

# WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



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A Non-Profit Fraternal Organization of Radio and Television Broadcasting Professionals

ON JUNE 1, WE RANG OUT the last Luncheon of PPB's 46th year with a tribute to a man who is one of the most respected authorities on American popular music. Longtime PPB member **RAY CHARLES** is a singer, songwriter, musician, vocal arranger and conductor who may be best known as the "man-of-all-music" to Perry Como on television, records and in personal appearances for 35 years.

He calls himself "the other Ray Charles," but on this day he was "THE Ray Charles."

Ray accepted the prestigious **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award from outgoing PPB President **SAM LOVULLO** after receiving accolades and hearing stories from friends representing a broad cross section of shows Ray's been associated with including "Your Hit Parade," "The Academy Awards," "The Grammy Awards," "Sha Na Na," "The Muppet Show," "The Kennedy Center Honors" and specials featuring the biggest names in music. On the dais were writer **BUZ KOHAN**, director **WALTER MILLER**, actors **BILL HAYES** and **GINNY MANCINI**, producer **LEE HALE**, PPB member **VAN ALEXANDER**, Ray's son **JON CHARLES** and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN**.



On the Dais: (Back Row, L-R) **BUZ KOHAN**, **GINNY MANCINI**, **WALTER MILLER**, **JON CHARLES**, **LEE HALE**; (Front Row) **BILL HAYES**, **VAN ALEXANDER**, Honoree **RAY CHARLES**, PPB President **SAM LOVULLO**, Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** (Photo: David Keeler)

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Actress **IVY BETHUNE** accepts PPB's Diamond Circle award from **LARRY VANDERVEEN**

AT EACH LUNCHEON, WE PAY TRIBUTE to a PPB member who has made an important contribution to the development of broadcasting. In June, Vice President **LARRY VANDERVEEN** presented the coveted Diamond Circle Award by profiling a woman whose career spans well over a half century ... actress **IVY BETHUNE**.

After getting her start on radio as a regular on "Superman," she went on to play Miss Tuttle on "Father Murphy" and Abigail on "General Hospital." She appeared on "Star Trek, The Next Generation," "Hart to Hart," "Lou Grant," "Little House on the Prairie" and "The Alfred Hitchcock Hour." On stage, she's performed at the South Coast Repertory Company, La Mirada Theatre, Westwood Playhouse, Coronet Theatre, Theatre West and Colony Theatre.

PPB is pleased to have Ivy as a Diamond Circle recipient.



Ralph Edwards Productions hosted broadcasting students from Columbia College Hollywood. At the table were PPB members **TOMMY COOK** (fourth from left) and **TOM WILLIAMS** (right) and **CHARLES CAPPLEMAN** (not pictured). (Photo: David Keeler)

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*TIME Magazine* dubbed him the "master of the mike."

On Friday, September 21, 2012, PPB will honor Emmy Award winning talk show host and writer

**LARRY KING**

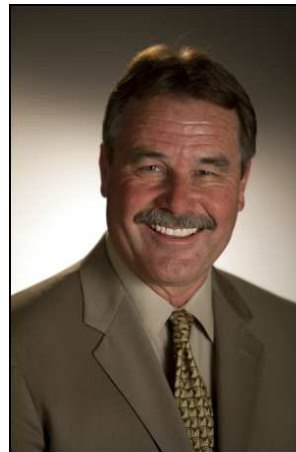
For over 25 years, he hosted "Larry King Live" on CNN and has conducted over 60,000 interviews.



**LARRY KING**

The Diamond Circle Award recipient will be Producer/Director/Writer

**STEVE BINDER**



PPB's new President, **CHUCK**

**CHUCK STREET HAS BEEN** installed as PPB's 23rd President. "Commander Chuck," as he's known, was the longtime airborne traffic reporter for KIIS-FM providing live reports for over 28 years. He's logged over 25 thousand hours in his helicopter reporting on freeway conditions and important events such as brush fires, flooding, the Northridge earthquake and the LA riots.

Chuck is the past president of the Professional Helicopter Pilots Association and over the last two decades, he's landed at over 400 schools to promote literacy.

He's served as past Chairman of the Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America Scout-O-Rama and is involved in numerous charities including Angel Flight, Huntington's Disease Foundation, Cancer Survivor's Day at UCI Medical Center and the Children's Assault Treatment Center at Northridge Hospital.

**STEPPING DOWN AS PPB PRESIDENT** after three dedicated years, **SAM LOVULLO** says: "It's been a pleasure and a challenge to serve. I especially appreciated the input from members who helped create excitement for our organization. I look forward to contributing in the future." Thanks, Sam.

