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Superstar Neil Sedaka Honored at November Celebrity Luncheon

An enthusiastic crowd of PPBers and their guests jammed the Empire Room at Sportsmen's Lodge in November to celebrate the life and career of singer, songwriter, composer, pianist, and author NEIL SEDAKA.



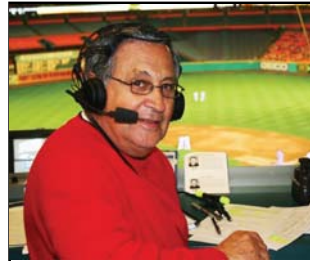
On the Dais - Front Row: ARTIE BUTLER, MARC SEDAKA, honoree NEIL SEDAKA, MARILYN McCOO, PPB Board Chair JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, Back Row: WINK MARTINDALE, LOU GOSSETT, JR., DAVID FOSTER, PHIL CODY, BILLY DAVIS, JR. (Photo: David Keeler)

Board Chair JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN read letters of congratulations from CONNIE FRANCIS, LORNA LUFT, MICHAEL FEINSTEIN, and JOSEPH W. POLISI, President, The Juilliard School.

On the dais, WINK MARTINDALE, who met Neil when interviewing him on KMPC, said "when a Neil Sedaka song came on the radio, you knew it was Neil's immediately - he was the king of writing intros." LOU GOSSETT, JR., who attended high school in Brooklyn with Neil, said that once a week Neil would go to assembly and make magic at the piano and told a moving story about the neighborhood they grew up in.



NEIL SEDAKA and his dais guests WINK MARTINDALE, MARILYN McCOO and BILLY DAVIS, JR. were clearly amused watching a video of Neil's early television appearances. The luncheon crowd joined them in hearing again many of the songs Neil wrote and sang on those early-day TV shows, one of which was hosted by Wink. (Photo: David Keeler - Text: Gerry Fry)



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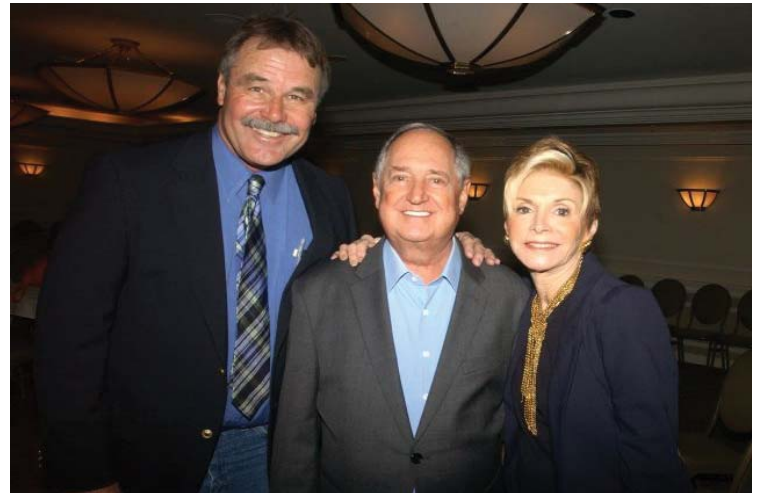
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Presenting the Art Gilmore Career Achievement Award
VIN SCULLY

Scheduled to appear on the dais:

**LAURA DIAZ, JORGE JARRÍN, LARRY KING,
TOMMY LASORDA**



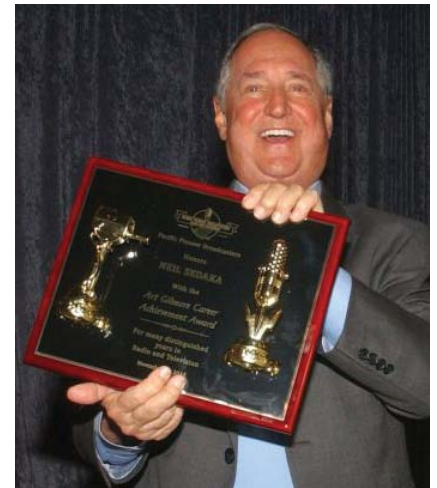
PPB President CHUCK STREET welcomed honoree NEIL SEDAKA and his wife LEBa to the celebrity luncheon on November 15th at Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City. (Photo: David Keeler - Text: Gerry Fry)

MARILYN McCOO called Neil a gentleman and a gentle man. Her husband, BILLY DAVIS, JR., said that "Neil's songs fit every decade in a six decade career. That's a career with legs."

