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Live From Washington, D.C.: It's Saturday Night!

Just a reminder that the 100th Anniversary Gala banquet will be held Saturday night, Nov. 21, at the Georgetown University Hotel & Conference Center in Washington, D.C. And be sure to reserve time Nov. 20 for the welcoming cocktail party and a full day of events Saturday, including a Silent Auction with many surprises. Watch for more information, but mark your calendar TODAY for Nov. 20-21.



The Rochester Hamfest

The Radio Club of America booth at the 75th Rochester Hamfest (Rochester, N.Y.) held May 30 was a resounding success. The booth was set up in the club booth building and was centered between the ARRL and the Antique Wireless Association. The booth was primarily manned by myself with some help from Ed Gable, K2MP. We signed up one new member, and several others showed interest and took materials and applications. There was much interest in getting the upcoming DVD of the Club's historical publications and in getting young people interested in RF. Also, the AWA invited us to exhibit at its three-day convention set for Aug. 20-23 in Rochester.



-Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ, Director

Florida College Fetes Manny Alvarez



Manny Alvarez (*center*) admires his "Hall of Fame" award, flanked by Hellen Aguirre Ferre, chairperson of the event, and Dr. Eduardo Padron, president of Miami Dade College.

Each year, Miami Dade College (MDC) in Florida honors "its best, brightest and most successful alumni" by gathering to celebrate and induct a new "Alumni Hall of Fame" class. This year, Manny Alvarez Sr. (F), CEO of Beam Radio Inc., was presented with the "Technology" Hall of Fame Award.

According to the college, its Hall of Fame Awards are the highest honors bestowed by the college to its alumni. "This exceptional group of individuals is chosen from a broad range of industries as honorees are among the nation's premier impresarios, public servants, artists and community leaders," it adds. "Hall of Fame inductees are recognized for the positive impact on their profession, the community and the college."

Donate Your Old Equipment

The Education Committee officially is ready to receive donated radio equipment into its established system. Donated equipment will be sent to a facility owned by a member of the Committee who then will inspect and repair the donation; if needed. Schools or youth groups that have been carefully screened and that are in need of ham or other electronic equipment will then have the donated material sent to them.

For more information about donations and where to send them, or if you know of a worthy school or organization in need of equipment, please contact Carole Perry at WB2MGP@ix.netcom.com or at 718/668-9347.



Thank You, Richard Somers!

According to Carole Perry, co-chair of the Club's Education Committee, the Richard G. Somers Youth Scholarship Fund has been established to encourage and support educational, technical, ham radio and related activities of youngsters up to and including 12th year of school. According to Somers, bringing the Somers Youth Scholarship Fund up to \$100,000 is in recognition of the Radio Club's 100th anniversary, and he now encourages others to contribute to this fund because its sole purpose is to assist young people in expanding their studies and interest in wireless communications.

"This has long been a dream of Richard's," she says. "He and I have worked on several projects during the years to introduce technology/ham radio programs into the schools across the nation. Now, with the formation of the RCA Education Committee that is committed to supporting technical-educational activities for youth in grades 1-12, Richard's generous scholarship fund will play a key role in the realization of these goals."

In addition, a contribution of \$8,200 from the remaining treasury of the former National Mobile Radio Association is part of that new fund. Says Somers, "That contribution was not only requested by me as its founding and last president, but also Rich Reichler's dad, Jack Reichler, who among others assisted me in forming that association back in 1974 and remained one of its directors until it disbanded. Many other RCA members were either members or financial contributors to that association, which was active in lobbying the FCC and Congress in support of community repeater and SMR operators' interests."



Passings

Gene Parkinson, a member of the Radio Club of America since 1983 and Fellow since 1990, passed away June 7. Gene was a long-time member of our industry and a very good friend. He opened Parkinson TV in 1955, and it grew to become Parkinson Electronics. In 1973, Gene dropped the retail section of the business, and it quickly became a large mobile-communications business. Gene's company funded the radio program "Just for Today" on KLVT radio for many years.

Gene also was a member of the Noon Lions Club, the Exchange Club and the Noon Rotary Club. In addition, he was a Goldcoat and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. He, along with Geneva, received a number of awards, including "Citizen of the Year" for Levelland and, most recently, the Lions Club "Dale Albright Award."

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, TX 79490. To leave online condolences, please visit http://lubbockonline.com/stories/060909/obi_448905889.shtml

Petitions are due by July 1

This is just a reminder to submit all nomination forms for officers and directors to the Secretary by July 1. Also all signed petitions for the officers and directors positions need to be received by the Secretary by July 1.

Treasurers Position Open

The Nominations and Election Committee has been advised by the Club's treasurer, Roger D Madden, that he will not be running for re-election this year. If there are any members interested in running for the position, please fill out the Officer-Director Proposal Form (on the RCA website) and submit by July 1. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Please let me know if you have any news, comments or questions for the next issue.

Do you know someone who isn't yet a member of the Radio Club of America? Click [here](#) for more information..

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