

The Networking Organization for Radio and Television Professionals

PPB PAST-PRESIDENT CHUCK SOUTHCOTT presented the coveted ART GILMORE Career Achievement Award to television pioneer CHUCK FRIES at the March 18th celebrity luncheon at the Sportsmen's Lodge.

Chuck is considered the “godfather” of the TV movie, having produced or supervised over 275 hours of programming and is especially known for issue-oriented themes. Fries’ programs include *Small Sacrifices* starring Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O’Neal, *The Neon Empire* starring Ray Sharkey, Martin Landau and Gary Busey, *Leona Helmsley: The Queen of Mean* with Suzanne Pleshette and Lloyd Bridges and *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury starring Rock Hudson.

His films have garnered the Emmy, Peabody, Humanitas and Christopher Awards. During his long career, Chuck worked at Ziv Television, Screen Gems, Columbia Pictures and Metromedia Producers Corporation. He’s served in various capacities at the American Film Institute, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. In 2006, Chuck was awarded a Lifetime Membership in the Producer’s Guild of America.



CHRISTOPHER THOMAS and Honoree

In 1996, she retired from Fox as Senior Executive Assistant for Worldwide Promotions.

After five years as President, she currently serves as Membership Chairperson for the CBS Alumni Association.

It was with great pleasure that Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presented the Diamond Circle Award to **PEGGY DAVIS**.

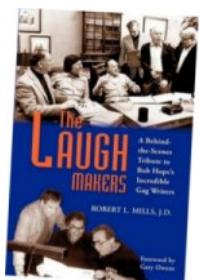
PRESIDENT SAM LOVULLO IS SORRY he missed the March luncheon because of health problems, but is feeling much better and looks forward to seeing everyone at the May 20th Celebrity Luncheon. Sam thanks **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT** for filling in and appreciates all the good wishes he received.

THANKS TO MEMBER ED STAUSS for donating music for our luncheons — you’ll hear his choices played as we enter the banquet room and during the meal. Ed is the host of “California Swing Scene,” a special music show for radio station WMKV in Cincinnati, Ohio.

HEADED BY PAT GLEASON, a Digital Archives Committee has been formed with the mandate of transferring over 200 ¼" audio recordings of PPB Luncheons to digital files. Working with Pat are **DON KING** and Board Member **TOM PATTERSON**. It was Charter Member **MARTY HALPERIN** who began recording the luncheons in 1966 and was responsible for safeguarding the hundreds of tapes that were recently turned over to Pat. Thanks, Marty!

DUE TO HER BUSY SCHEDULE JANET WALDO has been forced to resign as PPB historian after many years. We thank her for her fine work. **MARLENE VARNEN** will take over the responsibility of collecting clippings and data on our members.

FORMER BOB HOPE WRITER BOB MILLS delivers his hour-long cruise ship lectures to libraries, service clubs and retirement communities. The show features anecdotes from his book *The Laugh Makers: A Behind-the-Scenes Tribute to Bob Hope’s Incredible Gag Writers* and includes a Q&A and clips of vintage Hope sketches. To find out the schedule or to book Bob’s show, write to: the.laughmakers@gmail.com. The book is available at Amazon.com and retailers.



ON APRIL 19TH BILL A. JONES made his 10th appearance on the hit TV show “Glee.” Bill, as newscaster “Rod Remington,” played a celebrity judge, this time alongside characters played by Kathy Griffin (*My Life on the ‘D’ List*) and Loretta Devine (original Broadway cast of *Dreamgirls*).

FOR THE PAST YEAR KGIL (Retro 1260) has carried Past President **CHUCK SOUTHCOTT**’s syndicated Standards show “This is Music” each weekday. They just switched their format to another favorite musical genre of his — Classical. For two weeks in April, Chuck played the classics live from 2–5 PM Monday through



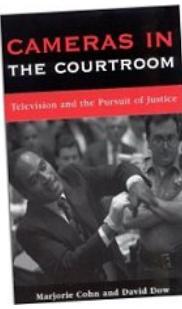
Pictured here (back row L to R) ED ASNER, MICHELLE LEE, STACY KEACH, MORGAN FAIRCHILD, Past PPB President CHUCK SOUTHCOTT; (front row L to R) Resident Humorist HAL KANTER, Entertainment Chair JEANNE DeVIVIER BROWN, Honoree CHUCK FRIES and ERNEST BORGnine.

BOARD MEMBER AND WEBMASTER GERRY FRY posted more photos from the luncheons on our website. To view them, go to www.PPBwebsite.org, click on the orange “Details” link next to Chuck Fries’ picture, then on “Additional Photos.” Enjoy!

AT EACH PPB LUNCHEON, we honor a member who has made an important contribution to the development of broadcasting and is 75 or older — hence, the award is appropriately named Diamond. At the March 18th luncheon, Board Member **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** presented the Diamond Circle Award by profiling a woman with an astounding 41 year career in Radio and TV.

