



# November Newsletter



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**November Meeting**  
**Bala Country Club**  
**November 18, 2005**  
**Reservations 856-365-5600**  
or [rsvp@broadcastpioneers.com](mailto:rsvp@broadcastpioneers.com)

**Reception 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**  
**Ratecard \$65.00 Members**  
**\$85.00 Non-Members**

This is the month when the Pioneers have big doings. Our Person of the Year / Hall of Fame Dinner is the event that earns the money that goes to sponsoring scholarships for young people from area schools to train in communications and radio and television in Philadelphia. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. It will be November 18 at Bala Golf Club with the reception at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$65 for members and \$85 for non-members. Table of ten may be reserved for \$850. For information call 856-365-5600. RSVP Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia, P. O. Box 2886,

Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. You should have received invitations in the mail.

**Merrill Reese**, Eagles broadcaster, will be our Person of the Year. **Diane Allen, Jane Norman, Scott Palmer, Ed Sciaky, Les Waas, Georgie Woods, and Bill Wright, Sr.** make up the Hall of Fame inductees for 2005. The reservations are coming in fast for this dinner that should be supported by all Pioneers, so don't be disappointed as some people are every year. Get your check in the mail and reserve now. Payment is required with all reservations.



**Merrill Reese**



**D. Allen**



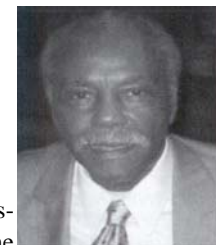
**J. Norman**



**S. Palmer**



**E.. Sciaky**



**G. Woods**



**L. Waas**



**B. Wright**

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"In times like these, it helps to recall there have always been times like these."

Paul Harvey

## Happenings

A large group of members attended the luncheon in October to hear **Jim Loftus**, VP-GM of WOGL, 98.1. He had a lot to say and really entertained those who came to the meeting. You miss a lot, if you're not there for the fellowship and conversation with your broadcasting brothers and sisters. Check the Pioneer's website for pictures and audio.

The luncheon was preceded by a Board meeting where a new logo, that one of this year's Hall of Fame Honorees **Les Waas** put together, was approved. You'll be seeing it soon. Larry Litwin is putting together a survey of members to find out if we should raise the dues and lower the lunches, among other considerations. Obviously you'll be hearing a

lot more about this. Also discussed was the Hall of Fame dinner, and the fact that at luncheons some members arrive and don't pay for lunch, in advertently, we hope. It does hurt our bank balance. Please try to network to meet friends at the lunches. It's a great way to support Pioneers, and see your pals.

## More Happenings

Just a reminder that our December meeting will be held on the 21st, and **Jere Sullivan** who has held broadcasting positions in Philadelphia, New York and Florida will be our speaker. He is now the Southeast Regional Operations Director at Traffic.com, Wayne, Pa.

**Lew Klein**, long-time Pioneer, will be attending the Hall of Fame dinner because he wants to see **Merrill Reese** honored. Lew taught Merrill many years ago at Temple University and has watched his wonderful career as a broadcaster ever since. Lew says he and Janet are going to Phoenix for a career seminar, and are otherwise enjoying the fall at home.

## And More

**Steven Bessler** has contributed an American Bandstand (1957) Sealtest Big Top (mid 50's) and Action in the Afternoon (1953) all with original commercials to the collection at the Broadcast Pioneers Museum at Rowan University. The collection is growing and will be an invaluable resource for future generations.

Monday, November 14 will be the date for the Careers in Broadcasting event at Temple University in Annenberg Hall, Joe First Media Center, at the School

## And.....

**Andy Kortman** who was let go in the format change at WPEN has found there is life after WPEN. He was on the air a month later on WVLT 92.1 FM. He marked his first anniversary there October 2. He also does the 7 to 9 am Andy Kortman Show on 1360 AM WNJC Monday through Friday and will mark his first year there on December 6 and plans to do something with his old WPEN pals to mark the occasion.

As you might have guessed, given his many talents, long-time WPVI-TV host **Wally Kennedy** has found new ways to continue his broadcasting career. In addition to teaching at Temple University, where all three of his children are making their way through the system, Wally is doing non-commercial, on camera, and voice over work for various corporations. Among them are Johnson and Johnson, Ikon, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and most recently Comcast. Wally is enjoying doing speaking engagements at conventions which is a whole new area he didn't know existed till now. He and wife Glendia are doing great.

from 6 to 8 pm. **Karen Turner**, Associate Professor of Journalism, will be Moderator. Panelists will include: **Don Polec**, Host of Don Polec's World on Action News on Channel 6, **Amy Caples**, KYW AM Anchor, **Bruce Warren**, Program Director WXPB-FM, **Paul Perillo**, News Director Metro Networks Philadelphia, and **Bill "Wee Willie" Webber**, longtime Philadelphia radio and television performer.

**John Brown**, Chief Meteorologist / Senior Studio Anchor at Metro Networks

**Tom Monaghan** notifies us of the birth of his first grandchild...Shane Conner Monaghan, born to Gregory Monaghan, Tom's youngest son. Gregory is creative and art director for Greater Media. Tom also reminds us that they are having the third 5 year reunion of the WFIL gang at the Manayunk Brewery and Restaurant on September 16, 2006. Reserve the date. There were 100 at the last one and they expect 300 to 500 at the next one.

**Diego Castellanos** notes that September 13 was the 35th anniversary of Puerto Rican Panorama on 6 ABC. It began on WFIL-TV with Diego hosting, and is the longest running show in English dealing with Latin culture and Hispanic issues on television. Way to go, Diego.

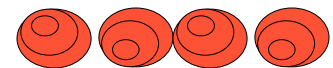
**Ed Felbin**, aka **Frank Ford**, is doing nicely, thank you. After a recent hospitalization for a cardiac misadventure, which made him a "No Show" at the Ed Harvey Cadaver Open, he has been released and sent home to recover. All his pals at the Pioneers wish him well, and hope to see him soon at lunch.

Shadow Traffic, recently celebrated 36 years in broadcasting. The last 26 he has been doing traffic and weather in Philly. John, who has CP, also talks to small groups of parents of disabled children who like to know that their kids can have successful, interesting lives in spite of their affliction.

"If it jams - force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway."

Lowery's Law

Gene Vassal, old Jocks, Boss Chicks in their outfits, if they still fit, etc. are invited to be there. You'll be hearing more about this.



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