

Broadcast PIONEERS

of Philadelphia

March Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 19, 1998

Time: 12 Noon Cocktails
12:30 p.m. Lunch

Ratecard: \$15.25

Place: Bala Golf Club

Subject: LU ANN CAHN
CHANNEL 10

Mail your reservation to Jo Oristaglio or call her at 610-642-1150.
Please call **ASAP**.

Don't forget to get items for the newsletter to Paul Norton. Anything you may be doing professionally or otherwise, we will appreciate. Call 302-645-8910, leave a message (as long as you like so I don't have to call back), or write Paul at 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958. You may e-mail nanort@aol.com.

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LU ANN CAHN, CHANNEL 10

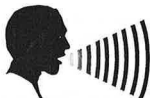
Program Chairman Ed help of Herb Clarke, he has reporter Lu Ann Cahn of March meeting. Ms. Cahn, "Personal Story" of breast memorable stories, which she has covered for NBC affiliate. The usual admonitions apply. Call Jo Oristaglio to have a seat at the luncheon. The number is 610-642-1150. Please call ASAP.

Harvey does it again! With the arranged to have award-winning Channel 10 as our speaker for the of course, is remembered for her cancer, and many, many

Lydia DeGuio says that the February meeting was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the Chicken Maryland ("very tasty" she says). And to compliment the talk by Pat Wallace, GM of WCAU, there was a packet of treats at each place setting. Mr. Wallace discussed the future of TV and HDTV coming soon, which was followed by a tour of the Channel 10 facilities. Our group met the stars of the 4 o'clock news as they went about their duties and saw the renovations and expansion occurring in the building.



At the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Martin N. Oebbecke who have been members for a long time but never able to attend a luncheon due to being in Germany with Radio Free Europe for 18 years. Gordon Gray was there also commenting on the changes in curricula at Temple Communication School in the period since he retired.



Walt Beaulieu e-mails that he met with veterans of the 46th and Market WFIL alumni.....the John Butterworth's, the Jim Felix's, Vince Gasbarro, and Bill Russell. Russell is reportedly trying to increase his retirement income on the golf course, and apparently Beaulieu is making regular contributions.

Please mark your calendar for the up-coming events that President Shelly Gross is putting together.

- April 15, Wednesday, Pat Polillo will discuss his new low power TV station that will have a local focus. WELL will reach about 290,000 homes in eastern Montgomery and Bucks counties. According to Gail Shister, Pat says "local TV news stinks." I'm sure he'll pull his punches in his talk to us, too.
- On May 20, we will lunch under a tent at the facility and then have a tour of the Atwater Kent Museum.
- Wednesday, June 17 we will meet our scholarship winners and be present for the presentation of the \$1,500 scholarships.
- Bob Dome and President Shelly have met with U.S.O. officials at Ft. Dix to discuss the possibility of a golf tournament in September. It would include a tour of facilities for members' families. If you are interested, please call Bob at 215-242-4028.



There is now one bus loads full and working on a second for the trip to the Museum of Radio and Television in New York City on April 4. Call Ed Papazian if you want to go.

The PIONEERS are much diminished by the loss of former Vice President and Hall of Fame honoree Taylor Grant who has died. Taylor was a regular at our meetings, most recently at the Person of the Year banquet with his wife, Jeanette. He and Ed Harvey were responsible for some of our best programs over the years. Nothing can be added here to the many stories of his career except to say that he will be missed by all of his PIONEERS friends. In lieu of flowers, a donation was sent by the PIONEERS to the AFSC. Our condolences to Jeanette and the family.

Thanks to Kal Rudman for the information on the death of Harry "Bud" Smith who, while not in our group, was a friend to many of us. Bud worked at WCAM, KYW, WPEN and WFIL, among others, and was 73 when he died of cancer.

Nat Wright sends information on the death of WIP D.J. Tom Brown in Los Angeles. Many of us remember his contributions to the WIP sound in the 60's. He was 67.

Member Charlie Higgins of WCAU notes that in going through the membership directory he discovered the name of B. Leroy Wolfe of Staunton, Virginia. Charlie says that Leroy died on August 24, 1997. He was a technician at WCAU from 1948 until he retired in January of 1984, and before that worked at WIBG, KYW and WFIL in the thirties.

Temple University Press has just published "Fishing the Delaware Valley" by former PIONEERS his former colleagues. professor of English at Ingram, is Associate Relations. The book reaches to Delaware Bay with a section on fishing the Jersey Shore.



President Bob Smith, and two of One, Bob Marler is a retired Temple and the other, George Vice President for University

There are many tips on restaurants because, says Bob, "although we have 100 years of angling experience among us, we have more than 180 years of eating and drinking experience. We write about what we know about."

Bob, who retired from Temple in 1996, lives in Plympton, Massachusetts, a town of cranberries, 2,300 people and 2,500 horses.



Gerry Wilkinson e-mailed that for those who have a Real Video installed on their computer can watch John Roberts at the 1/21/98 Broadcast PIONEERS luncheon. Jerry Klein shot videotape and it can be viewed at: <http://www.akleinpr.com/wrti/pioneers.htm>. If you wish to visit the WRTI, The Way It Was Web Site, you may do so by going to: <http://www.wrti.com>. Pictures of John Roberts and others in 1948 make the visit worth it. Gerry suggests that in our future address booklets we include e-mail address. Such listings could be just as important as address and phone number.

Gerry notes that he has been hired to be Associate Producer for the March 6 to March 20 fundraiser for WHY-TV. He will be working for his old college friend Ed Cunningham, who is Producer.

Ralph E. Green points out that in our listing of new members in the February Newsletter there was a Michael E. Green at his address. There is no Michael. It's Ralph. (Note to label department: his address is P. O. Box 241, 1468 Hilltop Road, Birchrunville, Pennsylvania 19421.



Joan Stack who hosted and produced a live 25-minute talk show for WBUX until a format change in 1992, has had 26 of her program tapes included in the permanent collection of the Museum of Television and Radio in New York City. The Joan Stack Show was based loosely on Luncheon at Sardi's but with much wider subject matter. It ran five days a week. Tapes were made here and abroad and guests ranged from Alice Faye to Abbie Hoffman.

Joan notes that her son has created a spoof of TV talk shows – NIGHTSTAND – which airs on E! at 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. (He says he is King of pre-dawn TV.) He plays Dick Dietrich, the host, and was also head writer. If you wish to contact Joan, she will be in Ft. Lauderdale until Easter at 954-565-0695.

Don't forget your help is needed in these monthly newsletters. Send information to Paul Norton at 205 Ocean View Boulevard, Lewes, Delaware 19958. Phone 1-302-645-8910. E-mail nanort@aol.com.