

Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Newsletter



NEW PIONEER BOARD MEMBERS

Officers: Dave White-IBP President. Dale Ogden Vice President, Reid Duffy Secretary, Patty Spitler Membership Bob Smith Newsletter.

Board Members: Barry Allen, Jim Culberston, Lee Giles.

New Board Members:



Pat Carlini: Pat joined WTHR-TV 13 in 1988 as a weathercaster, later becoming the long-time anchor on Channel 13 Eyewitness News Sunrise and Eyewitness News at Noon. Along with her TV duties, Pat was a member of the morning radio team on the top-rated, nationally syndicated Bob and Tom Show on WFBQ-Q95. Pat also served as a Speaker for the 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee.



Tina Cosby: Emmy Award winning journalist who has been an anchor, reporter, producer, Public Affairs talk show host and Community Affairs Director at WISH-TV Indianapolis. Tina has received honors and recognition from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, The National Association of Black Journalists, The Angel Awards For Community Service Programming, the Indiana Broadcaster*s Association for Journalistic Excellence, Community Affairs Programming, and the Society of Professional Journalists.



Bill Shirk: With his parents help, Bill Shirk bought a radio station, WERK in Muncie, Indiana. After a year as a Janitor he became a D.J. By 1968 he was station manager, sales manager, program director and production manager while still doing a D.J show on weekends. He now owns 12 radio stations in Hawaii and does mornings on the oldies station in Honolulu.



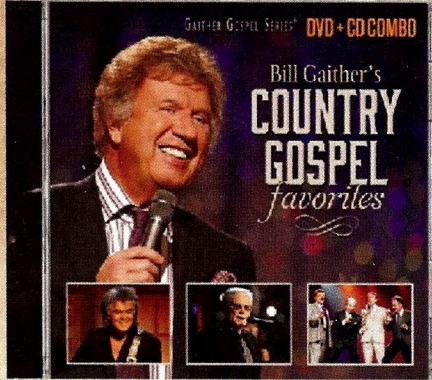
Patty Spitler: Patty Spitler Emmy Award-winner, has had a 42-year career in radio and TV. Patty came to WISH TV in 1982 to co-host "Indianapolis Afternoon" with Dick Wolfsie, later becoming a noon news anchor. She then joined "Pet Pals" airing on WISH-TV and 23 stations nationwide. She is now hosts and produces "Great Day TV" on WISH-TV



John Stehr started his broadcast career at WJET-TV in Erie, PA. before moving to WSEE-TV, in Erie as anchor of the 6 pm and 11 pm News. Next, was WOTV/WOOD TV in Grand Rapids, Michigan, WISH-TV in Indianapolis, and KUTV in Salt Lake City, Utah. He then anchored the business news for CNBC's *The Money Wheel* . He then became a correspondent at CBS News. primarily on *CBS This Morning*. He also anchored the *CBS Morning News*. Before becoming main anchor of WTHR's newscasts.



From hometown Alexandria, Indiana, Bill and Gloria Gaither have created a far-reaching gospel music dynasty.



Their collaborations have resulted in more than 700 popular gospel songs. Collectively they have won 8 Grammy Awards and more than 20 Dove Awards. The televised Gaither Gospel Hour and Gaither Family Music Hour shows have reached millions of viewers.

Bill Gaither is one of the central figures of 20th century Christian music, a singer and songwriter who originally gained attention as part of the Bill Gaither Trio in the early '70's and became famous in the '90's thanks in large part to Gaither Homecoming, a series of home videos and records that showcased Southern gospel stars.

Gaither has written hundreds of gospel songs, including the popular "He Touched Me", a song eventually recorded by Elvis Presley. He has released dozens of albums.

Early on, he formed the Bill Gaither Trio With his siblings Danny and Mary Ann, while attending Indiana's Anderson University in 1956.

Three years later, he graduated and started working as an English teacher, marrying Gloria Sickal in 1962. The next year, he wrote "He Touched Me" a song which caught the ear of Elvis Presley, who recorded it in 1971. From that point, Gaither's star was on the rise. For a while, he attempted to navigate teaching and his musical career, but he eventually dedicated himself to music.

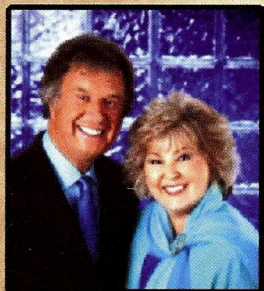
Another breakthrough arrived when the group released "Let's Just Praise the Lord", which won the Grammy for Best Inspirational Performance in 1974.

Two years later, the group took home the same award for Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You. The Bill Gaither Trio would also be inducted to the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 1999. During that decade, Gaither's main focus was the Gaither Vocal Band that racked up no less than 17 Dove Awards, along with Grammy's. Gaither's next big project arrived in 1991, when the Gaither Vocal Band recorded an album called Homecoming, featuring several other stars in Southern gospel. Somebody had the foresight to record these guests and the Gaither Vocal Band trading stories and songs, and this footage was released as Homecoming. It turned into a smash hit and,

soon, Gaither had the formula for "Homecoming".

Bring in some old stars, some new stars, some emerging artists, and have them all talk and sing on camera. By 1996, the Gaither Homecoming was so successful it spawned a regular concert tour. Later, these live performances could be found on cruises, and the home videos were edited into syndicated television shows.

Bill and Gloria remain in Alexandria, Indiana. They were inducted into the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame in 2008.



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