

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



OCTOBER 2010

AT THE LAST LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 24, PPB presented the **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award to an iconic figure in country music, **ROY CLARK**. Not many entertainers can say they've been a performer for over 60 years — and even fewer can boast they've been on one TV show for 24 years as **ROY** was on "Hee Haw."

The afternoon began with a piece by Highlights Video Producer **PAT GLEASON** which featured a montage of **ROY**'s numerous album covers, music and entertaining clips from "Hee Haw" shows.

"Hee Haw" premiered in 1969 and was termed a countrified "Laugh-In." Along with co-host Buck Owens, **ROY** picked and sang and offered country corn to millions of viewers weekly for the next quarter century. Among **ROY**'s numerous vocal hits are "Yesterday, When I Was Young" and "Thank God and Greyhound She's Gone." Instrumentally, he's won numerous awards for both guitar and banjo and in 2009 he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

ROY got his start with his father's square dance band at 15. By the time he was 17, he was winning national banjo contests and appearing at the Grand Ole Opry. By the '60s, he was recording albums and toured constantly around the world. In 1976, **ROY** became the first country music entertainer to perform in the Soviet Union.

Joining **ROY** on the dais were PPB President and producer of "Hee Haw" **SAM LOVULLO**, Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**, resident humorist **HAL KANTER**, along with **NORM CROSBY**, **TOMMY LASORDA**, **ROY**'s manager **JIM HALSEY** and "Hee Haw Honeys" **BARBI BENTON**, **GUNILLA HUTTON**, **MARIANNE ROGERS**, **MISTY ROWE** and **LINDA THOMPSON**.

If you'd like to read more about **ROY** and "Hee Haw," pick up copies of *My Life In Spite of Myself* by **ROY CLARK** or *Life in the Kornfield: My 25 Years at "Hee Haw"* by **SAM LOVULLO**.

IN PRESENTING THE DIAMOND CIRCLE AWARD, **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** said: "Today's honoree is an announcer, actor, musical consultant and studio executive. He began his announcing career at 15 at WFMD in Frederick, Maryland. By 18, he'd become the youngest staff announcer in the history of the ABC network when he began at KABC where he remained for 10 years. Moving over to KMPC, he stayed for the next 21 years 'playing records for Gene Autry.'

"In 1979, he was promoted to VP for Golden West Broadcasters. That led to Partner and Executive Producer of 'The Lawrence Welk Radio Show' and owner of KWIP.

"Our recipient created the U.S. Air Force jingle and logo 'Fly Away' and for 26 years, he broadcast a one-hour radio show weekdays for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.

"It is with great pride that Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presents its Diamond Circle Award to Mr. **ROGER CARROLL**."

THE "MASTER OF MALAPROP" NORM CROSBY, Tony® Award-winning ventriloquist Jay Johnson and KNBC's Fritz Coleman will be appearing for a night of comedy at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza on Sunday, November 21st. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or by calling the Civic Arts Plaza Box Office at 805-449-2787.

ON JANUARY 21, 2011, PPB MEMBER PAT BOONE will appear at the Skirball Cultural Center in the world premier of "Music & Memories: An Evening with **PAT BOONE!**" He will tell his life story, along with family and show business film clips, photographs and stories, in a benefit performance for The Society of Singers. For tickets call 818-995-7100 or email judy@singers.org.

J. LARRY CARROLL AND CO-WRITER David Carren's script *Strong Suspicion* won the 2010 Act I ION Television Movie Contest. As part of this distinction, the writers will receive a development deal with ION TV. For more information, visit the New York Television Festival website at www.nytvf.com/2009_ion_contest.htm.

FOR THE 34TH YEAR, past PPB President **JOHN HARLAN** announced the "Mrs. America Pageant" in Tucson in September. **JOHN** was accompanied on the trip by his grandson Ian Helstrom.

PPB MEMBER JOHNNY ROTELLA WILL CELEBRATE his 90th birthday on November 5th. As a songwriter, **JOHNNY**'s compositions have been recorded by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Doris Day, Rosemary Clooney and many others.