Accolades also came from record producer, DAVID FOSTER, songwriters ARTIE BUTLER and PHIL CODY, and Neil's son, MARC SEDAKA.

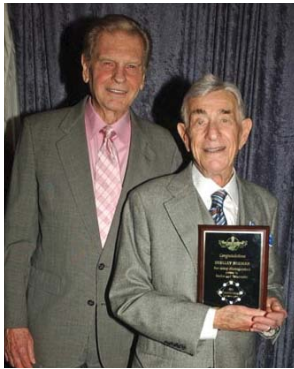
Neil proudly displayed his ART GILMORE Career Achievement Award to a standing ovation from the large crowd at Sportsmen's Lodge.

In his closing remarks, Neil said, "my inspiration comes from the piano - it talks to me. That's the creative drive. Thank you for this great honor."



Comedian Shelley Berman Receives Diamond Circle Award

PPB's First VP **LARRY VANDERVEEN** presented our Diamond Circle Award to **SHELLEY BERMAN** by saying (in part):



First Vice President **LARRY VANDERVEEN** presents the Diamond Circle Award to **SHELLEY BERMAN**.

In New York, his comedy writing talent brought him work as a sketch writer for **STEVE ALLEN's** *Tonight Show*.

A string of hit performances in major night clubs, led to a recording contract with Verve records, which in 1959 released the history-making album, *Inside Shelley Berman*. It was the first Gold Record comedy album and the first non-musical recording to win a Grammy.

Shelley soon became a familiar face on the **ED SULLIVAN**, **JACK PAAR**, **DINAH SHORE**, **PERRY COMO**, **ANDY WILLIAMS**, and **DEAN MARTIN** shows. He has appeared in comedy and dramatic roles in such hit TV series as *The Twilight Zone*, *Bewitched*, the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *CSI NY*, *LA Law*, *Boston Legal* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

His film credits include, *The Best Man* (with **HENRY FONDA**), *Divorce*, *American Style* (with **DICK VAN DYKE** and **DEBBIE REYNOLDS**), *Meet the Fockers* (with **ROBERT De NIRO** and **BEN STILLER**), and *The Holiday* (with **CAMERON DIAZ**).

Shelley continues to do film and TV work, and to make personal appearances across the country. And now he can add poetry to his list of accomplishments. His book of poetry, *To Laughter with Questions*, has just been released and is doing very well. No surprise, since he taught in the Master of Professional Writing Program at USC for 23 years!

PPB welcomes the newest member of the Diamond Circle, Shelley Berman.

In The News

Congratulations to PPB's past President **CHUCK CECIL** for the profile in the LA Times on December 19th. The story highlights the impact of Chuck's big band show *Swingin' Years* that has been on the radio since 1956. The show began as filler for an empty Saturday morning slot on KFI. If you missed it, check the LA Times website.



LARRY VANDERVEEN will do an encore performance of his one man play, *Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald*, for the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read project at the Burbank Central Library on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00pm. Admission is free.

In The News

January 8, 2014 marks what would have been **ELVIS PRESLEY's** 78th birthday. Graceland is flying **WINK** and **SANDY MARTINDALE** to Memphis for the cutting of the birthday cake and to participate in question and answer sessions with fans of the King of Rock 'n Roll. Both Wink and Sandy were personal friends of Elvis. Wink first met him in July 1954 at WHBQ radio the night Sun Records founder **SAM PHILLIPS** walked in with a copy of *That's Alright Mama* for deejay **DEWEY PHILLIPS** to introduce on his *Red, Hot & Blue* radio show. Sandy first met Elvis at one of her Dad's nightclubs and dated him for six years, all the while dancing in several of his movies.