THANKS ALSO TO THESE OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS: **STEPHEN BROGDEN**, **EWING "LUCKY" BROWN**, **CHARLES CAPPLEMAN**, **GERALD FRY**, **PAT GLEASON**, **KAY IRWIN**, **BOB MATHESON** and **JIMMY WELDON**. PPB's new Board Members are: **RAY BRIEM**, **STEPHEN BROWN**, **JOHN COUCH**, **PEGGY DAVIS**, **BOB DIX**, **"SHOTGUN TOM" KELLY**, **TOM PATTERSON**, **SCOTT ST. JAMES**, **DEE STRATTON** and **TOM WILLIAMS**.

AS PART OF THE JULY FUNDRAISING DRIVE, KCET re-ran "Things That Aren't Here Anymore." In this nostalgic special, Ralph Story revisits some of the most colorful and memorable LA locales. Among those with stories to tell were PPBers **EWING "LUCKY" BROWN**, **MARTY HALPERIN** and **JACK SMITH**.



Three generations of Lovulloos — Nick, Torey and Sam had a great time together in Toronto on Father's Day.

**FATHER'S DAY WAS SPECIAL** this year for Past President **SAM LOVULLO**. For the first time in 15 years, Sam spent Father's Day with his son Torey who is the first base coach for the Toronto Blue Jays. Torey's son, Nick, who has been drafted by Toronto, flew in with Sam and surprised Torey at the airport.



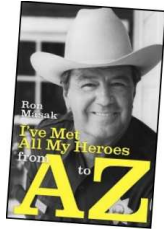
CHUCK CECIL (in an early photo) hosts "The Swingin' Years" which can be heard on Long Beach station KKJZ-FM 88.1

**IN JULY, PAST PPB PRESIDENT CHUCK CECIL RECEIVED** an Award of Appreciation from the National Association of Broadcasters for his radio show "The Swingin' Years," which he's hosted for 56 years. "Almost all of the people I've interviewed are not with us anymore," Chuck says, "but I've always felt that if their music is still alive, they are, in a way, still alive."

**FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS,** new PPB Board Member "**SHOTGUN TOM**" **KELLY** has been entertaining radio listeners in Southern California. He's been given a lot of awards over the years but was especially thrilled recently when he

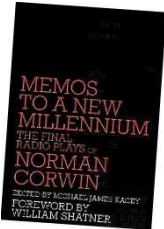
learned that next year he'll receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Tom says he was deeply moved by the letter Dick Clark wrote to the Nominating Committee on his behalf.

**THE SHERIFF FROM "MURDER, SHE WROTE," RON MASAK,** is an author himself. His book, *I've Met All My Heroes From A to Z*, has been released in paperback. In the book, Ron lets readers go behind the scenes with his friends and coworkers such as Bob Hope, Angela Lansbury, Lucille Ball, Rock Hudson and many more including astronauts and politicians.



**NICHOLAS ROYCE CONTINUES HIS WORK** in human rights and has taken the office of President of the Patients Association at Windsor Gardens where he lives. His room is decorated with photos and articles from his career as a dancer and choreographer. He says, "I feel great and have a zest for life like never before. I want to continue to do good and meaningful work and contribute as much as I can to help people of all walks of life."

**NORMAN CORWIN'S LAST BOOK** has recently been published by BearManor Media. *Memos to a New Millennium: The Final Radio Plays of Norman Corwin* features a selection of his best works from 1949 to 1999. The book was edited by **MIKE KACEY** with foreword by William Shatner.



**LONGTIME MEMBER BILL COOK SENDS** his greetings from Woodland Park, Colorado. Bill has fond memories of the luncheons he attended and wishes he could be on hand to regale us with stories of Hollywood friendships and the radio stations he designed, built and renovated.

**STARTING AUGUST 31ST, PPB MEMBER LEE MERIWETHER** will be appearing in the Theatre West production of *The Fantastics*. The oldest continuously operating theatre company in LA will host the show Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October 7 (but Lee won't be appearing Sept. 7, 8 or 9). Theatre West is

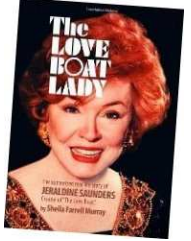
located at 3333 Cahuenga Blvd., just west of Barham Blvd. For tickets, call (323) 851-7977 or visit [www.TheatreWest.org](http://www.TheatreWest.org).



**FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS,** author and composer **AARON WEBSTER** has been working on the book, screenplay and film soundtrack for *Rock-A-Bye Road* which he describes as an *American Graffiti Twilight Zone* rock opera. Punkin House has just published the novel and the movie, starring Lee Majors, is in pre-production.

**PPB'S FIRST VEEP, LARRY VANDERVEEN, HAS A NEW** project called America's Hideaways. As a man who believes that travel is one of the greatest pleasures in life, Larry started a website that highlights special vacation places that are one of a kind and hard to find. The site includes state by state listings of hotels and B&Bs, travel tips and stories. [www.AmericasHideaway.com](http://www.AmericasHideaway.com).

