASSEY's career in TV started as a page in 1950 at NBC in New York. He went on to become a stage manager, assistant director, and producer during the 50's. For almost 20 years he was a producer on *The Tonight Show Starring Jack Parr* and later with Johnny Carson. Up to 1991 he was a freelancer both in New York and L.A. He is sponsored by **MICHAEL BROCKMAN**.

RONALD MONITZ is sponsored by our President **ALAN PERRIS** and spent 35 years in TV, motion pictures and music as legal counsel for such stars as Lionel Ritchie, Carroll O'Conner, Ted Nugent and Michael Jackson. Ronald also worked for New World, KTLA-TV and A&M Records.

NANCY NELSON was still in high school when she had her first television program and before starting college, she appeared in her first motion picture. Nancy's done it all, including talk shows, news anchoring and reporting, hosting game shows, commercials, infomercials, producing, writing and directing. Nancy worked at KHJ-TV and at KTTV as co-host with her sponsor **BILL SMITH**. She now lives in Minneapolis where she first started and is president of Nancy Nelson Productions, TWD Enterprises and Billy Enterprises. Along with Bill, Nancy is co-sponsored by **LOIS TRAVELINA**.

DONNA PERRIS's long career began as a radio sales account executive at WAXY radio in Miami. She moved to LA and sold time at both KNBC-TV and KABC-TV. Our President **ALAN PERRIS** is sponsoring Donna.

CHRIS ROBERTS has been a play-by-play announcer for 35 years starting in 1980 at Cal State Fullerton calling football, basketball and baseball. He later joined Long Beach State, then UCLA and did pre- and post-game shows for the Raiders and Rams. Chris was named Play-by-Play Announcer of the Year and earned a Golden Mike Award. His sponsor is PPB Board Member **JHANI KAYE**.

GENE SCHWAM has been in publicity for 60 years and is president and CEO of Hanson and Schwam. His clients have included Barbara Eden, Blake Edwards and Gene Barry. He's been executive producer for films *The Outrageous Sophie Tucker* and *Reckless Indiferences* and produced movies for TV. Gene is sponsored by PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**.

STEVEN SHINDLER has a 38 year career in TV and began in NY and Washington. D.C. as a news editor and a field tech. He later became editor and field producer for CNN. During the 80's, he worked at WUSA, WLS and WFLD and is now at NBC as a writer, producer and works in marketing. **RUSSELL STACEY** is his sponsor.

BONNIE STRANGIS has worked in TV for 23 years starting in N.Y. at CBS as secretary to William Dozier, producer of *Batman* and *The Green Hornet*. When Mr. Dozier left CBS to join RKO, he took Bonnie with him. They then went back to CBS, then Screen Gems and Fox-TV. Bonnie is being sponsored by **PEGGY DAVIS**.

ROB WORD has held management positions with Pax TV, Orion, and Filmways. He has a

real love for the West and has hosted, produced and directed *A Word on Westerns*, the Autry Museum's celebrity interview series. TV movie credits include: *The Adventures of William Tell* and *An Ozzie and Harriet Christmas*. Rob hosted numerous events at the Autry Museum, and was honored for his contributions with the Golden Boot Award. PPB President **ALAN PERRIS** is his sponsor.

WE REMEMBER

JOHN LEE GRASSE was a long time director of engineering and industrial relations at KCOP-13. While there, he designed and had built "a self contained color TV station on wheels" - thus allowing for truly mobile broadcasting. John was an avid HAM radio operator and worked as an engineer for Lockheed's top-secret "Skunkworks" project. His daughter Karyn can be contacted at Karysma7@gmail.com.

Longtime PPB member **PAT HARRINGTON** was best-known for his role as building superintendent Dwayne F. Schneider on the hit CBS sitcom *One Day at a Time*, for which he earned both an Emmy and a Golden Globe.

EBBA JOHNSON worked at CBS-TV City in the offices of the programming department, in business affairs and in the theatrical film division. She also spent time on *The Danny Kaye Show* and *The Carol Burnett Show*.

Former PPB member **CHARLIE TUNA** worked as morning drive radio personality for more stations and formats than anyone in L.A. radio history. He was part of the legendary KHJ Boss Jock line-up; starting KROQ radio; starting KIIS and serving as both program director and morning man for KIIS AM and FM.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



PPB's Board Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** found this vintage photo in her archives recently. It was taken at a luncheon at Sportsmen's Lodge, but Jeanne's not sure of the year. Pictured are actress **ALICE BACKES** (best known for *Bachelor Father*, 1957, *I Want to Live!*, 1958, and *The Cat from Outer Space*, 1978); writer and producer **NORMAN CORWIN** (nominated for an Academy Award for Writing Adapted Screenplay for *Lust for Life*), Jeanne and her husband, actor and producer **EWING "LUCKY" BROWN**.

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April 29, 2016 - I Dream of Jeannie's
BARBARA EDEN

June 3, 2016 - Taxi's
MARILU HENNER