WINK MARTINDALE chats with the King on the set of *G.I. Blues* after **ELVIS PRESLEY's** return from Army duty.



JERRY F. SHARELL is "Alive and Well" and back on the radio at 88.1 FM/KJAZZ every Sunday from 10am-noon hosting *Sundays with Sinatra*. He says, "thanks a bunch to all of you who sent me super wishes and kind regards. I'm doing just fine! May you all have a fabulous 2014!"

KAREN SARGENT RACHELS is entering into her 20th year of producing and directing theatre productions in Big Bear Lake. Her Community Arts Theater Society (CATS) will celebrate 20 years in business with three productions in 2014: *I Do! I Do!* in March, *The Wizard of Oz* in June-July and a Gala 20 Year Celebration Retrospective in November. Check the website for details. www.bigbeartheater.org.

JEFFREY LEONARD received a Star Award for Volunteer of the Year from the Motion Picture Television Fund (MPTF) at the annual holiday luncheon on December 8th. Jeff says, "I'm as proud to be a part of that organization as I am to be involved with the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters."

JERALDINE SAUNDERS has signed a new contract with Tribune Media Services for her horoscope column which appears daily in major newspapers. She's got an option for *Love Boat: The Musical* which would be live at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and her book, *The Love Boat Lady* continues to sell on Amazon.

Past President **SAM LOVULLO** couldn't be a prouder papa. Sam's son, bench coach **TOREY LOVULLO** helped lead the Boston Red Sox to its third World Series championship in 10 years when the team defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in six games. Although Sam attended early games in the series, he was unable to be there for the final one in October.

ANDREW "ANDY" CORLESS was named one of the Ventura County Star's 25 over 50. The newspaper's publisher, **MARGIE COCHRANE**, says "with so many established 40 under 40 awards programs, we knew our county's younger leaders were well represented. Our goal was to turn that model upside down and recognize an amazing class of individuals over the age of 50 that have truly served Ventura County. They have truly contributed to make our community what it is today." For over 70 years, Andy served as a DJ, program director, sales rep, and radio personality. He is co-founder of the Rotary Club of Ventura East.

BILL A. JONES had the honor of singing **VAN ALEXANDER** and **LEE HALE's** new Christmas Classic, *It Comes Around The Same Time Each Year* for the ASMAC holiday luncheon at Catalina Jazz Club in Hollywood. PPB honoree **MICHAEL FEINSTEIN** recorded the song, which is available for download at iTunes.

New Members

DOUGLAS C. BROWN has a 25 year career in radio which includes KROQ, KRLA, KJH, KNX and K-EARTH. He was manager of audio and video in-flight entertainment content for Sony, until 2013, when he retired. He continues to freelance.

MARY BETH GARBER started out in 1974 at KNX-FM as an account executive, worked at CBS-FM, was senior VP/marketing at Interep Radio, and managed a \$400-million broadcast budget at Walt Disney Studios. Mary Beth received the Broadcaster of the Year Award at RAB 2008 Conference and was named one of Radio Ink Magazine's Most Influential Women in Radio in 2012. Currently, she is executive VP of radio analysis and insights at Katz Radio Group.

MARY GRISWOLD was creative director at KFMB radio in San Diego and worked in research at KJQY, KLSX/KRLA, KTWV/KFWB and MTV. In 1999, Mary started her own company, LA Media Research, which specializes in analysis and presentation of audience, ad sales, and consumer behavior research for media organizations.

BOB HAMILTON worked in San Francisco at KSFO and KFRC, and in Miami at WMXJ. He's been a consultant for KLAC in LA, KABL in SF, and KEZW in Denver. Currently, Bob is senior VP music/programming for Tom Kent Radio Network and is president of Hamilton Communications, a programming and management company.

