

# December Newsletter



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**December Meeting**  
**Bala Golf Club**  
**December 19, 2007**

**Reservations 856-365-5600**

**Reception 12:00 p.m.**

**Lunch 12:30 p.m.**

**Ratecard \$25.00**

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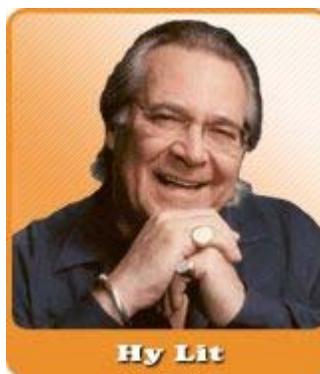
Our December luncheon will be a look back at the life of **Hy Lit** who died recently. Hy was a big part of Philadelphia during and after the Rock and Roll Era of the 1960's, and our program for the luncheon will include the people who knew him well, and worked with him. Hy was inducted into our Hall of Fame in 2003.

We will, as usual, be meeting at Bala Golf Club on Belmont Avenue in Philadelphia. It is, of course, the third Wednesday, December 19.

Past President **Pat Delsi**, who was GM of WCAM when Hy Lit was on the station, will introduce Broadcast Pioneer's member **Sam Lit** (Hy's son) who will have a few words

about his dad. Moderator for the discussion of Hy Lit's life will be member **Tom Lamaine**. The panelists will be: **Don Cannon**, who worked with Hy at WPGR, WSNI, and WOGL, **Bob Pantano** of WOGL's Saturday Night Dance Party, **Joe "Butterball" Tamburro**, Program Director of WDAS-FM, **Michael Tearson**, from the Hyski underground days at WDAS-FM; **Dean Tyler**, who worked with Hy at WIBG, and **Bill Wright, Sr.**, the last of the good guys from WIBG.

The usual admonitions prevail—the tab is \$25 per person, and we begin at 12 noon, and lunch will be served at 12:30. Make your reservations by calling 856-365-5600 or



**Hy Lit**

[rsvp@broadcastpioneers.com](mailto:rsvp@broadcastpioneers.com). Don't forget, **Dave Custis** will be giving away a CD of holiday music to each person in attendance (supply allowing) as he has been for many years.

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"Success is a matter of luck. Ask any failure."

Earl Wilson

## Happenings

If you missed the Person of the Year / Hall of Fame dinner perhaps it was because you got your request for tickets in too late as it was "Sold Out." A wonderful time was had by all, as they say, and a lot of money was earned for our major charity—money for scholarships. These will be expanded to ten this year with the addition to the money for scholarships by contributions of **Esther Kurtz** (widow of **Dave Kurtz**, foun-

der of B101) for one scholarship and **Kal Rudman**, this year's Person of the Year, who underwrote two scholarships.

Dynamic Images Inc. and Sine Studios LLP have announced the release of the unabridged audio version of member **Larry Kane's** popular book, "Ticket to Ride, Inside the Beatles 1964 and 1965 Tours." The book is available for downloading at [www.larrykane.com](http://www.larrykane.com) and is also

available at the same site as an eight CD audio book package.

**Marc Howard** began his broadcast career at age 16, and after 54 years, 30 of them in Philadelphia, he has decided to retire, effective November 30. Marc and his wife, Susie, are planning two extended vacations which his schedule would not previously allow. Marc was a reporter and anchor here since 1977, first for WPVI-TV

Channel 6, where his co-anchor was the legendary Jim O'Brien. He joined CBS 3's Eyewitness news team in January 2003. CBS 3 President and General Manager **Michael Collier** said, "Marc has been more than a news anchor in this market, he has been a rock-steady voice of authority through 30 years of Philadelphia history—a reassuring presence in our times."

## More Happenings

Member **Ellie Faragalli**, who worked for Mike, tells us that before his death **Mike Douglas** had a hand in picking the people who would produce the “Mike Douglas’ Moments and Memories” shows for PBS. Mike’s incredibly popular show, of course, originated for many years from Philadelphia, from the studios of Channel 3. Mike’s “Moments and Memories” is sure to be a big hit on WHYY, Channel 12 and across the country. As soon as we have word of dates and times locally, we’ll pass them along.

