

January Newsletter



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**January Meeting
Williamson's
January 21, 2004**

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

On January 21, we welcome one of the most famous names in Philadelphia politics as our speaker. Frank Rizzo (son of the legendary Mayor and Police Commissioner) will be our guest as we meet at Williamson's for the winter break from Bala (which is closed). Rizzo, quite a politician himself, is on Philadelphia City Council, and has a very successful talk show on WPEN on weekends. We can guarantee that he will be fun and interesting, but you've

gotta be there. The third Wednesday atop the GSB Building on City Line Avenue at Williamson's, with 12 noon, reception, and lunch at 12:30, the rate card continues at \$20 so be sure to be there and see your friends. Please be sure to make reservations by calling 610-436-4217, or e-mailing morrissam6@aol.com. IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU RESERVE. PLEASE DO IT NOW.



FRANK RIZZO

Happenings

A wonderful time was had by those who braved the elements for the December meeting. **Ukee Washington** has a wonderful voice and his singing of holiday songs was warmly received by those present whom he also led in seasonal melodies with piano accompaniment by **Bucky Clark**. **Joe Pellegrino**, sports free lancer, and no mean singer himself sang Silent Night, with Ukee providing grace notes, and **Diego Castellanos** sang Feliz Navidad. What a great time! As he has for a number of years, **Dave Custis** had both cassettes and CD's for those who wished they could have their choice.

Through the good offices of **Alan Tripp**, we now have Broadcast Pioneers microphone pins for sale at meetings. Alan got a good price on them and they are available for \$5 at meetings. **Lydia DeGuio** is assisting by selling them to members. Better get them early as they were hot sellers at the luncheon in December. About 40 were sold. Any profits will go to our Scholarship Fund.

Speaking of the Scholarship Fund, VP **Frank Hogan** has stepped in to take over for Chairman **Neil Harvey** who was actively engaged in the

program until his death a few weeks ago. Frank will be getting notices out to all of the area colleges' Communications Departments for deserving students to apply for our thousand dollar scholarships.

We have received a notice from the Institutes for the Achievement of Human Potential regarding the passing of **Neil Harvey** who was vital for many years there. They are looking for someone who can help them by operating at the various ceremonies they hold that Neil was involved in. They would like to talk to any-

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"No one can feel as helpless as the owner of a sick goldfish."

Unknown

anyone who thinks they might be able to help. Please e-mail Tammy Cadden, Assistant to the Director, at tammy_c@iahp.org or phone Tammy at 215-233-2050 x 2556. In particular they have their World Organization for Human Potential ceremonies the first week in May and they would like professional help in that area.

Don't forget to send items for the newsletter to Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958, e-mail Paul at nanort@aol.com or call 1-302-645-8910. We need your help to do the letter.

More Happenings

At the December luncheon, **Herb Clarke** celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight with a story of the famous picture of the take-off. Herb knew the photographer well. His name was John T. Daniels and he was the father of Herb's elementary school principal in Eden, NC in the 1930's. He would frequently visit his son and relate the story of how **Wilbur Wright** told him how to 'press this bulb' to memorialize the historic flight.

Congratulations to **Gerry Wilkinson**, the maven of the Pioneers website. There have been 2 million hits on the website as of

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You may have heard **Dick Carr**, former VP/GM of WIP/WMMR on WOR talk radio in New York over the holidays. He hosted a four-hour Christmas special called "Mistletoe, Memories and Music" on Christmas Day. He also hosted a two-hour New Year's special called "The Big Bands Ballads and Blues New Year's Eve Fantasy Concert Tour" on WOR. More than 50 stations coast-to-coast carried the programs.

Stay tuned for upcoming meetings. We will be featuring soon **Wally Kennedy** of WPVI-TV, **Michael Smerconish** of

And...

Frank Ford continues as busy as ever. He still has his ad agency which he's had for 25 years with Glanzmann Subaru, Edelman Coins and Stamps, and Joseph Levin and Sons among his clients. He and his wife, **District Attorney Lynn Abraham**, spent three weeks in May in Europe, picking up a car in Paris—they traveled in France and Spain and visited the new Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. The architect of the museum is Frank Gehry who couldn't get work til he changed his name from Gold-

November, and if you haven't been there yet go to www.broadcastpioneers.com.

WCAU has had their annual holiday luncheon at Cedarbrook and 68 old timers were there. **Charlie Higgins** and **Kathy Ivens** provided information on the festivities which again had **Herb Clarke** ably assisted by **Ed Harvey** with his Iowa humor from his WCAU morning man days, and the old Surprise Party which originated from Studio 1. Remember? **Gene Crane** promises that they will see him at the CAU spring/summer event and meet his new wife Jean at that time.

WPHT, and **Senator Diane Allen**, former Anchor on WCAU. **President Bill Webber** is going all out to get the best for the meetings.

Hy Lit continues to keep himself busy. He's been doing some writing, but it'll be a while on that, and meantime he'll begin an internet on-line show in February on Sundays at 10 pm. He'll be using some of the outtakes from his TV show on Channel 10 some years ago with the big stars he featured, and a Broadcast Pioneers guest. It should be great. Meantime, he battles Parkinson's and reports that he's making

progress in taming the trembling that is a terrible part of that disease. He is involved in various activities to promote new drugs that will assist sufferers from this awful sickness.

berg, says Frank. Frank says it's the most spectacular building he's ever seen. He and Lynn are just back from the National DA's Association meeting in Washington for three days.

Great new members: **Don Cannon**, currently air personality at WOGL-FM, and long time Philadelphia standout on WIBG, WFIL, WIFI, and WSNI. **Denise Jeitles**, Director of Traffic Operations, at WPHL-TV. She began her career in 1981 as

The speaker at our October 5 meeting, **Jay Meyers**, a Pioneers member and former program director of WFIL and now Vice President of Clear Channel, and his wife Marsha had a baby a few days after he spoke. Daughter Abigail Sophia Meyers was born on October 18.

Bob Kravitz, former WPVI-TV cameraman, went in for his fourth operation, a repair job on his right hip. He was dropped by attendants at the hospital after his last operation. He'll be back at luncheons as soon as he can on a walker. He is still auditioning for shows, and we know you can't keep Kravitz down.

George Finkel has missed a couple of meetings because he's been out of town producing games and directing one for the football network (I-AA), and he directed a women's basketball game with Penn State facing #2 Texas for College Sports TV. George made it to the December meeting and hopes to be there in January.

"The absence of alternatives
clears the mind marvelously."
Henry Kissinger

Phillies coordinator. **Beth Lear Hegedus** who is a free lance reporter has joined us after many years, beginning with Capital Cities in 1974 and many other locations in the intervening years. **Jim Gordon**, Announcer, who has spent time since 1963 with KYW, WCAU-AM, WPEN and is currently freelancing. **Dr. Betsey Leebron** who is the Chair of the Communications Department at Temple University joins other members of her family in our club.