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## **Our President's Message**

Dear Press Club Members and Friends,

We kicked off the summer with "Watchdogs of Democracy: Media's Role in Fair Elections" program and tour at the St. Louis County Election Board headquarters on June 14. The hybrid event drew an in-person audience of 65 and 20+ online watchers. The panel, moderated by Dr. Joy Leopold of Webster University, included Missouri state senator Karla May, reporters from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Mark Schlinkmann and the *Madison-St. Clair Record* Heather Iringhausen-Gvillo and both the Republican and Democrat directors Rick Stream and Eric Fey, respectively, from the St. Louis County Board of Elections.



Joan Lee Berkman President, St. Louis Press Club

From left, Kelly Bowen, Pamela Bowen, Ginny Alsop, Joan Lee Berkman, Becky Domyan, Peggy Barnhart, Rick Stoff and Claudia Burris

July 12 was a special night at the "old ball game" for our Press Club. During the Cardinals' pregame activities at Busch Stadium, Kelly Bowen of Webster University was recognized as the winner of the St. Louis Press Club-St. Louis Cardinals first Mike Shannon Scholarship for Sports Broadcasting Journalism/SportsWriters. Kelly was then asked to throw out the first pitch. In addition to Kelly, her mom and grandmother, several Press Club Board members were recognized during the pre-game on-field ceremony.

Looking ahead, Press Club in partnership with Neiman Marcus will host its annual Beauty Buzz scholarship fundraising event 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (Doors open at 10:00 am.), Saturday, September

17th with the theme "All Things Beauty". Board members and Beauty Buzz co-chairs Becky Domyan, Kedra Tolson and advisory chair Miran Halen have recruited an amazing committee and program. If you haven't yet made your reservation to attend, please do so soon. We want as many of you to come and join us for this fun and informative event.

In October, the Press Club will be recognizing the recipients of our first Freedom of the Press award during a ceremony at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* as part of U.S. Media Literacy Week October 12-28. Many thanks to board member and program vice president Jessica Brown and her committee for organizing this landmark event.

Please mark your calendars for our Media Persons of the Year (MPOY) Awards Dinner on November 3rd. Tables are already filling up so secure your seat with a reservation on our website. Many thanks to Edward Jones for welcoming us back to their beautiful headquarters at 12555 Manchester Road for this important occasion. And, thank you to board members and MPOY co-chair Peggy Barnhart and Sarah Thompson for their incredible work on this major fund-raising event.

Finally, our sincere thanks to each of you for your ongoing support of the St. Louis Press Club. Please feel free to share our newsletter with colleagues and friends and encourage them to join us on our mission to ensure the future of quality media. Freedom of the press, and reliable reporting are now, more than ever, critically important.

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# Press Club Welcomes Angie Minges to Board of Directors



Angie Minges started her career working for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Organizing Committee in Venue Management/
Logistics. After the 1996 Olympics, her next role took her to CBS Sports in New York to work on the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. Angie went on to work at Anheuser-Busch in the International Sports Marketing department on soccer sponsorships with properties such as FIFA World Cup, MLS, MLS Teams, US Soccer, English Premier League Team's Manchester United and Chelsea. Her tenure at Anheuser-Busch included time in the

Innovations department launching new brands as well as traditional brand management roles on brands such as Natural Light, Becks and LandShark Lager. After Anheuser-Busch InBev, Angie's career took her to Pernod Ricard USA in New York City for a role in brand management working on Chivas Regal before returning to St. Louis to work at Nestle Purina in various departments such as the Global Strategic Business Unit and the Strategic Planning for Nestle Purina's Zone AMS. She is currently the Director of Partnership Marketing at Nestle Purina.

Angie received her BA in Marketing & Communications at University Missouri – Columbia. She received her MBA from Washington University Olin School of Business. She also received a Women's Leadership certificate from Washington University.

In her spare time, Angie serves as a member of Girl Scouts Women's Leadership Network, a mentor for Stadia Ventures, a sports technology accelerator and is part of the St. Louis Forum. She previously served on the Board of the Missouri Athletic Club for 2019-2022, holding the office of President from 2021/22.

"We are most delighted to have the impressive talent and strategic expertise that Angie brings to the Board and look forward to her creative leadership," said Joan Lee Berkman, President, of St. Louis Press Club.

#### **New Book by Lifetime Member Julius Hunter**



Lifetime Press Club member, recipient of our 1993 MPOY Lifetime Achievement Award, favorite St. Louis TV anchor, and master storyteller **Julius Hunter** has a new book out: *Professor Julius K. Hunter's Stuff You Never Knew About St. Louis.* It features 309 juicy, fun facts about our hometown with hilarious artwork by illustrator Todd Bauman. Hunter drew an SRO crowd July 7 for the book launch at Left Bank Books. Now you can get in on the fun at juliushunter.com where you can learn more about the book and how to order.



