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Funnymen FRED WILLARD and JIM MacGEORGE Honored by PPB

PPB Luncheon Re-cap Written by Celebrity Journalist Margie Barron
(Edited for space)

If comedy is the best medicine, then the members of the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters got an overdose of healthy comedy at the latest awards luncheon on June 19th at Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City.

PPB President **CHUCK STREET** presented the coveted **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award to **FRED WILLARD**, prolific comedic actor and master of outrageous observations (immortalized as the announcer in the film *Best in Show*). Plus, PPB's past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** presented the organization's Diamond Circle Award to beloved member **JIM MacGEORGE**, still a regular with the Yarmy's Army comedy troupe. MacGeorge had the crowd cheering as he went into his signature **STAN LAUREL** routine. Performers **TODD SHERRY** and **HEATHER OLT**, who have entertained at the Willard's' shindigs, sang their funny tribute to Fred to the tune of *Happy Days are Here Again*. **SARAH PURCELL** had an anecdote involving Fred and a talking cow that wouldn't.



On the dais to honor Willard were some of his friends and colleagues: (seated L-R) **DORIS ROBERTS**, **PETER MARSHALL**, honoree **FRED WILLARD**, **MILT LARSEN**, PPB Chairman of the Board **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** (2nd row) President **CHUCK STREET**, **TODD SHERRY**, **HEATHER OLT**, **STEVE BLUESTEIN**. Not pictured: **SARAH PURCELL**, **LEONARD MALTIN**. (Don King Photo)

Funnyman **STEVE BLUESTEIN** noted that he and **MARY WILLARD** wrote together for **NORMAN LEAR**. **PETER MARSHALL** shared some *Hollywood Squares* memories and the fact that Fred loves baseball and **ELVIS**.

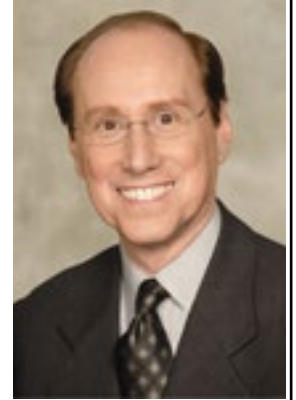
LEONARD MALTIN said he was there for two reasons: "Our families are friends and I'm a fan. I'm always happy to see him. You look at him and you have to smile."

DORIS ROBERTS made sure everyone knew that she has had 13 Emmy nominations and won five, "but I'm still counting." Doris worked with Fred for many seasons on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, and was tweeting during the luncheon about how much fun it was. **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** read a rib-tickling tribute sent by **PAT BOONE**.

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ALAN PERRIS, Former COO of the Television Academy, Elected New PPB President

Alan Perris has over 45 years of television experience with career achievements that have made him uniquely suited to be President of Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters. For eight years prior to PPB, he was Chief Operating Officer of the Television Academy, (the Prime Time Emmys) and the Television Academy Foundation.



He began his career in local TV where he held a variety of jobs including promotion director, news director and program director rising to running his first station, **WJXT** (CBS), Jacksonville, by the age of 33. Over the next decade, Perris subsequently served as president and general manager of local television stations in Miami: **WPLG** (ABC) and **WTVJ** (CBS). After that, he held positions as president at two station group production companies, Post-Newsweek and Scripps-Howard.

He then segued into national television production, serving as senior vice president of first-run programming at both Sony Pictures TV and Warner Bros. (Telepictures). Perris is credited with developing such long running and successful shows as *The Ricki Lake Show* (11 years), *Dragon Tales* (10 years), *Street Smarts* (6 years), *Change of Heart* (5 years) and *Judge Mathis* (now in its 17th season). He also oversaw current production on numerous other shows including *EXTRA* and *Jenny Jones*.

Following his studio work, he was senior vice president of programming at the Hallmark Cable Channel. Prior to joining the Television Academy, he was Executive Vice President of business development at Entertainment Media Works, a business to consumer Internet venture. He also served as a PPB board member for two terms.



