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## Dodger Hall of Fame Broadcaster Jaime Jarrín Honored at Luncheon

PPB's January luncheon was a celebration of two families – the Los Angeles Dodger's family and that of our honoree, Spanish language broadcaster, **JAIME JARRÍN**.

To start the afternoon's celebration of a deserving honoree, PPB President **CHUCK STREET** introduced several baseball celebrities seated in the audience: **TOREY LOVULLO**, the Bench Coach for World Series Champion Boston Red Sox and son of past President **SAM LOVULLO**; former Dodger pitcher **FERNANDO VALENZUELA** and broadcaster **PEPE YNIGUEZ**, both of whom work in the booth with Jaime. Board Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** read letters of congratulations from **PETER O'MALLEY**, former owner of the Dodgers, and sportscaster **ROSS PORTER**.



On the Dais: Front Row: **LAURA DIAZ**, honoree **JAIME JARRIN**, **JORGE JARRIN**, PPB Board Chair **JEANNE DEVIVIER BROWN**, Back row: **VIN SCULLY**, **LARRY KING**, PPB President **CHUCK STREET**, **MICHAEL YOUNG**. (Photo: Don King)

Jaime's son, **JORGE JARRÍN** began the tributes by telling the story of how his father came to Los Angeles from Ecuador where he got his first radio job at age 16. In 1955, Jaime watched the Brooklyn Dodgers win their first World Series and fell in love with baseball. He was working at KWKW in 1958 when the team moved to L.A. and has been a part of the Dodgers ever since.

Jorge is frequently asked, "What's it like to be the son of a Hall of Fame broadcaster." He usually replies that his father has been "a huge influence, both personally and professionally." He



The Dodgers sent a crew with reporter **COURTNEY JONES** and photographer **ERICK VAZQUEZ** to cover the tribute of Jaime Jarrin. A link to the terrific short video they produced can be found on our home page at [www.PPBWebsite.org](http://www.PPBWebsite.org). (Photo: Don King)



IPPB's January 24th celebrity luncheon for **JAIME JARRÍN**, the Spanish voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers, brought Jaime (L) together with **VIN SCULLY**, **LARRY KING** and PPB's "SHOTGUN" **TOM KELLY**. Where else could you see four true broadcasting pioneers together like this? (Text: Gerry Fry)(Photo: Don King)

described how personally, Jaime showed his son how to be a loving and supportive father and professionally how to be a good broadcaster.

**MICHAEL YOUNG**, vice president of sales for the Dodgers talked about what Jaime has done for the team by saying, "the O'Malleys built the stadium, but it is Jaime and Fernando who have kept the doors open. Jaime is the one who drove the Latino community to the Dodgers.

Past **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award recipient and huge Dodger supporter **LARRY KING** said, "I don't understand a word of Spanish but I've listened to him and Jaime makes the game come alive. I'm in the presence of greatness and I'm honored to be here."

Newscaster **LAURA DIAZ** talked about Jaime's "beautiful baritone voice. He could read the El Monte phone book and make you cry. Latinos go running to hear Jaime call a game. He's a true rock star." Laura called him "a gentleman who is generous with giving his time to up and coming broadcasters."

Fellow Dodger broadcaster **VIN SCULLY** began his remarks by saying, "Hi, everybody and a very pleasant good afternoon to you," a familiar greeting to anyone who has ever listened to a Dodgers' broadcast.

The veteran of 65 seasons with the team doesn't travel much anymore and said that what he misses are "those wonderful nights on the road. I loved the hours I spent with Jaime

and our long dinners together. We have a great relationship and now, I'm having lunch with Jamie and still having a good time." The Dodgers are the only major league club to feature two Hall of Fame announcers. It was a memorable moment when Vin Scully presented the Art Gilmore Career Achievement Award to a deserving and grateful Jaime Jarrin.

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PPB board member **JOHN NEWTON** knew it was time to wear his Dodgers jacket when he met with broadcasting legends **LARRY KING** and **VIN SCULLY**. (Text: Gerry Fry. Photo: Don King)

In his acceptance speech, Jaime said, "Vin, you've been everything to me. You've always been in my corner. **WALTER O'MALLEY** understood the value of the Spanish language market when he moved the team to L.A. and made a broadcast deal with KWKW, the station where I was working at the time." In a moving tribute, Jaime said in closing, "I owe my success to my wife **Blanca** and the support of my sons and their families."

