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# NEWS BULLETIN

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## L.A. CINEMA ANNUAL AWARDS

On January 23, Los Angeles Cinema Club held its annual Awards Luncheon at Taix French Country restaurant where three of its members were recognized for their videos. First place was awarded to producers **Walt & Pamela Gilmore** for their video titled, "Peggy's Cove". Second place was posthumously awarded to **Stan Whitsitt** for his video, "Willie Gets A Nose Job".

Third place was awarded to **Bob Smith** for his video, "Bob Smith: The Early Years". Pictured, being presented the Harold Burke Memorial perpetual award, are Walt and Pamela (*on left*) along with Contest Chairperson, **Frank Pettinato**. This perpetual trophy is presented to the



First Place recipients for them to proudly display for one year.

Additionally, certificates of Honorable Mention were awarded to **Lisa Done** for "Venezia" and **Jim Beach** for "Dad's Silver Cane". Not present was **Manny Sanchez** for "Welcome To Solvang".

During the luncheon, members and their guests enjoyed entertainment by the musical talents of **Paul Hansen** and the golden voice of **Pete RenouDET**. A final bit of entertainment was two amusing poems read by **Pamela Gilmore**.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**WALT GILMORE**

The annual banquet is now history and, in spite of our recent spate of membership losses, we had a good crowd; 43 people seven less than our usual 50. For those who missed it we were very efficient this year. **Frank Pettinato** emceed the proceedings beautifully and presented the awards (as Contest Chair) while his wife **Dara** took photos. The entertainment consisted of a couple of fun songs by **Paul Hansen**, including a sing-a-long; three songs by **Pete Renoudet** and two of **Pamela's** witty poems. Thanks to them all for a job well done.

We eliminated the raffle this year but had a bit of fun with the streamlined White Elephant Draw. This was accomplished by having the "elephants" carried around to the guests in three baskets. Pamela registered a less than enthusiastic opinion of her draw to a friend only to discover that she had donated it! (They are still friends.) The friend actually got a white elephant as her draw! (Now that's the kind of creativity we want to see in videos this year.) I want to thank **Frank, Pamela** and treasurer **Richard Mottern** (reservations) for all their help in preparing the banquet and of course **Nad-**

**ine Russek** and her daughter **Carol Corral** for being our greeters at the door. Only the three winning videos were shown at the banquet but the other entries will be shown later in the year at regular meetings. Many good reviews were given by the attendees and I think we might gain a new member from his attending the event.

A new twist this year was the giving out of parting gifts to all of the guests as they left... Aren't you sorry you didn't make it?

Now that we are in the New Year I hope you are all thinking of video ideas for the March contest. We need a lot more activity to make up for our recently lost members.

And speaking of the New Year – have you sent in your dues for 2011 yet? Only \$25.00 a person or \$30 for a family membership—what a deal! See you at the meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> .

Reach Walt at (818) 842-3820 or email [gilko.burbank@gmail.com](mailto:gilko.burbank@gmail.com)

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*"I think cinema, movies, and magic have always been closely associated. The very earliest people who made film were magicians."*

**Francis Ford Coppola**



**NEXT VIDEO CONTEST**

**FRANK J. PETTINATO  
CONTEST CHAIRPERSON**

We have our first contest coming up in March, so start working on your new project now. It can be on any subject. The contest rules are on our web site in case you need a refresher.

Since this month is February, how about something from the heart. This is a broad enough subject that with a little imagination, I'm sure you can come up with a 3 to 5 minute video for the contest. If you start now, it will give you almost two full months to develop something. You can even make a video about what you did for your favorite valentine.

Although the front page recognized the top three award recipients for our Annual Video Contest as well as those who received an Honorable Mention, I wanted to acknowledge all of our entrants.

Listed, in no particular order are the titles and producers of the other videos submitted. These will be screened during our regular meetings throughout the upcoming year.

*The Big Mistake* - Producer **Gwen Alexis**

*Business As Usual* - Producers **Pamela & Walt Gilmore**

*Michael Gets His Badge* - **Frank J. Pettinato.**

If, at any time a contest entrant is interested in his or her individual score, they are encouraged to contact either **Walt Gilmore** or me. We would be happy to discuss in more detail, the evaluations and comments made by our judging panel.

*Have You Paid  
Your 2011 Dues?*

**Individual .....\$25**

**Family .....\$30**

*Membership benefits:*

- One year membership.
- Eligibility to enter contests.
- 12 issues of our News Bulletin.
- Monthly meetings and workshops.

**WHO SAID:** "A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous."

**ANSWER:** *Ingrid Bergman*



**THANK YOU  
BANQUET COMMITTEE**

For every successful event, there are the “all important behind-the-scenes individuals” who make it happen. Such is the case for this year’s Annual Awards Luncheon.

Key to January’s event were the banquet architects, **Pamela and Walt Gilmore** (our Vice President and President, respectively). With their customary panache, the Gilmores fielded the details from start to finish, including providing the printed program (prepared by Walt) and lovely center pieces, as well as orchestrating the White Elephant gift exchange. Pamela delivered the final adieu: each guest received a parting gift of a potted plant or package of chocolate chip cookies.

Treasurer **Richard Mottern** laudably handled reservations, though he was unable to attend due to a previous obligation.

