



June 1989

Maxi Lunch Huge Success

Working in television we learned to take the heat, so a steamy day for our SUNDAY IN NEW YORK presented no obstacle to members of Peacock North (almost 100 in attendance) who travelled to La Magnette Restaurant. The Maxi-lunch was underway at noon with PETE and MARGRET PETERSON greeting us at the door handing out our all-important name tags.



Once inside, it became impossible to catch up with the doings of everyone, but here's a few: **Martin Gallagher** said he was moving in Aug. to Colorado and friend **Joe McShane** said he was planning to stay put in Hicksville, but like Marty was enjoying his retirement and spending the time counting money. What better way? And speaking of money, there was John Hardy the center of attention supplying the financial service. Altho John was in the prop dept, he started his career on Wall St. as a runner; then statistician to 3 good bondsmen and never lost his touch! Many at NBC are thankful for that!... **Kathy Greene** has been back at the network working per diem and still lives in NYC, however she spends much free time travelling, this summer to Oxford Univ. to study Philosophy.... **Elmer Gorry** always worked behind the scene as a Unit Manager, but now Elmer is making live appearances on the Letterman Show. Yes, that is Elmer and you thought it was Grant Tinker or Bob Wright?....Caught **Marge McGlynn** in a deep conversation with **Joe Kolb** and **Rudy Gebhart** about the days of Kine Recording.... **STEWART MacGREGORY** was in fine form entertaining everyone. Stewart still does some acting chores but spends most of his time at the Episcopal Church in Larchmont training acolytes. He is a sub-deacon.... **Angelo Farino** freelancing, most recently with WLIW, Ch 21. Now is involved with an upcoming project with producer **Lucy Jarvis**.... Friends were in evidence from our parent Co., RCA - whoops, ex-parent. **Catherine Deeks** was all smiles

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"Cat" Surcharge Update

By: Dan Grabel

NBC retirees probably all fall within the 36 percent of older Americans who will be paying the Medicare surtax for the new Catastrophic insurance. As much as I have read about it, I'm not sure who is eligible for the coverage, and just how indigent you have to be to get coverage should you be so unlucky as to need it.

Thirty six percent of us will be paying the tab, while the other 64 % among American retirees will not. So the oft heard statement, first sounded by Ronald Reagan, that the new insurance will be financed by its beneficiaries is not specifically the case.

Those who want the tax to be broadbased, even beyond those of Medicare age, point out that there are many situations where every wage earner contributes to the cost of a program. Education, for example. Your kids may have been out of the school system for 20 years, but you still pay school taxes with no direct benefit. Is the Medicare program any different?

What are the chances of a change in the financing? Pres. Bush rejects any proposal to reduce the surtax. Remember, Bush inherited

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MAXI cont'd --- with no plans but to enjoy herself. **Catherine Monte**, is busy travelling. **Terry Bello** loves retirement so much, she doesn't even have time for housework. **Dalia DeGonzales** wants to try a different vocation. So far, she's been interviewing and testing for employment agencies, teaching at the Travel institute, and working with Chinese students at the Int'l Center. Whew, and she's just starting!

After the lunch Pete Peterson made a few announcements: 1. PN Membership is now 330 strong. 2. On this very hot day to put aside December 10 for the Christmas Brunch, held at the Ramada Inn in Clifton.

Then it was time to make our way to 30 Rock for the guided tour. (again thank you **Peter Tintle**.) **Gloria Clyne** helped out on this one - She started her career as a guidette 45 years ago, and did the honors once more for P. North. It was hard to say who enjoyed the tour more - our members or the current staff who loved the stories about our "golden age of TV".... The highlight was the Physical Fitness Center on the 8th floor - all for \$5 a pay day. Alas, where was this when we were on "golden time"?

And so the day ended and we still had no answer for Linda Eberlee about Maxwell House Coffee - stay tuned and have a good summer.

Marian Eiskamp

a whopping federal deficit and the surplus income sure to be generated by the surtax will make the deficit appear to be one billion dollars less than it actually is. So Bush has good reason not to rock the boat.

But the New York Times has reported that many congressmen have heard roaring protests demanding a change in financing. The House has voted 408 to 2 for hearings, the Senate 97 to 2. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen now says that since the actuaries have figured the will be surplus monies collected [4-billion], the surtax should be reduced.

The brightest note comes from the GOP. The Republicans congressional leadership, possibly hoping to pick up support among elderly voters, has just committed itself to repeal the surtax and the new prescription drug benefits.

Among the lobbying groups, the National Assn. for the preservation of Social Security [Jimmy Roosevelt group] is calling for change. But the AARP is on the fence and that is surprising since their own poll showed 63 % of those over 65 agreed " the cost of the program is too high, considering the benefits they will (ED: or will not) receive. "Cong. Dan Rostenkowski (D., ILLI.) of the House Ways & Means committee says " Retirees can afford to pay the surtax."

So What's ahead ? The lobbying groups have been told the surtax cannot be dropped. But a compromise ? It's a possibility, and probably the only hope. What are they aiming for ? Reducing the senior's portion of the financing from 100 percent (\$ 850.) to 25 % next April. Already it sounds better, but that is just a pipe dream at this writing. Another pipe dream, passage of a bill delaying implementation of the surcharge for one year while the whole matter is re-evaluated....

