

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



APRIL 2008

PRESIDENT **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** took up a little business at the March 21 luncheon before the program honoring **ED ASNER**. A five-minute tape on the progress of the Thousand Oaks Library, which will include a separate building to house PPB's radio archives was shown. A fact sheet on the museum was also at everyone's seat. **SOUTHCOTT** introduced the dais and **CHARLES CAPPLEMAN** who introduced the college guests and professors at the **RALPH EDWARDS** table along with **JANET WALDO** and daughter Lucy.

Board Chairman and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DEVIVIER BROWN** read missives from Gavin MacLeod and Mark Rydell who wanted to attend but couldn't.

PAST PRESIDENT GIL STRATTON presented the Diamond Circle Award saying: "Today's Honoree does a great job for PPB, he gets our message out to the rest of the world. A veteran reporter, who flew 45 combat missions in the South Pacific, a UCLA Diehard, who never left the Westside of town. For 30 years he was a successful member of the Publicity Department at 20th Century Fox...and now he's our Publicity Director carrying the PPB message to the world. It's an honor and pleasure to present the Diamond Circle Award to an old pal, **CHUCK PANAMA**."

PANAMA graciously accepts. He later said that when he told his wife he was getting the Diamond Circle Award, she asked if he was getting a real diamond, to which **CHUCK** responded, "I gave you one 54 years ago. Do you expect one every half century?"

AN EIGHT-MINUTE DVD ON ASNER'S CAREER was shown. **ASNER**, well remembered for his role as Lou Grant on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," as well as the show "Lou Grant," has won numerous awards including seven Emmys and four Golden Globes. He was Screen Actors Guild President for two seasons; appeared in "Roots" and "Rich Man, Poor Man." He was inducted into the TV Academy Hall of Fame in 1996. **ASNER** has more than 200 TV credits. He has books on tape and has lent his voice to popular cartoon shows. On the dais to sing his praises were **BETTY WHITE**, **KENT McCORD**, Peter Jason,

Yale Summers, Daryl Anderson, **NORMAN CORWIN**, Valerie Harper, Mary Tyler Moore and our own **HAL KANTER**. **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** presented **ASNER** with The **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award. **ASNER** accepted with thanks to all.

PPBER AND NOTED SINGER PATTI PAGE had a vigorous schedule in April with concerts in Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Prescott, Arizona...eleven concerts in all. Too bad the dates were before the newsletter...but I guess members couldn't get to Nova Scotia anyway. **PATTI** is a very busy lady.

THE BIG BAND ACADEMY OF AMERICA will present its 2008 Big Band Reunion on Sunday, June 1 at 12:00 noon at the Sportsmen's Lodge. The event honors **STAN FREBERG**, **PETER MARSHALL**, The Modernaires and Paula Kelly, Jr. Pat Longo will be conducting the Blue Ribbon Band. For ticket information, call (818) 301-2378 or e-mail bigbandacademy@yahoo.com.

ESTHER MCVEY writes that she is very busy doing radio shows for retirement homes and also attending national gatherings of fans, one in Cincinnati, two in Seattle and SPERDVAC in June in Los Angeles.

ROBERT L. HECKER writes that he was unable to attend the EPIC convention in Portland, Oregon, but that his book *Murder by Proxy* won the 2008 EPIE Award in the Action/Adventure category. **HECKER** says he guesses that means he will have to write another. His two-character play, *Borderline*, is due to open at the Stage Theatre in Fullerton next month and his one-act play, *Mrs. Invisible*, will open in May in Los Angeles.

PPBER MILT LARSEN and his wife, **ARLENE**, have been really busy. The Magic Castle celebrated its 45th anniversary; his "Hear it Again — For the First Time" radio show is now in its third year on CRN Digital Talk Radio. That show, featuring old 78s from **MILT**'s vast collection, started on Bob