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Williamson's Restaurant February 14, 2001

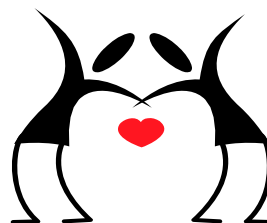
Ed Harvey and his Valentine **Marge Wieting-Harvey** headline our February efforts at Williamson's in the GSB Building on City Line Avenue.

Always fun and always interesting, Ed will regale us with lore from his long history in radio, and if that's not

enough, wife Marj Wieting-Harvey, Philadelphia's first female disc jockey, will be at the piano with her ragtime to liven the affair.

It should really be a lot of fun. Again, this is WILLIAMSON'S RESTAURANT on February 14 (Bala is closed).

Reception 12:00 noon
Lunch 12:30 p.m.
Ratecard \$16.00



ALL SWEETHEARTS
SEE YOU ON THE
14TH !!!

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Happenings

Herb Clarke advises that the WCAU Prime Time Club had its holiday luncheon in December at Cedarbrook Country Club in Blue Bell. About 65 old timers showed up. He says the group here is getting competition from the South Florida retirees. They have 30 to 40 old-timers who show up in late January every year. Herb says that there may be enough of his old buddies there to have screwed up the election in November by either taking too many pills or forgetting their medication altogether. He says most of them wouldn't know a "hanging chad" from a vacuum tube.

John and Gen Carlton are still running their Communications Farm in Schwenksville. John still enjoys getting up really early on Saturday mornings to do disc jockey work on WPEN. John began his Philadelphia career with a job at WFIL in the fifties and then became the first Atlantic Go-Patrol reporter in the sixties. John won many awards for his efforts with Go-Patrol including a Carnegie Medal for heroism.

Les Waas understands that you retire at about 90, and he's not 90, so he's still working (some). He does various

projects he's always wanted to do that he put off til today. He has a fun project writing a book that someone asked him to write.

Pioneer's legal advisor, **Bob Goldy**, hasn't been around much lately because he had surgery in January to remove an abdominal aortic aneurysm. The five-hour surgery (at Jeff) was done in a new procedure putting catheters through the groin. Happily he's doing great and will be back with us in February.

"Nothing recedes like success."
Walter Winchell

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More Happenings

Sally Starr wants you to know that she sees light at the end of the tunnel. The WFIL Popeye Theatre headliner has recently been through harrowing financial times. She says she has a great summer coming up with lots of personal appearances, and her country and western radio show from 12N to 3PM on Sundays on WVLT-FM in Vineland. She also does producing and remotes for the station. Sally says the people who show up for her appearances are friends, not fans. Lately she has been making some of her

appearances with Chief Halftown and among the ‘baby boomers’ who come she notices many a tear in their eyes. Sally lives alone with her cat “Peachy” and says hello to all her friends. You can reach Sally by e-mail at Sally@YourGalSal.com.

things, playing the recorder and the flute with a small ensemble in nearby Cambridge, Maine. He does PR for the local Lions Club of which he is a member, the Choral Arts Society and other area non-profits. He and wife Suzanne will be going to Dayton, Ohio soon for a ham radio society meeting, and, since Suzanne grew up there, they will visit old friends of hers.

“Let me listen to me, and not to them.”

Gertrude Stein

And More...

After an enormously successful December TV membership drive for WHY, which he produced, Pioneer’s member **Gerry Wilkinson** is no longer with the station. Gerry informs us that after a re-organization at the station, he resigned. Gerry, who has been the mastermind behind the Philadelphia Broadcast Pioneer’s website, is looking for free-lancing producing jobs.

inclusion in its Hall of Fame last year works for NFL films in off season, narrating the “inside NFL” show on HBO, and does NFL games for Westwood One after the season. He’ll head for Florida in February, and then start again with baseball pre-season March 2.

Member **Edna Cathcart** says that her son Dick Whittington has been honored by the Los Angeles Radio Museum.

Does a baseball broadcaster go to a tropic paradise and relax his tonsils in off-season? Not if you’re **Harry Kalas**. Harry, feted by the Phillies for 30 years with the team and by the Pioneer’s by

Alan Jay plays a police commissioner in a film being shot here, THE ANDERSON SQUAD. It covers the 1940-era black detective integration and crime-fighting. Alan also appeared in an earlier (1980) Abscam scandal movie, UNCLESCAM, as a crooked politician. This means it only took Alan 20 years to turn from crook to cop.

Lydia DeGuio, former Pioneer’s Treasurer, is now devoting her energies to directing THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEHANE for the Old Academy Players, Indian Queen Lane, Philadelphia. A gothic tale of resentment and madness. It will be presented March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, and on March 11 and 18, Sunday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets and information call 215-843-1109.

New Members

Welcome new members:

Fred Sherman, Senior VP and Economist for a local bank, who has variously been an analyst and reporter for KYW, WPHT, KYW 3, WPEN and NBC 10 for 20 odd years. “And I’m Fred Sherman.”

ing America, and the Weather Channel from 1978 to 1985. He is now retired and says he had a great time spending the summer and fall of 2000 in Greece and Spain. Pete says he may come to one of our meetings to renew old acquaintances. Encourage him by mailing notes to him at pckouris@yahoo.com.

band Ernie Blazar are expecting their first child in days (by the time you get this I’ll bet it’s here.) Rich has had a successful anchor career in Buffalo.

Also, **Peter C. Kouris**, now living in Phoenix, AZ has become a member. Peter was with WFIL from 64 to 70, and later directed weather segments on Good Morn-

Another new member, **Rich Kellman** says his older daughter Laurie and hus-

Couldn’t resist excerpting another good one from Dr. Charles Lee’s Millennium Sevens...

WOMEN

Love them or doubt them
The trouble with women
is the trouble without them