

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



DECEMBER 2007

FILM ACTOR, TV STAR, SINGER and all-around, nice guy **JAMES DARREN** was November's PPB Luncheon Honoree. Joining President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** and Entertainment Chair **JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN** on the dais to honor **DARREN** were **GARY OWENS**; Jack Gilardi, **DARREN**'s long-time agent; Rob Wilcox, PR and Communications Director for City Controller Laura Chick who presented **DARREN** with a Resolution from the Mayor and City Council commending him on his great contributions to show business and people's pleasure; Jim Moret, **DARREN**'s son and TV newsman on "Early Edition"; Christian Darren, **DARREN**'s son and screenwriter; **LEE MERIWETHER**, who appeared with **DARREN** on the TV series "Time Tunnel"; Ira Behr, producer and creator of "Star Trek – Next Generation" which featured **JIMMY** as Vic Fontaine, lounge singer on nine episodes; Chick Watkins, programmer of radio stations around the country; Stu Philips, music producer and composer; Rick Husky, producer and creator of "T.J. Hooker" starring William Shatner and **DARREN**; Shelley Fabares, friend and co-star with **JIMMY** on records and on "The Donna Reed Show." **BROWN** introduced a DVD of **DARREN**'s career and read missives from people who couldn't attend — **HAL KANTER**, Frankie Avalon and Nancy Sinatra. President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** presented **DARREN** with the **ART GILMORE** Career Achievement Award. **DARREN** graciously accepted thanking his friends and all of PPB. President **SOUTHCOTT** introduced

MICHAEL BROCKMAN who was at the **RALPH EDWARDS** table and **BROCKMAN** introduced the college professor and students who were guests.

PAST PRESIDENT GIL STRATTON presented the Diamond Circle Award saying: "There is probably no person in PPB that works harder for our interests than today's Diamond Circle Recipient. For 64 years he has been employed as an announcer, working on all the networks, doing the things that announcers do! Comedy, Drama, Game Shows, and still a pro as he pronounces 'Mrs. World' from various locations around the Globe. What a pleasure to welcome **JOHN HARLAN** to The Diamond Circle." **JOHN** responded with thanks to **GIL** and the entire PPB membership.

MARILYN KING WRITES that as the last performing King Sister, 2007 was a great year performing and entertaining audiences at great venues. **MARILYN** says the art centers were beautiful with great sound, great dressing rooms and great audiences. **KING** said that some of the artists that she had the pleasure of sharing the stages with were **PATTI PAGE**, The Modernaires, The Ink Spots, The Ames Brothers, The Lennon Sisters, **PETER MARSHALL**, Gary Collins, Mary Ann Mobley, Pete Barbutti and Butch Stone to name a few. It was a thrill to sing with great orchestras in tributes to Gene Krupa, Tex Beneke and Glenn Miller. She also did a tribute to the King Sisters with her daughters at the Sweet and Hot Music Festival at the LAX Marriott over Labor Day. What a summer.

PPBER CHARLES CAPPLEMAN is writing a great column in the CBS Newsletter called "Cappy's Corner." The first column was on "The Golden Age of Television."

FORMER BOARD MEMBER DALE OLSON sends exciting news with season's greetings. **DALE**, who has been a trustee and Executive Committee member of The Actors Fund for over 20 years, writes that The Actors Fund has expanded and changed its name to The Actors Fund for Everyone. That means that all persons in the entertainment business, even press agents, are eligible for help from the Fund. **DALE** gives an example of an out-of-work performer needing surgery and how she was helped. **DALE** asks that members spread the word about the services of The Actors Fund. Great Holiday news.

PPB WEBSITE MANAGER GERRY FRY writes that he has added additional pictures of past Luncheon Honorees to the website along with more pictures of PPB members. The PPB website is located at www.ppbwebsite.org. **FRY** also sent a copy of the *Ventura County Star* which ran an article about the Radio Archives to be housed at the Thousand Oaks Library. The Bergen Foundation will give a one million dollar grant for the Radio Museum. (Edgar Bergen was one of the PPB founding members.) The article was great. The L.A. *Times* carried a several-page story about what happened to the PPB materials at Washington Mutual and the effort being made to remove the materials. The story also had a great picture of **MARTY HALPERIN** with quotes.

NOT MUCH TRAVEL OR HOLIDAY NEWS. Past President **GIL STRATTON** sailed December 3 aboard the *Regent Seven Seas*

Mariner from Auckland, New Zealand to L.A. arriving in 19 days in time for Christmas. **GIL** was lecturing all the way and sharing the balcony with his bride Dee. Board member **PAT GLEASON** to his hometown in Minnesota for Christmas. Veteran talk show host **BILL MORAN** will be moderating a panel featuring four show business icons on February 10, 2008 at the American Jewish University, formerly known as the University of Judaism, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. On the Blue Ribbon panel will be **MONTY HALL**, Shirley Jones, Ed Asner and Lainie Kazan.

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Membership Chairman
KAY HENLEY
announces

New Members

MRS. BUDDY COLE
DEAN WEBBER
MARCIA MINOR
LOIS WEISS

We will remember with admiration

DON BEAMSLEY
RALPH PORTNER
DICK WILSON (Mr. Whipple)

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