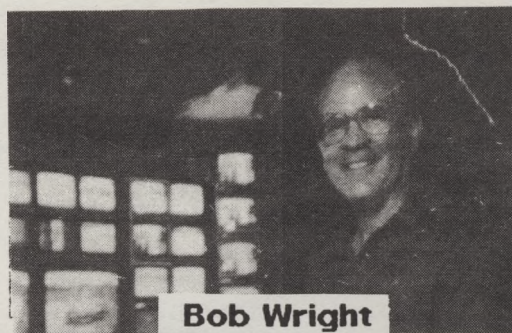
---- Your " Cat " Surcharge ----

YEAR	Per \$150 of tax liability	Maximum annually Single	Couple
1989	\$ 22.50	\$ 800	\$ 1,600
1990	\$ 37.50	\$ 850	\$ 1,700
1991	\$ 39.00	\$ 900	\$ 1,800
1992	\$ 40.50	\$ 950	\$ 1,900
1993	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,050	\$ 2,100

july mini-lunch date changed.

Due to the 4th of July holiday, the bi-month mini-lunch, to which all are invited, now changed to **July 11th - 1:00 pm.** Meet at Picco Lissimo-1296 Palisade Av. Ft. Lee, N.J.. One mile South GW Bridge [left side]. Dutch Treat, informal, an easy drive fm NYC

The Man from G. E.



Bob Wright

Editor's Note:
In an April issue of Forbes, writer Dyan Machan profiled Bob Wright, NBC's President. Here are some brief excerpts

Wright, who moved from the strictly business world of GE to the show biz world of NBC has quickly blended neatly into his environment. He has made NBC the most profitable net in tv, producing \$ 410-million in profit, versus \$ 45-million for CBS, and a \$5-mil loss at ABC ... In an in-again, out-again 20 year career at GE, Wright has held 8 jobs, each pushing him to bigger challenges [and presumably bigger rewards.] ... Under Wright, NBC, which had 8 shows in the top 20 when he started 3 years ago, now has 11 in the top 20... GE's reputation for running lean quickly came true at NBC when he reduced the staff by 25 percent, to 6,000, and slashed expenses by 30 % - down to \$ 200-million...

The future ? NBC bought Viznews to reduce newstape procurement costs, has created CNBC the business news and consumer advice cable operation at Ft. Lee, and is hoping the FCC will ease network show production rules so it can become a major producer of prime time programming for international distribution.

tv and radio trivia



Sure, you remember the Farm & Home Hour and how it was always a "beautiful day in Chicago," and Harry Horlick's Gypsies and even Joe Cook's House Party. Now, match the name and show title of these old favorites :

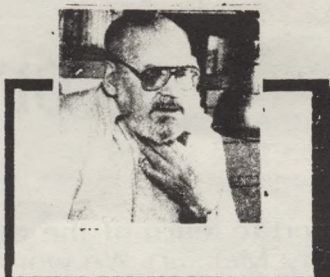
Bat Masterson
Lone Ranger
Dragnet
Show Boat
Happiness Boys
Duffey's Tavern
Wagon Train
Man from UNCLE
McCloud
Howdy Doody

Ed Gardner
Ward Bond
Gene Barry
Jack Webb
Clayton Moore
Bob Smith
Dennis Weaver
Charles Winninger
Billy Jones
Robert Vaughn

Trivia answer on page 5.



Hagan



Your editors got a long and newsy letter from one of NBC's most prolific and multi-talented producers.... Chet Hagan, of "Instant Special" fame back in the 60's-70's when NBC was really in the newsbusiness. Every-time a shot was fired somewhere 'round the world, the Hagan group, under direction of news prexy Bob Kintner, was on the air.

Chet writes: Jim Holton [radio mgt] clued him in to Peacock North.... he lives in Wernersville, Pa., Bucks County... says he hasn't had a show on tv in a year and a half but he's into book-writing. First one published in 1981 and number 9 and 10 are being released this year. His longtime interests are country music and horses - and those are the subjects of some of his opuses. His novel, Redemption, has been optioned by Lorimar-Warner Bros for a potential movie. He also has written a history of his town, and he edits a bi-monthly newsletter that has won plaudits as "Best Independently produced library publication in the nation." For old buddies, Chet's

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Wernersville, Pa. 19565



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people

Bob and Diane Juncosa made it to the May Mini Lunch, looking like beautiful California folk from Forest Hill, Calif. In April & May, they cruised through the Panama Canal and

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the Caribbean, visited N.J., Pa., and the new grandson in Boston. In March the Juncosas visited the Scot McCartneys in Palm Springs, dropping in on the NBC crew doing Dinah Shore golf, and also made it to Sam Roth and Ed Wackernagel in Beaumont, Calif. Enough travel? No. They'll sail to the virgin Islands aboard a 44 foot sloop in October..... Sid Chomsky to Phoenix to see a boyhood chum honored as the community's "Man of the Year," then to Minneapolis for a chat with Don Johnson.... Jerry and Nancy Cudlipp will spend three weeks in Germany and Holland, plus one week of canal boating with the Mike Gilligans. They'll meet up with Florence Herrlich [now Mrs Schmidt] in Switzerland. Florence worked in Tech Ops some years back.... Lee Pliskin enjoys his golf at Ocean Acres N.J., and spending time with his 9, count-em 9 grandchildren.... "Doc" Bob Potter spends his time on the ham radio and also bowling and trying to lower his golf handicap.... John Hardy, the bond expert, will visit Andy Chisholm at Cape Coral, Fla. and Charles Sprague at Vero Beach.... Bob Fraraccio and family going to England and Ireland in late August.... Frank & Lois Vierling shoved off for Maine again in late May, for their annual long sojourn "Down East".... Leo Farrenkopf will be sailing to Europe with one son, and then visiting with the second in Munich in October.... Ed Len former studio manager was a welcome sight at the Mini Luncheon, he also enjoys baby sitting 3 grand children....

