

# February 2000 Newsletter

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## February Meeting

**Williamson's Restaurant  
February 9, 2000**

**WARM UP! WITH A RED  
HOT PIONEERS FEBRU-  
ARY MEETING**

And it should be a good one. Our speaker will be Ragan Henry who is CEO of Media-Com National, Inc. and owner of the U.S. Radio Group with stations in Baltimore, Detroit and Houston. He will talk about "Communications: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." A graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School, he's been in broadcasting for three decades.

## Paul Parker

Member Paul Parker known for his "Question Mike" in Philadelphia in the 50's and 60's, sold his last plane in 1974.

Paul used to fly to events along the east coast to ask questions and break stories on WFIL and other stations locally, sponsored by Quaker City Stores. Paul now lives in North Jersey after working at

Don't forget to call reservations to 215-563-1310.

## January Meeting

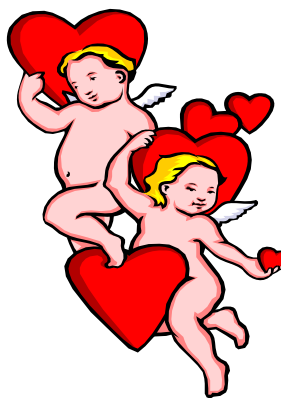
A great time was had by all at the Pioneer's January get-together! Good food, good fellowship, and just plain fun with Bill Campbell reflecting on his over 50 years in sports broadcasting. What wonderful stories he can tell to a room full of his fellow broadcasters/fans.

WINS, New York and elsewhere.

He is retired and recovering from a 'bum' knee suffered when he fell from the flying bridge into the cockpit on his boat while fishing a year and a half ago.

**"She got the gold mine, and  
I got the shaft."  
Jerry Reed Song Title**

**Speaker: Ragan Henry**  
**Reception: 12:00**  
**Lunch: 12:30**  
**Phone: 215-563-1310**



Join your fellow-Pioneers and treat your favorite Valentine to lunch at Williamson's on 2/9!!!

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## Jack Hyland

Jack, a member of the Battle of the Bulge Association, recently celebrated the 55th Anniversary of the bloody turning point of the Second World War at a ceremony at Valley Forge. The battle was December 16, 1944, to January 25, 1945.

Jack is also on the Committee for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1950 from at. Joseph's Uni-

versity.

Jack points out that former Persons of the Year are doing well. Dick Vermeil, 1985 recipient, did well with his new team, the St. Louis Rams. And Dick Clark, 1980, who was 70 in November, was seen at his usual perch on New Year's Eve celebrating the new Millennium.

## Happenings

Proving that no good work goes without getting appointed to do more good work, **Ed Papazian** will be in charge of the Hall of Fame/Person of the Year dinner once again next year. It was truly an outstanding job and we understand when reports come out it will be best ever. This much we know that enough was earned so that this year three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded by the club.

The **Billy Penn Awards** will take a one-year hiatus pending big new developments in that regard. They will return in March, 2001.

## More Happenings

**Dick Mendenhall** notes that he was finally 'new managemented' out of his job as talk show host in Athens, Georgia.

This was fine with the former WFIL editorial director. However, he was surprised and delighted that there was a flattering, ego-boosting protest from his many fans.

**Dr. Charles Lee** reports that since he has left WFLN he is really enjoying his painting, and is doing some writing and getting to the theatre.

Most of **Lynn Lonker's** work these days is with the other Public Television Station, Channel 35, for which she does fund raising.

## Bill Webber

Bill Webber will co-host "A Walk up Broad Street" on WHY-TV which will be seen during the PBS March fund raising activity. It is, of course, produced by member Ed Cunningham, who was responsible for previous hits, "Things That Aren't There Anymore" and "Rizzo." Bill says the show will start at the Navy yard and proceed all the way up the longest, straightest, city street in the world. They'll see among others the School of

**Larry Kane** of TV-3, the only anchor who has been on all three network channels in Philadelphia, will speak to the club on April 11 about his new book, and about the primaries. No March program yet.

**Jerry Klein** has added his resources and expertise to that of **Gerry Wilkinson** in the Pioneers' web site development effort. We're assured it should be up and running soon. Stayed tuned.

Member **John Butterworth** is happy to note that for the fifth straight year his Audio Visual Communications, Inc. has

Since she was a child, she has always wanted to go to Hong Kong and Egypt. She's done Hong Kong a couple of times, and Egypt in March, including a six-day cruise down the Nile.

**Steve Sacks**, busy with the Shriners and WPVI-TV, still found time to cruise the Mexican Riviera with wife Peggy, catching a 155 pound sail fish.

**Ed Harvey**, with over 50 years in the business, keeps at it. A picture recently in "The Review" newspaper shows him interviewing a pediatric dentist.

Retire! Not him! **Malcolm Poindexter**, 75 in April, still works 4 days a week at KYW, and enjoys being with his 2 sons

Performing Arts, Rodeph Shalom, the Academy of Music, and the Divine Lorraine Hotel, with an interview with Mother Divine. You'll find out about the football game they once had at the Academy of Music, and the 70,000 people who worked at the Navy yard in 1944. Bill's co-host will be Heyman Meyers, an architect and preservationist, who has worked on many of these build-

been selected as one of the top 100 independent audio visual producers in the country by the prestigious Hope Reports, Inc. They were selected from among 8000 independent producers nationwide. This joins many other awards and accolades Audio Visual has won.



and a daughter, who are doing fine. With more than 50 years in news, he won his first award for a report on "The Migrant March" on KYW Newsradio. Now, 370 awards later, he has won more awards than the entire news team at the station. They include 5 Emmys.

"If they would rather die they had better do it and decrease the surplus population."

Ebenezer Scrooge

## Newsletter

If you don't see news about people you'd like to hear about, let us know.

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