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Lee Hammer says, "Yes!"

Gerry Stratford

He's produced and engineered radio broadcasts for the Bay Area's sports teams for more than 30 years. He spent four years traveling with the SF Giants from 2002-2006. He spent six years with the SF 49ers from 2005-2010, seven years with the Oakland Raiders from 1998-2004 and 20 years with Stanford Football from 1986-2005.

He worked the World Series in 2002 with the Giants, (we'll try to forget about that one!). He was with the Raiders in their Super Bowl vs Tampa Bay in 2002, and was with Stanford in several Bowl games.

As a radio program director for KNBR and KTCT for the last 19 years, Hammer is known for a leadership style not averse to saying, "No," to the foolish and misguided. But, he said, "Yes!" to Mr. Burke when Andy asked him to be our Spring Dinner Speaker.

Lee Hammer is a local boy, raised in Campbell. He was the Valedictorian at Del Mar High (1976) and attained a BA in Radio & TV Broadcasting (bet you didn't know that there was such a major) from San Jose State. An avid golfer himself, his sons are also into sports. All three were baseball players (and pitchers) at San Mateo High School, and all were first team All-League. His oldest, stepson Reed, pitched for Vanderbilt University. His middle son Kyle followed in Lee's radio footsteps and is in his eighth year as the radio producer and engineer for the Minnesota Twins. His youngest son Ryan was on his way to becoming a PGA professional before deciding to go into sales to make more money. So Lee is not merely a spectator when it comes to sports, but his credentials as an editor and producer of sports radio are truly awesome.

Lee first got into radio management during his college days at San Jose State, serving as the Sports Director for the school's KSJS Radio, then working for two years as the station's General Manager.

After graduation he worked at San Jose's now defunct News-Talk station, KXXR. He then went to work as a sports writer and Gene Nelson's producer at KSFO in San Francisco. After two years, he was recruited by KCBS and was a news editor there for 14 years. In 1998, the call came from KNBR 1050, and he's been working for both KNBR 680 and KNBR 1050 ever since.

This past December, he was named as the Operations Manager of all four Cumulus AM stations in the Bay Area, including KGO and KSFO.

For the last three years, Lee has been listed by Radio Ink magazine as one of the top 20 Program Directors in America.



Despite this big picture, as Operations Manager and Program Director for KNBR, Lee was intimately involved and responsible for 178 Giants broadcasts last year, 20 49ers broadcasts, more than 100 Warriors broadcasts and live broadcast of a World Championship parade.

Is radio still viable in this age of cell phones and 60-inch television sets? Lee Hammer says, "Yes!"

It's LeTourneau's Turn

By Gerry Stratford

OTA President for 2016, John LeTourneau is no stranger to organizing a bunch of athletes. John has spent 38 years with the San Francisco Park and Recreation De-



partment overseeing the myriad of athletic facilities in our fair City. His supervision of the various sports leagues on basketball courts, soccer fields and tennis courts has kept him in contact with the games he played and loved as a youngster and the lifelong friendships such devotion has formed.

John played High School basketball at Washington, and later played in the City's Adult League, so he is more than familiar with the various high school gymnasiums that San Francisco has to offer.

His wife, Dotti, is a teacher; first at Star of the Sea, and then she served as Vice Principal at Mercy. Their daughters were also active athletes; one played soccer at Mills and another played Softball at SI.

A ten-year member of the OTA, John's basketball background coincides perfectly with our excitement during the forthcoming Warrior Year, and the decision to bring their stadium back home. Ask him about his memories, he has wonderful stories to tell.

TROUBLE GETTING TO OTA DINNER MEETINGS?

At the February 12th Board meeting, the Directors discussed the problem of lowered attendance at our semi-annual dinner meetings. One of the points discussed was the problem of many members being unable to drive at night. It was felt if we could set up a system that would allow those members with that problem, to contact the OTA, we could see if we could find a member that lived near that person and would be willing to pick them up and bring them to the meeting and back home.

Membership Chair, Mike Maffei (650/588-2614) volunteered to handle these calls and see if we could make it work? To start with, we would appreciate those members who would be willing to pick up other members who live

near them, would call Mike and let him know that they would be willing to do this. We can then establish a data base to help make the plan operative. We thank you for your assistance in this matter

NewKIDS

We Welcome the Following New Members:

Paul Giamba, graduate of Galileo High School class of 1965. He played baseball for three years and was selected All-City each year. Represented San Francisco in the Hearst Baseball Classic at the New York's Yankee Stadium, and followed that up by playing one year at City College of San Francisco and three years at the Univ of Nevada. Paul was inducted into Galileo's Hall of Fame in 1993.

William Harrison, attended St. Ignatius High School class of 1955. His sports for three years were Football and Track. While in the U.S. Army, Gill participated two years in Baseball and Football.

Dick Morosi, graduated in the 1961 class of Sacred Heart High School where he starred in baseball making first team All City, and All North California Catholic, and followed that up by playing four years at St. Mary's College. Dick coached Baseball at Salesian High (Richmond) and Serramonte High (Daly City).

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Frank Hedley
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Bill Hogan
Tim Hornbecker
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John Iocco
Dean James
Gary Johnson
Bob Jonsen
Bob Kahl
Brian Kearney
Terry Keeley
Rick Kell
Joe Kelly
Herb Kessler
Kris Kimball
George Korte
John Kristovich
Kirk Lacob
Tom LaGrave
Phil Lara
Charley Leach
Charley Leach
Bob Lee
Ford Long
Richard Lucchesi
Arney Lundquist
Carl Lundquist
Bill Lynch
Bob Macaluso
Dave Mackin
Mike Maffei

Bob Maloney
Joe Marino
Mario Maso
Walt McCall
Ray McDonald
Tom McGraw
Val McKeever
Rich Mercurio
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Rich Moresco
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Rich Murphy
Jon Nakamura
Vince Necito
Steve Negoesco
Ed Nevius
Robert O'Donnell
Chuck Osborne
Jim Owen
Don Papa
Jack Phelan
Nick Poppin
Howard Powleson
Pete Quevedo
Fred Quinn
Jim Radetich
Bob Randall
Harry Redlick
Buck Reed
Joe Richardson
Cliff Righetti
Robert Roche
Jim Rohrer
Al Romero
Lou Rovegno
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Seb Saia
Bernie Schneider
Jack Scramaglia
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Bob Simi
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Chuck Smith
Jeff Stahl
William Stevenson
Gerry Stratford
Bob Strohecker
Carl Sundquist
Paul Suri

Tom Swartz
Terry Taylor
Dom Tringale
Dick Verbrugge
Frank Verducci
John Wagner
Urie Walsh
John Ward
Dick Welch
Jerome Williams
Greg Wood
Larry Zemanski
John Zuffo

Guests Present:

Sean Buckley
Bob Chang
Mike Cunning
Mel Johnson
Joe Kroner
Mike Marovich
Dan McNulty
Dick Morosi
Sergio Negoesco
Frank Noonan
Scott Overstreet
George Rikey

Last of the Ninth

Since our last meeting we have lost the following friends:

Tevis Martin, Jr.*
Jack Grealish*
Bob Hagler*
Grover Klemmer

***Past-President**