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## Frankie Valli, Legendary Lead Singer of the Iconic Four Seasons, Honored by PPB in October

Luncheon Photos by Roxanne Schorbach (Schorbach.com)



On the dais (front left to right): DJ and radio and TV personality **WINK MARTINDALE**, singer/songwriter **KENNY NOLAN**, singer and honoree **FRANKIE VALLI**, PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**. Standing (left to right): President and CEO of the APA Talent Agency **JIM GOSNELL**, owner of the Mulberry Street Pizza chain **RICHIE PALMER**, manager and producer **BRUCE CHARET**, musical director for The Four Seasons **ROBBY ROBINSON**, radio show host and DJ **JOEY REYNOLDS**.



Honoree **FRANKIE VALLI** holds up a bottle of Dawn detergent, presented to him by friend and PPB member **WINK MARTINDALE**. Wink said that he had kept that bottle for years to give to Frankie, then later he admitted that it belongs to his wife and that he needed it back.



PPB President **ALAN PERRIS** presented the prestigious **ART GILMORE Career Achievement Award** to the lead singer of the Four Seasons, honoree **FRANKIE VALLI**.



**FRANKIE VALLI** enjoys a story told by one of his friends. Frankie's illustrious career and accolades from pals on the dais were the highlights of the afternoon. As the lead singer of The Four Seasons, the group's #1 hits included *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Walk Like a Man*, *Rag Doll*, and *December, 1963 (Oh, What a Night)*. As a solo artist, he scored #1 hits with *My Eyes Adored You* and *Grease*. Frankie's life story was told in the long-running Broadway musical and feature film *Jersey Boys*.



Before his October 6 Celebrity Luncheon at Sportsmen's Lodge, **FRANKIE VALLI** met with friends in the green room. Shown here with Frankie are **TAMMY SCHER**, actor **FRANK PASCE**, and PPB member **CARSON SCHREIBER**. Frank Pasce's new PPB member bio can be found on the back page.



Voice of the Oscars **RANDY THOMAS** and PPB Vice President "**SHOTGUN TOM**" **KELLY** welcome two-time Grammy award winner, jazz singer/pianist and new PPB member **DIANE SCHUUR** at the **FRANKIE VALLI** luncheon. Diane has performed all over the world including at the Kennedy Center to honor **STEVIE WONDER** and will appear on Saturday, January 20th at the Moss Theater in Santa Monica. Tickets are available at [www.JazzBakery.org](http://www.JazzBakery.org). Read more about Diane on the back page of this newsletter.



**FRANKIE VALLI** received a standing ovation from attendees and dais members when introduced at his October 6 celebrity luncheon. Shown here, left to right, are **JOEY REYNOLDS**, **RICHIE PALMER**, **FRANKIE**, **JIM GOSNELL**, and PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**.



New PPB member **P.J. OCHLAN** received two Voice Arts Awards nominations for his audiobook narration of the fantasy novel, *Night's Gift*. This was an extra special honor as the book's author is his wife, **CAMILLA**. Here, they are on the red carpet at the event, which was held in November at Jazz at Lincoln Center in NY. Check out P.J.'s bio on the back page of this newsletter

Envision Networks® is once again teaming up with the American Forces Network to air *The 100 Greatest Christmas Hits of All Time*, hosted by the legendary **WINK MARTINDALE**. The show is provided to over 400,000 American service men and women, Department of Defense civilians and their families who are overseas this holiday season. The ten-hour radio special will be broadcast to American embassies and consulates in 175 countries as well as personnel stationed on 200 U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships at sea.



Executive Producer **TIM CRESCENTI** deserves to be proud of *Better Late Than Never*. The NBC-TV show was the #1 new series in the summer of 2016 on the Big 4 networks in both 18-49 and total viewers. The two-hour season 2 premier airs on January 1 and features five globe-trotting stars - **HENRY WINKLER** (a former PPB honoree), **WILLIAM SHATNER**, **GEORGE FOREMAN**, **TERRY BRADSHAW** and comedian **JEFF DYE** - as they set off on a wildly entertaining journey to Europe and North Africa.

**WALDEN HUGHES** is inviting all PPBers to the SPERDVAC celebration of the Golden Days of Radio presenting recreations from *The Maltese Falcon*, scenes from the *Red Skelton Show*, and the Radio City Playhouse. Performers will include **TOMMY COOK** and **JIMMY WELDON**. The event will be FREE on Saturday March 10, 2018 at 2:30pm at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, 5901 E. 7th St., Long Beach - Building 126, Pantages Theater.

