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December Meeting
Bala Golf Club
December 17, 2003

Reception 12:00 p.m.
Lunch 12:30 p.m.
Ratecard \$20.00

Be sure you get out on December 17 to do a little Christmas shopping, and while you're out join your broadcasting pals at lunch at Bala Golf Club at 12 N and really get in the holiday spirit. **Ukee Washington**, perhaps best known as KYW Anchorman, and former sports reporter, will be singing for us accompanied by member **Bucky Clark** on the piano. From all we've heard, Ukee is a terrific singer and it should be a great show with

songs of the season. Hope you can be there. The usual admonitions apply...Please be sure to make reservations by calling 610-436-4217 or e-mailing morris-sam6@aol.com. The rate card remains the same, and we meet at noon for a little refreshment and conversation and 12:30 for lunch.

A wonderful time was had by all at the installation of **Gene Crane** as person of the year

introduced by his son David who is producer of "Friends", the big NBC show. The other luminaries installed in our Hall of Fame at this celebration were: **Jane King Hall, Rob Jennings, Tom Lamaine, Hy Lit, and Bob Perkins**. In addition to honoring these broadcasting veterans a great deal of money was raised for our scholarship fund.

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Happenings

Past Pioneer President and Person of the Year **Jerry Lee** has been honored with the prestigious National Caring Award given by the Caring Institute. The other 2003 winners include Congressman and former University of Nevada football coach **Tom Osborne**, NBA star **Dikembe Mutombo**, and **Eunice Kennedy Shriver**, Founder of Special Olympics. Jerry is, of course, President of WBEB (B-101 FM).

We were sad to hear of the death of Hall of Fame member, past Vice President, Board Member, and Scholarship Com-

mittee Chairman **Neil Harvey**, Ph.,D., at age 83. Neil had been at a meeting of his committee the day before his surgery to have a stent put in his heart. Neil earned his Ph.D. while at WFIL, doing homework in the announce booth, among other places. He worked until his death at the Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential and for the Pioneers. He will be missed.

Austin Culmer hasn't been at meetings lately, but he's doing O.K., and hopes to be around soon. He's teaching a class in photography at a Senior Center,

and keeps up to date on the news, clipping items from papers in case someone is looking for a good talk show host.

Sid Doherty, long of WCAU-TV and other Philadelphia stations, is still commuting to New York City to work week-ends in the announce booth at ABC-TV. No retirement for him. He'll be there til they throw him out, he says. He and daughter Bess spend summers at Avalon and recently moved to Mill Ridge where CAU pal and fellow Pioneer Herb Clarke also lives. When relaxing he plays golf at Overbrook where he is a member.



*"May the rowboat of your life
break apart in mid-lake, and
may your mother be unable to
find help as she runs barking
along the shore."*

Steve Allen

More Happenings

We also haven't seen much of **Marciarose Shestack** lately, but, boy, is she busy. The former KYW-TV star has been acting as nurse for husband Jerry, who, until recently, was President of the American Bar Association. Jerry had ten hours of open heart surgery and was laid up for quite awhile but has lately gotten back to work. Before all that took place the Shestack's traveled the world over for the Bar Association. England, France, China, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia were among the stops. When not involved in her husband's life, Marciarose plays Alfred Hitchcock in her film producer son Jonathan's movies. She

appears on all of Jonathan's movies in bit parts, as did Hitchcock. In the movie Air Force 1, for instance, she plays an aging newscaster. Jonathan has three children, one of whom is autistic, and the Shestacks' have founded an organization for autism research. A recent walk in Philadelphia for autism netted \$425,000 with money still coming in. Marciarose also had a baby daughter some years ago while working at KYW and the pregnancy was covered extensively on television. Since people frequently ask how that baby is doing she wants you to know that Jennifer has now had a baby of her own, Lucy Claire.

A mea culpa is in order for not mentioning the other lifetime achievement awards at the recent March of Dimes luncheon at the Adams Mark. Along with **Irv Homer**, whom we mentioned, the others saluted were **Ed Hurst**, **Jerry Blavat**, and **Marge Wieting-Harvey**. Attending the function, which was sponsored by member **Kal Rudman**, were pioneers President **Bill Webber**, Chairman **Pat Delsi**, and webmaster **Gerry Wilkinson**.



And More

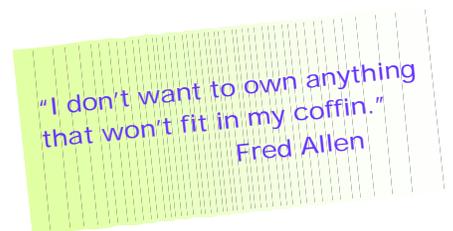
Gordon Gray was recently given a fond farewell dinner by friends at the Faculty Club of Temple University. He leaves on the 18th of November for 25 Thornton Way, Brunswick, Maine 04011. He will be living near Brunswick University. Gordon is a long-time member and was on the faculty of the Communications School at Temple.

Dave Madden of KYW 1060 Newsradio works from his home in Swedesboro where he lives with his wife and

two cats. The station has put a line into the house and he has a small studio there and it's been his way of life since the summer of '92. He has to go to Philadelphia to the studio on Saturdays to edit, or anchor, the news. Poor guy!

Dick Kearney, formerly of WCAU and Pioneers Board member, is Vice President of the Navy League which has welcoming parties for Navy ships in Philadelphia harbor. The group has adopted a nuclear submarine, the

U.S.S. Philadelphia, based in Groton, Connecticut. Dick arranged for former Navy pilot **Herb Clarke** to go out on the carrier the U.S.S. Kennedy and for **Tom Lamaine** to fly with the Blue Angels recently.



And...

Can anyone help with this one? **Steve Cichon**, Account Executive at WKBW Buffalo and Secretary of the Buffalo Broadcast Pioneers, asks about **Chic Lagenella** who helped create and produce "Adam Android" on Channel 29 in Philadelphia. He also did some cover designs for albums put out by Buzz Curtis and Post Records. Does anyone know his whereabouts...next of kin...What else he did in Philadelphia TV / Radio?, etc. Please contact Steve at

sjcichon@aol.com.

Interesting emails come to our website www.broadcastpioneers.com. We recently got one from **Jarrett Lickle** who played Patches on a Channel 10 kids show in the mid-fifties, and dressed like Davy Crockett which was all the rage at the time. Jarrett says he and his wife sang as a duo in lounges for 25 years at locations, among others, in Spain on the Costa del Sol. He says they are doing patches and Liz one More Time

show on December 13 at a very nice lounge. "Hell, she is 63 and I'm 78 so it's an EVENT for us", he says. We say "Way to go."

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