CHRISTINA KELLEY spent 25 years as music director and announcer at rock station WHMD. She was a PSA announcer for WJLA-TV, promo announcer for WDSU-TV, narrator of the BET Awards, does radio imaging for American Airlines, and is a night personality at K-EARTH. She's just narrated the audiobook of the sci-fi best seller, *World of Shell and Bone*, and can be heard on the TV promos for the Golden Globes.

RANDALL KERDOON has a career spanning 27 years in radio and 10 in TV. His credits in sports broadcasting include play-by-play at KTKK, sports/news anchor for KSL, and show host for Time Warner Cable and FOX Sports Net. Randy's worked at KFWB, KTTV, and for KNX where he continues as a sportscaster.

CHRIS LITTLE has 30 years in radio and five in TV. Chris was a DJ in Monroe, GA, Atlanta, and Indianapolis. In the mid 80's he worked as DJ at KEZY and at KFI where he became a reporter and anchor. In 2000, Chris was named news director of KFI Los Angeles, where he remains.

RICK MARCELLI was a child actor, appearing in numerous TV series, such as *Laramie*, *The Untouchables*, and *Jack Benny and Bob Hope Shows*. At 15 he landed a job as assistant to an A & R producer at Capitol Records, which led his becoming a producer in his own right. Currently, Rick is a personal manager.

DEBORA MASTERSON was as a professional dancer before forming Working Artists Talent Agency. She co-produced the documentary *Above and Beyond: The Story of Cpl. William T. Perkins, Jr. USMC* which still plays on PBS stations. At age 62, Debora finished her master's degree in French and now teaches ESL (English as a Second Language). Debora's father, **PAUL MASTERSON**, was a former PPB President.

DENIS J. McCALLION is an actor, producer, writer, and administrator. He started his career as a puppeteer on TV and in commercials before becoming a production assistant for TV and film. Denis was the executive producer for Rolling Art TV and won awards for documentaries.

DON McCULLOCH has a 51 year career in radio as an announcer, on-air personality, program host, and DJ. Don worked for our **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** at KMPC. He's currently president of Radio Deluxe and producer of *Radio Deluxe with John Pizzarelli*, a weekly, nationally syndicated program.

KONRAD MONTI is an actor and model with 15 years in TV and 50 in film and modeling. His film credits include *Breakthrough*, *Lost in Centerville*, and *Jet Over the Atlantic*. On TV, he hosted *Addiction Etc.* and co-hosted *Showbiz*. Konrad continues to actively pursue acting and modeling work.

KEN ORCHARD began his career in 1959 working at KHJ and after 20 years as an engineer, he left to build and operate an AM-FM radio group. In 1996, he started Orchard Media Services. Since 2006, he's been an FCC Compliance Specialist contracted to inspect radio and TV stations throughout the country.

DENNIS RICOTTA was a music editor and post production supervisor who has worked at Warner Bros., Universal, Paramount, Lorimar, Raleigh, MGM, and Fox studios. He edited music and effects tracks for more than half of **WALT DISNEY's** cartoon library for foreign distribution in the '80s. Among others, Dennis has worked with composers **JOHN WILLIAMS**, **HANS ZIMMER**, and **ALFRED NEWMAN**.

GLENN ROBISON is a producer, engineer and radio host and author. He's worked in San Diego and was producer and host of *Rapidly Rotating Records* on KLSM-Avalon. Glenn is currently on the Board of Directors of Catalina Island's KISL-FM and writes liner notes for Rivermont Records.

MIKE SAUNDERS - Currently a financial advisor, Mike's background includes reporting on sports for KQSB and KWNK, where he also announced financial news.

CARSON SCHREIBER was senior VP of promotion, marketing, and product development for Disney's Lyric Street Records in Nashville. He was director of National Country Music Promotion for RCA Records and United Artists Records. He worked as on-air personality and music director at KLAC. Since 2003, Carson has been a CSUN advisor in Cinema TV Arts at KCSN-FM.