PAST PRESIDENT CHUCK SOUTHCOTT's radio program "This Is Music," which airs here on Retro 1260 (Monday through Friday from 6:00 – 8:00 a.m.) has gone international. The show can now be heard on CJNU in Winnipeg, Canada. **CHUCK**'s bio is prominent on the Home Pages of both stations at www.1260.am and www.cjnu.ca.

BOARD MEMBERS STEVE BINDER AND TOMMY COOK have created a new reality show entitled "America's Million Dollar Dance Marathon." They are in the process of lining up a network deal. **TOMMY** says "the strength of the show is the emerging collaboration between the Internet and traditional television."

STEVE BINDER RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION at the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Museum in Cleveland following the screening of his "T.A.M.I. Show." The 1964 show, which **STEVE** directed, features early performances by rock greats including James Brown, The Rolling Stones and The Supremes. The DVD is now available through the PBS website and Amazon.com.

PPB'S NEW VOLUNTEER FOR PHONE MESSAGES, JEFF WILLIAMS, can be heard weekly on "Let's Dine Out." **JEFF** and co-host Allan Borgen promise to give you a fun look into the restaurant, travel and entertainment scene in the Inland Empire every Saturday from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on NewsTalk 590, KTIE Radio.

CLIFF CORDER JUST CELEBRATED his 50th year in broadcasting. Of his long career as an announcer, host and actor, **CLIFF** says "What fun! What excitement! What memories! Thanks for listening."

ROBERT L. MILLS IS OFFERING a free MP3 download of his book *The Laugh Makers*, a behind-the-scenes tribute to Bob Hope's gag writers. The forward was written by **GARY OWENS**. The audio book can be found at bearmanoradio.com/audio/BOB-MILLS-AUDIO-BOOK/.

ED WILLIAMS RECENTLY APPEARED in a supporting role on Fox's "House."

ON SEPTEMBER 12TH the UCLA Film and Television Archives hosted a public viewing of three vintage episodes of **RALPH EDWARDS'** "This Is Your Life" that featured baseball greats. The evening at the Billy Wilder Theatre in the Hammer Museum in Westwood featured tributes to Casey Stengel, Roy Campanella and Leroy Satchel Paige.

BOARD MEMBER EWING "LUCKY" BROWN's Movie Tech Studios, newly re-opened in Panorama City, was written up in the Daily News in a feature article by Kevin McCarthy. "LUCKY" says, "I figure I'll make some small pictures and have some fun." To read the entire article, go to www.MovieTechStudios.net.

OUR LONGTIME PRINTER, John Randazzo of Ellenjay Printing, got married in October. Congratulations to John and April.

TWO NEW MEMBERS WERE WELCOMED at the October 4th Board Meeting. **JOHN NEWTON** and **JIM MACGEORGE** join the others that were installed last month.

THE LIFE OF PPB CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, PAST PRESIDENT AND FOUNDING MEMBER ART GILMORE was celebrated at services on October 8th and was fondly remembered by PPB Board Members.

ART's 60-year voiceover career began at Seattle's KOL. By the '30s, he was a staff announcer for KFWB in Hollywood. He announced for such shows as "Amos 'n' Andy," "The George Gobel Show" and "Highway Patrol."

During WWII, he served in the Navy before returning to showbiz.

ART was Red Skelton's announcer and appeared on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "The Waltons" and "Dragnet." In film, he was the voice heard in thousands of trailers and documentaries throughout the '50s and '60s, including *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *War of the Worlds*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *White Christmas*. **ART** served as the national president of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists from 1961 to 1963, taught

announcing at USC and co-authored Television and Radio Announcing.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Grace; two daughters; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ART GILMORE left a memorable imprint on everyone who heard his voice. PPB was fortunate to have him as part of this organization.

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

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JIM HALSEY

GUNILLA HUTTON

TOMMY LASORDA

MARIANNE GORDON RODGERS

MISTY ROWE

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We will remember with admiration

LEN BEARDSLEY

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ART GILMORE

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