Music promotions and merchandising icon **STEVE RESNIK**, TV talk show host and panelist **SARAH PURCELL**, and PPB's Second VP "**SHOTGUN TOM**" **KELLY** joined **FRED WILLARD**'s many friends to congratulate him on receiving the latest award. (Don Graham photo)



Incoming PPB President **ALAN FERRIS** (left) enjoyed the luncheon with his wife, **DONNA**; PPB Assistant Treasurer **MICHAEL BROCKMAN** (standing) and **PAUL GILBERT**, Senior Vice President, International Formats for CBS Studios International. (Don Graham photo)



Two previous **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award recipients were on the dais on June 19th. Prolific film reviewer and author **LEONARD MALTIN** and singer, TV game show host and actor **PETER MARSHALL** remembered their own celebrity luncheons. (Don Graham photo)

Legendary Magic Castle co-founder and long-time PPB member **MILT LARSEN** added magic and humor to the event at Sportsmen's Lodge. Along with his wonderful wife **ARLENE LARSEN**, Milt enjoys the PPB gatherings because he noted, "I started working in radio and TV in Hollywood in 1950 and easily qualify as a pioneer, joining the folks who shaped broadcasting." Milt had fun talking about his friend Fred's

early career as a magician, plausible but totally untrue. But as the audience was getting skeptical, Larson produced a "Willard, The Wizard" poster.

Diamond Circle Award to Jim MacGeorge

Stellar broadcaster **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** and his committee certainly picked a great PPB member for the prestigious Diamond Circle Award when they decided on **JIM MacGEORGE**. When he arrived in Hollywood from Seattle, Jim went under contract to the producers of the *Time for Beany* cartoon series, which was the beginning of his successful voice-over career. He's done it all—stand-up comedy, theatre, TV and commercials, most notably the classic ANCO "Laurel and Hardy" gigs with pal **CHUCK McCANN** as Hardy.



JIM MacGEORGE proudly shows off his Diamond Circle Award presented to him by Past PPB President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**. (Don Graham photo)

Southcott introduced MacGeorge noting, "He has filled the shoes of former resident humorists **PAT BUTTRAM**, **STEVE ALLEN** and **HAL KANTER**. Jim still tours with his club act around the country. He writes his own material and he rewrites all the jokes that he steals."

MacGeorge said thanks by offering an impeccable family-friendly comedy routine for the PPB audience. His favorite joke: "My doctor says I can do anything I want—but it better be this week!"

Earlier this year **JIM PEWTER** was a consultant for the rock documentary film, *Pushin Too Hard: The Seeds*, L.A.'s late sixties iconic garage band. Jim also re-signed with Curb Records in Nashville for a digital single that he sings and co-wrote titled *Flower Child*. In 1967, **MIKE CURB** signed Jim to a production deal and funded a promotional trip to the Monterey Pop Festival for Jim and **GYPSY BOOTS**.

PPB's Chairman of the Board **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** and member **MARTHA MOODY ROURKE** had lunch recently with comedian, actor and talk show host **WOODY WOODBURY**. The former PPBer is an old friend of Jeanne's, who booked the guests on the *Woody Woodbury Show* produced by **RALPH EDWARDS** Productions in the 1960's. After eight decades, Woody continues to entertain in Florida.

Progressive Music Marketing's **DON GRAHAM** is proud to represent the release of the new CD by **MATT FORBES**. Matt's a young, hip Canadian singer who is hailed as being the "freshest voice to hit vintage pop in more than a decade." On the album *Coulda Woulda Shoulda*, Matt presents classics from the Great American Songbook including *Beyond the Sea*, *I Get A Kick Out of You*, and *Some of These Days*. Reviewer **CLAUDE HALL** says, "From the very first note, I loved this CD. Matt Forbes has the vocal power, the gift and the whim. I'm totally impressed."



LARRY VANDERVEEN returns to the historic Pasadena Central Library for a repeat performance of his one man play, *Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald*. The event is part of ArtNight and will be on Friday, October 9 at 7:00pm. The performance is FREE.

Former PPB member **BOB DIX** sends greetings from Arizona. His third book, *Action*, will be published this October - its a biography of actor and director **JOHN "BUD" CARDOS**.