From Good Sam's Highway Herald, a newsletter for folk who live in RVs, we learn that Tom Gallagher and wife Geri made their home in a custom-designed trailer for 3 years. Tom suffered a stroke in 1974 and after taking disability retirement, moved his family to Calif. In 1984, the Gallaghers went on the road, covering 62,000 miles, visiting 44 states. They had their pension checks and social security checks direct deposited and used the

automatic tellers for cash. Tom has suffered another stroke and is currently living with his family in Bergenfield, N.J.

Fred Manni, the stage manager who lives in a trailer in Mahwah, New Jersey, is now wheel chair-bound after double leg amputations. Fred is in good spirits and attended a recent mini lunch. He fills his time with oil painting and is an avid video-watcher and recordist on his VCR... (He'd appreciate a call from old buddies - 201: 891-6823) ...

Roy Silver, a newswriter/producer, has given up Manhattan for the "country" life in North White Plains. Roy, who left NBC News on disability retirement, started as a writer for Bill Stern, the sportscaster. That was just after the typewriter was invented!

Marian Eiskamp reports that it was Party Time. Leon Munier [design & Art], always innovative, invited a group of friends to celebrate his cat's Sweet Sixteen Birthday. Any reason to party! NBC-ers present were: Stash Pyka and Bill "Shorty" Shortridge, both recently retired, and Shorty had just returned from a month's visit to Japan. He was so enthusiastic - sounds like a return trip is already on the agenda. Stash has spent March at his Vermont home and is now free-lancing.... Herb Andrews, looking tan and fit, had just arrived in NYC after wintering at his Florida home and was off to New Mexico to see about selling his place in Taos.... Marvin Einhorn had to cancel and why? He was filming in NYC for a new Woody Allen movie - go Marvin go! Wife Annie was there but had to race back to work to meet with a playwright. Annie was the only one racing to work as the rest of us are shunning it for the moment.... Gloria Settle had turned down a position on Wall Street after leaving NBC and thinks about returning to work but only in the thinking stage. Marian Eiskamp passed around sketches for her new town house -- cont'd on page 4

In Tennessee where she plans to move in mid June. **Leon**, our host, keeps busy with off-Broadway productions and free lancing with cable. Guests had a great time; don't know about the cat.....

David Gould (audio)has a great schedule.. He works for six months at abc TV and then takes six months off. Ideal !

Arthur Zarakas (tv central) says.. Thought I'd scratch out a few lines to say Hello and let you all know that all ois well.He's looking forward to the June luncheon and seeing a lot of my old friends.Best regards to all. Art Zarakas-class Of '53.....

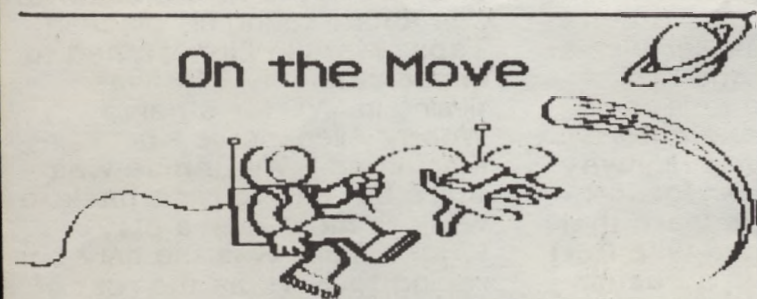
We are happy to have **Bob Asman**, a good friend to all of us thru the years, join PN. Bob has covered just about every special news event that originated in Washington since 1961, as well as Kennedy's famous Berlin wall speech [Ich bin ein Berliner].

John Burkhart (ex KPRC Houston)has moved to paradise..He lives in MAUI, in the Hawaiian Islands. He does free-lance TD work in the Islands - golf etc. I worked with him on the olympics in Korea, and it wouldn't have taken much for me to take up residence there [in Maui, of course].. H

Our president, **Gene Martin** got a phone call the other day that one waits for. It was from **Walter Miller**, director and former NBC TD. He asked Gene if he wanted to go to Paris to work on the 100 th anniversary of the Eiffel Tower. What do you think the pres said ? Gene is reported walking around the house repeating "Le crayon est sur la table" over and over.....

Heino Ripp finally got his ham rig fixed and has put up an antenna. 1st contact was a fellow in OMSK. What a way to start ! Have joined the guys on the net a few times. The computer and newsletter keeps me away from the bars. Still free-lancing as a TD. In June will work on 4 dramatic shows in NY, which are to be done like old time tv - live ! 1st Director will be **George Schaeffer**. Our Penna lake house is being sold. Might relocate 20 or so miles further west of current N.J. residence.

On the Move



Bob Hanna at the March mini lunch said he will be moving to Watsonville, Ca this summer. Bob and his wife were going to visit Peacock South and say goodbyes there also. Let's hope our country lawyer who started Cablevision of N.J. will start a Peacock West.

Mahlon Fox planning a move to the Jersey Shore - Manasquan.



Ken's Korner

By Ken Arber

I was very saddened to learn of the death of my good friend Tony Messuri. We worked together on many tv shows from when he was a stage manager, Ass't Director and Director. Here's one of his entertaining war stories:

The war had ended with Italy, when they surrendered the entire Italian fleet in the Mediterranean, and Tony was assigned by the US Navy to take charge of the crew of an Italian Submarine. His assignment was to see that the sub would be sailed to Bermuda, where it would be used as an underwater target for US Navy fliers and blimps to practice sighting and soft bombing of the sub in the crystal clear waters off Bermuda.

Tony gave orders to the Italian Officers who understood English, to pass them on to the Italian crew members. Once the sub had arrived in Bermuda, Tony asked the Italian officers to form the crew so he could address them.

