

September Newsletter



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September Meeting
Bala Golf Club
September 20, 2006

Reservations 856-365-5600

or

Reception 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:30 p.m.

Ratecard \$25.00

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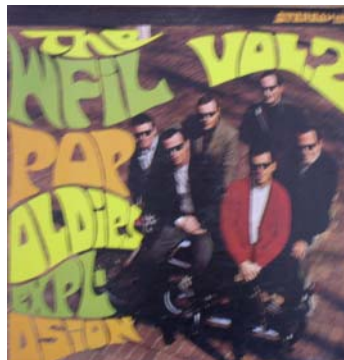
Can the summer have passed so soon? And we're ready with a great September program to kick off the new Broadcast Pioneers' year! A 40th Anniversary panel of Famous 56 Boss Jocks, and others, will be featured and sure to entertain. Don't miss this one and bring friends along. It should be memorable.

Jim Nettleton, Boss Jock from Famous 56; **Kris Chandler**, Big **Ron O'Brien**, now doing afternoons on WOGL, **Allen Stone**, WFIL Newsman, **Paul**

Norton, who stayed from the old format to the new one, **Gene Vassall**, General Sales Manager and Creator of many promotions, and Moderator **Bob Charger**, famous 56 oldies Jock now doing evenings on WOGL. What a gang.

It'll be at Bala Golf Club, 12 noon reception, 12:30 lunch, and the tab remains \$25. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIMES. It all unfolds on September 20, the third Wednesday. Be there!

KRIS CHANDLER
BOB CHARGER
JIM NETTLETON
PAUL NORTON
BIG RON O'BRIEN
ALLEN STONE
GENE VASSALL



Happenings

There will be a Hall of Fame posthumous selection meeting before the luncheon, starting at 10:15 am. A Board Meeting will be held in October at 10:15 a.m. prior to the luncheon..

Incidentally, 24 members sent extra gifts when they sent their member renewals. The total is now over \$1,200, and it's a big help to the treasury. Congratulations and thanks to those members helping the cause.

We must report that it has been a tough summer for many of our fellow broadcasters. **Bill**

Kuster has died after a long bout with leukemia. He was 76. He had left KYW, where he was weatherman almost 30 years ago, to go to KUSA Denver. Many will recall the wonderful team they had of **Vince Leonard**, **Mort Crim**, **Kuster**, **Al Meltzer** and the late **Jessica Savitch**. **Al**, incidentally, also on the injured list, has had hip replacement surgery at Presby-U of P many Wednesdays ago. Our source for much of the above was **Herb Clarke** who had just left for his 'plantation' in Virginia. (He's back now.)

Mike Douglas, whose national

show originated from Philadelphia for many years beginning in 1965, died August 14 in West Palm Beach, Florida. It was his 81st birthday. He had been playing golf a couple weeks before and became dehydrated. His wife said he had been doing well but was readmitted to the hospital there a couple of days before. She said she didn't know the cause of death. Mike boasted periodically that he had 1000's of hours of programs and looked for a cable channel to air them, but apparently never found one. Wouldn't it be interesting??? More details at www.broadcastpioneers.com

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Don't forget we need your letters and comments to do this letter. Please send them to Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958. Phone 302-645-8910, or email (preferred) nanort@comcast.net

"Enclosed herewith find two tickets to the opening night of my new play. Bring a friend, if you have one."

George Barnard Shaw to Winston Churchill.

More Happenings

Dave Klahr, whose activities we have been chronicling here lately, has died at age 61. Dave had been in real estate sales until colorectal cancer made it impossible. Dave was with WFIL as a producer for **Al Meltzer**, among others, then worked for **Jack Richer**, W102, WIOQ, and started the niche format label "Magic" at WMGK, **Dean Tyler** recalls. **Dave Madden** adds that Klahr co-owned a station in Vineland before taking over a traffic service in Miami in 1992.

We have also been informed that **Monroe**

And More

Great hearing from, and to hear on the air, **Wally Kennedy** on KYW Newsradio. He says it's part time but he is really honored to be there. Wally, of course, is a great interviewer and talk host who spent many years at Channel 6 and WCAU-AM. His AM Philadelphia, in its various incarnations, was a must see.

Congratulations to the March of Dimes. They have made **Sid Mark** their Lifetime Achievement Honoree for 2006. Sid was inducted into the Pioneers Hall of Fame in 2006. Pioneers send their best wishes to Sid, whose life has been of achievement.

And.....

Our new President **Gerry Wilkinson** will be kicking off his tenure at the September luncheon and he's been busy all summer assuring a prosperous year for the club. One of things he did was to contact **Al and Stella Alberts** to re-up, after a temporary period away, when they moved their company to Port Charlotte, FL. Al qualifies as a member since he's been in the business 67 years. He started on the Horn and Hardhart Children's Hour in 1938. Stella is much younger, of course.

The Broadcast Pioneers is one of 17 organi-

"Hank" Hanish has died. We have no further information on Hank or we would certainly provide it. If someone could fill in details, please let us know.

Fred Sherman also had a little extra off-air time this summer having had back surgery, but he is now back on the air where he should be.

John Brown is back on the air after having knee surgery. He says a period of P/T had him watching daytime TV much to his

Jerry Klein, an incoming VP of Pioneers, is already making himself very valuable to the club. Jerry and his wife own Anne Klein and Associates, one of the largest public relations companies on the east coast, will be providing free PR to the club. The first press release went out for the June meeting.

Tom Monaghan reminds us that the WFIL-AM, FM and TV reunion is set for September 16, a Saturday night, 7:00 p.m. to ? at the Manayunk Brewery and Restaurant, 4120 Main Street. A lotta-lotta people (over 200) you loved at WFIL will be there.

zations named in the John William Knodel Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust. We are receiving a donation of 5% of the trust. It is currently valued at approximately \$108,000. So far no one knows who he is. He apparently died in 1984 and the trust was to be distributed upon his wife's death which occurred last year. Great story from Frank Hogan.

Correspondent **Dick Mendenall** tells people about us and through him we've heard from **Bud Vaden**, who was with WFIL some years ago and spent 25 years in the

dismay. He says daytime is not all it ought to be. He also says it's great walking with no pain.

A committee has been formed, headed by member **Frank Stone** (Advertising Account Manager for WRTI-FM). It will produce advertising for a banquet program booklet for the November Hall of Fame / Person of the Year dinner. It will also work to produce advertising in the membership roster booklet. They need more people. If you'd like to do it email: pioneers@broadcastpioneers.com

If you'd like to see a list, or to be on the list, go to www.famous56.com <http://www.famous56.com>. **Mel Klawansky** of the WFIL reunion committee says there is a veritable plethora of information at [famous56.com](http://www.famous56.com). (Mel says he's been reading the dictionary again.)

"I can't be there for the opening night, but will be there for the second night, if there is one."

Winston Churchill to George Bernard Shaw

business. Bud is healthy at 77, and married to **Barrie Cassileth** for 15 years. She is a world renowned integrative oncologist and they travel the world so she can give lectures on her specialty. He, when not traveling and arranging his wife's travels (Bud used to be a travel agent, too), takes care of a vegetable garden and 16 other acres at their place in Western Connecticut. He's stayed in touch with member **Gene McCurdy** and Nancy. Hey, Bud, you and Dick should become members!! Applications are on our website, www.broadcastpioneers.com