Member **MICHAEL KACEY** has been at work on a feature film documentary about the history and social impact of radio called *Hearing Voices: How Radio Changed America & America Changed Radio*. For the project, Mike's interviewed **WINK MARTINDALE**, **TOMMY COOK**, **PEGGY WEBBER**, **IVY BETHUNE**, **BARBARA FULLER**, **DICK VAN PATTEN** and **NORMAN CORWIN**. Mike is looking for anyone who has access to radio broadcasting memorabilia including radios, magazines, posters, etc. for use as set dressing and props within the documentary. Mike can be contacted at MJK@AnthraciteFilms.com or 310-836-2909. For additional information, go to www.AnthraciteFilms.com/hearing-voices.



After 44-years of newscasts at KCBS-TV and KNBC-TV, reviewer/interviewer **DAVID SHEEHAN** says he's been "dragged" out of retirement to host his first ever weekly web series called *Sheehan & The Stars*. **MERYL STREEP** is the focus of the latest edition, which devotes three episodes to what Sheehan calls 'Streepisodes'. In the show's brief history David's interviewed **TOM CRUISE**, **NICOLE KIDMAN**, **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, **AL PACINO**, and a special edition of never-seen-before chats with the late **ROBIN WILLIAMS**. You can view the episodes on YouTube.com or on DavidSheehan.tv.

WE REMEMBER

From The San Diego Union-Tribune, August, 24th. By **DIANE BELL**: "**SHOTGUN TOM**" **KELLY**, the voice of the Chargers' Jumbotron, is ending his nearly 20-year tenure as afternoon drive-time show host for radio K-Earth 101 in L.A. on Friday. He'll remain as the radio's ambassador, involved in event appearances, client partnerships, on-air features and special projects. He called the agreement a "win/win" and "a very rare deal." He said he plans to set up a home studio for his ongoing K-Earth work. In 2013 the charismatic deejay received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. On March 27 he joined **BOB HOPE CARL REINER**, **VIN SCULLY** and others as a recipient of Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters' **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award. "I thought they had me confused with somebody else," joked Kelly.

Three years ago, **FRANK LaMARCA** was diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer and would like PPBers to know of the great care he received from City of Hope. He says: "With appropriate treatment and great support from family and my wonderful wife **TANG**, the cancer is in remission. The main message I want to put forth is that there is no such thing as one size fits all in cancer treatment. The right information will help one make the right choices. Above all, be proactive. Because there's always hope."

The SPERDVAC convention will be held November 6-8 at the Holiday Inn Burbank-Media Center. PPBers scheduled to appear are **STUFFY SINGER**, **TOMMY COOK**, **IVAN CURRY**, **RICHARD HERD**, **MICHAEL JAMES KACEY** and **JIMMY WELDON**. Ticket information is available at sperdvac.com.

Former engineer for ABC-TV **KEN KARAGOZIAN** is pursuing a career as a fine art photographer. Since 1994, Ken's photos have appeared in solo and group shows throughout California and his work is part of the permanent collection at the Huntington Library. After completing the Hollywood Metro Subway Construction Project, he is now photographing a wide variety of subject matter with his 4x5 film camera. Ken was fortunate to have met **ANSEL ADAMS** during a high school photography field trip to Ansel's home/studio in Carmel, CA. To see his work, go to kenkaragozian.com.



Miners Graveyard Shift Hollywood CA 1994 © Ken Karagozian

Correcting the new member bio for **RICHARD FREIFELD** in our May newsletter: Richard is host of *Classic Hits at the Beach* and a host of *Good Morning Long Beach State* on KKJZ-FM HD3, which is known as KBeach - its the college run radio station at CSU Long Beach. By the way, he is very proud of the fact that his job at KABC790 was as an intern ... at age 58!

VAN ALEXANDER was a 1940s band leader who co-wrote *A-Tisket, A-Tasket* with Ella Fitzgerald and scored dozens of TV shows in the 50s and 60s including *Hazel*, *Dennis the Menace*, *Bewitched* and *I Dream of Jeannie*. Van was a three-time Emmy nominee for composition and music direction and was the head arranger for NBC's *Dean Martin Show*.

GINI COLVIG was the widow **VANCE COLVIG**, a longtime PPB member who portrayed the original Bozo the Clown. Gini was president of the Whitley Heights Civic Association and, for 25 years, volunteered at the Motion Picture Television Fund Cinema Glamour Shop.

Radio engineer **WILLIAM COOK** lived in Colorado where he maintained a huge collection of equipment and transcription discs. Bill built a studio in his home where he enjoyed making CDs of musicals.