Tony, never having used Italian aboard, now addressed the crew in perfect fluent Italian. Mouths hung open as the crew realized that Tony had understood everything during the whole trip. He explained he had to this to recognize a mutiny, unsavory plans etc. and had to be careful, for it was wartime. He congratulated the crew for their fine behavior. We who knew Tony's wit and intelligence can appreciate the manner in which he conducted his personal and professional life.

Bruce Berquist, T.D. from Chicago, retired, now living in Pensacola, Fla relates : We were loitering around the WRC parking lot awaiting assignment when Tony grabbed me and said, "Come on, we have a survey to do. " As it turned out, he had scheduled a survey of his favorite neighborhood Bar & Grille and had brought the unit manager along to pay the bill. God bless you Tony, You were one of a kind.

Lee Carlton, another of Tony's good friends told me that he first met Tony while he was attending Fordham University in 1948. Lee was studying drama. Guess who the professor of literature and drama at Fordham was ? Yes it was Tony....

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ON THE MOVE cont'd

Jim Crawford, one time man in BOC, and wife **Kathy** have moved to Ligonier, Pa [arnold palmer's golf course] Kathy owns a store called "Toy Box" and Jim is still involved in cable.

Heard on the ham net: **Joe Kolb** and his wife are taking down the antennas and are preparing to move to Virginia



TRIVIA ANSWERS

to TV and Radio Trivia Questions. If you did not score 100 %, we're sending you back to 30 Rock .

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Lone Ranger
Dragnet
Show Boat
Happiness Boys

Duffeys Tavern
Wagon Train
Man from UNCLE
McCloud
Howdy Doody

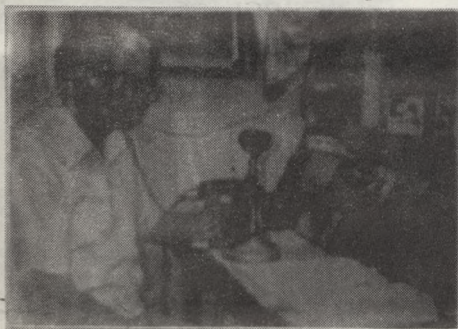
Gene Barry
Clayton Moore
Jack Webb
Charles Winninger
Billy Jones [the other
was Ernie Hare]
Ed Gardner
Ward Bond
Robert Vaughn
Dennis Weaver
Bob Smith

If you have a Trivia question for the next Newsletter, please send it in.

CQ... CQ... CQ... CQ... CQ... CQ...

That's the call that goes out every weekday morning at 10 am, EDT, as NBC retirees with ham licenses get together for a chat on the air waves. TONY ROKOZ, W5RFO, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, is the net controller, and would be happy to hear you sign on. The frequency is 14.242 MHZ and the alternate spot is 14.224 MHZ. If you're not a ham, you

can pick up the conversations on a general purpose receiver. You dont remember Tony ? Few of us do. He was a maintenance supervisor when he left NBC way back in 1959 !



TONY - at the controls of his rig



What you're doing is very important to us. NBC News, the N Y Times, and Newsweek, among others, have a staff of reporters to feed editors the news.

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Am I Covered ?

The computerized world is a marvellous thing but with all the wonderous technological advances; memory chips, main frames, moderns, razzle-dazzle in a lingo many of us cannot fathom out, how does a corporate administration drop a name between the cracks or whatever the wiz kids call it when a name disappears from the rolls ? Maybe - "Byte the dust ?"

That's what happened to one (probably many) NBC retirees when he switched his health coverage from the competent and swift NBC Plan for Health to the GE coverage.

Said retiree phoned the Travelers inquiring about a drug plan. Travelers said, "We cover your doctors' bills, not hospitalization, phone Metropolitan."

Retiree promptly phoned Metropolitan. " We have no record of coverage for you. Try NBC in Van Nuys."

Retiree phoned NBC. "Yes, you're covered through the end of March." Retiree pleads, "But I filled out the forms, sent checks and switched tto the GE Plan in January, 3 months ago."

Reply: Better check with Princeton." Donna Whittington answered, said she'd check it out. Then the retiree put in a call to Arlene Genkin at 30 Rock's Employee Benefits Dept., but she did not have the answer.

Retiree, a bit dismayed, rationalized, How much can I get back on a \$ 20. prescription ? And I only took 3 pills of the 20 in the bottle when I felt better ! "

Two days later, another conversation with RCA/NBC in Princeton. An error had been made, an oversight, but it would all be fixed.

A week later a call to Met confirmed that retiree was indeed on the GE plan... Now, let's all stay well and avoid using any of them !

(Note: Travelers have sent ID cards to retirees covered by their plan but Metropolitan has not. Peacock North has previously noted that GE does not plan to mail ID cards.)

Retirees, please write us re: experiences you've had , and notify Peacock North of any difficulties in the new insurance program..

Are you covered ? ? - You sure ?

Hey Marty ! cont'd

Peacock North ? We make a few calls, listen in on the ham net, and wait for the mail ... from YOU. Every retiree is a source of news for us, so please do your part... let us know how you spend your time ; working, hobbies, travel. Tell us about your vacations, relocations, and avocations, new careers, and any other interesting points .Yes, everyone really wants to know what everyone else is doing. Drop a line to your editor at: 31 Cohawney Rd.

Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583

For those of you who don't have ham radios, these items were heard on the NBC Net:

--- In late Feb. Arthur & Audrey Anderson travelled thru a wall of snow to get to their son's home in Charleston, So. Carolina to welcome grandchild # 5 into the world. Congrats on being grandparents again. Upon hearing this, Tony Rokoz (net controller) came back with the news that he now has 7 grandchildren. (Is this a contest now ?)

