

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



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MANY PPBERS TOOK A TRIP TO the moon through the words of our September 18 luncheon Honoree, Astronaut **BUZZ ALDRIN**. Forty years after landing on the moon, an event that was watched by a television audience estimated at 600 million, **BUZZ** has penned his dramatic memories in a new autobiography, *Magnificent Desolation*, which he graciously autographed for members after the luncheon.

Joining new President **SAM LOVULLO** and Entertainment chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** on the dais were **A.C. LYLES, CHUCK STREET, MILT LARSEN, ERNIE BORGNINE**, together with Aerospace Engineers Don Camp, William Haynes and Dr. Stan Rosen.

Col. **ALDRIN** accepted the **ART GILMORE** Lifetime Achievement Award from President **SAM LOVULLO**.

IN PRESENTING THE DIAMOND CIRCLE AWARD, PPB Board member **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** paid tribute to a newspaper reporter, entertainment journalist and public relations executive.

As principal and Senior Vice President of Rogers and Cowan, he was responsible for more than 140 international motion picture campaigns, including those for *Rocky* and *Superman*. He was Publicity Director at the Mirisch Corporation, working on the campaigns for *Hawaii; The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming* and the Academy Award-winning *In the Heat of the Night*.

While delivering newspapers during his high school days in Portland, OR, he heard that reporters got to interview celebrities. At 14, he wrote a story about a visiting actress on a national tour and when his school paper printed it, he became a reporter, a job that was to stay with him for many years. By 16, he had interviewed Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, General MacArthur, Toscanini and other greats.

At 19, he came to Hollywood where he did odd jobs and wrote theatre reviews for community papers. Eventually, he found work as a movie reviewer with *Box Office* and *Variety*. He was a frequent contributor for *Saturday Review* and founded the L.A. Drama Critics Circle, gaining a reputation as a tough but fair critic. He's known for his Academy Award cam-

paigns. DreamWorks enlisted him as consultant for *American Beauty, Gladiator, Almost Famous* and *The Contender*, all winning Oscar nominations and nods.

Upon closing his offices in 1998 after 42 years, he pledged his support to the Actors Fund, the Hollywood Press Club and the Exceptional Children's Foundation. As Chairman of the City of Hope's benefit event, Last Great Hollywood Party, he helped raise more than \$6 million in 10 years. He's received numerous awards for Public Service including The Publicist Guild's highest award for outstanding achievement.

It is with great pleasure that the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presents the Diamond Circle Award to **Mr. DALE OLSON**.

* PPB will return to the newly-refurbished *
* Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City for the *
* November 20th Luncheon. *

CHARTER MEMBER JUNE FORAY HAS BEEN BUSY. She reprises her role as Granny in the new "Looney Tunes" TV series, she's recorded two shows for Flapjack Television and her autobiography, *Did You Grow Up With Me, Too?*, has just been released and is available on Amazon.com and in bookstores everywhere. She personally signed copies at ComicCon in San Diego. And, **JUNE FORAY** was the answer to a recent question on TV's "Jeopardy."

MICHAEL CARAZZA IS THE PRODUCER of *Viagra Falls*, starring Bernie Kopel, which is currently on tour in Canada.

ACTRESS AND SINGER CONNIE SAWYER just worked on TNT's new show "Hawthorn," and finished an independent film that Marvin Kaplan wrote and produced called *Look Out For Slick*.

AS MENTIONED LAST MONTH, BOB DIX' autobiography, *Out of Hollywood*, has been published. It's now available through his website at **www.RobertDix.com**.

MARILYN KING AND HER SISTER, Vonnie, will be interviewed live when Public Broadcasting airs “The King Family Christmas Special” in late November.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS TRAVELING recently was Charter Member and Diamond Circle Honoree **FRANK BUTLER**, who sailed the West Coast of Mexico with his daughter Mary in early October. **FRANK** recently moved into Merrill Gardens in Santa Maria, which he says is like a 5-star hotel. He’d love to hear from anyone in PPB — his e-mail address is **Casamalla1@yahoo.com**.

RALPH EDWARDS PRODUCTIONS Comptroller **MAX ECKERT** just spent a week in New York visiting friends and family and taking in Broadway shows. REP attorney and PPB Board Member **JOHN COUCH** also visited the Big Apple recently.

MARGIE STEWART JOHNSON, WHO was the poster girl for the US Army during WWII, says she’s experienced the power of the Internet. She’s been receiving fan mail and autographed picture requests locally and from faraway places such as Stanstorp, Mellanvagen, Sweden. But they didn’t concern her Army posters; they referred to some early movies in which **MARGIE** appeared as a starlet. She suspects the movies are being shown on the Internet.

IN SEPTEMBER, THE BURBANK CENTRAL LIBRARY presented a full-screen public showing of the DVD of **LARRY VANDERVEEN**’s one-man play, *Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald*, which he wrote and in which he performs as the author telling the story of his life. **LARRY** attended the event and spoke following the screening. He said it was a strange feeling to sit in the audience and watch the play with everyone else.

EWING “LUCKY” AND JEANNE DE VIVIER BROWN made a quick trip to Phoenix, AZ for **JEANNE**’s High School Reunion being held at the famed Wrigley Mansion. To ensure a good crowd, it included both high schools there at the time, and three graduating classes, with over 200 coming in. A side trip included a visit with relatives there, all in three days — including the drive.

Member and Friendship Chairman

KAY HENLEY
announces

New Members

J. LARRY CARROLL
TED WAYNE ZIEGENBUSCH

Dais Honorary Members

ERNIE BORGNINE
DON CAMP
WILLIAM HAYNES
Dr. STAN ROSEN

We will remember with admiration

RICHARD COLBERT
Maj. STEPHEN GREENBERG
FRANK LIBERMAN
KIM WEISKOPF

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