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**September Meeting
Bala Golf Club
September 17, 2003**

**Reception 12:00 noon
Lunch 12:30 pm
Ratecard \$20 Members and Non-members
Phone 610-436-4217**

What a summer! It seems hard to believe that fall is already here. But the good news is...it's time for lunch with broadcasting friends and some really great speakers this year. We begin our year with a true Philadelphia Pioneer, **Jack Whitaker**. Jack goes way back to Pottsville, PA in September 1947, and to WCAU-TV in 1949, doing the sports with **John Facenda** on news, and **Phil Sheridan**

on the weather. He went to CBS in 1962 and ABC in 1981. A St. Joseph's University graduate he was named best announcer by Sports Illustrated in 1976, Emmy's and so on and on. He has too many credits to mention. You'll hear him if you come on September 17 at Bala Golf Club. **We gather at noon and the new rate card is \$20. Again, we must have a count so the club knows how**

**many meals to prepare
PLEASE CALL 610-436-4217, or e-mail morris-sam6@aol.com**



Jack Whitaker

Happenings

During the summer, our Person of the Year and Hall of Fame Committee met and selected **Gene Crane** to be our Person of the Year. **Tom Lamaine, Rob Jennings, Hy Lit, Bob Perkins** and **Jane Hall** are the formidable coterie who will be welcomed into our Hall of Fame. You will be receiving bio's of all these worthies in the next few weeks so we will not be redundant in this page. Suffice to say they have all contributed to the Philadelphia scene.

The above mentioned Person of the Year, **Gene Crane**, has let us know that he will be in Philadelphia in September to receive the Governor's Award from the National Television Academy's Mid Atlantic Chapter. It takes place on September 13. He's justifiably proud to find himself in the company of past recipients **Walter Annenberg, Mr. Rogers, Lew Klein** and **Harry Kalas**. The presentation takes place during the Emmy Awards. He hopes

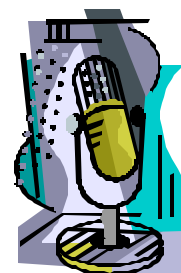
to join us that week. Congratulations, Gene.

A couple of members will be affected by the big changes at Channel 3 on September 15. **Marc Howard** will move, with Denise Saunders, to the 4-5 pm slot, and member **Larry Mendte**, with **Alycia Lane** (from Miami), will cover the 6 and 11 pm spots. This is kind of nice for Larry as his wife is anchor at Fox 29, a block away. Marc, incidentally, says he is delighted finishing work at the earlier hour.

Please don't forget to send items for the newsletter to Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewis, DE 19958, or at his new email address n n n - ort@comcast.net, or phone 302-645-8910.

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"I dislike arguments of any kind. They are always vulgar, and often convincing."

Oscar Wilde

More Happenings

Ed Sciaky is doing fine 'thank you.' He's back at work and that makes him (and his wife) very happy. Ed lost a foot but the new one is working better than the old one, and he can't use his left hand but is thankful for what he has. As are we all.

Member **Jean Goman** is home from the hospital after a 'procedure.' Jean was with Triangle and met husband Dick who worked at WFIL-TV when they were at 4100 City Line Avenue. They spent part of the summer in Maine in the Lighthouse at Sebasco Harbor Resort. She'll be going to

And More

A 49 year old television weather-caster has been let go by a station in Bowling Green, KY and would like help finding a job in the Mid Atlantic region. If you know of anything that might help **Jeff Noble**, please call 270-761-8026 or e-mail nobs069@hotmail.com.

Please welcome new members **Jack Whitaker**, about whom much was said elsewhere in the newsletter, and **Jack Meyers**, Senior VP for Clear

And.....

In our "Whatever Happened To" department: We've noticed that **Pat Warren**, former standout, standup reporter and anchor for WPVI-TV 6, and **Stan Stovall**, who anchored for WCAU TV 10, now can be found at WJZ-TV 11 in Baltimore. Pat is doing great general reporting from various locations in the city, and Stan is taking over the early morning anchoring and subbing at other times. Time

London in December to enjoy theater and concerts. Dick doesn't appreciate that too much so he'll skip that one. They'll go to Florida for Thanksgiving. Finally, they are blessed with a new dog. Sir Waldo, a Doberman, could no longer be cared for by Jean's sister. She's says he slows them down a little, but from what I heard, not so you'd notice.

Pioneers' website maven **Gerry Wilkinson's** daughters are making him very proud. 18 year old Zara graduated from Central with a 99+ average and with several scholarships she will

Channel, about whom much will be said in next month's newsletter. **Jack Ryan**, who retired in April from WPSG-TV as an Account Executive, spent 34 years at various stations including several in Philadelphia. **Dr. Jean E. Moore** who is host/producer of University Form on Temple University's public radio. She began in radio in 1982.

Thanks to **Lydia DeGuio** for sending along the article on **Br. Gerry**

has not changed either a bit.

Please note that tour guide **Charlie Higgins** has been given permission to lead tours of friends aboard the USS NJ. He must notify them in advance of the group's name and number, date and time. Further details from cahiggins@verizon.net.

matriculate at the University of Pittsburgh as an English Major. Daughter Maya, 25, meanwhile, starts her last year as a Criminal Justice graduate student at Temple.

Speaking of the Pioneers' website Gerry tells us that **Roy Neal** who worked at WIBG and WPTZ (Channel 3) before going to NBC died on August 15. Roy was very supportive of the Pioneers website (www.broadcastpioneers.com) and sent many photos and the first three chapters of his unfinished book. Check it out!

Molyneaux from the Catholic Standard and Times. Br. Gerry attends our meetings when he can get away from class and some of his students have been Pioneer's scholarship recipients. He established the Communications Department at LaSalle University. The article talks about Br. Gerry's love of film. He has written biographies of Jimmy Stewart and Gregory Peck

"He who hesitates is last."

Mae West

Roy Shapiro, VP and General Manager of KYW Newsradio, says he is going to 'hang it up' after 19 years, more than the seven previous managers. He says he has been 41 years with the company, and has seen 150 radio and TV VP's leave in that period. Roy will continue to be a consultant for the company. He has been called to serve on boards, and we hope we'll see him at more Pioneers' affairs.