John Ward, the traveller from Mexico, now back home in Fla. had quite a surprise waiting. The Nokomos, Fla Local Radio station, informed John that he had won a 3 day vacation at the Tampa Hyatt Hotel. John now has another surprise, who should he take as his guest ? - How about one of those topless ladies from Escondito Beach John ?

Bob Higgins and Ed Taffee travelled up to the Ham Flea Market in Port St. Lucie, Fla, where they met Hank Folkerts and Cliff Paul, Pres. Walt Vetter and fellow hams. Ed is becoming an avid ham and spent some \$ for a Butternut antenna in anticipation of the day he gets his license upgraded.

Ted Seiter of Exuma in the Bahamas has been hoping for rain all winter, at last it arrived. His source of water is derived from roof run off rain. He was off the air the other day- Island power was shut off to connect the lights for the new airport. An hour outage is not unusual, but 7a to 7p was something new. Housewives and Ted were concerned about the fridges & freezers thawing their meats & ice cream. "The pleasures of living in a Tropical Paradise".

A tragic situation was avoided at the NBC Fla. Retirees Luncheon March 14th., when Charlie Kirnard began to choke on some food. Fortunately Ronnie Adams, a skilled paramedic

was seated next to Charlie, immediately applied the Heimlich Maneuver, expelling the obstruction before the ambulance came. For some 30 yrs Ron had been on call serving



accident victims and the like in N.J. and all this time having the Today Show hours.....It's great how the TODAY crew members stick together in thick or thin. Great Job Ronnie and Charlie - stay well.

Jim Kneeland of Cocoa Beach reports that about 14 people attending the March 13-14 Reunion had come down with severe colds. Bob Higgins attributes this mass attack of colds to "all the kissing and hugging" that went on.

Tony Rockosz of Rio Rancho, N. Mexico celebrated the first day of spring with a six inch snowfall. Snow in New Mexico ? Bet Tony & Kitty moved to get away from the white stuff.

Speaking with Sam Roth of Beaumont, Cal. today Mar. 28, I was surprised to learn that he is celebrating his TWENTIETH year of

retirement ! He and wife Mitzy must be in good health, for Sam to be on the air at 6:45 am in California..

Hank Folkerts tells me that Ron Mitchell of Port St. Lucie has recovered so well from his heart by-pass operation a couple months ago, that he passed coming up to our PGA Sheraton mini-meeting Apr 6th. Had to play golf that day. That's what I call a real recovery.

Late March, Jaye & I had the pleasure of having a visit from John & Jane Lough, and their beautiful daughter Pam, a student at Mt. Holyoke Univ. majoring in Aero-Space science. We pleased over old times. John left NBC and went ABC management, retired 6 years ago.

Bill Miller of Pt. Charlotte asked- what becomes of old Radio Engineers? While shopping at a supermarket, he found out. He was surprised to see George Vose as a "Bagger". While wheeling Bill's groceries to the car, Geo quipped - Now you know. Hearing this, Ev Geiger cut in to say- it's a good way to meet little old ladies!

During the winter, Lee and June Carlton's North Hudson home was robbed, and many precious antiques were lost.

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Travelling out of USA? There's no Medicare Coverage



With summer coming up and many retirees taking trips, this info may be of interest. Howie Atlas writes that the 1989 Medicare Handbook states in part :

" Medicare generally can not cannot pay for hospital or medical service outside of the U.S. [Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands are considered part of the US, along with the 50 states and the District of Columbia]. However it can help for care in qualified Canadian or Mexican hospitals, [under certain circumstances]... If you are planning to travel overseas, you, may want to inquire [of your travel agent] about the availability of special short term health insurance for foreign travel. "Also check with GE, RCA or other ins. carrier to determine coverage where Medicare has no coverage .

by Howie Atlas

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Late note for people page

Speaking of travelling, Dan and Pat Grabel will fly to jolly old in June, their 31st Atlantic crossing but then again Pat is a Londoner so it's just "going home".....

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BILL KLAGES, lighting director extraordinaire, and Julie Klages in NYC for TONY Awards. Bill in fm Paris [Eiffel Centennial] plus Amsterdam after giving a prestigious seminar to European Lighting pros. Bill did the "TONY" lighting, Walt Miller directed, Gene Martin & Bill Goetz were cameramen , Ripp TD'd the Jerome Robbins seg with Walt. - H.



New
Members

We're happy to announce more new members. There are 335 now. We're delighted to include NBC'rs from all Departments. Tell your friends. Please Welcome - - -

Asman, Robert W.
Band, Edward A.
Bartnik, Robert
Bascietto, Joseph J.
Camoin, Alfred
Campbell, Blanche L.
De Gennaro, Frances
Dolan, John J.
Drury, Susan
Donahoe, John F.
Egan, William M.
Guarino, Elvira
Harty, John P.
Jacobus, George
Johnson, Larry C.
Kramer, Anna R.
Len, Edwin K.
Maletta, Joseph R.
Neal, Roy [of NASA fame]
Newell, George
O'Gorman, James M.
Fores, Ed
Ranft, Eleanor M.
Salviola, Dominick
Schindler, Max A.
Sobel, Irving
Turner, Paul A.
Wilson, Dave [of snl fame]

New
late
additions :

Wilfred
Howard

Tony
Block

The Real Heros

What a great job we had ! We were doing what we loved. Pretty good money, interesting work, travelling all over the world. We received dozens of Emmys, Peabodys- all sorts of awards and honors. Boy was it terrific !

