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## **Broadcasting Legends Bill Austin, Patti Kirkpatrick, and "Tim & Willy" to be honored at 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Broadcasters Hall of Fame Luncheon**

***Oct. 13 Luncheon Benefits AZ AMBER Alert and Provides Broadcasting Scholarships***

PHOENIX, July 26, 2011 - The Arizona Broadcasters Association (ABA) Foundation will honor the late, legendary 99.9 KEZ morning radio host **Bill Austin**, the talented KTVK-Channel 3 anchor **Patti Kirkpatrick**, and the popular KMLE Country 108 "Tim & Willy" morning show hosts, **Tim Hattrick and Willy D. Loon**, at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Broadcasters Hall of Fame luncheon on Thurs., Oct. 13. The event takes place from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Talking Stick Resort, 9800 E. Indian Bend Rd., in Scottsdale. Seating is \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. To register and for more information visit [azbroadcasters.org](http://azbroadcasters.org) or call 602-252-4833. Sponsorship packages are also available.

Art Brooks, ABA's president and CEO, said that the Hall of Fame luncheon provides a unique opportunity for broadcasting professionals to come together, network, and most importantly, honor their peers.

"When J.D. Freeman, Ron Bergamo, Norm Ginsburg and I met to discuss the first Hall of Fame celebration 22 years ago, we envisioned an event that honored inductees for their great spirit in keeping the heritage of free over-the-air broadcasting alive in Arizona. Bill, Patti, Tim and Willy have devoted decades to doing just that. We're thrilled to honor them this year, and we hope broadcasters, journalists, advertisers and fans will pack the ballroom to show their support," he said.

Brooks also credits presenting sponsor Casino Arizona Talking Stick Resort with providing a beautiful venue for the luncheon.

"We are grateful to Casino Arizona for their very generous contribution to our event," he said.

### **About Bill Austin**

Bill Austin's legacy lives on in the memories of his loyal listeners. Born in Roswell, New Mexico, he worked briefly in radio there before moving into television. He worked in Texas, Wisconsin, and Los Angeles before landing a position with KPNX-Channel 12 in 1985. In 1990, after a guest appearance with Beth McDonald during her morning show on 99.9 KEZ, he was asked to join the show. "The Beth and Bill Show" found its audience and its two hosts found a deep and enduring professional and personal relationship that lasted for 20 years. At age 55, Austin passed away from a year-long battle with bladder cancer on June 2, 2010 at 10 a.m., the same time he signed off the air daily on 99.9 KEZ.

### **About Patti Kirkpatrick**

Patti Kirkpatrick, who co-anchored the first all-female news anchor team in Phoenix, is currently the "Good Evening Arizona" anchor for KTVK-Channel 3. A veteran journalist with more than 32 years experience in television news, she has worked both behind and in front of the camera. Since coming to Phoenix in 1985, she has become one of the most watched and respected newscasters in Arizona. From televised Town Halls to award-winning documentaries, Kirkpatrick has worked as a reporter and producer as well as a news anchor. For six years, she worked as a primary weeknight co-anchor at KPNX-TV before moving to News Channel 3 in August 1991.

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**About Tim & Willy**

Tim Hattrick and Willy D. Loon met in 1988 at a mutual friends' dinner party. Soon after, they were best friends and golfing buddies who made a life changing, "19<sup>th</sup> Hole" career pact: to go *anywhere* to build a better radio show. They landed at KRQ, Tucson's legendary hit music station, and before long, they had *Grabbed a Hump* and were *Hangin' On!* as the popular "Tim & Willy" morning show disc jockeys at KMLE Country 108 in Phoenix. More than 20 years later, they are still entertaining listeners with their hilarious stories and songs, and raising much-needed funds for disadvantaged kids through their official charity, "The Tim & Willy Kid's FunDation."

**About the Arizona Broadcasters Association**

The Arizona Broadcasters Association (ABA) is a non-profit trade association serving all radio and television broadcast stations in Arizona. The ABA Foundation Broadcasters Hall of Fame was established in 1990 and became a part of the ABA Foundation, a 501(c) 3 charitable corporation, in 2005. Funds donated to the ABA Foundation are tax deductible as a charitable contribution and support scholarship programs at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communication and Northern Arizona University's School of Communications. In addition, funding supports such programs as AZ AMBER Alert, Summer High School Broadcast Institute at ASU and the Native American High School workshop at NAU. For more information on the ABA, visit [www.azbroadcasters.org](http://www.azbroadcasters.org).

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