

November Newsletter

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November Meeting

**Bala Country Club
November 16**

**Reception 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Ratecard \$60 Members / \$80 Non
Phone 215-563-1310**

Thursday, November 16 is the day when Pioneer's let it all hang out! The dinner celebrating Philadelphia's best, the Pioneer's Person of the Year and the Hall of Fame inductees, also raises the money that we use for our scholarships and other charities. It always produces our best gathering of Pioneer's and friends.

The honorees are:

Person of the Year

Dave Roberts

Hall of Fame

Pat Ciarrocchi
Austin Culmer
Dr. Francis Davis
Harry Kalas

Posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame:

Larry Ferrari
Jo Oristaglio
John Paul Weber



DAVE ROBERTS

PERSON OF THE YEAR

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Do hope you've got your ticket, because we're running out of space at Bala Golf Club. Do it now.

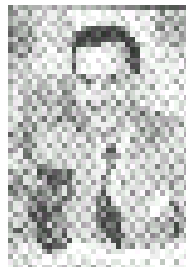
Hall of Fame Inductees



Pat Ciarrocchi



Austin Culmer



Francis Davis



Larry Ferrari



Harry Kalas



Jo Oristaglio



John Paul Weber

Don't forget to send items for the newsletter to Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958, e-mail nanort@aol.com, phone 302-645-8910, or fax to 302-644-9036. Deadline for items is usually three weeks before the meeting date.

Happenings

Hope you were watching the Pennsylvania Cable Network on Sunday night, October 22 at 10 pm. Captain Noah (**W. Carter Merbreier**) was saluted on the hour-long show. PCN's Bill Bova hosted the program in which Captain Noah discussed the behind the scenes adventures (and misadventures) of a daily children's TV show. The show, Captain Noah and His Magical Ark, was broadcast on ABC-TV 6 (WPVI) from 1967 to 1995. Merbreier also discussed his view of the past, present and future of TV children's programming. Mrs. Noah (**Pat Merbreier**) was also seen on the show which was taped at the Please Touch Museum where the 'Captain Noah' TV set and memorabilia are being stored.

More Happenings

Unfortunately, we haven't seen **Irv Homer** much lately, but the venerable broadcaster has been on the air from 12 noon til 3 pm daily as his regular stint. He reports that he is doing more speaking than ever to various groups. Irv tailors his message to these groups to their interests. One thing he does talk a lot about, though, is chelation. Nine years ago Irv was on the table after a physical exam showed he had heart blockages. Irv had had a heart attack in 1980, and the doctor said "We can do a bypass operation right now." Irv said..."I want another opinion." He never had the bypass. He has been on chelation ever since. It is a proc-

Past President **Marion Lockett-Egan** laments not being able to join Pioneers at recent meetings, but she's been busy. She went to Scotland and England in late July, enjoyed a tennis break with Virginia Wade (her second year), and toured Scotland and England. She recently returned from Sydney and six days at the Olympics. She loved it although the 20 hour flight is daunting. And now, she and husband Doug are off to Florida. Tough life!

Ed Papazian reports meeting the oldest living Olympian who shares his Armenian extraction. Haig "Hal" Prieste is 103 and was a platform diver when he

ess where elements are removed from the blood which cause blockages. Irv promotes the book "How to Bypass the Bypass" for those who wish to know more about it.

At 77, doing a three hour daily radio show, and many public appearances, he recently told a friend that he had washed and vacuumed his car, and cleaned the yard that day, and was waiting for wife Fran to get dinner. What can you say? it works for him. Irv says he has asked on the air a number of times if anyone has ever heard of a doctor having a coronary bypass. So far, no one has ever called.

stole the Olympic flag at the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp, Belgium, climbing the pole to secure the trophy. He returned the flag to Juan Antonio Samaranch at the Australia 2000 Olympics.

Ed reports that after his Olympic adventure he became one of Mack Sennett's Keystone Cops and later an Ice Follies performer. He is now in assisted living at Cooper Hospital. Ed says there is nothing wrong with his appetite. he can polish off a lot of pizza.

"Every murderer is probably somebody's old friend."
Agatha Christie

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."
Jack London

Member **Kal Rudman** was honored as "Mensch of the Year" by Shomrin, the national organization of men and women engaged in law enforcement who are of the Jewish Faith at its annual dinner at Har Zion Temple, Penn Valley, in June. Kal, among many other things, provided bullet proof vests and dogs for the canine division of the Philadelphia Police Department.

Alan Jay and wife enjoyed their first cruise aboard Carnival Lines to St. John, Newfoundland, and Halifax, Nova Scotia recently. Alan says next year they'll go around the world. And then...someplace else

Passings

What a loss to the community, and to the Pioneers. **Joe Grady**, of Grady and Hurst, has died. Joe was an occasional visitor to our meetings, but always a friendly and warm presence whenever he appeared. All Pioneers send their condolences to his family. He will be missed.

New Members and December Meeting

Welcome new members: **Rich Kellman** who worked at WFIL radio and TV, and at WPVI-TV, and for the last 25 years has been at WGRZ-TV, Channel 2 in Buffalo. Rich has been a main anchor there and featured reporter during this time.

Also, **Larry Litwin**, who is currently an assistant professor at Rowan University in Glassboro. Larry began at Fairfield, Iowa in 1966, and was a familiar voice in Philadelphia on KYW Newsradio from 1980-

1990, and on ABC radio 1968 to 1971.

Hope you can make the December meeting. President Pat Delsi has lined up Channel 6 cameraman **Bob Kravitz** as the featured performer. Bob who is quite a singer, says he will not be doing his usual opera performance but has a surprise in store. You'll want to be there on December 13, the second Wednesday, at lunch.