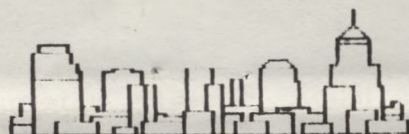
All of the above is true, but there's a bit more. Our Homes were being taken care of, kids grew up, crises were dealt with, life at home continued, plumbing was fixed, grass was cut, walls were painted and so on and on.

The truth is we would not have been able to be Emmy winners, or risen to any greatness, lauded for our accomplishments without an almost forgotten element that went by virtually unnoticed in

our haste to catch the 7am shuttle to Washington or work thru holidays, not realizing it even was one, like missing Christmas.

Let all the men of NBC say thank you for all those years. to those who really deserve our thanks for letting us enjoy our days at NBC so much, our wives. The real heros.

Bob Fraraccio



30 Rock

The Company has opened a health club for staffers on the 8th floor, with membership at a modest \$120 a year, deductible from pay. It's nicely equipped for the "no pain no gain" crowd and there's a mini-laundry to wash the official gym togs.... NBCers who require medical tests are eligible for free service at GF's office hospital in the GF Bldg at Lex and 51st St.... Now that the company has "downsized", employees will attend day and-a-half seminars to learn how to reduce paperwork and meetings.

Silent Microphones

KEN BELL, a veteran NBC Newswriter who had worked in both radio and tv, including assignments on weekend Nightly News, took his own life in mid-May at his home near Woodstock, N.Y. Bell, who was 52 and a father of five, suddenly quit NBC last November under the pressure of personal problems. One fellow worker who had known Ken intimately said "He just could not measure up to his own standards." Bell had been with NBC for more than 25 years.

ED STANLEY, who was a long time executive in Public Affairs programming, died at the age of 86.

SID VASSFI, Associate Director / Director on the Today Show had passed away. No details available.

ED "Budda" WHEATKAKER.. No info available. Sorry to lose an old timer like "Budda". - - -

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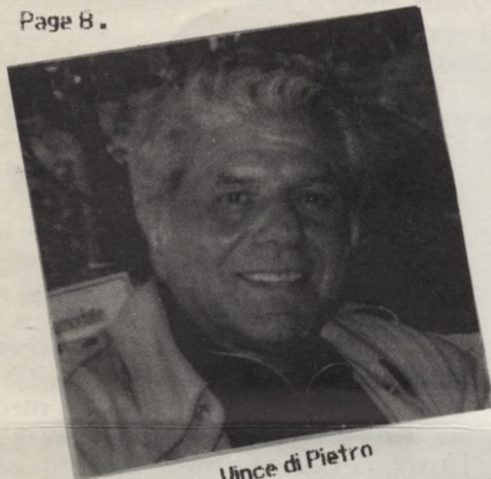
NASA was kind and delayed the 3/13 spectacular shuttle launch for us all to see. The contrails remained for 20 mins.. The early attendees met at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, received their official name tags [that also told the waiters what food you'd have] and at 4pm the party started at the pool. One item that was consumed with gusto was grapes. The next day most fruit cups remained untouched. The Chilean grape problem had been told..What a difference a day makes ! 3/14 the second day. Nothing exciting started this day - It was typical boring March day sunny, warm 80degrees light breeze coming from the blue-green ocean's foamy waves, clear blue sky,- no wonder I came. Today the rest came. Lee Carlton called the lunch to order and told us that he was stepping down as Pres and Walt Vetter would succeed him. Walt introduced Gene Martin, Ed Stolzenberger, Bl Jacobsen, Jerry Cudlipp, 2 ex nbc'ers Roz Bigelow & John Lough fm abc and Willie Dey, IA stage-hand from Bll, fm the audience. Stolzie reminisced about the old days & learning the morse code. He mentioned that he was almost 80 and Charlie Bennis (radio recording-n.y.) was almost 90.

Gene Martin spoke of PN Brunch held in Dec., and other happenings up Nawth...Walt Vetter made his inaugural speech, then made several presentations. Lee Carlton received a plaque with a gavel on it.. Harold Mofsen and Ed Taffe received plaques in recognition of their long service to NBCTV...Gene Martin received a framed pix of him on camera brought in by Clay Ackerson, originating with Sam Roth in Calif. cont'd Page