**"THE LOVE BOAT LADY," PPB MEMBER JERALD-INE SAUNDERS'** biography has been issued in paperback. She said the author, Sheila Farrell Murray, "got me to tell her some of my amazing secrets about what really goes on behind the alleyways of a cruise ship." Jeraldine just sold the foreign rights to the book and sailed to Europe on the *Ruby Princess*, which she says is now her favorite ship.



**RECENTLY, WALDEN HUGHES WAS IN SEATTLE** where he helped produce the annual old time radio convention for the Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound (REPS). Other PPB members who made the trip and acted, directed or appeared on panels were **CAROLYN CARROLL, TOMMY COOK, IVAN CURY, MIKE KACEY, TIM KNOFLER, CHUCK MCCANN** and **STUFFY SINGER**.

**AFTER SUFFERING A MILD HEART ATTACK** in late June, "Jeopardy!" host and PPB member **ALEX TREBEK** has returned to the set to tape the first episodes of the new season, which begin airing on September 17th. He is in good health, planning home improvement projects and hopes to get to a PPB luncheon soon.

**PPBER BILL MORAN WOULD LIKE MEMBERS TO KNOW** about the New Media Seminar: Talk Radio • Talk Television • Talk Internet — that will take place on October 11. Presented by TALKERS in association with the Los Angeles Press Club, the all-day event is open only to working media. For registration information, call (413) 565-5413.



**VOICE LEGEND JUNE FORAY** took home an Emmy for Outstanding Performer in an Animated Program this summer. She was honored for voicing the role of Mrs. Cauldron on "The Garfield Show" on Cartoon Network.

June is responsible for many of our best-known cartoon voices including Rocky the Flying Squirrel and Natasha Fatale on "The Rocky & Bullwinkle Show," Cindy Lou Who in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Granny on "The Bugs Bunny Show" and Talky Tina, the doll who does in Telly Savalas' character on "The Twilight Zone."

**TOMMY COOK IS PRODUCING** the 15th annual Silver Spur Awards for The Reel Cowboys, a non-profit Western Film and TV appreciation organization. Rex Allen, Jr. will be the Master of Ceremonies for the October 27th event. Check their website at [www.ReelCowboys.org](http://www.ReelCowboys.org).

**MY MEMORIES OF HOW IT ALL BEGAN**

By PPB Charter Member **Barbara Fuller**

“Sometime in the early ’60s, a group of actors in New York joined together to form Broadcast Pioneers. As I remember the story, Hollywood’s honorary mayor, Johnny Grant, thought we should be part of it. He rounded up some potential recruits (of which I was one) for a meeting at the Brown Derby. The idea took off. PPB became a part of the NY group but various circumstances seemed to make it wise to separate, not the least of which was that we were sending half our dues back to them. We also realized that we were following different paths — our luncheons at the Sportsmen’s Lodge for instance (thank you, Jeanne!).

One of the most important people at the beginning was Bob Ahmanson of Home Savings. Because of Bob’s interest in broadcasting, we were able to have our Club Room in the basement of the bank at Sunset and Vine where we held Nostalgia Nights for so many happy years.”

*Barbara’s career began on radio in 1932 playing Little Georgie Gobel’s sister. She portrayed Claudia on “One Man’s Family” for 14 years, appeared in motion pictures and on TV, once opposite Charles Boyer in the “Four Star Playhouse” episode titled “Alias Mr. Hepp.”*

At the time, Johnny Carson was host of the weekday afternoon quiz show “Who Do You Trust?” on ABC. Because he was under contract through September (and they



Bette Midler sang You Made Me Love You to an emotional Johnny Carson on his last “Tonight Show” on May 22, 1992.

held him to his contract until the day it expired), he couldn’t take over as host of “Tonight” until October 1, 1962.

The show originated from New York for the first 10 years before moving to “beautiful downtown Burbank.”

Along with announcer and side-kick Ed McMahon and conductor Doc Severinsen, Johnny would host “Tonight” for the next 30 years.



This photo was recently found by **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** in her extensive files. It was taken at a PPB luncheon in about 1979 in the Green Room at the Sportsmen’s Lodge. Seated in the front row (left to right) are: **BARBARA FULLER, BILL BALDWIN, ART GILMORE, JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, LENORE KINGSTON, KEN CARPENTER** and **BOB AHMANSON**. Standing in the back row are: **LES TREMAYNE, FRAN ALLISON**, unidentified, **VICKI RISK, LENA ROMAY, DRESSER DAHLSTEAD, OLAN SOULE, JANET WALDO**, unidentified, **MARTY HALPERIN**, unidentified, **HARFIELD WEEDIN, JOHN GUEDEL** and **HARRY O’CONNER**. Please leave a message at (323) 461-2121 if you can name the three unidentified people in this photo. Sitting on the left side of the table are two Jim Beam PPB Special Edition bottles. (Photo: Bob Jensen)

**BROADCASTING MILESTONE: OCTOBER 1, 1962**

**JOHNNY CARSON SUCCEEDS JACK PAAR ON “THE TONIGHT SHOW”**

Created by NBC President Sylvester “Pat” Weaver, “The Tonight Show Starring Steve Allen” debuted in 1954. As Allen began concentrating on his Sunday evening comedy variety show, he shared hosting duties with Ernie Kovacs. Jack Paar took over in 1957 and left five years later.



