

## 2019 Media Persons of the Year Awards Gala



St. Louis Press Club President, William Greenblatt (left), with our 2019 Media Persons of the Year, from left, Sarah Bryan Miller, Robert Cohn, Ron "Johnny Rabbit" Elz, Spencer Koch, Dan Farrell, Carol Daniel, Dave Murray and Lifetime Achievement Awardee, Barry Petersen.

Your St. Louis Press Club hosted our 2019 Media Persons of the Year Gala on November 21, and honored eight exemplary media professionals from our region. The dinner and awards program was held at the Edwards Jones South campus headquarters with nearly 400 people attending.

Television news journalist **Mike Bush** served as the master of ceremonies for the event.

The lifetime achievement award went to **Barry Peterson**, who served as a CBS News Correspondent for over three decades.

**Carol Daniel** was awarded for her work in radio where she spent most of her time with KMOX.

**Ron "Johnny Rabbit" Elz** was recognized for radio and has celebrated his 65 years in radio broadcasting.

**Sarah Bryan Miller** received an award for print journalism for her work in classical music critiques for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch since 1998.

**Robert Cohn** was honored for his work with the St. Louis Jewish Light since 1969. He now serves as Editor-in-Chief Emeritus.

**Spencer Koch** received a television award for his career in television news for KTVI/KPLR.

**Dave Murray** was awarded for his work in television for his career covering the weather in St. Louis as a meteorologist.

**Dan Farrell** was recognized for his work in public relations over his 20 year career with the St. Louis Cardinals.



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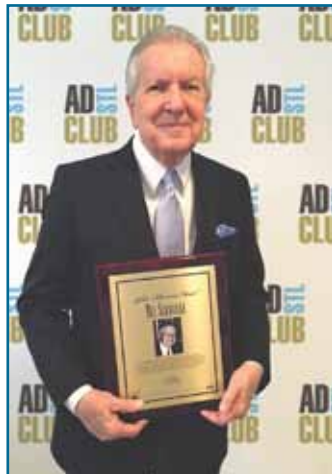
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## Congratulations to Press Club Members



◀ **Del Schwinke** received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the St. Louis Advertising Club.



**Tom Eschen** ▶ was named Outstanding Fundraising Professional by the Association of Fundraising Professionals - St. Louis Regional Chapter.

## Meet our Press Club Spring Intern



**Elizabeth Gerger, Liz**, is a senior at Webster University. In her two and a half years at Webster, Gerger has been involved in numerous organizations on campus. She is the Captain of Love Your Melon Campus Crew, an organization dedicated to helping children fight cancer; Vice President of Recruitment for Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority; a member of the Women's Tennis team; and works for the Office of Study Abroad at

Webster. Gerger is majoring in Public Relations and minoring in Advertising and Marketing Communications. She plans to graduate in December of 2020.

## Announcing 2020 Beauty Buzz Co-Chairs: Miran Halen and Phyllis Langsdorf

Neiman Marcus has set the date and our 2020 Beauty Buzz will be Saturday, **September 12**, so circle that date on your new calendars. Already, Phyllis and Miran are at work planning another fun event featuring fashions on the runway and beauty tips from the experts. Assisting Halen and Langsdorf are advisory chair **Alice Handelman** and publicity chair **Joan Lee Berkman**. Beauty Buzz committee kick-off meeting will be **Saturday, May 2** at Neiman Marcus.



## Record Number of Scholarships to be Given in 2020

Our successful Beauty Buzz and Media Persons of the Year fundraising events this year have made it possible for us to give more scholarships in 2020. Applications are at our website: [www.stlpressclub.org](http://www.stlpressclub.org) and the application deadline is **April 1**. Spread the word.



## Our “In Conversation” author series at St. Louis County Library

Author: **Andrew Wanko**

Title: Great River City

Date/Time: Monday, January 27, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Louis County Library Headquarters Auditorium on Lindbergh

For St. Louis, the Mississippi has always been more than just a river. It’s been the focus of the local economy, a shaping force on millions of lives, and a mirror for the city’s triumphs, embarrassments, joys, and tragedies. In “Great River City,” public historian for the Missouri Historical Society Andrew Wanko examines the many ways St. Louis has interacted with the mighty river running past its door. Included among the dozens of stories are landmark moments in the history of St. Louis, from Lewis and Clark’s 1803 expeditionary stopover and the construction of the Eads Bridge in the 1860s to more recent events, like the Great Flood of 1993.

Author: **Fred Kaplan**

Title: The Bomb

Date/Time: Thursday, February 06, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Fred Kaplan, hailed by The New York Times as “a rare combination of defense intellectual and pugnacious reporter,” takes us into the White House Situation Room, the Joint Chiefs of Staff’s “Tank” in the Pentagon, and the vast chambers of Strategic Command to bring us the untold stories of how America’s presidents and generals have thought about, threatened, and just barely avoided nuclear war. Discussing theories that have dominated nightmare scenarios from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Kaplan demonstrates how the nuclear war reality will not go away, regardless of the dire consequences.

