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The annual Person of the Year Award banquet was a huge success. Actually, we called it the Persons of the Year Award banquet this year because, for the first time, we honored two people, Joe Grady and Ed Hurst. Everyone had a wonderful time. During the cocktail hour we had music by Larry Ferrari and during dinner there was music by Buckey Clark. There were speeches, which turned out to be more like roasts, from the likes of F. Emmett Fitzpatrick, Shelly Gross and Cozy Morley as well as an audio tape presentation on the history of Grady and Hurst which was narrated by our President, Larry Wexler. We had approximately 250 people with us at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Not only were there many of our members in attendance but, there were also many guests from outside of our group present as well. A number of our guests were seen leaving with Broadcast Pioneers membership applicactions so, perhaps, we'll have a few more members join us in the near future. Of course, the purpose of the Person(s) of the Year Award banquet is to announce the winners of this year's scholarships and to raise additional funds for our sholarship fund and we certainly succeeded in that department. The Chairman of our Scholarship Committee, Al Maslin, announced the scholarship winners. This year, our chapter awarded \$1000.00 scholarships to: Ellen C. Kolodziej from LaSalle University, Heidi M. O'Sheehan from Ohio University, Heather A. Widmayer from Towson State University in Maryland, and Joseph Fulgham from Temple University. At the banquet, Joseph Fulgham thanked our chapter on behalf of the other winners who could not attend that evening. The final figures on the banquet are not in yet but, it looks like we raised over \$4000.00 for the scholarship fund. We would like to thank the following members who helped make the evening a success: Lew Klein, Dorie Lenz, Larry Ferrari, Susan Drake, Don Dafilou and Al Maslin. We apologize if we've forgotten anyone. Al Maslin would like to thank the other members of the Scholarship Committee for their participation in the selection of our scholarship winners. On this year's committee were Lew Klein, Bob Smith, Marguerite Farley and John Roberts.

In case you've wondered, we did not print a membership directory this year. This was due, primarily, to a problem in the production of the directory but, another part of the problem has been that we like to wait until all of the dues are in before we put out the directory just to make sure everyone is included. Some people just don't pay their dues until after the deadline is past. So, this fall, only those who are members as of October 1st will be included in the directory. Sorry we have to be so militant about this but, the directory is important to all of our members and we just can't wait for procrastinators to pay their due to have the directory printed.

Our next meeting will be held on June 20th at the usual meeting place, Williamson's in the GSB Building on City Line Ave. Since this is our last meeting before the summer hiatus, this meeting will be devoted to Philadelphia Chpater business. Our officers will tell us how the chapter is doing at this point and we will have reports from our various committees to see what they have done during the past year and what they hope to accomplish during the next year. We will also have a report from the Nominating Committee to see who will be running for what office. Our new officers are scheduled to take office on September 1st. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING. Please try to attend. Meeting times: noon for cocktails at the cash bar and 12:30 P.M. for luncheon. The tab for lunch is \$13.00 and we again request that you pay by check if you can. As usual, please let us know that you are coming. Having an accurate count for setting up tables saves embarrassment at meeting time. ADVANCE NOTICE IS A MUST. DON'T FORGET TO R.S.V.P. to Dorie Lenz at (215) 878-1700. Your R.S.V.P. is important!

On a sad note: Pioneers member Esther Broza has died. She was 92 years old. From 1927 to 1958 Esther was the producer, writer and director of "The Children's Hour" on WCAU radio and television. In 1962 Esther's husband, Stan Lee Broza, was the founding president of the Philadelphia Chapter of Broadcast Pioneers and was the recipient of our Man of the Year award in 1969. He died in 1970. Esther continued her interest in our group and was in frequent attendence at meetings in recent years. Besides her other children, she is survived by her son, band leader Elliot Lawrence. She will be truly missed by all of us. Jane Hall attended to flowers from the group.

From our New Member Department please welcome the following:

WWDB Radio's Irv Homer has joined our group and attended the April meeting. Proposed by Paul Norton, Irv has been with WWDB since 1975 and before that was with WXUR in Media, and with WEEZ. Irv has the afternoon drive time shift at WWDB.

Proposed by John Beaty, we welcome David L. Kurtz as a new member. David is the Chairman and Treasurer of WEAZ-FM and has been in broadcasting since 1955.

David S. Noll, Vice President and General Manager of WEGX is also a new member of our chapter. His career in broadcasting began in 1968.

Also a recent new member is Thomas McDowell who is an Account Executive at WPHL-TV. He was proposed by Harold Pannepacker. Tom began as a stage hand at KYW-TV in 1956 when it was in Cleveland, Ohio. He came to Philadelphia in 1964 as Production Manager at KYW-TV and later was an account executive there and with WTAF-TV. Since January Tom has been with WPHL-TV.

One last thought, our membership year ends on August 31st and dues for next year will be due at that time. You will receive a reminder in the mail but we just thought we'd warn you ahead of time.

If you have any news which involves any of our members, please contact Paul Norton at WPVI-TV. His phone number is (215) 878-9700.

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