PPB Board Member **JOHN GOLDHAMMER** just finished commercial production for a Belgian company and has been hired as a consultant for the construction of a new state-of-the art production facility in Burbank.

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**Melody Rogers:**  
**Actress, Author, Realtor, Wife - Caregiver**

(In Her Own Words)

My husband **PAT "PARAQUAT" KELLEY** and I wrote a book about our journey from celebrity to survival to reinvention to real estate to wheelchair called, *And There Will Always Be Termites*. It was a few years ago and before I was a member of PPB.

Pat had an amazing career in radio as did his father, **BOB KELLEY**, who was the voice of the Los Angeles Rams and is in The Sportscasters Hall of Fame. I had a wonderful career in television most notably *2 On The Town* on CBS with **STEVE EDWARDS**. I won 4 Emmy's and am very proud of that! The book is an e-book available on Amazon.com and I believe a lot of our members would really enjoy it and most probably don't know about it. Steve Edwards wrote the forward and a wonderful review, written by L A Radios **DON BARRETT**, appeared in The Orange County Register.

Also, I have been doing speaking engagements speaking about being a primary care giver to a loved one. Pat has been bed ridden for about six years now (he was diagnosed with Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis in 2003) and I have learned so much. I believe both our book and my talks have helped inspire people and given them strength to keep moving forward ... no matter what!

PPB Archivist and Board Member **MATTHEW WORLEY** has recently embarked on a project to digitize the complete collection of PPB oral history interviews, as originated by founding PPB Audio Historian **LES TREMAYNE**. In addition, he is currently seeking contemporary interview subjects for a new on-camera interview series, created as an update of the original Tremayne concept. The entire collection of PPB interviews, both past and present, will soon be available for viewing/listening online. PPB'ers participating in the new on-camera series include **BOB MILLS**, **TOM KENNEDY**, **SHOTGUN TOM KELLY**, **RANDY WEST**, **WINK MARTINDALE**, **ED WILLIAMS**, and **LOIS TRAVALENA**, among others. All members, regardless of background, are strongly encouraged to participate. Contact [Matthew@MatthewWorley.org](mailto:Matthew@MatthewWorley.org). A demo reel, detailing more info on the new series, will be screened at an upcoming PPB luncheon. Matthew recently became a member of the Directors Guild of America, joining under the Director category, and would like to thank fellow PPB members **STEVE BINDER** and **VIN DiBONA** for their generosity in providing endorsements.

PPB Member **MORT GOLDSTEIN** and wife **TISSY** are very proud of granddaughter **LAUREN SLOAN**. She graduated from the U. of Georgia's College of Journalism and Mass Communications with Magna Cum Laude honors. Upon receiving her diploma, she was offered an intern position with CNN-International in Atlanta. Internship completed, she accepted a post with parent company, Turner Broadcasting.

New member **FRANK FORTH** is busy. He recently worked with ABC NewsOne on the finale of *Dancing With The Stars* (that's him in the black hat on the right) and on a segment for ABC's *20/20*. Frank attended the premiere of the feature film production of *InVisible* for which he provided location sound and had a short film he directed, *Pursuit*, become an official selection of the Culver City Film Festival and a semi-finalist in the Los Angeles Cinefest. Frank's new member bio is on the opposite page.



Past PPB President **SAM LOVULLO**, who passed away a year ago, was always proud of his son, but 2017 was a great year. The Diamondbacks' **TOREY LOVULLO** was named National League Baseball Writers Association of America's Manager of the Year. He guided the Diamondbacks to a 93-69 season—a 24-win improvement from 2016. The Diamondbacks finished in the first National League Wild Card spot and beat the Rockies in a one-game playoff before losing to the L.A. Dodgers in the Division Series.

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Veteran PPBer and Diamond Circle recipient **ROBERT L. MILLS** serves one day a week with the Glendale Police Department as a patrol officer with RSVP -- the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, providing in field services to the sworn officers. Their duties include vacation home checks, handicapped parking enforcement, and DUI checkpoints. Anyone interested in joining the program may contact Bob at [TheLaughMakers@GMail.com](mailto:TheLaughMakers@GMail.com).



**JOHN RICCI, JR.** is excited to be part of another classic game show revival, *The Joker's Wild with Snoop Dogg* on TBS. He's also thrilled to be going back for season 3 of *The \$100,000 Pyramid* on ABC at the beginning of next year.



