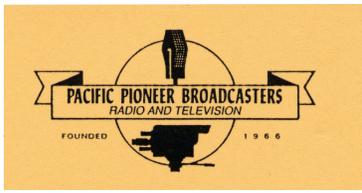


WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



APRIL 2007

FAMED SINGER-GUITARIST-ENTERTAINER **GLEN CAMPBELL** was the March 16 luncheon Honoree, celebrating his 45 years in show business. **CAMPBELL**, who has 12 gold albums in the more than 70 he has released, also starred in two television series, "The Summer Smothers Brothers Show" and "The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour" which was on the air for three years. During that time he also appeared in the movie *True Grit* with John Wayne. He recently was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and makes guest appearances on TV shows and travels the country in concert.

Joining President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** on the dais to toast the star were Tommy Smothers, M*A*S*H's **JAMIE FARR**, **WINK MARTINDALE**, **GARY OWENS**, **HAL KANTER**, recording executive Al Coury, Campbell show executive producer Ken G. Kragen and the show's director Jack Shea. **JEANNE** read letters from friends who couldn't attend including **PAT BOONE**, Dick Smothers, and **ROGER CARROLL**. **CAMPBELL** made a gracious acceptance speech to PPB and the audience. President **SOUTHCOTT** presented him with the new PPB plaque which replaces the unusual clock used for so many years.

PAST PRESIDENT GIL STRATTON made the Diamond Circle presentation saying: "It's always a pleasure to welcome a new member into the Diamond Circle, but it's twice as good when the candidate was a working colleague. This lady started spectacularly by graduating from the Columbia Grad School of Journalism with a Master's degree. CBS hired her to write for one of the early giants in our business, Bob Trout. Then when Ed Murrow was her boss, she was given the assignment to report on the beginning of the Atomic Age. She moved to TV, writing for Douglas Edwards, but the lure of California was strong for this Long Beach-born lady. She set the standard for women in News, being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the *(continued next column)*

JACK B. LLOYD writes that the PPB Jackets are now available; an order form is below.

Academy's 50th anniversary ceremony. The Greater L.A. Press Club named her one of L.A.'s seven legends of News (the only woman). She was also the only woman on television's most favored newscast, "The Big News," where our paths crossed. So as I started, it's always a pleasure to welcome an old friend and colleague into the Diamond Circle...Ms **RUTH ASHTON TAYLOR!!!!**"

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBER OTIS ECHOLS from Albuquerque, New Mexico attended the luncheon as **BUD GOODE**'s guest and therein lies a story. When Ralph Edwards surprised Tommy Sands on his "This is Your Life" show some years ago, **BUD** met **ECHOLS** who had discovered Sands in Albuquerque. **BUD**, then a magazine writer, wrote a whole *TV Mirror* magazine story on the show and he and **ECHOLS** became great friends. **ECHOLS** wanted to be at this show to shake hands with **GLEN**, as he first introduced **GLEN** to an Albuquerque audience years ago.

THE DAILY NEWS CARRIED A GREAT STORY on the Campbell luncheon. Also a great story on **LEE MERIWETHER**, who is appearing as the evil queen in Storybook Theatre's musical adaptation of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* which opened March 31. **LEE** also recently was seen in the film *The Ultimate Gift*.

AT THE RECENT San Fernando Valley International Film Festival Gala Awards Dinner at the Beverly Garland Hotel, **BETTY WHITE** received the Achievement in Television honor. Award presenters included **GARY OWENS**, **JANE WITHERS**, Dick Van Patten, **ROBERT EASTON**, **ED BEGLEY, Jr.**, **TIPPI HEDREN**, **JO ANNE WORLEY** and **EARL HOLLIMAN**. The event benefitted Actors and Others for Animals.

JEANNE and **EWING "LUCKY" BROWN** are happy at last to have their permit for a stage at their new Movie Tech Studios building in Van Nuys after a year and a half of fighting city hall. Construction is under way and in celebration, **JEANNE** and "LUCKY" took a cruise to Mexico in April. Also in April, President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** cruised the Hawaiian Islands aboard NCL's *Norwegian Wind*

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with "Music of Your Life" listeners from around the country. **CHUCK** says he knows it is tough duty, but someone's got to do it.

BEA WAIN celebrates her 90th birthday April 30 — and she still sings up a storm. Also in the 90s, **ART GILMORE**, 95 and **EDDY KING**, 95 — and they are both still in great voice.

PAST PRESIDENT JOHN HARLAN was in Russia announcing the Mrs. World Pageant, and prior to that, **JOHN** and his Beverly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a cruise to Mexico with their family.

VETERAN TELEVISION GAME SHOW PRODUCER RON GREENBERG is hosting an interactive radio game show. Created by **RON**, the show is titled "Anyone Can Play, But Don't Call Us, We'll Call You." You can tune in to the show on Shokus Internet Radio each weekday at 3:00 P.M. Pacific Coast Time and 6:00 P.M. on the East Coast. Contestants play an exciting question and answer game on the telephone from their home towns and win prizes. Log on to **ShokusInternetRadio.com** and register. You might just get a call.

PPB MEMBER HOWARD FLYNN writes about PPB member **MARGIE STEWART JOHNSON** (Mrs. **JERRY**). **MARGIE** was the official U.S. Army Air Corps poster girl during World War II. She is receiving many requests for speeches and interviews. Her next engagement is July 9, 10, 11 in Las Vegas as honored guest speaker with Col. Ollie North at the 50th annual meeting of the Commemorative Air Force. During World War II, **MARGIE**'s picture appeared on 94 million posters. **MARGIE** has just learned that someone is selling the posters on the Internet. She's investigating and has established her own website, **margiestewart.com**.

PPBER CHRISTINE M. FARNOM writes that Ken Nelson, who was a Charter member of PPB, has finished his autobiography titled *Ninety Years and Three* which is due out soon. **ESTHER GEDDES McVEY** writes from Eugene, Oregon that she enjoyed the January meeting but was unable to attend the Campbell luncheon. **ESTHER** goes to Cincinnati in April for the gathering of fans of old time radio and following that to Michigan to visit Andrea McVey; in June to the gathering of old time radio enthusiasts of Puget Sound. She says former member John Jensen is very active in that group.

PPBER HONORARY MAYOR JOHNNY GRANT has just returned from a USO trip to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. PPB Publicity Director **CHUCK PANAMA** and his wife Gerry have their summer plans finalized. They will go to the Bay Area to visit daughter and son-in-law Carrie and Tony Requist and their three granddaughters Melissa, 9 and twins Lauren and Olivia, 7.

PPBER VERN LANEGRASSE, The Hollywood Chef, has been very much in print recently with articles in three publications, *Vittle*, *Vintages and Voyages*, *The Arbor* (a wine publication) and *L.A. Stage*. Great stories on where and what to eat.

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Membership Chairman **KAY HENLEY** announces

New Members

CHARLES M. FORMAN
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BILL MORAN
BERNARD OSERANSKY
THOMAS N. TIPPETS
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