**Kelly Bowen** of Webster University received the \$5,000 St. Louis Press Club/ St. Louis Cardinals Mike Shannon Scholarship for Sports Broadcast Journalism/ Sports Writers presented by the Press Club, the St. Louis Cardinals and Mike Shannon to a journalism student pursuing a career in sports broadcast journalism or sports writing.

Komlavi Adissem of University Of Missouri School of Journalism received the \$4,000 St. Louis Press Club/St. Louis Post-Dispatch David Lipman Journalism Scholarship presented by the Press Club and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch to a journalism student at the University Of Missouri School of Journalism.





**Jordyn Grimes** of Webster University received the **\$4,000 St. Louis Press Club Journalism Scholarship** presented by the Press Club to a local journalism student.

**Amelia Hurley** of the University Of Missouri School of Journalism received the **\$3,600 Alice Handelman Scholarship for Feature Writing** presented by the Press Club for journalism students pursuing a career in feature writing.





**Katie Bolek Rich** of Webster University received the **\$2,500 Ronald W. Wade Journalism Scholarship** presented by the Press Club and St. Louis Post-Dispatch to a minority journalism student.

Zoe Krause of University Of Missouri School of Journalism received the \$1,500 Donald R. Burris Journalism Scholarship presented by the St. Louis Press Club to a student pursuing a media career in print, broadcast or digital journalism.





**Regan Mertz** of University Of Missouri School of Journalism received the **\$1,500 Karlheinz and Doris Finzel Photojournalism Scholarship** presented to a student pursuing a photojournalism career.





**Kelly Brown** of Western Illinois University received the **\$1,500 Sarah Bryan Miller Scholarship** presented by the St. Louis Press Club to a student studying both communications and music.

Caitlin Reynolds of University Of Missouri School of Journalism received the \$1,500 FleishmanHillard Journalism Foundation Scholarship





**Leah Schroeder** of Parkway West High School received the **\$1,000 High School Journalism Scholarship** presented by the Missouri Journalism Educators' Association and the St. Louis Press Club to a graduating high school senior.

**Annie Jennemann** of University Of Missouri School of Journalism received the **\$1,500 Press Club Scholarship** presented by the St. Louis Press Club to a student pursuing a career in communications.





**Mikayla Higgins** of University Of Missouri School of Journalism received the **\$1,000 Press Club Scholarship** presented by the St. Louis Press Club to a student pursuing a career in communications.

### **Upcoming Events**



## **Invitation**

Doors open at 10 a.m., Program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 17
Neiman Marcus Plaza Frontenac
1701 S Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63131

Please join St. Louis Press Club and Neiman Marcus for its annual "Beauty Buzz" fund raising event which will take place in person and virtually. We are thrilled that the Buzz will once again be emceed by Jasmine Huda, Anchor/Reporter for KTVI Fox 2.

"All things Beauty" is this year's theme and will showcase different looks that will work for day or night or any occasion. Learn from Neiman's top beauty experts about the latest makeup tips that will include cosmetic demonstrations and customized skin care consultations.

AND, there will be an option to make it an official "day out" for family and friends by making advance reservations for lunch at Neimain's stunning Mariposa restaurant.

Hope you will join us for this year's Beauty Buzz. Reservations are limited. Visit **www.stlpressclub.org** for more information and to purchase tickets/sponsorship.

Proceeds benefit St. Louis Press Club's student journalism scholarship program.



#### **Recent Event**



Watchdogs of Democracy: The Media's Role in Fair Elections

June 14, 2022, Flag Day



Joy Leopold, PhD Assistant Professor, School of Communications, Webster University





Paul DeGregorio Fellow, Democracy Fund, Former Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Tour of St. Louis County Election Board Headquarters

Keynote speaker, Paul DeGregorio

**Panel Discussion** Moderator, Joy Leopold, PhD State Senator Karla May, D-4 Heather Isringhausen-Gvillo, Assistant Editor, Madison-St. Clair Record Mark Schlinkmann, Reporter, St. Louis Post-Dispatch Rick Stream, St. Louis County Board of Elections Director/R Eric Fey, St. Louis County Board of Elections, Director/D

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**Q&A Followed** 



St. Louis County Board of Elections Directors Rick Stream and Eric Fey lead a tour of the headquarters.

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**Keynote speaker, Paul DeGregorio** Photo by Jon Schnarr, Jr.



Panelists from left, Mark Schlinkmann, Heather Isringhausen-Gvillo, Senator Karla May, Rick Stream and Eric Fey with moderator Joy Leopold, PhD

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Our mission is to raise awareness and funding for student journalism scholarships and enterprise grants for working, independent journalists to spotlight under-reported topics in our region. We serve our members through professional development activities to bolster their skills to address the changing needs of the global communications profession and to offer social activities that build a vital media community.

Click here to join us in our important work to ensure the future quality of media and ensure freedom of the press.