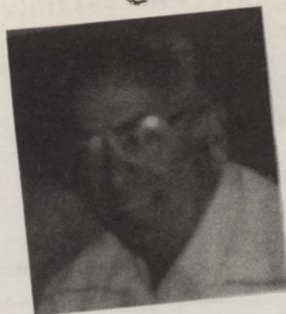
Peacock North Rotogravure

photos from PN's Mini Lunch at Picco Lissimo by Ed Len

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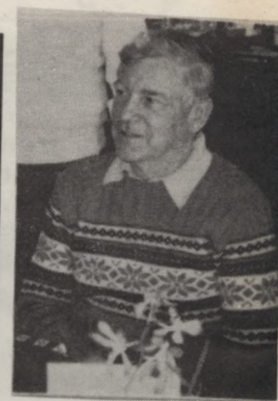
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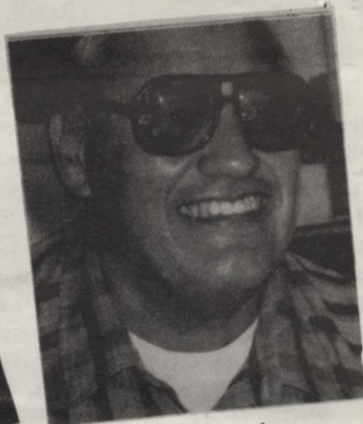
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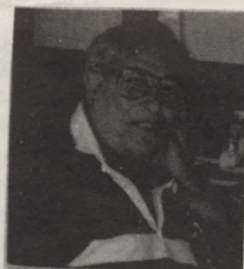
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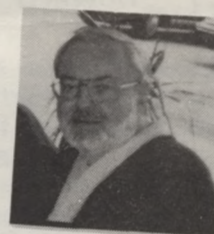
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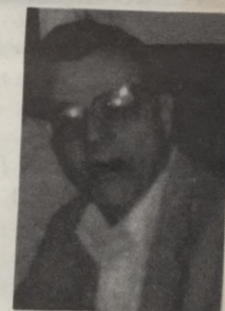
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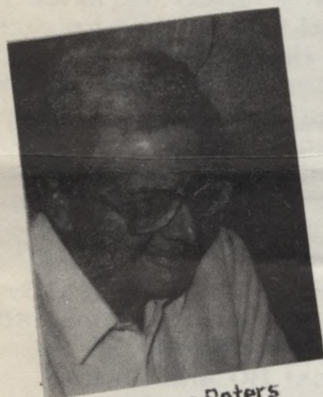
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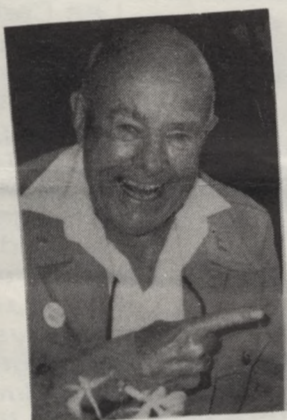
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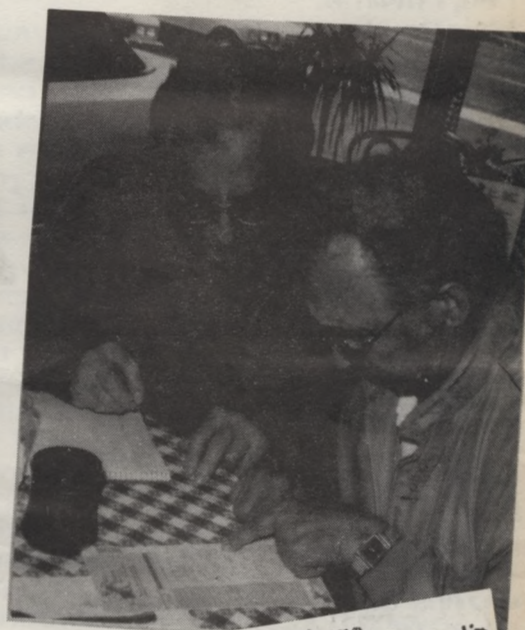
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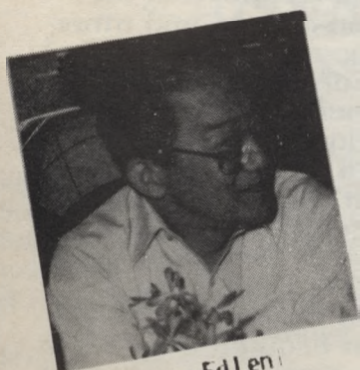
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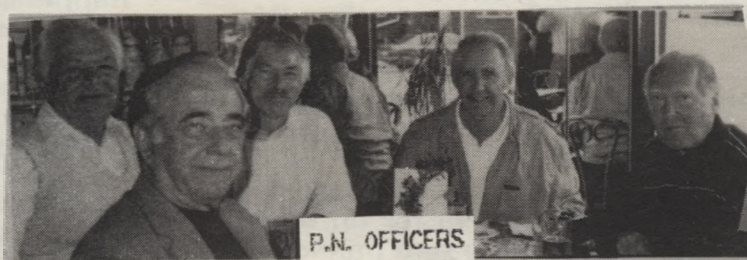
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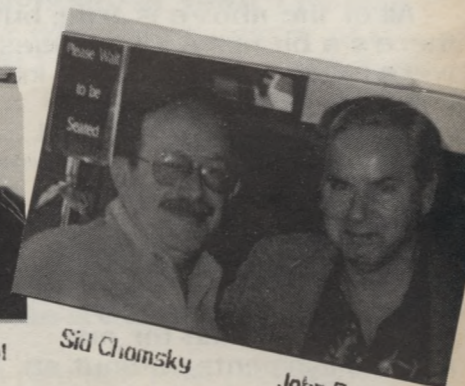
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Sid Chinsky

John Russo

It was announced that John Lough was celebrating his 65th birthday and amidst tremendous applause, a beautiful chocolate birthday cake with candles aglow was brought to John's table. Profoundly, John announced - Now I'm officially on Medicare. Charlie Kirnard, had a close call - read it in Ken's Korner.

A great time was had by all. Why dont ya'all come down next year, heah ?. by Geo Kiyak

A sad note: Pres Walt Vetter, while trying to clear the chute of his lawnmower, unfortunately cut off about an inch of his middle finger on the right hand. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

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PETE PETERSON'S MSG cont'd

"Reporter at Large" from her new home in Tenn. [Peacock Midwest?]

I want to thank Heino Ripp for the magnificent job he is doing with the Newsletter. He spends about 2 weeks putting the pieces together, and many times until 2 or 3 am, sharing the computer with Christina's Travel business. We hope you enjoy the Rotogravure section. Send us your great" action shots".

As always we are looking for volunteers to help with mailings, committee work or to help on our Newsletter, assist in our banquet affairs etc. Please let us know of your availability and expertise.

73's and 88ts, Pete Peterson

P.S. - In Ham talk:

73's = Best regards

88ts= Love and kisses .

