

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



JUNE 2010

AT THE LAST LUNCHEON ON MAY 21, PPB honored the Queen of Las Vegas “swing,” **KEELY SMITH**. As one of the last living members of the great Rat Pack era of the 1950s and '60s, **KEELY** has thrilled audiences on stage and in her numerous recordings. Along with her partner, Louis Prima, the duo changed Las Vegas entertainment forever with her sexy, sultry voice and his wild antics and they're probably best known for “That Ol' Black Magic,” “I've Got You Under My Skin” and “Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen.” **KEELY**'s had a successful solo recording career with partners Billy May and Nelson Riddle.

In 2008, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences inducted her into their Golden Circle to commemorate 50 years of service to the TV and broadcast industry.

Joining **KEELY** on the dais were Past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**, resident humorist **HAL KANTER**, along with **WINK MARTINDALE**, **SANDY MARTINDALE**, **MARILYN KING**, **JERRY SHARELL**, President of the Society of Singers and Music Producer **MORRIS DIAMOND**.

IN PRESENTING THE DIAMOND CIRCLE AWARD, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS said: “Today's honoree is a Producer, Director of Programming, Writer and Announcer. He serves PPB as a Board Member, Website Manager and Audio Historian. His extraordinary career started in the third grade as an actor in a play broadcast on KGA in Spokane, Wash. He earned a degree in Speech and Drama from Whitman College and the NBC Radio and TV Institute. He worked for over three decades for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service in Panama, the Pentagon and in Hollywood supervising programming for 400 radio and 40 TV military outlets during his last 14 years in Hollywood. As a result of his outstanding efforts, our honoree was awarded the Navy's Superior Civilian Service Medal after serving as Assistant Director of The Navy Broadcasting Service in the Pentagon.

It is with great pleasure that Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presents its Diamond Circle Award to Mr. **GERRY FRY**.

IN JUNE, PPB MEMBER and Diamond Circle Award Recipient **ART LABOE** was a guest of L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at a private reception to celebrate the culmination of the 2010 Census. The Mayor gave **ART** a thumbs up for his efforts to get the Census word out on his nightly radio show. Tickets are on sale for the eighth annual **ART LABOE** Show live concert at San Manuel Amphitheater in San Bernardino which will be held on Saturday, September 11. For more info., go to www.ArtLaboe.com.

PPB MEMBER MARC GRAUE IS NARRATING Season 2 of the National Geographic Channel's hit series “Alaska State Troopers,” and can be heard daily on the CNN promos for “Anderson Cooper 360” and “Toxic America,” with Dr. Sanjay Gupta. You can find out more about **MARC** at his website at www.FixinTheMix.com.

ON AUGUST 18, THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF Fame and Museum in Cleveland hosted a screening of the “T.A.M.I. Show” which *Rolling Stone Magazine* once called “the greatest rock concert movie ever.” The evening began with a special pre-screening discussion with the film's director, PPB Board Member **STEVE BINDER**.

AT 77, JOHN CLARK JUST TOOK A SIX-DAY course at Universal Studios provided by the New York Film Academy. **JOHN** urges other seniors to think about doing the same thing.

PPB MEMBER MICHAEL CARAZZA RECENTLY opened *Viagara Falls* in New York. The comedy, featuring Bernie Koppel, Teresa Ganzel and Lou Cutell, can be seen at the Little Schubert Theatre. Carol Burnett says: “On a scale of one to 10, this show is a 12!” For ticket info., visit www.FallsThePlay.com. **MIKE** is also Executive Producer of the feature film *Boiler Maker* set to be released in October. www.TheBoilerMaker.com.

JIM OVERMAN WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW that a new book about the history of the Hollywood

Canteen has been published by Gary McMaster, Curator/Director of the Camp Roberts Museum. PPB members may obtain more information by sending an e-mail to gary.mcmaster@us.army.mil. The price is \$13.00, which includes postage.

ON JULY 22, PPBER MARILYN KING APPEARED with The Modernairs at the Leisure World Amphitheater in Seal Beach. And, if you're looking for something to do Labor Day Weekend, **MARILYN** will be appearing at the 44th annual Labor Day Luau at the Horace Heidt Estates in Sherman Oaks. For more info., call **818-784-8211, x13**.

PPBER DIAMOND CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT VAN ALEXANDER celebrated his 95th birthday in May. His autobiography, *From Harlem to Hollywood, My Musical Life*, is doing so well, the publisher is putting out an audio version.

WEBSTER WEBFOOT AND UNCLE JIMMY WELDON celebrated their 60th anniversary in April, having the first children's TV show on WFAA in Dallas. Webster was the voice of Yakky Doodle on "The Yogi Bear Show." Today, **JIMMY** is doing radio talk show interviews promoting his book *Go Get 'Em, Tiger!* now in its fourth edition. For details, visit www.JimmyWeldon.com.

AFTER 68 YEARS, GLEN BARNETT GOT OUT OF broadcasting this year when he sold KWXV-FM in Palm Springs to R&R Broadcasting. In June, he got married! **GLEN** says, "She's not in radio, but I love her even more than radio."

RECENTLY, A COUPLE OF BOARD MEMBERS SPOKE to Past President **FRANK BREZEE** and report that he's recovering nicely and is looking forward to attending PPB luncheons in the near future.

ON SEPTEMBER 25, BOARD MEMBERS "LUCKY" BROWN and JEANNE DE VIVIER BROWN are hosting the Grand Opening of their newly remodeled production facility in Van Nuys, Movie Tech Studios. The complex features sound and recording stages as well as transfer, dubbing and editing suites.

PPB WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS of our Board who were approved at the May 21st meeting: **DEE BAKER, TOMMY COOK, DALE OLSON, ALAN PERRIS, BIANCA PINO** and **KRISTIN**

SHEETS. Thanks for three years of service on the Board to outgoing members **RON GREENBERG, BOB MATHESON, KEN MILLER, CHUCK STREET, RUTH ASHTON TAYLOR, LARRY VANDERVEEN** and **GENE WEBSTER**.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION OF INTEREST to members, including past issues of the Newsletter, check the PPB Website at www.PPBWebsite.org. You'll also find a complete membership list and pictures from the last luncheon.

Member and Friendship Chairman
KAY HENLEY
Announces

New Members

**DONNA ANDERSON
MERI HILLIER
RITA M. HYDE
ROBERT B. IRVINE
LARRY NEMECEK
RICK SCARRY
DOUGLAS WALKER**

Dais Honorary Members

**MORRIS DIAMOND
JERRY F. SHARELL
KEELY SMITH**

We will remember with admiration

**DAN AVEY
JERRY R. CLARK
CHUCK FORMAN**

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