



Arizona Broadcasters Association Foundation



## 22<sup>ND</sup> Annual Broadcasters Hall of Fame Luncheon Thursday, October 13, 2011



### **BILL AUSTIN**

Bill Austin was born in Roswell, New Mexico shortly after the aliens arrived. Contrary to local yore, he was not on the spaceship with them.

His broadcasting career began in the basement of his home where he performed his own version of The Tonight Show, starring his late night hero, Johnny Carson.

Bill started his professional career in radio in New Mexico, but his boyish good looks and rapid-fire wit caught the attention of local television executives. Soon, he was on his way, moving from New Mexico to Texas, then Wisconsin...then the bright lights of Los Angeles called. After breaking the hearts of several women there he decided it was in his best interest to leave and landed in Phoenix.

He started with KPNX Channel 12 in 1985, and in 1990, after appearing on a local morning radio show as a guest he was asked to join the show, appearing with a young blonde woman whose hair was still its natural color.

The Beth and Bill show found an audience and its two hosts found a deep and enduring professional and personal relationship that lasted for 20 years.

In 2009, Bill was diagnosed with cancer and he passed away on June 2, 2010 at 10 am, the same time he signed off the air daily on 99.9 KEZ. He was only 55, and his death has left a void in morning radio, but his legacy lives on in the memories of those who listened to him...and those who loved him. His intelligence and curiosity about the world was a source of inspiration for every show. His sense of humor was unparalleled. Bill was unique. He can never be replaced.



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### **PATTI KIRKPATRICK**

Patti Kirkpatrick, who co-anchored the first all-female news anchor team in Phoenix, is currently the "Good Evening Arizona" anchor for 3TV.

Kirkpatrick is a veteran journalist with 32 years of 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.

Kirkpatrick came to Phoenix in 1985 from Louisville, Kentucky, where she was the executive producer and anchor of the news at noon and 6 p.m. on WAVE-TV for three and a half years. Prior to that, she worked as an anchor and reporter for the Montana Television Network in Great Falls, Montana, and at KTTC-TV in Rochester, Minnesota.

Born in Carmel, California, Kirkpatrick graduated from Principia College in St. Louis with a degree in journalism.



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### Tim Hattrick & Willy D Loon

Tim and Willy's Radio Adventures began in 1988 when they met 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: "We'll go anywhere to build a better radio show!"

"Anywhere" turned out to be KRQ- Tucson Arizona's legendary hit music station. Before long they had *Grabbed A Hump* and were *Hangin'*

*On!* at the greatest country station in the world- **KMLE Country 108** in Phoenix! More than 20 years later they're still wakin' & entertaining KMLE listeners with their hilarious stories and songs, proving time really does fly when you're having fun!

In the decade since they created their official charity **The Tim and Willy Kid's FunDation** has raised nearly one million dollars for disadvantaged kids in the Valley. The biggest and best way to catch Tim and Willy Magic is to get your hands on one of the hottest tickets in town: to **The Tim and Willy Christmas Breakfast Show at Night!** Each December the duo performs, on stage before a sold out crowd, a live radio variety show with music, skits, comedy, surprise star cameos and superstar musical artists. It's like *A Prairie Home Companion* meets *Saturday Night Live* with a Tim and Willy twist! This December marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show.

#### Tim Hattrick

Born in Phoenix, AZ  
Married to Connie with 5 kids  
Scottsdale High School  
Northern Arizona University  
Also a High School Softball Coach

#### Willy D Loon

Born in Danville, IL  
Married to Caryn with 3 kids and 2 grand kids  
Danville High School  
Illinois State University  
Available for hire as a Wedding Singer

#### Careers

Sun Sounds Radio Reading Service  
KNAU, KKFR Flagstaff  
KDKB, KZZP, KKFR, KOY, Y95- Phoenix  
Worked with Bill Heywood (KOY)  
and Glenn Beck (Y95)  
Sang a duet with Wynonna

Professional Musician  
Song Writer  
KZZP- Phoenix  
Regular on the Jonathan Brandmeier Show  
Sax Player for Johnny & The Leisure Suits Band  
Played guitar and sang with Keith Urban

#### Together

Y95, KRQQ (Tucson), KMLE Country 108, KNIX, KICKS COUNTRY (Chicago)  
KTVK-3TV's Good Morning Arizona  
2 time Academy of Country Music Major Market Personalities of the Year  
Rocky Mountain Emmy Award s  
2011 Inductees to the Arizona Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.  
More than 150 friends each on FaceBook