For their many friends in Pioneers, word has been received that **Ray Reher**, engineer at Channel 10 and WFIL Radio, has had two strokes. **Steve Sacks** has sent

## And More

**Corky Warren** advises that he has begun his brand new show “Corky’s Time Machine Television Show” on Comcast Channel 2 QBC for three hours Tuesday evenings in the Cumberland County area. It will be simulcast on WSNJ 1240 AM and it will be broadcast WORLDWIDE on the internet on [www.wsnjam.com](http://www.wsnjam.com). Congratulations, Corkster!

Nice talk with **Al and Stella Alberts** while checking their new number in Florida. They both seem to be doing well and they wish all of their friends the best for the Christmas season. Al’s voice is a good as ever, and he agreed how much they missed their ride on the Thanksgiving Day float

## And.....

Meet new members **Bob Kaloustian**, Sales Manager of KYW Newsradio, he’s been in the business 11 years and began in 1996 as entry-level employee, and became management in 2002; **Dennis J. Ostopowicz** has been with WBCB Radio on and off for 37 years, and is now a consulting engineer and host of the Dennis Ostopowicz Polka Music Show; **Hillary Baker** is manager of Corporate Underwriting for WHYY and has been with several other stations in Philadelphia; **Bruce Flamm** began in the industry in 1998 and is VP and CFO of

word that **George Hughes**, 67, of ABC, Washington, and WFIL has died. He died of respiratory failure. He was the recipient of a lung transplant in 2005. Long time hard working member and dear friend of so many Pioneers, **Leila Brenner**, has died of renal failure at Presbyterian Hospital. Her struggle had been long and hard during her life and for the last 10 weeks, it has been hell. She will be missed.

Lots of **Captain Noah** news (**Carter and Pat Merbreier**). They were honored at a luncheon at The Union League of Philadelphia, with a Lifetime Achievement Award as a Great Friend to Kids, by the Please Touch Museum. It was presented by Please Touch CEO Nancy Kolb, before a

with the late **Larry Ferrari** and **Paul Norton**.

**Bill Webber’s** wife, Constance, had a recent hospital visit, for repairs and adjustments, and she is now doing ok. **Kal Rudman** has had recent hospital visits but seemed in great shape as the Person of the Year last month. Kal had surgery for kidney cancer last year. **Sally Berlin** had a fall on an escalator when someone pushed her. She’s doing therapy now, and this also explains the walker she was using at the Hall of Fame Person of the Year dinner. She says she’s fine and looks forward to walking without help soon.

WHYY; **James Hardy** is now retired, began in the business in 1996; **Ruth Leon Weiman** began in the business in 1967, is an actress, TV spokeswoman, etc; **Paul Big Bear** began in the business in 1966 and is President of The Party Continues.

Many of you may remember **Bob Hite**, son of CBS announcer **Bob Hite**, who introduced **Walter Cronkite’s** CBS News for many years. Bob worked for a time in the 70’s at WPVI-TV. He has been an anchor at WFLA in Florida for 30 years, and was himself in the news for a problem his son

had with local police. In what was probably a private email, he also recounts his attendance at the Ardmore Senior Citizens’ Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Entertainment Outreach Program. As they make too much money to go for nothing, they had to pay for the privilege of a bus ride, a wonderful meal and rather, err, ahh, interesting entertainment. It was a bargain at \$1.34. I cannot recount the whole email as this is a family newsletter but someone poured something into the eggnog, and the festivities were “jollied up.” It is with joy that we note two less people thru-up on the bus compared with 5 last year.

“Do not try to solve all of life’s problems at once—learn to dread each day as it comes.”

Donald Kaul

Please remember that we need your help to do the newsletter. Send items to **Paul Norton, 205 Ocean View Blvd., Lewes, DE 19958, email [nanort@comcast.net](mailto:nanort@comcast.net) or call 302-645-8910.**

**AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

had with local police. In an email he related the younger son has been on the wrong pathway but his older son is a blessing. Bob says he is retiring to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, six miles from his closest friend, Steve Levy, late of Channel 10. They anchored weekends together on Channel 6. He says that now he and Steve put on their spurs and chaps, strap on their colts, put their Winchesters in their scabbards, saddle up and...as their wives say...”There they go playing cowboys and idiots.”