## Membership Chair Kay Henley Receives Diamond Circle Award

PPB's First Vice President **LARRY VANDERVEEN** presented the Diamond Circle Award to Membership and Friendship Chair **KAY HENLEY**. Here, in part, are Mr. Vanderveen's remarks introducing Ms. Henley:



First VP **LARRY VANDERVEEN** presented the Diamond Circle award to PPB Membership and Friendship Chair, **KAY HENLEY**. (Photo: JoMo for Art Laboe)

Kay's career got underway when she worked with **LOUIS PRIMA** while he was searching for a replacement for **KEELY SMITH**. That led to a stint with the Musician's Union, and then to **DON FEDERSON** Productions' financial department where her broadcast career was launched.

Kay's big break in broadcasting came when, as a contestant on the game show *Beat the Odds*, she beat the odds; here's how: during a break on the set, a man asked for people to raise their hands if they would be interested in auditioning as contestants for *You Don't Say*, an Andrews-Yagemann production hosted by **TOM KENNEDY**. Kay raised her hand - she was interviewed - she was chosen - and she was the winner on the episode she appeared on. Recognizing a real winner when he saw one, the show's producer hired her as his secretary and program talent coordinator.

Kay went on to build a great career as talent coordinator for such hit game shows as *It Takes Two*, with **VIN SCULLY**, *I'll Bet* with **JACK NARZ** and *Liar's Club*, with **ROD SERLING**. When Goodson-Todman brought *Password* to Los Angeles, Kay let it be known that she was available. She



**BOB HENLEY** was on hand to see his mom, Kay, honored by PPB.

quickly became the talent coordinator for *Password*, *Match Game*, *Tattletales*, and various game show pilots.

After all that success behind the camera, Kay was bitten by the acting bug and she bit back, with performing roles on *Simon & Simon*, *One Day at a Time*, and soaps as well.

Along the way, Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters got very lucky. One day **WINK MARTINDALE** told Kay he was being honored by PPB and she should come to see some of her old friends. She did and our **JOHN HARLAN** invited her to join us. Ever since, Kay has been a devoted member and tireless worker for PPB.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming the newest member of the Pacific Pioneer Broadcaster's Diamond Circle— **KAY HENLEY**.



PPB's newest Diamond Circle recipient **KAY HENLEY** enjoys her moment at the podium while Dodger broadcaster **VIN SCULLY** and luncheon honoree **JAIME JARRIN** look on. (Photo: JoMo for Art Laboe)

### In The News



Motion Picture and Television Fund's annual fund raiser *A Day at the Races* was held at Santa Anita Park on January 25. Pictured are race track bugler **JAY COHEN**, PPB member **CHRIS THOMAS** and wife **MAGGIE**, MPTF's **ARLENE GLASSNER**, Diamond Circle Honoree **CONNIE SAWYER**, and PPB Board Member **DEE BAKER**.

Earlier this month at Skylight Books in Los Angeles, **ROBERT S. LEVINSON** launched a series of in-store visits for his 11th novel, *Finders, Keepers, Losers, Weepers*. He has more dates coming up: Sunday, February 23, *Mysterious Galaxy* in San Diego, 1 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, *Mysterious Galaxy* in Redondo Beach, 2:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 8, *Book 'Em Mysteries* in South Pasadena, 2 p.m.; Saturday, March 15, *Mystery Ink* in Huntington Beach, 2 p.m. At each locale, Bob will do a brief reading and hold a Q&A session about the book, a story set in the music industry of the late 80s-early 90s.



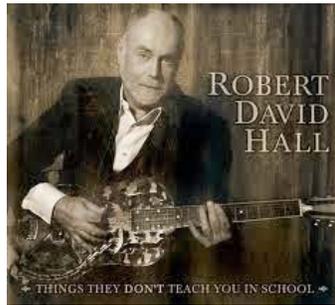
CHUCK SOUTHCOTT

Past PPB President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** is happy to report that he's picked up a new affiliate in Columbus, Ohio for his classics music show *This Is Music*. In Los Angeles, the show can be heard on the internet at CJNU.ca between 9:00am and 10am daily.

