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NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is the big one. **Thursday, June 1**, we honor our Person of the Year, **Shelly Gross**. You should all have received invitations by now, and we hope that you're planning to attend this important fund raising event for our scholarship fund. That's Thursday evening, June 1, at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Tickets are \$60.00 for Broadcast Pioneers members, \$80.00 for non-members, and tables of 10 may be reserved for \$800.00. Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and the dinner/program will start at 7:00 P.M. Please call Jo Oristaglio at (610) 642-3298 with your reservations.

Upcoming events: Important date change. The general business meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 14 at noon, has been changed to **Thursday, June 15** at 3:30 P.M. at the Ludington Library auditorium immediately preceding the Steck Memorial dedication service. The Ludington Library is on the southeast corner of Lancaster and Bryn Mawr Avenues in the heart of Bryn Mawr. All officers, members of the Board of Governors, and members of the Advisory Board are urged to attend. Anyone else interested in becoming more involved in supporting the organization is invited. A dedication service of the Steck Memorial will immediately follow the general business meeting. A special display will be set up displaying the books and the plaque which will be placed on the broadcasting shelf in their honor. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Here's an item sure to generate great sadness in the Pioneers and beyond. Our wonderful "Penny" is dead. **Harold Pannepacker's** heart troubles had plagued his retirement and he had been due for another balloon angioplasty when he expired on May 10. He had been the creator and host of our Penny Party at Christmas and was one of our most active members until this year. Penny will be very much missed by all of his friends and our condolences are extended to his family. **Taylor Grant** and Penny had teamed up recently to get to meetings and we want to thank Taylor for getting this item to us.

Harold's family has asked that donations to the Broadcast Pioneers Scholarship Fund be made in memory of him and that information did appear in the newspapers. However, when the first notices were printed our post office box appeared as P.O. Box 21535. Not quite correct! The correct number is **P.O. Box 21534**. If you have sent a contribution to the wrong P.O. box, don't fret. The post office tells us that they will see to it that your contribution will be delivered to the right place.

Taylor Grant reports that ABC Radio and TV recently played tape excerpts from his 1945 broadcasts from Times Square commemorating V-E Day.

Tom Moran has a new full-time job. The familiar, dulcet tones of the veteran voice-over and disc jockey announcer are now heard from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on WRDR, Egg Harbor City, FM 105 (actually 104.9).

Ed Eisen, of Eisen Associates, a new member of our group, calls to say that he is starting a new program "Career Crossroads" on WFIL - Radio 560 - Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Jane King Hall informs us that **Jane and Jim Felix** will be at the Person of the Year banquet, finally getting out after a series of physical misadventures. Jim recently had another cataract operation.

A note from **Edna Whittington Cathcart** passes along the information that **Gerry Mahoney**, formerly of WIP, had called and said that Del Dengate's wife, Marion, had died. Del also had been at WIP. Edna, who regrets her inability to get to our Wednesday meetings, says that she lost her younger brother in December. Our condolences on her loss.

Member **Irv Homer**, is among the local legends whose voices are among the most recognizable in the Delaware Valley according to April Ad Club News. Irv was among four local radio stars who co-hosted the Philadelphia Radio Organization Awards on April 20 at the Bellevue.

Well, by now you should have received your new membership directory. If there are any corrections that need to be made for the next printing, please drop a note to **Al Maslin** (please do not call Al with changes; it's better in writing). We certainly hope that your phone number area codes are correct. We had made an appeal a while ago in which we asked you to let us know your area code (when the new 610 code came into existence). Since we received a rather underwhelming response, we just used the phone company's chart and changed the area codes to match.

As summer is fast approaching we will only be publishing one more issue of the newsletter (we don't publish during the Summer). However, we still need articles and information for that issue. Our usual plea: if you have any news that would be of interest to our members please contact **Paul Norton** with the information. You can contact Paul at (215) 581-4508 or you can write to him at WPVI-TV, 4100 City Line Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131.

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