

Broadcast PIONEERS

of Philadelphia

June Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 17
10:30 am **BOARD MEETING**
Time: 12 Noon Cocktails
12:30 p.m. Lunch
Ratecard: \$15.25
Place: Bala Golf Club
Reservations: Jo Oristaglio
610-642-1150
Subject: 1998 Scholarship Awards

NEWSLETTER

June 1998

A much larger crowd than might have been expected attended the Atwater Kent outside lunch event. The presentations were interesting. Jeffrey Ray, Curator of Collections at the Museum showed early radios and provided information on the collection.

Ed Harvey discussed briefly the 50th Anniversary celebrations that are planned by WCAU-TV and announced the plans for the Broadcast PIONEERS first meeting of the fall season, in which our club will salute the station as was the case with Channel 6 in 1997. Stay tuned!



President Shelly Gross and Alan Tripp announced the institution by the PIONEERS of the Billy Penn Award for Positive TV Reporting. It will honor good work by people doing the best TV news in showing that all is not gore, fire, and accidents in the City of Brotherly Love.

Thanks to Austin Culmer for sitting in for ailing Jo Oristaglio at the last couple of events. Jo will be at the door in June. It will be great to have her back.



After the regular meeting at Atwater Kent, Chairman John Roberts convened the Scholarship Committee to decide the recipients for this year's awards. There were 9 nominees from 3 local universities and those selected, after due deliberation by the committee of Pat Delsi, Art Stober, Paul Norton and Chairman Roberts, were:

Jennifer Dore	Villanova University
John R. Gonzalez	La Salle College
John P. Lohn	La Salle College

The meeting for June will be back at the Bala Golf Club, June 17 at 12 noon. Call Jo Oristaglio at 610-642-1150 to confirm your presence at the meeting.

Scholarship Committee Chairman John Roberts will introduce Marc Howard, PIONEERS' member, anchor of the Inside Story program, and the five o'clock news on Channel 6. Marc will introduce the winners of the Scholarships for 1998.

It should be a great meeting. It's always good to see the people that you've known in Philadelphia broadcasting over the years. And you never know who will turn up.



Please note: President Shelly Gross has called a Board Meeting for 10:30 a.m., before the luncheon, on the 17th and asks all Board members to attend.



And a little advance notice...The Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Thursday evening, November 19. Please mark your calendar as it provides the wherewithal for the scholarships that we award.

Committee Chairs for 1998-1999

Program	Ed Harvey
Hospitality	Jo Oristaglio
	Austin Culmer
Membership	Pat Delsi
Public Affairs	Ed Papazian
Hall of Fame-	Pat Delsi
Person of the Year	
Scholarships	John Roberts
Press	Sam Bushman
Editor/Newsletter	Paul Norton

Welcome to new member, Sid Mark, long time WWDB stalwart who recently lost his friend, Frank Sinatra. We're sure Saturday and Sunday with Sinatra will go on and on.

Good to see John Beaty at the May meeting - John's usually there. John and his wife, Jan, met eight listeners whose cards were chosen at random on Saturday, May 2 at Freehold Raceway, Freehold, New Jersey. The raceway is one of WJZ's sponsors. All ten were given the VIP treatment, including special parking, programs, a wonderful lunch in the Renaissance Room overlooking the track, and pictures taken with the winner of the "Beaty Bash" race! John says it was fun, he met listeners of WJZ, and he lost a few bucks.



Thanks to Bill Halpern for sending word that Fred Wood, a Broadcast PIONEER passed away last summer. Fred was an announcer at WIP in the forties and later operated his own radio station in Vineland, New Jersey. In recent years he had been living on Marco Island, Florida.



Bill also included a Publisher's Profile from R&R of PIONEERS Past President, Jerry Lee. The full page of lots of interesting tidbits on Jerry includes the fact that he has no political ambitions, he loves biographies, his favorite movie is "Goldfinger." Jerry's career highlight was getting the President's Private Sector Initiative Award from Ronald Reagan in 1987. There is much interesting stuff on Jerry, but you'll have to get the Profile...our space is limited.

Al Rosenthal sends word of the retirement of Bill McCarter. Bill and Al were friendly when they were both on the television crew at 46th and Market Streets. Al started on the crew in 1953, then moved on to become program director of WFIL and the other Triangle stations in 1955 and finally producer of American Bandstand after Tony "resigned" in 1959. Bill joined the crew in early 1954 and they've remained in touch ever since. Bill had a remarkable career in public broadcasting, starting at WHYY-TV and later in Washington, DC and Chicago. If you'd like to get in touch with Bill, he can still be reached at WTTW, 5400 North St. Louis Avenue, Chicago IL, 60625-4698, 773-583-5000.



Didja' notice in the May 18 "Daily News" a picture of Kal Rudman. Kal, the philanthropist, paid for 300 youngsters to attend the touring production of "Bring in da Noise, Bring in da Funk." Keep up the good work, Kal. (And thanks to Lydia DeGuio for passing along the article.)



Buffalo is setting up its own Pioneers Hall of Fame. They honored Irv Weinstein, Rick Azar and Tom Jolls in May. Buffalo Bob Smith was also there. So the idea appears to be spreading.

Please don't fail to get items to Paul Norton at 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958. Or call 1-302-645-8910. E-mail nanort@aol.com.