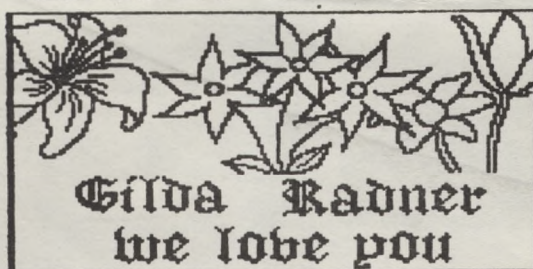
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More people news ...

The Buddy Shadel-s visited their dauhter in San Diego. The occasion was to see their son in law take over the Captain sy of a guided missle destroyer. They had just returned from a cruise on it with the crew's families. Buddy stayed home to play with grandson, while others shopped. While running for a hot grounder, he tripped and broke the femur below the hip joint. Alone, he

managed to drag himself inside. An EMS ride to hospital, an operation, 2 weeks in hosp. Now he has 5 pins and a broken drill holding him together. Now son in law is the Captain, but Buddy missed the ceremony. What to do? After years as grp 6 in tape - What else he'll see it on tape. In next report, we'll get a real life account of the workings of our insurance plans ! Get well fast; next time clear the marbles off the driveway !

Received a note from Art Weider[Nitely News TD ret.] too late for this issue, but ok for next one Art.



Ed Taffee Walt Vetter



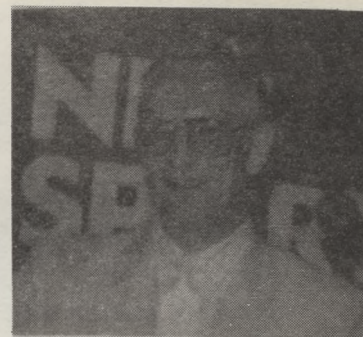
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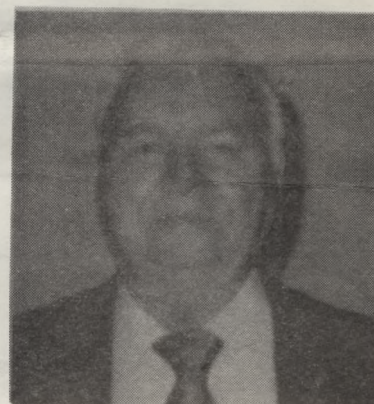
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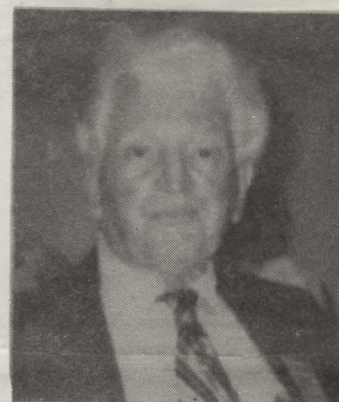
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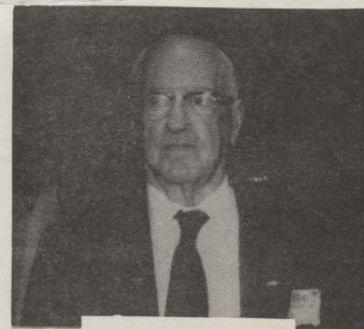
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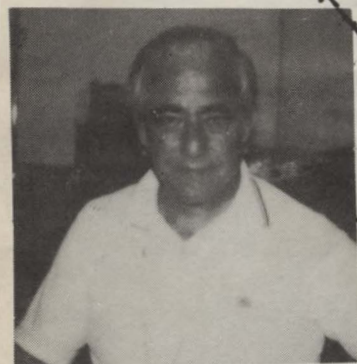
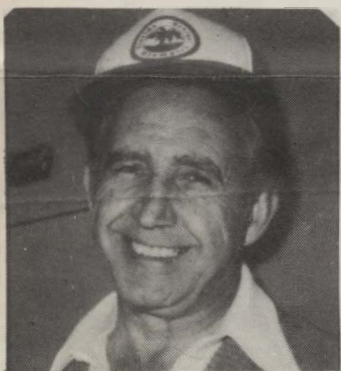
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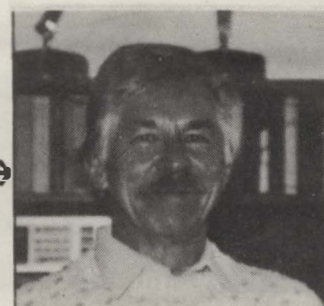
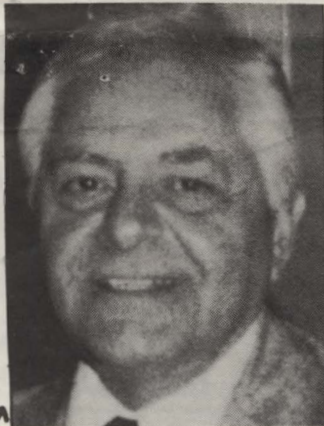
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A Message from Pete Peterson, Sec - Treas -

P.N. membership continues to grow as we approach our 2nd anniversary, Aug 12. We are over 335 members. Regular inquiries are received from "long lost persons" who ask about our group, and are pleased when they join PN with us. PN's get togethers, Mini and Maxi lunches and our Holiday time banquet affairs have all been well attended. For those of you who haven't participated, set aside a date to attend and share time with friends. It's NOT business, but 3 F's. Just Fun, Friendship, & Food.-

[plus a few extra calories]

We wish to thank Mary Rothschild, Vic Garvey, Mike Sherlock and our own Peter Tittle, who coordinated NBC facilities & tour tickets to help make our Maxi Lunch a great success. More than 100 attended. [see Pge 1 article].

We will miss Marian Fiskamp from our New Jersey area as she moves to Tennessee in June. Marian was very helpful and cooperative whenever called upon and produced articles for the Newsletter instantly. She promises to be a

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