RONALD GRUCHY was a major in the Air Force, served at AFRTS in Hollywood and went on to become technical adviser for films including *Airport* and TV's *Six Million Dollar Man*. While working on *The Bionic Woman*, Ron doubled for Lindsay Wagner on one of the episodes.

AL KOHN grew up in the Bronx, where he had a successful career as a big band arranger for Irving Berlin and Paul Whiteman. He then worked for 23 years at Warner Music Group's publishing company, retiring in 1993. With his son, Bob, Al authored the book *Kohn on Music Licensing*.

JACK LLOYD was a producer, director and writer who created over 500 events including concerts for the Beach Boys, Ella Fitzgerald and Jonathan Winters as well as charity golf tournaments. He was a personal manager to actors Jose Ferrer, Jim Backus as well as Mr. Magoo. Jack served as a security officer at our PPB luncheons.

DICK VAN PATTEN was best known for his role as Tom Bradford, the father on ABC's *Eight Is Enough*, but before that, he was a steady presence on the small screen on *Mama*, *I Dream of Jeannie*, *That Girl*, *Sanford and Son*, *Love American Style*, *McMillian and Wife*, *One Day at a Time*, and many others. Dick began on Broadway as a youngster in 1937 and went on to play Ensign Pulver in *Mister Roberts*. He appeared in several movies including *Charly*, *Westworld*, *Joe Kidd*, and *High Anxiety*. He served as a commentator for the *World Series of Poker* in the 90's. As a business man, Dick was the founder of Natural Balance Pet Foods and National Guide Dog Month.

BETTY ROSE was president of the David Rose Publishing Company, was a former PPB board member and created ASCAP's Betty Rose Scholarship and the David Rose Scholarship.

BARBARA TEMPLE WARD majored in speech at San Jose State College. The NBC-UCLA Radio Institute drew her to Los Angeles in 1943. As a hostess at Hollywood Canteen, Bobby served sandwiches and rolled bandages in support of the war. In her spare time, she performed in little theatre productions and on radio dramas. While at AFTRA, Barbara developed the membership record keeping systems and supervised the department for 20 years. She joined SAG in 1979 and worked in affirmative action.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please advise PPB's Friendship Chair **KAY HENLEY** by leaving a message at 323-461-2121



JOHN NEWTON and Board Member **RICK MARCELLI** have set up a PPB Facebook page and would like all PPBers to join. The page already has over 100 followers and they're hoping for many more. To join the fun, go to facebook.com and search for "Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters."



WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

CAROLYN ARNOLD's career includes stints as West Coast scheduler at NBC and engineer at FOX Sports. She launched *The Red Zone* and *Strike Zone* for DIRECTV and was media specialist at Vin Di Bona Productions. Carolyn is currently film liaison at The Huntington Library. **JERRY ISENHOWER** is Carolyn's PPB sponsor.

BRAD "MARTINI" CHAMBERS' 44 year career in radio began in 1975 as on-air personality for U.S. Air Force/Armed Forces Radio. He was P.D. and on-air talent for stations in California, Colorado and Texas before being named P.D at WRBT-FM in Harrisburg, PA, bringing the station "from worst to first in under six months." Brad is founder and chief creative officer at The Standard Media Group and MartiniInTheMorning.com. His sponsor is **TED RAY**.

DON DAVES was a TV A.D. and A.P. and worked on *Peter Gunn*, *Mr. Lucky*, *Rawhide*, *Bonanza*, and *High Chaparral*, among others. He was assistant G.M. of production and operations at Samuel Goldwyn Studios and V.P. of studio operations at Warner Bros. He formed Hill & Daves Productions with Terry Hill, also a new PPB member. Don was sponsored by **MILT LARSEN**.

JOHN GOLDHAMMER's long TV career includes WMAL and WTOP in D.C., KDKA in Pittsburgh, KPIX in San Francisco as the station's executive producer, and program manager at KABC. He was VP of development for Paramount Domestic Distribution and head of development at VinDiBona Productions. Currently, John is a producer/director and professor at Columbia College Hollywood. His sponsor is **ALAN PERRIS**.

JACK GRAY is a TV engineer who spent 49 years at Channel 9. In the early 50's Jack was in the Army and since he had an FCC License he was sent to the Canal Zone where he announced and played network radio shows for AFRS. After leaving the service, he worked for a short time at NBC, and then was hired by KHJ/KCAL-TV. Jack is now retired and was sponsored by **KAY HENLEY**.