Beginning in 1955 at WTOP-TV in Washington, D.C., she went on to set up station feeds of the Cape Kennedy space launches for WDBO-TV in Orlando, Florida. In 1965, she came to Los Angeles where she worked her way up to Executive Secretary to the General Manager at KNXT. This led her to CBS Television City as Supervisor of Production Facilities where she scheduled the talent, technicians and equipment for shows starring Bob Hope, Carol Burnett, the Smothers Brothers and “All In The Family,” among others.

Always intrigued by a good challenge, she accepted a position at Twentieth Century Fox Studios in the newly-organized Promotion and Product Placement Department.



Friday, sitting in for their new host David Benoit.

LATER THIS YEAR, MCFARLAND & COMPANY will bring out a new paperback edition of *Cameras in the Courtroom: Television and the Pursuit of Justice*, co-authored by PPB Secretary **DAVID DOW** and former CBS News legal analyst Marjorie Cohn. The book was inspired by the O. J. Simpson murder trial, which Dow and Cohn covered for CBS News. Previous editions are available on Amazon.com.

PPB MEMBER STUART SHOSTAK is a TV historian who just completed co-producing *Dennis the Menace — Season One* on DVD. Since 2006, he's been running Shokus Internet Radio, which features programming designed for listeners 45 and up. Each Wednesday afternoon, Stuart hosts a live, call-in talk show where he interviews stars and behind-the-scenes people from the world of television. He's done over 200 broadcasts and guests have featured PPB members including **TOM KENNEDY, WINK MARTINDALE, TOM WILLIAMS** and PPB Assistant Treasurer **MICHAEL BROCKMAN**. To tune into the station, go to <http://www.shokusradio.com/> and click on "LISTEN NOW." Stuart is always on the lookout for new guests. If you'd like to appear on his show, e-mail him at stuart@shokusradio.com.

ALSO ON SHOKUS INTERNET RADIO, PPB Member **TOM WILLIAMS** will be talking with Herb Ellis about Jack Webb and their experiences on "Dragnet." Tom was Webb's Production Assistant when the show returned to NBC in color and Herb was Webb's detective partner on radio. You'll hear some interesting stories on Wednesday, May 11, 4:00-6:00 PM on <http://www.shokusradio.com/>.



ROBERT S. LEVINSON'S LATEST SHORT STORY for *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine* is in the June issue, now on newsstands. Due out in August is his ninth mystery-thriller, *A Rhumba in Waltz Time*, a Hollywood story set in the "Golden Age of Movies." Four of his earlier novels are now available online at Amazon Kindle and other e-book sites, including *The Elvis and Marilyn Affair, The James Dean Affair, and The John Lennon Affair*.

PAST PRESIDENT FRANK BRESEE is back on the air! Frank can be heard on the Internet Program "Yesterday USA" on Friday nights at 7:30 PM. He's interviewed and then one of Frank's interviews from his archives is played. You can listen at www.YesterdayUSA.com.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 14TH AT 2:00 PM, JANET WALDO will appear in *The Undecided Molecule*. The original 1945 radio program was written by PPB member **NORMAN CORWIN** — this performance is directed by Corwin and Michael Casey and the fine cast will include PPB Member **DICK VAN PATTEN**. The event will take place at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd. in downtown L.A. **213-688-7777**. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

FRANCES ROBERTS REPORTS that she's having a terrific time with her comedy troupe and acting groups. She says, "I think I must be the only writer/producer/director in TV (I think I was the first woman doing it in 1949) who has at the age of 87

turned stand-up comic." Watch for her upcoming comedy review in September in Manhattan Beach.

PAST PRESIDENT JOHN HARLAN, his wife Beverly, their son and granddaughter just returned from a relaxing pleasure cruise to Mexico.

RAY SAVOY AND HIS WIFE Ann are headed for a vacation in Jolly Old England. Ray says, "unfortunately we will miss the wedding of Prince William and Kate (they are quite relieved that we will not attend), but are going to help clean up the place after the festivities. We'll miss the Luncheon in May but wish all our friends at PPB a wonderful time, and try to enjoy it without us!"

CHARLES WASHBURN, A FORMER MEMBER who is now living at the Motion Picture Home, may be receiving a new kidney. Let's wish him well. If you'd like to send him a card or note, his address is **23388 Mulholland Drive, MPTF #401, Woodland Hills, CA 90364**.

PAST PPB PRESIDENT JACK MCQUEEN, his wife Ann and daughter Susan, have moved back to San Marino where they spent 50 years before taking off for the past year in Bradbury. Jack says, "I'm most anxious to get back to all the meetings and buddies that I've really missed so very much."

PPB SENDS CONDOLENCES TO VAN ALEXANDER, who, after a marriage that lasted 72 years, lost his high school sweetheart, Beth.

Membership Chairman **KAY HENLEY** announces:

NEW MEMBERS

LAURA BRODIAN FREAS — Laura has worked in radio for 32 years and is currently the Arts Reporter at KUSC-FM.

SUZANNE STONE — Suzanne began working in TV in 1982 at Alan Landsburg Prods. She's been a Writer/Researcher on "Jeopardy" since 1983 and was nominated for an Emmy in 1986 for "Special Class Writing."

DAIS HONORARY MEMBERS

ERNEST BORGnine
MORGAN FAIRCHILD
AVA FRIES
STACY KEACH
MICHELE LEE

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