Groucho Marx appeared as the first guest on “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.”



47th  
Season

Membership Chairman **KAY HENLEY** announces:

**NEW MEMBERS**

**GARY BRYAN** — Announcer, writer and administrator with over 40 years in radio. He hopped around from Augusta to Chicago, Honolulu and Tacoma before ending up in LA. He can be heard mornings on K-EARTH 101.

**BRUCE CHANDLER** — Bruce is an announcer and voice over actor who began his 42-year radio career in San Bernardino. He can now be heard Sunday afternoons on K-EARTH 101 and on Westwood One's Oldies Channel.

**DIANE FORD** — Diane worked in radio sales at KWOW Pomona and KCKC in Kansas City before opening her own agency. Her father, **LISLE R. SHELDON** was a PPB Diamond Circle Honoree in the '70s.

**DEBORAH A. HOWELL** — Host, writer and producer with 28 years in Radio. Her credits include stints at Magic 106 and KTWV-FM. For 18 years she hosted "Good Day New York" on Tokyo FM, Japan's National Radio Network.

**ED MANN** — Announcer, producer, musician and administrator. Ed is the owner and president of MannGroup Radio. He co-founded Premier Radio Networks and helped build the radio industry's leading syndicator of marketing and program development in LA.

**JIM NESS** — 53 years, mostly in radio, based in the Inland Empire as an engineer, announcer, producer or news director. Credits include KCAL and KNX. Awarded 13 Golden Mike and other awards. Currently owner-manager of Inland Empire News Radio.

**NEILSON (NEIL) ROSS** — Neil's been doing voice overs since 1983. His work runs the gamut from announcing the Academy Awards and the Emmys to voicing outrageous cartoon characters and can be heard on numerous top-selling interactive games.

**DAIS HONORARY MEMBERS**

**JON CHARLES**

**LEE HALE**

**BUZ KOHAN**

**GINNY MANCINI**

**WALTER MILLER**

**WE REMEMBER WITH GREAT ADMIRATION**

**JEANETTE BARNES** — Secretary on the Jack Benny and Amos 'n Andy radio shows. On TV, she worked on "Tony Orlando and Dawn," "Donnie and Marie" and specials.

**ERNEST BORGNINE** — Oscar winner for Best Actor in *Marty*. Ernie had a prolific seven-decade career in film and television, moving easily from scoundrels and serious portrayals to a comedic role on the 1960s TV sitcom "McHale's Navy."

**CHAD EVERET** — Although he appeared in over 40 film and TV series, Chad was best known for his role as Dr. Joe Gannon on "Medical Center" on CBS from 1969 to 1976.

**NORMAN FELTON** — Writer, producer and director. Co-created "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." and exec produced TV series, including "Dr. Kildare."

**VIRGINIA REED JOHNSON** — Longtime PPB member who had moved to Evansville, Indiana. Virginia worked in early Radio and for a casting company located at Hollywood and Vine.

**LOIS JOLLEY** — Widow of **NORMAN JOLLEY**. Lois had been living in Idaho.

**FRANK MESSINA** — Frank was the bandleader and accordion player for Doris Day, Prairie Ramblers, Sons of the Pioneers and others.

**DALE OLSON** — The headline in Daily Variety on August 10

probably says it all: "Colorful praiser repped slew of stars." Dale was a PPB Board Member and Publicity Chair. He was head of the motion picture division of Rogers & Cowan for 18 years before starting his own firm. During his long career, Dale spearheaded the publicity campaigns for over 150 films and represented stars including Marilyn Monroe, Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen, Gene Kelly, Tony Curtis, Shirley MacLaine and Rock Hudson during the actor's public battle with AIDS. Dale was a longtime trustee for the Actor's Fund.

**GINNY TYLER** — A voice actress, Ginny was a Disney Legend and member of Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound (REPS). She was the Head Mouseketeer when the original "Mickey Mouse Club" was re-edited for syndication in 1962. Ginny worked on dozens of cartoons and animated films and was the voice of Minnie Mouse, Pinocchio and Casper the Friendly Ghost.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please advise Membership/Friendship Chairman **KAY HENLEY**. Kay can be contacted through our website at [www.PPBwebsite.org](http://www.PPBwebsite.org) or by leaving a message at **323-461-2121**.  
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