Longtime PPB member **JOHN CLARK** was a child star in England in the 40s and played the title role in *Just William* on radio, stage and television. A reunion has been planned for May 15 at a cinema in London, where he will be flown to appear with **WILLIAM GRAHAM** who played William in the film. "We

creaky old actors, now in our 80s, will finally get to meet", says John. He's still busy acting, and writing his memoirs - not as a book, but as a play.

Who knew? Long before he started playing Doc Robbins on CSI 14 years ago or was on the air at KNX-FM, PPB member **ROBERT DAVID HALL** was a musician and songwriter. His CD *Things They Don't Teach You In School* is now available at RobertDavidHallMusic.com and on iTunes. Robert's been a musician since he was eight years old. He says, "First it was the French horn in elementary school then, behind my parents back, I switched to guitar when we moved from D.C. to L.A."



Board Member **MARCIA MINOR** was honored on February 9th by the Museum of Tolerance for her volunteer contribution of 124 hours. Marcia's been a volunteer at the Museum for 11 years.



PPB Diamond Circle honoree **ART LABOE** (center) just wrapped his annual *Valentine's Super Love Jam* concert tour which included the Sweethearts of Soul, **PEACHES AND HERB**. On April 18th, Art makes a concert return to Los Angeles with the *Art Laboe Block Party* with Hot 92.3 at the Forum. Check ArtLaboe.com for the line up.



**BOB FOX** and **BETTY WHITE** at the Centennial celebration for the city of Beverly Hills.

Board Member **ROBERT FOX** hung out with two-time PPB honoree **BETTY WHITE** at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the city of Beverly Hills in January. Years ago, Bob and Betty worked together at channel 13 and as a member of the Centennial Committee, Bob asked her to attend the event where she led 1,500 people in the *Beverly High Fight Song*.

Charter member and Diamond Circle Award recipient **MARTY HALPERIN** would love to hear from his PPB friends. You can reach him at 661-259-2844.

Actress and voice artist **JANET WALDO** was honored with the Byron Kane Memorial Award for service to the profession at last November's SPERDVAC convention. Janet's daughter Lucy and son Jonathan presented their mom with the award. Along with many other roles in animation Janet is probably best-known as the voice of **JUDY JETSON**.

Recently, **GERRY FRY** and his wife **MARTY** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on December 22, 1963 in the chapel of Stockton College (now University) of the Pacific when they were working at competing Sacramento TV stations.

#### New Members

**ANDY LUDLUM** is a veteran of 39 years in radio and three in TV and he's been an editor, news reporter, and anchor in San Jose, Seattle, Kansas City and, since 1995, in Los Angeles. He's covered major news events from all over the world. Currently, Andy is program director at KFWB 980 and KNX 1070.

**DOUG QUICK** has been in TV for 45. Starting as a page at NBC, he went on to become an Associate Director/Stage Manager on CBS soaps and sit-coms. In 1994, Doug left CBS to freelance and is currently working as SM on *The Price Is Right*. He has development deals with projects for his company, PDQ Entertainment.

**MATTHEW WORLEY** is an announcer, producer, writer, radio news reporter, and talk show host. He's a member of the Independent Writers of Southern California and the Broadcast Education Association. He writes for several trade magazines and just had an article published in *Opera News*. He's the west coast liaison for the Chicago's Museum of Broadcast Communications and is host of *By the Book*, a weekly author-themed series featuring conversations with notable nonfiction authors.

Oops! Christina Kelley's new member bio in the last newsletter should have read like this:

Before coming to L.A., **CHRISTINA KELLEY** was an announcer and creative production director at WQUE in New Orleans and at WPGC in Washington, D.C. She was an announcer at KCMG-FM / Mega 100 and is currently on the air at K-EARTH 101. Christina recently voiced promos for NBC's *First Look: Live on the Red Carpet*.

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#### A Blast From the Past

On the back page of every newsletter, you'll see a list of PPB's current Board of Directors. Here are a few of the members who served previously ...

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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.

