



GEORGE APFEL THOMAS (Class of 1971)

George Thomas Apfel was born in Buffalo, NY and moved to Las Vegas in 1963, attending Crestwood and J.C. Fremont Jr. High. After graduation from LVHS, he graduated from UNLV with a BA in Communication Studies. It was during those college years George began his 50-year career in radio broadcasting.

As “George Thomas” or “GT” he worked as an air personality or DJ at KLAV, KENO-FM, KFM102, KLUC, KUDO, KITT, KMZQ, and KEYV, and then became a full-time engineer. As chief engineer for KFM, KBGO, KWNR, and KSNE he planned, coordinated, and installed four radio stations under one roof: KSNE, KWNR, KFMS, and KBGO. Later he returned to KLUC and KMZQ as IT Engineer, now under the same roof as KMXB, KXTE, and KXNT-AM. His carpentry skills were put to use as he built studio furniture for the radio stations, and performed a total rebuild of an office space for KMZQ.

George returned to his hometown Buffalo, NY in 2010 as chief engineer of seven Buffalo radio stations and five Rochester stations. George retired from full-time radio engineering in 2016 but continues his involvement with broadcasting as a member of the board of directors of the Buffalo Broadcasters Association. He just completed writing his first book, “Images of America: Las Vegas Radio and Television” from Arcadia Publishers/The History Press. It’s a history of Las Vegas radio and TV 1920s-1990.

Currently George continues his quest for historical photos and stories about Las Vegas and has made many contributions to social media groups.

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