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December Meeting

Bala Golf Club

December 15, 1999

Reservations: 215-563-1310

Reception: 12:00 noon

Free Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

WHO SAYS THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH!!!!!!?????

That's right. It's December, time for holidays, time for good cheer, why not a FREE LUNCH for members. Bring a qualified, prospective member, and they'll get a free lunch too.

We hope that gets your attention. It will be at the usual place. AND, LOOK WHAT HERB Clarke has arranged for the program - Pretty, Perky, Peggy King. Remember her? She was George Gobel's side kick, and she'll

tell us about Lonesome George, the rest of the cast and perhaps the origin of George's frequent expression of surprise "Well, I'll be a Dirty Bird."

Hear her reflections on the good old days with George and enjoy the fun and fellowship with your favorite Pioneers. Bring someone who may be a future Pioneer as we build the membership for the new millennium.

Please, please, please, be sure to make your reservations. Because of the free lunch



Free holiday lunch!!!

aspect of this, we anticipate a large crowd and so please call the reservation number: 215-563-1310...215-563-1310.

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Person of the Year/Hall of Fame

And we sure hope that you made the Person of the Year, Hall of Fame, night. It was outstanding. We could not have picked better people for the highest honors that our group can bestow, and they all made wonderfully appropriate comments in accepting the awards.

A large crowd equaling the best we have done will allow us to make generous charitable contributions during the year. Incidentally, by rough calculations, the club has given \$60,000 in scholarships, along with many other charitable contributions.

The video presentation was, again this year, outstanding, and full credit should be given to Dave Abramson who produced, directed and edited it. Also to Jack Hyland who again did the writing, and the peerless Herb Clarke who did a great job on the narration.

And thanks to new member, Bucky Clark, who did a great job providing music during dinner.

Tom Moran

Long time WPEN/WIP disc jockey Tom Moran was missed by his friends at the Hall of Fame night. Experiencing pain walking, Tom was hospitalized for angioplasty on his leg to correct a blockage. Subsequently, he was hospitalized again for an infection and further treatments. We hope and expect that by the time you get this Tom will be back at his familiar place behind a microphone.

Tradition

WCAU continues a very nice tradition that was begun by the late Pioneers member, George Thomas. It began as a golf date for George and a small group of technicians getting together to play golf. Then a few non-golfers were invited. Gradually it grew into a weekly get together for lunch. They became A Thursday Lunch Bunch. Where they used to have a group called the Prime Time Club which gathered twice a year in the evening to have dinner which encompassed

Dave Davis

Congratulations to Dave Davis. The President and General Manager of WPVI-TV 6 is also the Chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce 1999 On The Move Total Resource Campaign.

In what is described as a phenomenal success, the campaign in its true "November Sweeps" had raised an astonishing \$1,140,000.

John Beaty

And in case you've been looking for John Beaty be advised that after over 5 years at WJZ 640 AM Mt. Holly, NJ playing the Big Band/Nostalgia format, ABC Radio/Disney bought the frequency and started programming for kids 12 and under. No place for John there.

But Wait!!! "Johann Sebastian" Beaty has resurfaced on WRDV-FM, Warminster (89.3). It's volunteer work, one day a week. He's on Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m.

"Public Service is my motto."
Al Capone

the entire staff of WCAU, they now have a "WCAU Thursday Lunch Bunch," and this group meets twice a year, significant others included, in the daytime at Cedarbrook Country Club in Blue Bell. The meetings are in June and December. They had one December 2. The M.C's have been Bill Hart, Gene Crane, and Herb Clarke. There are many good tales of the old days.

Jelineks

Frank and Mary Jelinek continue there "Dining Around" around the world. Most recently in Iceland from where they did their usual call in to WWDB, 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Sitting in were co-hosts Christine Jelinek-Norris and husband Ken Norris. In more looking around for great dining, they broadcast live from the Grand Cayman island on November 27. Tough life. The next generation appears to like it too and Christine and Ken will be doing their version of "Dining Around" on Sundays on WWDB from 8 am to 9 am.

Neil Harvey

Oh, boy. We said last time that Dr. Neil Harvey's book "Of time's Flight" had a publication date. It doesn't. Neil is looking for a publisher for his magnum opus into which he has poured a considerable amount of energy, researching and writing this panorama of the 20th Century. If by chance you know of an agent, publisher or whatever, please tell Neil.



Marian Lockett-Egan

E-mail from past President Marian Lockett-Egan advises that she hopes to make the December meeting. (Wait'll she finds out it's a Free Lunch). She's been in Florida and loves the tennis every day; however, she did not enjoy Vero Beach when Irene decided to pay a category #1 visit and dumped 18 inches of rain, causing damages to tennis courts but no major damage to buildings.

Her summer highlight was going to Glen Eagles Resort in Scotland with Virginia Wade for a 5-day tennis junket. The group was composed of other tennis enthusiasts, all from Scotland and England.

Marion was the only one from the states and was accepted, although she insisted on calling the 'coaching' a clinic; the 'lift' an elevator, and drank coffee instead of tea. The weather was delightful, as were the food and the scenery.



"A fellow who is always declaring he is no fool usually has his suspicions."

Wilson Mizner

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Dick Mendenhall

Dick Mendenhall, among other things the former editorial director at WFIL-TV has found a way to memorialize his wife Carolyn.

He decided to donate to the UGA Library a large collection of VIP autographs he had collected as a teenager (presidents, kings, generals, admirals and movie and sports stars), a ticket to the Senate impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson (which he bought in Philly for \$45 the day before Nixon resigned), and an unused mint condition ticket to the first-ever Georgia football game played in the then new stadium in 1923 (Yale-GA won.).

He discovered, however, what they really wanted were 122 editorial scripts he had saved from his days as

editorial director of WSB Radio-TV in Atlanta.

The formal gift has been made to the Hargett Rare Books and Documents Library of the University of Georgia Libraries.

Carolyn's three sisters and assorted luminaries were present to see the turnover of the "Carolyn Elizabeth Hussey Mendenhall" collection.

The other material has been given to the Athens Regional Library where Dick now lives.

Thanks

Thanks to those of you who contributed for this month's Newsletter, and please send your information to Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958; e-mail nanort@aol.com; fax 302-644-9036, or call 302-645-8910.



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