Best known as news anchor Rod Remington on Fox TV's *Glee* PPBer **BILL A. JONES** will appear in a national commercial for TurboTax, beginning in February. Jones (left) is pictured with veteran character actor **GEORGE WYNER**.

Board Member **KAT KRAMER** is currently filming Season 5 of the popular comedy web series *Child Of The 70's* in which she plays soap opera diva Frances Rye. She also morphs into other characters including Magenta DeBeers, Alice The Maid, Rabbi Herbert Schweitzergold, Miko "Ming Ling" Makada and in this season, Fred. Season 5 will premiere in early 2018.

## WE REMEMBER

**MARTY HALPERIN's** bio was included in our September newsletter but we mistakenly neglected to report on the significant contributions that he made to PPB. In 1966, Marty became a Charter Member, one of the original 178 members to form PPB. For over 30 years, he was the head of the Acquisitions Department and was instrumental in acquiring scripts, photos, film, video tape, equipment, and over 100,000 recordings of radio shows from CBS and other sources for PPB. The enormous collection that Marty's efforts produced are now housed at the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation. He was a recipient of the Diamond Circle Award.

**MARY PRITZLOFF** was the widow of long-time PPB member, KTLA camera operator **KIPP PRITZLOFF**. She was active in the Encino Women's Club and P.E.O., an international women's organization with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide.

**BERNARD WEITZMAN** began his 60+ year career at CBS as a page, followed by executive positions at Desilu, Universal Studios, MGM, and Lorimar Productions. Bernie was an active member of Rotary, the Motion Picture Academy, CBS Alumni, and PPB.

If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please advise PPB's Membership/Friendship Chair **MARCIA MINOR** by leaving a message at 323-461-2121 or sending a note to [Membership@PPBwebsite.org](mailto:Membership@PPBwebsite.org).

**GARY BOMBALICKI** spent two years in TV and 35 years as a radio announcer. He began his career at KVMR in Nevada City, CA in 1982 and has worked at KDSK, KROQ, KNJO, KMDY, KVEN, K-STAR, and 96-ZRE. From 1988 to 1990, he was a Free TV producer. Gary then went back to radio in 2000 and is currently at KDSK, KMIN, and KTHO. Gary is sponsored by Board Member **DON WHITTEMORE**.

**FRANCIS E. FORTH** has had a 40 year career in television. He began as a stage manager for the first show on Nickelodeon in 1977 and has worked at WCMH in Ohio, and KVTI and KTTY in San Diego. He is currently a freelance sound recordist for *ABC World News*, *Good Morning America*, *20/20*, *NBC Nightly News*, *The Today Show*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, and *The Academy Awards*. Frank was sponsored by PPB Vice President "**SHOTGUN TOM**" KELLY.

In his 60+ year career, **ROBERT D. GARDNER** directed and photographed award-winning television commercials and programs, documentary films, corporate communications, and multi-media productions. For 17 years, he worked at KFMB-TV, San Diego's CBS affiliate and founded Gardner Productions in 1978. Bob's won 31 regional Emmy Awards, was past president of the San Diego chapter of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and former trustee of the National TV Academy. Bob was sponsored by "**SHOTGUN TOM**" KELLY.

**GARY GROSSMAN** is a print and television journalist, an Emmy Award-winning network television producer, and a film and TV historian. His career has included stints producing for NBC News, ABC, CBS NBC, Fox, PBS, and over 27 cable networks. As co-owner of Weller/Grossman Productions, he produced more than 10,000 programs and has been given 76 National and International TV awards and honors, and International Book Awards for his novels. Gary earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Emerson College in Boston and a Master's Degree in Urban Affairs from Boston University. He began his career at 15 as a D.J. in Hudson, NY and worked at WBZ-TV before moving to L.A. He's taught journalism and media classes at Emerson College, Boston University, and USC. Vice President **BIANCA PINO** sponsored Gary.

**J.C. HENNING** (a.k.a.: **J.C. O'CONNELL**) has been acting since 1975. On TV, she's appeared on *General Hospital*, *Days Of Our Lives*, and *The Story Of David*. Among over 100 stage appearances, she was featured in *The Crucible*, *South Pacific*, and *The Odd Couple* and played **BOB CUMMINGS'** daughter in *My Daughter's Rated X* for the Country Dinner Playhouse theatre circuit. In 2017, she co-created and stars in the web series *Once Upon A Con*. She has a two octave singing range and specializes in accents including British, German, Russian, French, Swedish, French, and New York. **ED STAUSS** is sponsoring J.C.

