

Holiday Programs

Dobie Gillis - 4 Seasons from 1959 to 1963 - 148 episodes
Episode for class: Jangle Bells - Aired December 20, 1960

This episode was Dobie's version of A Christmas Carol was filmed at 20th Century Fox Studios - 10201 Pico Blvd., Century City, Los Angeles, California.

At the party Dobie performs the song "I Pass Your House" from Dwayne Hickman's 1960 Capitol LP album "Dobie."

Dwayne Hickman (Dobie) - was the younger brother of Darryl Hickman. He concentrated mainly on television work, making appearances on such series as *Public Defender*, *The Loretta Young Show*, *The Lone Ranger* and *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*. He also appeared in the Paul Newman/Joanne Woodward comedy film *Rally 'Round The Flag, Boys!* playing with Tuesday Weld. He caught the attention from young female baby-boomers, as Chuck, the girl-crazy nephew, in *The Bob Cummings Show*. Bob Cummings became Hickman's mentor.

Hickman returned to the screen in the western film *Cat Ballou* in 1965. He also can be seen in *Ski Party*, *How To Stuff A Wild Bikini* and *Dr. Goldfoot and The Bikini Machine*. Hickman also made guest appearances on television shows such as *Combat!*, *Mod Squad*, *Ellery Queen*, *The Flying Nun* and *Kolchak: The Night Stalker*.

In the 1970's, Hickman began working behind the scenes as a publicist, a Las Vegas entertainment director and as a programming executive for CBS.

In 1994, he published his biography titled 'Forever Dobie'.

Bob Denver (Maynard G. Krebs) - was born Robert Osborne David Denver. Before he became an actor, Denver worked as a mailman and high school teacher. He got a screen test for the part of Maynard G. Krebs and won the part. His future co-star on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, Dwayne Hickman, was a classmate of Denver's at Loyola-Marymount.

After four years on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis* (1959), Denver got his most famous part of Gilligan, in *Gilligan's Island*. After *Gilligan's Island*, Denver could be seen in appearances on programs such as *The Good Guys*, *Love, American Style*, *Dusty's Trail* and *Fantasy Island*. Had played the same character (Gilligan) on seven different series: *Gilligan's Island*, *The New Adventures of Gilligan*, *Gilligan's Planet*, *The New Gidget*, *ALF*, *Baywatch* and *Meego*.

Frank Faylen (Herbert T. Gillis) - toured the country throughout the late 1920's and early 1930's as a clown and later as song-and-dance man. His most famous film roles were as the male nurse Bim in *The Lost Weekend* and as the cabdriver Ernie in *It's a Wonderful Life*. His greatest fame came in television as Dobie's dad, Herbert T. Gillis in *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*.

Fallen was in two Academy Award Best Picture winners: *Gone with the Wind* and *The Lost Weekend*, plus eight other Best Picture nominees: *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Blossoms in the Dust*, *Sergeant York*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, *The Pride of the Yankees*, *Wake Island*, *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Funny Girl*.

Florida Friebus (Winifred Gillis) - was known to make it clear to curious people that she was named after her mother's favorite aunt — not after the state of Florida. Her paternal grandmother was named Florida as well.

Friebus first acted professionally in 1929 in New York City, appearing in *The Cradle Song* with the Civic Repertory Theater.

She appeared on television in such programs as *Perry Mason*, *Bachelor Father*, *Father Knows Best*, *Peyton Place*, *Ironside*, *Gunsmoke*, *Sanford and Son*, *Ben Casey*, *The Doris Day Show*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Room 222*, *Barnaby Jones* and *Rhoda*. In addition to her role as Winifred Gillis, she is also remembered fondly as Mrs. Lillian Bakerman on *The Bob Newhart Show*.

Steve Franken (Chatsworth Osborne Jr.) - Producer Rod Amateau saw him in a Los Angeles stage production of *Say, Darling* and cast him as playboy Chatsworth Osborne Jr. on *The Many Loves Of Dobie Gillis*.

After *Dobie Gillis* was cancelled, Franken was cast as Lieutenant Samwell "Sanpan" Panosian in the Gary Lockwood series *The Lieutenant*, episode *To Take Up Serpents*, the first television series created by Gene Roddenberry. He played other military roles in "The Gun Runner Raid" episode of *The Rat Patrol* and in the Fred MacMurray film *Follow Me, Boys!* From 1966 to 1971, he appeared in various roles in at least six episodes of *Bewitched*.

He also appeared as the drunken waiter Levinson in the 1968 film *The Party*, with Peter Sellers.

Franken additionally appeared on *Love, American Style*, *Adam-12* and *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, plus in small roles in such television series as *Murphy Brown*, *The King of Queens* and *Seinfeld*.