TERRY M. HILL specializes in producing live concerts, trade shows, fairs, corporate meetings and amusement park events. He staged production numbers for Ice Follies, was a consultant for Jackie Gleason and *Bonanza*, produced and staged CBS Affiliates Conventions and the first HDTV special for Sony. He was A.P. for the Jackson Summer TV special and continues to produce *It's Magic* with his PPB sponsor **MILT LARSEN**.

HETTIE LYNNE HURTES began her 37 year radio career as San Diego's first female anchor at CBS affiliate KSDO. In L.A., she anchored at KFWB and KRTH, was the evening news anchor at Channel 13, freelance reporter for CNN and national film critic at the RKO Radio Network. She's written for newspapers and magazines and authored two books. Currently, Hettie can be heard on KPPC's *Midday News*. She was sponsored by **BOB HAMILTON**.

JOYCE LILLY started as secretary at CBS Radio and later became a script editor for CBS. Over the years, she's appeared on KCET pledge drives and was on their Women's Council. Her sponsor is **MARTHA MOODY ROURKE**.

Former member **LARRY MAYER** is back in the fold. Larry resigned from PPB 10 years ago when he moved to Johnson City, Tennessee, where he's been operations director and program director at WETS-FM at East Tennessee State University. During his 50 years in radio, Larry's worked at stations in California, Colorado and Indiana. When he first joined PPB in 2000, Larry was sponsored by **AL AUDICK** and past PPB President **JACK BROWN**.

JOE QUASARANO is currently a director at ESPN and Time-Warner Cable Sports. During his career, Joe's received 34 Emmy nominations and earned 15 Emmys and four Telly Awards. He's produced and directed Detroit Pistons basketball and Red Wings hockey games, and California Angels and UCLA games. In 2009, he directed *Under the Hood*, a special featuring welterweight boxing champ, Manny Pacquiao. Joe's sponsor is PPB past President **TOM HATTEN**.

DAVID ROSATI, known professionally as **DAVE MASON**, started his career as a DJ in 1966 at WSAY in Rochester and went on to work in Pittsburgh, Nashville and other markets. He's now keeping busy at XHPRS-FM 105.7FM as a DJ and assistant program director. Dave also hosts San Diego Humane Society, SPCA, and Helen Woodward Animal Center pledge drives. Dave's PPB sponsor is past President **CHUCK STREET**.

GERI ROTELLA-ROTTER is the daughter of long-time PPB member **JOHNNY ROTELLA** who passed away recently. Geri often brought Johnny to our luncheons and works in the music business.

RICHARD WAGONER is a writer who started out at UCLA as a DJ and was chief engineer for the university's radio station. Richard's written for the LA Newspaper Group, Torrance Daily Breeze and San Pedro News-Pilot. He now writes a column about local radio for the Los Angeles Daily News and co-hosts *LA Radio Waves*, a podcast covering local and national radio. Richard was sponsored by PPB past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**.

PAUL S. WEBB spent 54 years in TV and produced over 300 shows. During his varied career, Paul put together a package with Columbia Records that sold over 800,000 copies and won a gold record. He co-founded the Video Center in Hollywood and Hollywood Pacific Studios. Paul is launching cable's Hollywood Classics Network which is designed to reach the over-50 viewer. Paul's PPB sponsor is **DENNIS RICOTTA**.

We express our appreciation to outgoing Board Members **CHARLES CAPPLEMAN**, **JIM OVERMAN**, **SCOTT St. JAMES**, **TOM WILLIAMS** and the late **JOHN COUCH**.

We welcome incoming Board Members **WALLY CLARK**, **RICK MARCELLI**, **BILL MORAN**, **RICK SCARRY**, **LOIS TRAVELINA**, **JEFF WALD**, **MARK WALLENGREN**, and **DON WHITTEMORE** and newly elected Second Vice President **"SHOTGUN TOM" KELLY**.

A special thank you to our outgoing president for the past three years **CHUCK STREET**; and to **KAY HENLEY**, who will keep her Friendship duties as **MARCIA MINOR** and **JOHN NEWTON** take over Membership.

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