**D. RANDALL KIRBY** has been a television announcer, actor, writer, and musician for over 40 years. He's performed in regional theatre and summer stock in *Mr. Roberts* and *Take Her She's Mine* and appeared on Broadway in *Mame*. On TV, he appeared on *The Girl from Uncle*, *Gidget*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, and others. He won a Clio Award and two Andy Awards for his commercial work. His sponsor is Board Member **MATTHEW WORLEY**.

**SANDY KRINSKI** is writer and producer who began in 1968 writing in N.Y. on *The Clay Cole Show*. Through the 70's, he wrote for variety shows including the *Carol Burnett Summer Show* and *The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour*, as well as numerous specials for **PAUL LYNDE**, **DAVID COPPERFIELD**, and **DIONNE WARWICK**. He wrote for TV movies and half-hour TV shows including *Alice*, *The Jefferson's*, and *Love American Style*. Board Member **MATTHEW WORLEY** is sponsoring Sandy.

**JERRY LEWINE** started in radio 32 years ago in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties where he served as chief engineer for nine radio stations. He then worked as chief engineer/project engineer for Fox/Loe Broadcasting in Ventura, chief engineer at Big City Radio in L.A., chief engineer for Liberman Broadcasting, and had technical responsibility for several stations including KHJ and KWIZ. Currently, he is owner of Agoura P.C. Services offering computer help for homes and small businesses. **BOB FOX** is his sponsor.

**ROGER NEAL** spent 36 years in television in P.R., management, and as a producer. He started in the mail room at MGM studios in 1981 and went on to work with **DONNY OSMOND**, **BOB BARKER**, **RICK DEES**, **TIM CONWAY**, and **WINK MARTINDALE**. Roger's TV credits include *The Bold and the Beautiful* and *The Young and the Restless*. Currently, he's a manager and a TV and film producer. **LOIS TRAVALENA** and **KAT KRAMER** are sponsoring Roger.



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**P.J. OCHLAN** has been an actor since 1986, and has enjoyed a diverse career from critically acclaimed feature films and TV series regular roles to new media projects; from his own long-running radio shows to countless voice-overs and audio books; and, from Broadway and the New York Shakespeare Festival to stand-up comedy. He's been recognized with numerous awards, and has worked with some of the most iconic directors, producers, and actors including **JODIE FOSTER**, **CLINT EASTWOOD**, **ROBIN WILLIAMS**, **SCOTT RUDIN**, **GARRY MARSHALL** and **JOSEPH PAPP**. P.J. was the 2017 Audie Award winner and has earned multiple Earphone Awards. He is sponsored by Board Member **DON WHITTEMORE**.

**FRANK PESCE** is an actor who appeared in several TV series including: *Baretta*, *Kojak*, *Night Rider*, *Miami Vice*, and *Matlock*, just to name a few. He also appeared over 70 films like: *Beverly Hills Cop*, *Top Gun*, *Midnight Run*, *Donnie Brasco* and acted with his good friend of over 40 years, Sylvester Stallone, in the movie *Creed*. In 1991, he wrote and appeared the movie, *29th Street*, the story of Frank's young life and his experience with the N.Y. State Lottery. Board Member **CARSON SCHREIBER** is sponsoring Frank.

**JOEY REYNOLDS** rose to fame as a Top 40 radio personality during the 1960s and 1970s, amassing huge audiences in the northeast and was named Billboard Magazine's DJ of the Year three times. He is often regarded as the originator of "shock-jock radio" — garnering widespread publicity for some outlandish on and off-air stunts; including playing *Sherry* by the Four Seasons for hours on end. As a thank you, the Four Seasons produced a special radio jingle for the introduction of Joey's daily radio show. Reynolds was the focus of a two-part series on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* concerning talk radio personalities, on which more than a dozen of his media peers paid tribute to him. In 1988, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Joey and a partner came up with the idea of placing TV monitors inside taxi cabs in N.Y. with a slide show of ads. **"SHOTGUN TOM" KELLY** was the announcer and sponsored Joey.

**RUS SARNOFF** has 30 years in TV as a producer, line producer, associate producer and executive in charge of production. His varied career includes *The Montel Williams Show* and *The Willard Scott Show*, *Hometown Hero* and *Rescue 911*. He was involved in sitcoms, news programs, variety, game shows and worked on the special, **JOHN DENVER and Friend** - that "friend" was **FRANK SINATRA**. Today, Rus runs a marketing agency. Board Member **JOHN GOLDHAMMER** is sponsoring Rus.