Sheila James (Zelda Gilroy) - was born Sheila James Kuehl in 1941. At the age of 10, she had a regular role as Stuart Erwin and June Collyer's tomboy daughter Jackie in *The Stu Erwin Show*. She also made appearances on *My Little Margie*, *Date With The Angels*, *The Bob Cummings Show* and *The Millionaire*. The role that made her famous was as Zelda Gilroy in *The Many Loves Of Dobie Gillis*.

Sheila was an instant hit as Zelda, so much so that a 1962 pilot entitled *Zelda* was filmed as a possible spinoff. The project was never aired. She did appear in other roles on *Petticoat Junction*, *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* and *The Donna Reed Show*, she found Hollywood reticent to cast her. James would appear in one more regular series, co-starring with Kathleen Nolan in the short-lived comedy *Broadside*. By 2000, now using her birth name of Sheila James Kuehl, she has been involved in California state politics.

William Schallert (Mr. Leander Pomfritt) - is best remembered as Martin Lane, on *The Patty Duke Show*. His role was ranked #39 in TV Guide's list of the "50 Greatest TV Dads of All Time". Schallert was one of the stars in Hollywood to never retire from acting. He went to high school with Alan Hale Jr., Nanette Fabray and Mickey Rooney.

The Dick Van Dyke Show - 5 Seasons from 1961 to 1966

158 Episodes

Episode for class: The Alan Brady Show Presents

Aired December 18, 1963

Trivia - The small child sitting in front of Alan Brady when he is dressed as Santa Claus is NOT Rob Reiner who was born in 1947. He would have been 16 in 1963.

This was the second time Rob, Laura, Sally and Buddy performed "I am a fine musician." The first time was in season 2, episode 24, "The Sam Pomerantz Scandals."

Dick Van Dyke - grew up in Danville, Illinois. He is the older brother of actor Jerry Van Dyke, who appeared as his brother in *The Dick Van Dyke Show*.

In 1947, Van Dyke was persuaded by pantomime performer Phil Erickson to form a comedy duo called "Eric and Van—the Merry Mutes." They toured the West Coast nightclub circuit, performing a mime act and lip synching to 78 records. Next, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia in the early 1950's and performed in a local television show featuring original skits and music called "The Merry Mutes".

He played the lead role of Albert Peterson in *Bye Bye Birdie*, which ran from April 14, 1960 to October 7, 1961. The musical won four Tony awards including Van Dyke's Best Featured Actor Tony in 1961.

His first network TV appearance was with Dennis James on James' *Chance Of A Lifetime* in 1954. He later appeared in two episodes of *The Phil Silvers Show* during its 1957–1958 season.

From 1961 to 1966, Van Dyke starred in *The Dick Van Dyke Show* as comedy writer Rob Petrie. He won three Emmy Awards as Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series.

In 1969, Van Dyke appeared in the comedy-drama *The Comic* which was written and directed by Carl Reiner. Reiner wrote the film especially for Van Dyke, who often spoke of his admiration for silent film era comedians such as Charlie Chaplin and his hero Stan Laurel.

He also starred as the character Dr. Mark Sloan first in an episode of *Jake and The Fatman*, then in a series of TV movies on CBS that became the foundation for his popular television drama *Diagnosis: Murder*. The series ran from 1993 to 2001.

His numerous films include *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Mary Poppins*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *What A Way To Go* and at the age of nearly 93 years old, he danced in *Mary Poppins Returns* in 2018.

Mary Tyler Moore - is best known for her roles on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

Her television career began as "Happy Hotpoint", a tiny elf dancing on Hotpoint appliances in television commercials during the *Ozzie and Harriet* series. She auditioned for the role of the elder daughter of Danny Thomas for his television show, but was turned down. Thomas explained that "she missed it by a nose....no daughter of mine could ever have a nose that small".

Moore's first regular television role was as a glamorous telephone receptionist in *Richard Diamond, Private Detective*. Her legs appeared in episode three of the third season, but she was filmed above the waist in other episodes with her face at least partially hidden.

She guest-starred in John Cassavetes series *Johnny Staccato*, *The Tab Hunter Show*, *Bachelor Father*, *Bourbon Street Beat*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *Surfside 6*, *Wanted: Dead or Alive*, *Hawaiian Eye* and *Thriller*. Moore appeared in several Broadway plays and was the star of the new musical version of *Breakfast At Tiffany's* in December 1966, but the show, titled *Holly Golightly* was a flop that closed in previews before opening on Broadway.

Among her many film credits are *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Ordinary People*, *Six Weeks* and *Just Between Friends*.

