

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



FEBRUARY 2008

PPB BEGAN 2008 WITH A BANG! The Honoree was Emmy Award-winning writer/producer, who has been called an “unstoppable creative force,” **STEPHEN J. CANNELL**. He has been creator, writer and co-producer of more than 40 television shows including “Rockford Files,” “Greatest American Hero,” “Hunter,” “Riptide” and more. As a writer, he has had twelve best-selling novels. His latest, *Three Shirt Deal*, came out just in time for the Luncheon at which he autographed copies.

Joining President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DEVIVIER BROWN** on the dais to sing his praises were Chuck Bowman, producer; Kent McCord (Adam 12); Kathleen Kinmont (Renegade); Jo Swerling, producer; William Katt (Greatest American Hero); Daniel Hugh Kelly (Hardcastle and McCormick); Stephen Bochco, producer; Mike Post, musician/composer and **ROBERT CONRAD** (Wild, Wild West). **JEANNE** read notes from friends who couldn't attend: Don Bellasario; Peter Roth, president of Warner TV and Peter Lloyd Johnson.

CANNELL graciously accepted the **ART GILMORE** Achievement Award from President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**, thanking PPB, the audience and did a recap of the persons on the dais, and talented in-house humorist **HAL KANTER**.

PAST PRESIDENT GIL STRATTON presented the Diamond Circle Award saying: “Today's recipient has a broad background as featured in *Television Electronic Media Magazine*. But after serving as Manager of Business Affairs for CBS West Coast, he switched gears and brought ‘Hee Haw’ to television. After two years, he resigned from CBS and turned ‘Hee Haw’ into the number-one syndicated show in the nation. He produced the original from its conception in 1969, for nearly 25 years. One of our newer Board Members, he has done more for PPB than some with a lot more time. He has served The Academy of Country Music Board, The Country Music Hall of Fame and a host of others. It's my pleasure to enter into the Diamond Circle...**SAM LOVULLO**.”

PPB MEMBER AND FORMER HONOREE MARION ROSS didn't let us know, but we read in Truth or

Consequences, New Mexico papers that she and Paul Gilbert were starring in a benefit performance of *Love Letters* at the RALPH EDWARDS AUDITORIUM. Both papers ran huge ads and pictures of the two. Marion and Paul were acquired by the Sierra County Arts Council and donated their services to help establish Art scholarships for college-bound students from Sierra County. From all reports it was a great success. Really a treat for the T or C community.

GREAT STORY AND PICTURE in the *Daily News* about helicopter pilot and Traffic Reporter PPB Board Member **CHUCK STREET**. Also in the *Daily News* under “Where Are They Now,” an interview with **ROSEMARIE** saying she starred at four and at 84 is still going strong.

THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY on March 24, 1946 of “Truth or Consequences,” hosted by Ralph Edwards, was listed in the SPERDVAC Archives catalog. Eddie Cantor was among the guests on that show.

AND MORE IN PRINT — the 70th anniversary of the AFTRA magazine had a picture and caption of PPB Founding Member and Chairman of the Board **ART GILMORE** who was AFTRA National President from 1961 to 1963.

PPBER ART LABOE WILL BE CELEBRATING two anniversaries this year: 2008 marks 65 years in broadcasting for **ART** as well as the 50th anniversary of his trademark “Oldies, But Goodies.” **ART** still does two live shows a week. He also does concerts and appeared in Palm Springs; Phoenix, Arizona and San Diego in February. His first Los Angeles concert will be at the Gibson Amphitheatre in April. He didn't send a date. **MARILYN KING** appeared with the John Hammond Trio at Henri's Back Room in Sherman Oaks in January.

PPB BOARD MEMBER JERALDINE SAUNDERS will launch her website at the bottom of her Astrol-ogy Tribune Media Services column in February. Her column appears world wide 365 days a year. Where's her “Loveboat”? PPBer **JANE PURCELL** sent a copy of **GARY LYCAN**'s Orange County radio col-

umn. It had a great tribute to **JANE**'s late husband, Robert Purcell, who 50 years ago launched KFVB's format of top hits. Purcell was KFVB General Manager at that time.

BOTH CHUCK AND KARL SOUTHCOTT have joined the new Jones Standards Radio Network, playing the American songbook (Gershwin, Rodgers & Hart, Cole Porter, etc.) for radio stations nationwide. Many of the affiliate stations stream their audio on the Internet, including KKAD in Portland and WJAX in Jacksonville. So if you've been seeking the likes of Sinatra, Nat Cole and Glenn Miller, it's easy to find it.

ED WILLIAMS and new PPB member **BILL FURNELL** had a 50-year "remember the past" at the January Luncheon. **ED** and **BILL** acted in plays together when they were drama majors at San Jose State after World War II. **ED**'s wife, Nancy, is recovering from a broken wrist. And speaking of breaks, **LOUISE ARTHUR** had a terrible fall recently on her way to a funeral. With many scratches and bruises, she also suffered a broken wrist and is still in a cast...she missed the January Luncheon. Glad to know she's recovering nicely.

HIGH HONOR — On February 12, 2008, the name of PPBer entertainer/activist **NICHOLAS ROYCE** was added to the Congressional Record. We received a copy of the speech of Howard L. Berman, of California, to the House of Representatives, Wednesday, February 6, 2008. He opened saying "The name **NICHOLAS ROYCE** deserves to be added to the list of dedicated Americans who exemplify the spirit of achievement." The speech contained his many achievements and a short biography and ended, "**NICHOLAS ROYCE** 50 years and still fighting the good fight."

BOARD MEMBER JOHN COUCH MISSED the February Board meeting because of family business in Stockton — then came down with a cold.

FEBRUARY 17 WAS GIL STRATTON DAY at Santa Anita Park. Don't know how it went as this went to the printer before that date and no one could give me any beforehand details...but I understand that they also had a race named after our former PPB President, a noted sports announcer.

GERRY FRY SAYS A NEW FEATURE has been added to our Website showing the names of members who

have received the Diamond Circle Award. This feature is available from the home page at www.ppbwebsite.org, click on "Diamond Circle," then on "Past Recipients." Please let others know about this feature, particularly family members of deceased recipients who are not PPB members.

DID YOU CATCH THE "Pioneers of Television Game Show Hosts" on PBS? I sincerely hope so as PPB was well represented by **TOM KENNEDY, JACK NARZ, MONTY HALL, PETER MARSHALL** and **WINK MARTINDALE**. There was also a bit on Ralph Edwards. **TOM KENNEDY** and **JACK NARZ** were delightfully chatty.



Membership Chairman
KAY HENLEY
announces

New Members
WILLIAM "ROSS" ADKINS
MIKE BELSON
ROBERT HANLEY
DON B. LEIFFER, Jr.
TERRENCE MAYER
SANDY RYAN
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Reinstatement
BUD GOODE

We will remember with admiration
JOHNNY GRANT
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LOIS NETTLETON
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