

June Newsletter

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June Meeting

**Bala Country Club
June 14**

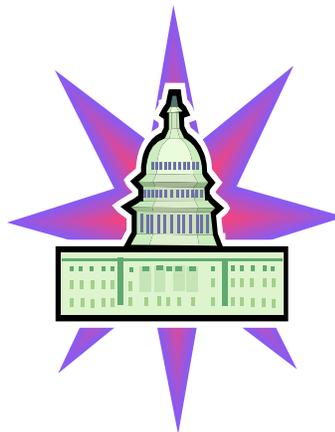
The last meeting 'till fall...and it will be a big one.

All of the past presidents of Broadcast Pioneers have been invited to join us at our June luncheon meeting at Bala Golf Club, Belmont Avenue, in Philadelphia. We will pay tribute to them as a group and individually for their help in building and sustaining the organization. Each will be asked to present a brief accounting of activities during

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

his/her year as Chief Officer of the group. This will be videotaped and will become part of the living history of Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia and can be seen on our website.

Reminder to past presidents: Please bring to the meeting, mail or e-mail your picture and biography for inclusion on our website—WWW.BROADCASTPIONEERS.COM.



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“Saint, n.—a dead sinner revised and edited.”

Ambrose Bierce

May Meeting

Last month's meeting was an excellent one. We awarded three \$2000 scholarships to college communications majors, each of whom had a 3.96 average or better.

Alphabetically they were:

Lauren Bercarich of Villanova University, **Michele DeVeterano** of Temple University and **Michelle Maher** of LaSalle. All are from the Philadelphia area.

- Lauren is 1st of 128 students of Communications at Villanova.

- Michele DeVeterano went to Montgomery County Community College before transferring to Temple and was President of the Communications Arts Production Group.
- Michelle Maher was an intern at CNN and has a job offer there when she finishes school. She made a presentation to the President of CNN and other executives there who said they were “blown away by her presentation.”

Good job by John Roberts and other members of the scholarship committee.

Incidentally, at the meeting **Joe Pellegrino** did a super job singing some of the all-time great songs to the group. His accompanist was **Fran Carrango** who deserves great thanks for his efforts. Joe and Fran work together on the road at receptions and night clubs. We understand that Joe has a tape available for those who might like to enjoy his singing.

Bil Keane

Hope you noticed in the May issue of “Vintage” the interview by **Harry Harris** of his former “Bulletin” colleague, **Bil Keane**. Keane, of Paradise Valley, Arizona, revealed to a surprised Harris that his illustrations for Harris “Around the Dials” column led to a syndicated “Channel Chuckles” feature that enabled him to leave Philadelphia and launch “Family Circus.” May’s “Vintage” cover was an exclusive Keane drawing. Pioneer’s member Harris was the first resident TV critic at the “Bulletin” and the second at the “Inquirer” (after Merrill Panitt).

Happenings

You'll be seeing the name **Lee Farber** in the credits for many of the Channel 6 public affairs programs. He is the husband of Pioneer's member, **Vicky Benedict Farber**, former senior account executive in the Sales Department of WPVI-TV from 1982 to 1990. Lee will be working with Marc Howard, Cecily Tynan, Gary Papa, Vernon Odom and Lisa Thomas Laury on these programs. Vicky works part-time now, and at home with son Ryan, 8 years old. 20-year old daughter Tracy Benedict Pope is a Dean's list student at the University of Delaware.

Alan Jay was on Don Imus WFAN NY radio show on March 24 and won the program's 'mean boss' award.

More Happenings

Member **Harry Thomas** of the video editing department at Action News is walking down the aisle with Marilyn Walker, office manager for Action News. They have a new place in Radnor and Pioneers wish them all the best.

Ed Papazian reports that the Hall of Fame / Person of the Year Committee has had its initial meeting and will be following up with another in June.

Meet our new members:

- **Harry Kalas** and **Andy Musser** of the Phillies

Newsletter



A mean boss fired Alan 40 years ago in Worcester, MA to give the job to the mean boss' friend. Alan's story won him a book by Warner Wolfe. The happy ending is that that's when Alan came to Philadelphia with his wife and kids and got a job at WPEN doing news at night during the Red Benson and Frank Ford shows, and an FM DJ job in the morning.

Bud Galow, former KYW Engineering Studio Supervisor, is hosting the 23rd annual reunion of USS Tennessee—BB43 a WWII Battleship. Since 1977 the crewmen of this outstanding Pearl Harbor survivor have been meeting all around the country. This year they will tour Washington, DC, the Naval Academy, and take in the famous Marine Silent Drill Team.

- **Frank Hogan**, General Manager of WGLS in Glassboro, and
- **Eleanor (Lynn) Faragalli**, formerly of Triangle Broadcasting

Our condolences are extended to the family of member **William J. (Bill) Ludes**, 75, who died on April 16 at Bryn Mawr Hospital of heart failure. A veteran of WWII and the Korean War, Bill worked as a technician at WPEN before going to work at WCAU in January of 1947. In addition to his membership in Broadcast Pioneers, Bill was a member of the WCAU Prime Time Club.

This will be the last issue of the Pioneer's Newsletter til August. Please send any items between now and then to:

- **Paul Norton at 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958**
- **e-mail: nanort@aol.com or**
- **phone: 1-302-645-8910.**
- **You may fax material to 302-644-9036.**

Channel 6 cameraman, **Bob Kravitz**, has a pain in the neck, and it has knocked him out of service since February 28. Four herniated discs. Therapy every other day and every day at home. He's allowed two walks a day. Always on the job, he takes his little digital fanny pack with him in case he walks into a story.



Happenings!

Meetings 2000-2001

For those who wish to set their calendar for next year, the Broadcast Pioneers meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month at lunch at Bala Golf Club, with the exception of January and February when we will meet at lunch at Williamson's, and November when there is no luncheon meeting as we meet at dinner to honor our Person of the Year—Hall of Fame selections.

"It isn't necessary to be rich and famous to be happy, it's only necessary to be rich."

Alan Alda

Please note that the deadline for items submitted for the newsletter is three weeks in advance of the meeting. The newsletter is posted two weeks before and one week is allowed for production.