She was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in the drama film *Ordinary People*. Moore won her first Emmy Award for her portrayal of Laura Petrie on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. She went on to win three more Emmy awards for Best Lead Actress in a sitcom for *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

Morey Amsterdam - began working in vaudeville in 1922 as the straight man for his older brother's jokes. He was also a cellist. His ability to come up with a joke on any subject earned him the nickname "The Human Joke Machine".

In the early 1940's, he was a screenwriter, contributing dialogue for two *East Side Kids* films. He is listed as screenwriter for *The Ghost and The Guest* plus *Bowery Champs*. Beginning in 1948, he appeared on the radio show *Stop Me If You've Heard This One* and *The Morey Amsterdam Show*.

His most memorable role was as comedy writer Buddy Sorrell on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* which was suggested for him by his friend Rose Marie. Buddy always had a ready quip for any situation especially for his feud with producer Mel Cooley played by Richard Deacon. One of his final television appearances was on the soap opera *The Young and The Restless* in five episodes.

Rose Marie - was born Rose Marie Mazzetta in Manhattan, New York. Her mother took her to see local vaudeville shows regularly and afterwards, Rose Marie would sing what she had heard for neighbors, who eventually entered her in a talent contest. At the age of three, Marie started performing under the name "Baby Rose Marie". At the age of five, she was offered a seven-year contract and became a radio star on the NBC Radio Network. She also made a series of films. In 1929, five-year-old Rose Marie made a Vitaphone sound short titled *Baby Rose Marie the Child Wonder*. Between 1930 and 1938, she made 17 recordings.

In the 1960–1961 television season, Marie co-starred with Shirley Bonne, Elaine Stritch, Jack Weston, Raymond Bailey and Stubby Kaye in *My Sister Eileen*. After five seasons as Sally Rogers on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, Rose Marie co-starred in two seasons of *The Doris Day Show* as Doris Martin's friend and co-worker Myrna Gibbons.

Rose Marie and Morey Amsterdam appeared together in an October 1993 episode of *Herman's Head*.

Richard Deacon - is best known for playing supporting roles in television shows such as *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *Leave It To Beaver* and *The Jack Benny Program*. He also had minor roles in films such as *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* and Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*.

Deacon also appeared in some Westerns and many sitcoms, including *It's a Great Life*, *The People's Choice*, *How To Marry A Millionaire*, *Guestward, Ho!*, *Pete and Gladys*, *The Donna Reed Show*, *Gunsmoke* and *The Real McCoys*.

In 1971, Deacon co-starred, along with Elaine Joyce, in the final episode of *Green Acres* which was a backdoor pilot for a proposed sitcom titled "The Blonde" or "Carol" where Joyce played Oliver's former "dizzy blonde" secretary, Carol Rush, who now lives in Los Angeles with her sister and brother-in-law. Deacon played her no-nonsense boss, Mr. Oglethorpe, who Carol manages to save from a real estate scam. The pilot was not picked up.

Deacon co-starred on the sitcom *The Mothers-in-Law* with Kaye Ballard and Eve Arden. Deacon replaced original series co-star Roger C. Carmel as Ballard's husband in the second season.

He was also a gourmet chef in addition to working as an actor. In the 1970's and 1980's, he wrote a series of cookbooks and hosted a Canadian television series on microwave oven cooking.

While not widely known during Deacon's lifetime, he was a charitable man, providing for needy people and charitable organizations during his life.

Carl Reiner - was an actor, stand-up comedian, director, screenwriter and author whose career spanned seven decades. During the early years of television, he acted on and contributed sketch material for *Your Show of Shows* and *Caesar's Hour*, starring Sid Caesar, writing alongside Mel Brooks, Neil Simon and Woody Allen.

He also teamed up with Brooks for several comedy albums beginning with *2000 Years with Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks*. Reiner was best known as the creator, producer, writer and actor on *The Dick van Dyke Show*. He acted in films such as *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, *The Russians Are Coming*, *The Russians Are Coming* and the *Ocean's* film series.

In 1977, he directed and appeared in *Oh, God!* starring George Burns, John Denver and Teri Garr. Reiner was involved in the early career of Steve Martin by directing his first film *The Jerk* and directing and co-writing *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaids*, *The Man with Two Brains* and *All of Me*.

He earned 11 Primetime Emmy Awards and one Grammy Award. In 1960, Reiner received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 1999, he was inducted into Television Hall of Fame. In 2000, Reiner was honored with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor at the Kennedy Center.

Larry Mathews - is an American actor known for his role as Ritchie Petrie on *The Dick van Dyke Show*. After the series ended in 1966, he left acting and graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1976. He has worked as an account executive and appeared on numerous television programs to discuss his role on *The Dick van Dyke Show*. Mathews reprised the role of Ritchie on *The Dick van Dyke Show Revisited*. He also owns the desk that was used as a prop by Carl Reiner on *The Dick van Dyke Show*.

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