JACK E. SILVER been a program director for several stations including WLLP in Chicago and KABC in LA, and was music director for CBS radio. Currently, Jack is the program director for NBC Sports Radio.

BRYAN SIMMONS - with 37 years in radio, Bryan is an announcer, producer and writer. He hosted the *Boogie Nights* dance music show on KBIG-FM and afternoon drive for KOST-FM, is the adult contemporary voice for Benztown Branding, and the imaging voice for Westwood One Networks in Valencia. Bryan is currently working weekends and fill-in at THE WAVE and serves as the voice of their Christmas Dream promotion.

SHAUNE MCNAMARA STEELE - Shaune started as secretary to the program director of KHJ. As a music director, Shaune worked at KRLA, KLSX, KRTH and KCBS-FM. She is the widow of The Real **DON STEELE**.

STEVEN J. STRAUSS has 30 years in TV as an entertainment attorney whose clients include **STEVIE WONDER**, **PATRICK DEMPSEY**, and **MAGIC JOHNSON**. He represents trusts for personalities such as **ELIZABETH TAYLOR**, the **DEAN MARTIN** family, and the estate of **FRED ASTAIRE**.

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1996: PPB's Celebrity Luncheon Honoring MARIAN ROSS



Pictured are (L to R), JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, JOHN HARLAN, ART GILMORE, TOM BOSLEY, honoree MARIAN ROSS, ROBERT EASTON, ERIN MORAN, DONNY MOST.

New Members (continued)

MARK SUTHERLAND has over 30 years of broadcasting experience. After being recognized as *Billboard's* Top Modern Rock Radio Personality, he was tapped as a star of Radio Disney, which he helped develop into a national network. He's created, produced, and directed network TV for NBC, Lifetime, and Discovery. In 2006, Mark created *Static Beach*, a radio format that highlights the lifestyle and music of the beach.

BARBARA TUURI began her 30 year career in TV as a sales assistant in Portland, OR. In LA, she's worked for various TV and corporate executives at Warner Bros., such as **DAVID HOROWITZ**, **DOUG DUTSMAN**, and **ART STOLNITZ**. Currently, Barbara is executive assistant to the president of DC Entertainment.

LARRY VAN NUYS has a remarkable 60 years in radio and TV having spent many years as the signature voice talent in LA, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Miami, and Seattle and has been heard on countless commercials and promos. Larry's won an Emmy, a Golden Mike, multiple **EDWARD R. MURROW** Awards, and the **MARK TWAIN** Award. Most recently Larry worked as a news anchor for KNX, and currently can be heard on KSFO in San Francisco.

BRIAN ZINK began as a cameraman at KHSL-TV in Chico before being named station manager at KCSC. In LA he was an engineer at KABC-TV, then studio facility manager at KNET-TV. Brian is currently VP of production at Media Broadcast Services.

PPB Lapel Pins are once again available from **GEORGE KNAPP** - he'll be in the lobby of the Sportsmen's Lodge before our next Luncheon, or you can drop by his table. A limited number are available for \$5.00 each.



We Remember With Great Admiration

JANE KEANE was best known for her role as Trixie, the long-suffering wife of Ed Norton on the 1960s revival of *The Honeymooners* with **JACKIE GLEASON** and **ART CARNEY**. Jane had a long stage career.

SHIRLEY MITCHELL LIVINGSTON was the comic actress who played Marion Strong, Lucy Ricardo's friend with the cackling laugh, on *I Love Lucy*. She also appeared on *Bachelor Father*, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, and *The Red Skelton Hour*.

Volunteers of the Month



PPB relies on many of its member volunteers to organize and present the celebrity luncheons. Protecting entry to the "green room" at each luncheon are long-time members **SHEL STUART**, left, and **JACK LLOYD**. Their sign means what it says - "INVITED GUESTS ONLY" ...! (Photo and Text: Gerry Fry)

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