

January Newsletter



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**January Meeting
Holiday Inn
January 18, 2006**

Reservations 856-365-5600 or rsvp@broadcastpioneers.com

**Reception 11:45 a.m.
Lunch 12:15 p.m.
Ratecard \$25.00**

Another super January meeting will be at the Holiday Inn on City Line Avenue on the third Wednesday, January 18. Note well: Same place as last year. **Ray Diding** is familiar to many of us from his days as sports guy on the Philadelphia Bulletin and later on the Daily News for 26 years before joining NFL films in 1996. Diding has won 4 Emmy Awards for his writing and producing of the "NFL Films Present" and the Turner Network documentary "Football America." A winner of many awards Diding's name was just added to the Writer's Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He was just inducted into the Philadelphia

Sports Hall of Fame as a winner of the Legacy of Excellence Award for 2005. Ray's bio is much more extensive than we can detail here, so check the full story on our website at: www.broadcastpioneers.com.

We will meet and greet at 11:45 am and sit for lunch at 12:15 pm. The tariff is the same as last year, \$25. Again, we need your help. Please make your reservation by calling: 856-365-5600, or email rsvp@broadcastpioneers.com. Again, we'll be at the Holiday Inn near the expressway, 4100 Presidential Blvd. There is no parking fee.



Ray Diting

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"I kissed my first girl and smoked my first cigarette on the same day. I haven't had time for tobacco since."

Arturo Toscanini

Happenings

In addition to **Ray Diding** at the January meeting, **Ed Harvey** is planning to be there to present Ray, who has just published an Encyclopedia of the Philadelphia Eagles, with a photo copy of a picture he has from the banquet for the Championship Eagles Team of 1948-49. Ed hopes, in exchange, to get his copy of the Encyclopedia autographed by Ray. The picture includes Ed at the podium as Toastmaster wearing an Eagles helmet, with Coach Earl 'Greasy' Neale peeking

around the podium, Commissioner Bert Bell, all of the Championship team at the three head tables. The owners of the Eagles, at the time, were joint owners composed of Philadelphians including many politicians, who were there. By the way, Ed was also involved with the 1960 Championship team doing color commentary for Bill Campbell's play-by-play. Television in 1960 was handled by member Jack Whitaker, and color by the late Bosh Pritchard.

A note from **Shelly Gross**, Past Pioneers President and Person of the Year, received around the holidays, wishes all members the best of the holiday season, and says he keeps track of what's going on with the newsletter and contact with other members. He also checks the temperature here, and rubs it in by saying it's warmer at Palm Beach Gardens in Florida where he and Joan are relatively well, and wonder how he ever had time to work.

Board Meeting

There will be a 10 am meeting of the Board. All Board Members are urged to attend before the luncheon

More Happenings

Member **Edna Whittington Cathcart** is now 97, and drops a note from time to time to keep us posted. Edna, you'll remember, was on duty in the newsroom, and called the WIP News Director to alert him to the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Sunday, December 7, 1941. Not many of our members were in the business then. She now reads the newsletter with a magnifier, but notes that near her home in Gladwyne traffic is terrible, and huge trucks tail-gate and they zoom in and out of traffic and she worries about the possibility of accidents. We try to keep people posted Edna.

Dave Klahr has moved to 8984 Puerto Del Rio Drive, #403, Cape Canaveral, FL

And More

Bill McCloskey, WIP News 1961-1968, has been asked to chair the Radio TV's News Directors Foundation First Amendment Dinner March 9. This is Bill's third year chairing this event. Last year on the Award Winners was former Philadelphia Andrea Mitchell. At this month's DC Chapter RTNDA luncheon, Bill sat with Channel 4's Angela Owens who, like Bill, was hired in the sixties by WIP News Director Paul Rust.

And.....



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32920. His home phone is 321-868-3428, cell 321-759-5948. He and Dolores have a beautiful new condo where they can see the space launches from their balcony, and view the Port and Port River. Great for the Florida life-style. Also contact dklahr@earthlink.net.

Larry Litwin informs that his second book has come out, "The ABC's of Strategic Communication" and it occurred almost simultaneously with his being given the National School Public Relations Lifetime Achievement Award. Larry spent 10 years as KYW Newsradio's education reporter. Larry is currently Associate Professor of Public Relations / Advertising at Rowan University.

Great to hear from KYW News Anchor **Dave Madden** who answers the question, "What are you up to?" with the response that he goes to Florida every February. He says he usually stays at the Hampton Inn there, but this year it is being converted into condo's so he'll have to find another place in 2007. His wife Teri keeps busy with her Civil War reenactments, and taking care of their two cats, their children, he says.

So many interesting people in our club: **Dr. Bucky Clark** has been playing the piano at our Hall of Fame dinner for many, many years. He used to substitute for the late Larry Ferrari so Larry could have dinner. Bucky continued after Larry's death. He has been Principal of Log College Middle School in Warminster for many years, and on November 16 was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal at the Freedom's Foundation in Valley Forge. Bucky is thrilled - it is awarded for all things that he repre-

George Finkel, former WFIL director and NBC Sports Producer/Director, enjoys not having to shovel snow while he waits for his new digs to be finished in Longs, SC, and he also thinks the taxes there beat New Jersey's by a mile. He was operated on for a badly herniated disc on November 30 and the doctor says it'll be another 6 to 8 weeks before he can swing a club. George says it's too cold for golf anyhow (55 degrees) so he'll be ready when the time comes. Last we heard Finkel was still doing the Miami Dolphins preseason games. The Finkel's are currently in a temp house while the new one is being built on Meadowlands Golf Course in Calabash, NC.

"Basically, my wife was immature. I'd be at home in the bath, and she'd come in and sink my boats."

Woody Allen

sents. It is for appreciation of responsible citizenship, and the benefits of a free society. In addition to being School Principal, pianist, Bucky was for years Councilman and Mayor of Hatboro, Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Bucky.