**DIANE SCHUUR** is widely regarded as a leading vocalist and pianist in contemporary jazz. Blind from birth, she is gifted with perfect pitch and initially taught herself to play the piano by ear. With a recording career that spans three decades, including two Grammys as well as numerous TV and radio appearances, Diane has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, the White House, and at countless festivals and theaters around the world. Her musical collaborations include work with the **COUNT BASIE Orchestra**, **B.B. KING**, **DAVE GRUSIN**, **RAY CHARLES**, **STEVIE WONDER**, **BARRY MANILOW** and **JOSE FELICIANO**, among others. Most recently, she recorded an homage to two of her mentors, **FRANK SINATRA** and **STAN GETZ**. The CD, entitled *I Remember You (With Love To Stan and Frank)* also commemorates her "official" discovery 35 years ago by Getz at the 1979 Monterey Jazz Festival. Vice President **"SHOTGUN TOM KELLY"** is her sponsor.

**MANNY SOLANA** began acting in 1955 modeling in New York City and appeared live on Westinghouse Studio One in 1956. He continued his career through 1965 and did modeling, commercials, television and Broadway acting and appeared in the movie *Parole Violators* in 1992. PPB Assistant Treasurer **MICHAEL BROCKMAN** is Manny's sponsor.

**KRIS ERIK STEVENS** is a multi-talented radio and voice over-artist. Early in his career, he was inducted into the Nebraska Radio Hall of Fame for his exemplary appearance in the Omaha market. Soon after, he became a success as radio's youngest air personality in Chicago and was presented with the Billboard Magazine Radio Entertainment Award for Broadcast Excellence at WLS in Chicago. Kris maintained #1 ratings in Detroit, Pittsburgh, Miami, Atlanta, and at KKDJ and KIIS-FM in Los Angeles. In L.A. he opened Kris Stevens Enterprises and began winning awards for his work in advertising and production. Kris is the highly recognizable voice and host of *Movie Tunes* and is heard internationally on the *Voice of America*. **BRUCE CHANDLER** is sponsoring Kris.

**MARBRY STEWARD** (a.k.a.: **MAUREEN O'CONNELL**) spent over 50 years in radio, television, and the theatre as an actor, producer, director, writer, singer, and voice-over actor. She has 250 voice credits in England, Spain, and the U.S., has appeared several films and on TV including *Days of Our Lives*, *General Hospital*, and *The Story of David*. Marbry's theatre credits include *The Miracle Worker*, *Wait Until Dark*, and *The Crucible*. Her sponsor is **ED STAUSS**.

**BARBARA TUURI** has had a 40 career in television administration, starting as an account assistant at KPTV in Portland then assistant to the VP of publicity at WBTV in Charlotte. She joined Warner Bros. in 1982 as assistant to the vice president of publicity and subsequently was assistant to executive vice president of business affairs and assistant to the president of Warner Bros. Domestic Distribution. Since 2011, Barbara has been the assistant to the president of Warner Bros. Consumer Products and DC Entertainment. **BARBARA WILLIAMS** is sponsoring Barbara Tuuri.

**DARRELL WAYNE** has been in radio for 45 years and began in Orange County at station KEZY as an engineer then worked in Inglewood and Riverside in production and as an announcer. In 1976, he worked for the famous radio team of Drake/Chenault and joined KROQ in the 80's where he was known as "The Insane Darrell Wayne." Since 2010, he's owned KTHO in Lake Tahoe and is currently working there and at KABC, KDSK, and Boss Boss Radio. Darrell is sponsored by board member **DON WHITTEMORE**.

**NANCY BRADLEY WIARD** began as an administrative assistant in human resources and in programming. During the late 60's and 70's she was at CBS Television working in the programming department and became the associate producer on *The Young and the Restless*. She moved up to producer in 1986 where she remained for the next 14 years. In 2010, she became consultant on *Days of Our Lives*. She is currently at Warner Marketing and was sponsored by PPB President **ALAN PERRIS**.

**BARBARA WILLIAMS** retired after having spent 32 years in the TV/motion picture industry starting as assistant to the producer on two TV pilots: *V* and *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*. She then went on to work as an assistant on various TV pilots as well as assistant production office coordinator on the motion picture *Dangerous Minds*. Her sponsor is Board Member and Membership Chair, **MARCIA MINOR**.