Welcome and check-in were warmly provided by our Parliamentarian, **Nadine Russek** (pictured on right), and her daughter, Carol Corral.



A tip of the hat goes to the **Taix’s waite staff**, who were most attentive and accommodating, serving an enjoyable meal.



Last but not least, a great big hug and kiss to our Web Master and my wife, **Dara Pettinato**, who not only took all of the still photos for me, but pitched in and helped with the odds and ends where needed.

 Additional photos of our luncheon may be seen on our [Yahoo Users Group Photo Album](#) page. If you haven’t [joined](#), now would be the time and reason to do so.

**YAHOO!**

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**“A good film is when the price of the dinner, the theatre admission and the babysitter were worth it.”**

**Alfred Hitchcock**



**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN**  
**Paul Hansen**

For **February's** program, we will be showing videos by Stan Whitistt our News Bulletin editor who passed away in December.

As we glide into programs for 2011, I can't help but think of the members we lost in the past year and the questions I didn't take the time to ask them. Now I will never know the answers. So... this might be the perfect time to consider "Memory Videos" or "Heritage Videos". They don't have to be complicated or long. Perhaps you could ask a friend or loved one, "What is a favorite memory of yours that isn't written down anywhere?" — "Can you describe what dinner was like with your family when you were a child?" — "Is there a day in your life you would like to re-live?" You can probably think of some better questions than these. Perhaps you could ask one question to three or four people. Maybe bring a video camera to one of our meetings and ask questions to some of our club members. Hey! You can ask me anything you like! It IS 2011! Now is the perfect time to let our imaginations soar! Life is like a roll of toilet paper: the closer you get to the end, the faster it spins!! Be ready to show them in April.

**March** is our first video contest and we will be showing video entered for that contest.

As always, if you have program suggestions you can always approach me at meetings, call me or send me an email.

I may be reached at (323) 663-5413 or send me an email at [paul\\_hansen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul_hansen@sbcglobal.net).

**L.A. CINEMA POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

With the appointment of Frank Pettinato as Editor of our News Bulletin, we need someone to assume the position of the **Contest Chair**. If you are interested, please contact our President Walt Gilmore at (818) 842-3820 or email him at [gilko.burbank@gmail.com](mailto:gilko.burbank@gmail.com).

Also, Leosia Shirley, our '**Sunshine**' lady is no longer able to handle the position. If you are interested, please contact President Walt Gilmore for details. He may be reached at (818) 842-3820 or email him at [gilko.burbank@gmail.com](mailto:gilko.burbank@gmail.com).



*"I often sit back and think, I wish I'd done that, and find out later that I already have."*

**Richard Harris**

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After the laughter settled down from Pamela's poems, the White Elephant gift exchange took place. One person's "Elephant" became another's treasure. You had to be there to see it.

The final event was the screening of the three top videos for 2010. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all and what a great way to start off the Club's 80th year!

I would also like to recognize and extend a special thank you to my brother Robert Pettinato for helping make the award plaques presented to our First and Third place award recipients. His knowledge and wood working skills saved us a considerable amount of money in our ability to award plaques for 2010.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There is always a continuing need for volunteers to provide refreshments at the Club meetings. If you wish to contribute food or volunteer, call **Joyce Smith** at (818) 848-7293.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If you have changed your mailing address, email address or other information, please let us know so that we may keep our records up to date.



### **EDITOR'S DESK** **Frank J. Pettinato**

As a reader of very few newspapers and now having the responsibility of being the editor of a monthly periodical, I am wondering how much of a printed publication is really read.

With this in mind, I am proposing that our Bulletin be sent by email. Most other clubs send their news letters by email and I think we should also. Of course since not all of our present members have email, I would continue to send them a Bulletin by U.S. Mail. In fact this Bulletin is going to be sent both ways as a test and most likely will be the last one you receive in the mail.

In preparing for this edition of our Bulletin, my thoughts have turned to making our News Bulletin not only entertaining but informative as well. So how about you budding writers consider submitting an article for our bulletin.

Remember past issues of our News Bulletins are available on our website.

I may be reached at (310) 893-4250 or email me at [lacc.edit@gmail.com](mailto:lacc.edit@gmail.com).

***I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.***

**Author Unknown**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2011

### MONTHLY MEETING DATES\*

January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:00 Noon**
<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 pm Contest
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 pm Contest
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm Contest
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm Annual Contest Submissions
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	None
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm Nov./Dec. combined meeting

\* Monthly meetings are held in the Social Hall of the Little White Chapel at 1711 N. Avon St., Burbank, Ca. Parking is located adjacent to the chapel on the west side across the alley.

\*\*23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon at Taix French Restaurant—1911 Sunset Boulevard, L.A. Reservations Required

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS\*

<b>February 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b> Pamela & Walt Gilmore's Residence 345 S. Sparks St. Burbank, CA. 91506
<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

\*Board of Governors' meetings are held on the first Monday of the scheduled month. Locations vary, therefore they are not published in advance.

### WORKSHOPS



Dates, Times and locations to be announced.

*"The Lord gave us two ends - one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most."*

Ann Landers

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2011**

President.....	Walt Gilmore	Membership.....	Myke Muller
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