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May Meeting

Bala Golf Club
May 9, 2001

Reception 12:00 noon
Lunch 12:30 p.m.
Ratecard \$16.00
Phone 215-563-1310 or 856-365-5600

Scholarships and Fun

Our May get together will be the annual scholarships meeting, at which John Roberts will present the selections of his committee and the awarding of the \$2000 scholarships for 3 students pursuing studies in area schools of communication. A number of schools in the tri-state area have participated, and John

says the quality of students is very good. Meet the students and the winning schools on May 9 at Bala Golf Club.

As an extra added attraction, 'pretty, perky' **Peggy King** will perform with accompanist **Harriet Faye**. **Herb Clarke** has again arranged for Peggy to join us and she will perform the great Pop songs she did with the

Bob Hope tours and other USO shows.



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Happenings

Al Meltzer was a smash at the April meeting. A large group of old friends greeted the veteran Philadelphia and Buffalo broadcaster who held forth with anecdotes from his long careers in broadcasting. Al looks and sounds as great as ever.

Member **Diego Castellanos** was honored by the Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge, in a ceremony in March at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia. Thirteen different categories of public service to the state's Hispanic community were saluted sepa-

rately with a PRIDE award for each. Dr. Castellanos was honored in the category of Media and Communications for hosting "Puerto Rican Panorama", a weekly television show broadcast by 6 ABC of Philadelphia. "Panorama" is the only television show devoted exclusively to Hispanic issues and the Latino culture in the Grater Philadelphia Metropolitan market. It is broadcast in English making it accessible to the general population. On the air, uninterrupted, since September 1970, "Panorama" is the world's longest-running television show of its type.

Speaking of new Hall of Fame members, it appears that **Dr. Francis Davis** may finally retire. The Channel 6 weatherman, who was also Dean at Drexel University, thought he retired when he moved to Hilton Head Island, but soon discovered they needed a Physics teacher for an enriched program at Hilton Head High School, so for three years he has been working with gifted youngsters there. They now have found a teacher who can handle the class, and perhaps Francis can work on his golf.

We need your input to do our newsletters.

Please send items at least three weeks in advance of the date of the next meeting to Paul Norton at 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958, or call 1-302-645-8910, or e-mail nanort@aol.com, or fax to 1-302-644-9036.

More Happenings

Can you say “Neuroma?” **Jan Beaty** had surgery on her left foot on Valentine’s Day, to have a neuron removed to alleviate pain. She spent an extended period in a footcast(s) and forced to use crutches. During that period **John** did the many household things necessary. Thank heaven, John says, the cast is now off and both are feeling a lot better. John continues his stint on WRDV-FM doing Big Bands etc Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Quoting here: A note from **Alan Jay** says that he and his semi-lovely (first) wife will see Mel Brooks’ Broadway

And More Happenings

We’ve heard from **Mitchell Krauss** whose name you will probably recognize as one that was for 25 years seen and heard on CBS Radio and TV News as Mid East correspondent. In his phone call he recollected working here at WFLN from 1951 to 1956 with time out for the Army and the 24th Division In Korea). He then worked at WIP as Director of Sales Promotion and as the News Director. He has fond memories

New Members

Greet our new member **Helene Sperka**, widow of the late Channel 6 reporter Hank Sperka. Helene will be remembered, among many other things, as having been President and Chairman of the Board of the Philadelphia Advertising Club from 1979-1982. In 1981 she established her own agency doing radio commercials for various clients, and was agent for sports personalities, Tom Heinson, Chuck Bednarik and Richie Ashburn. Helene now lives in Stuart, Florida and can be reached by e-mail at HMS4@aol.com.

play, “The Producers”, based on the movie, April 25. However, even more important, is enjoying a New York hot pastrami on rye at the 2nd Avenue deli after the matinee. Alan says forty years of living in Philadelphia have never provided such a treat reminiscent of his childhood days in Brooklyn.

You can expect **Malcolm Poindexter** to be a speaker at one of our meetings in the future, but at the moment the KYW broadcaster is busy with a new assignment. He is the stations’ Ambassador to the Arts. He expects this to keep him tied up (unavailable for meetings) til af-

of working with Joe McCauley, Bob Menafee, Jack Pyle, Paul Sullivan, Paul Parker and Gene Milner. The late John Paul Weber had provided him with one of our newsletters and he called to express his warm recollections of working with John. Now retired and living in Stamford, Connecticut, you can reach him by e-mail at MKrauss@aol.com.

New member **R. Alan Campbell** who is at the moment Senior Announcer, morning man-classical music, at KUAT, University of Arizona, Tucson. His bio is too extensive to give appropriate detail here, but you may check it at his website: <http://members.trip.com/-RACAMPBELL/Alan.html>.

You’ll find, in his words, he was a go-fer in Philadelphia in the fifties with WPEN, KYW, WRCV. He was in radio-TV in the Washington-Baltimore area, a member of the Singing Sergeants while in the service, Armed Forces Korea Network

ter April 2002.

Great to hear **Bill Wright, Sr.** back on the air. Dubbed the “Dean of Philadelphia Radio.” the 50 year radio veteran goes full time in the evening on WPEN (950) 7 p.m. to midnight weekdays. Bill sounds as good as ever and will take you back to the old WIBG days, although the music now will be great bands and vocalists. He plans to join our group soon, and come to lunch frequently. (If you don’t get to the lunches you’re missing something)

‘Good hitting will beat good pitching every time, and vice versa.’

Yogi Berra

Radio TV, Seoul, worked in Wilmington, Camden, and WFLN, Philadelphia; Florida as an anchorman, Hawaii, etc. He is now in Arizona and can be contacted at: racTucson@Yahoo.com.

‘If I had my life to live again, I’d make all the same mistakes, only sooner.’

Tallulah Bankhead