### Upcoming Event: Friday Lunch Forum Feb. 21

Save the date for a lunch and discussion about “Pay Equity.” We will discuss the history of the issue, why the pay gap and why so slow, and Sen. Karla May’s bill presently filed in the Missouri Senate. The panel will include representatives from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and others. This forum will take place at the Norman Probstain Golf Clubhouse in Forest Park, and will feature a buffet lunch (\$20 for Press Club members, \$23 for all others). More information to come.

### Recent Event: “Pictures Worth 1,000 Words”

**Sponsored by: The International Photography Hall of Fame and St. Louis Press Club**

Four of our community’s finest photojournalists shared some of their most visually compelling photographs



The four photojournalists featured on the panel; (from left to right) David Carson, Dan Donovan, Christian Gooden, and J.B. Forbes.

and the stories behind them at the “Pictures Worth 1,000 Words” program at the Missouri History Museum January 16th, which was co-sponsored by the St. Louis Press Club and International Photojournalism Hall of Fame.

**J.B. Forbes, Christian Gooden, Dan Donovan and David Carson** were the guest panelists for the program moderated by **Patricia Wente**. The event was held in conjunction with the museum’s current “Worth a 1,000 Words” exhibit which just ended.

The program highlighted the importance of photojournalism in today’s age of easy photo manipulation. True photojournalists capture moments that tell a story with their photographs that are both unstaged and unaltered.

### Welcome New Members

**Stacy Austerman, Sara Boyd, Dorian Davis, Patrick Giblin, Dominik Jansky, Jen McMahon, and Jennifer Starkey**



# 2019 Media Persons of

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Presentation of the Flag, St. Louis Fire Department Color Guard



Singing of the National Anthem by General Wilson



Musical performance during dinner by Liz Haerim Lee, Xiaoziao Qiang and Wen Shen



Press Club President, William Greenblatt, begins dinner with a welcome

From left; Jessica Z. Brown and Joan Lee Berkman



From left; Tom Eschen, Muriel Carp and Ellen Soule



Elliot Davis with Judy Leventhal



From left; Alice Handelman, Chuck Knoll and Marci Rosenberg with centerpiece



Table settings in the Atrium of the Edward Jones Headquarters



# the Year Awards Gala



William Greenblatt presents Spencer Koch with his portrait by Steve Edwards Studio



Past president, Tom Eschen, begins the awards ceremony



Ron "Johnny Rabbit" Elz being interviewed while Dan Farrell listens



Dan Farrell holds his caricature next to it's creator, Steve Edwards



Media Persons of the Year Trophy



Lifetime Achievement Award



Janis and Dave Murray



Miran Halen with Sarah Bryan Miller



From left: Howard and Alice Handelman, Barry Petersen



From left: Mary Nell and Barry Petersen with Carol and Tom Voss



Barry Petersen answers questions from emcee, Mike Bush, who interviewed all the awardees  
*photo by William Greenblatt*



Robert Cohn responds to emcee, Mike Bush while Barry Petersen, Dan Farrell and Sarah Bryan Miller look on



From left; Patrick Daniel Jr., Patrick Daniel Sr., Bonita Tillman, Carol Daniel, Adella Jones and Sharon Stevens  
Seated: Glenda and Bishop G. Vincent Dudley



## Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting of the St. Louis Press Club

The 64th annual dinner meeting was held Dec. 18 at the Missouri Athletic Club, 406 Washington beginning at 6 p.m. Fifty-seven persons attended.

Press Club President William Greenblatt opened the meeting with a welcome and overview of the year's accomplishments in which he reported the following:

\* Two major events were held to raise funds for the scholarships that the club gives to students aspiring to careers in media and to help fund a grant for an investigative documentary concerning prison sentence justice.

\* The club honored eight of its peers for their exemplary journalistic and media communication careers at our "Media Persons of the Year" award gala.

\* The club helped 16 university media students by awarding scholarships.

\* The club sponsored the "In Conversation with the Press Club" author series at the St. Louis County Library.

\*The club provided Friday Forums open to the public where journalists and community leaders discussed current local issues.

\*The club collaborated with other media organizations to provide facts and information by experts on topics important to our community.

Concerning our financial status, our total income was over \$112,600 and our expenses were just at \$97,000. As of now, we have slightly over \$130,000 in our bank and mutual fund accounts.

President Greenblatt introduced Ron Elz, the iconic personality "Johnny Rabbit" who introduced the keynote speaker, Peter Maer.

Maer gave an enlightening talk covering the



St. Louis Press Club President, William Greenblatt, presents the Above and Beyond award to Miran Halen



St. Louis Press Club President, William Greenblatt, presents the Catfish award to Michael Right



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# Annual Meeting

highlights of his 35 year career as a political journalist and White House correspondent.

President Greenblatt conducted a brief business meeting at which the following persons were re-elected to our board of directors for 2020 through 2022: Jessica Z. Brown, Claudia Burris, Tom Eschen, Margaret Gillerman, Linda Lockhart, Charlotte Ottley and Patty Wentle.

Greenblatt then awarded the President’s Above and Beyond award, which is given to persons and/or companies that have provided an important service or support for our St. Louis Press Club. It was awarded to Miran Halen, who was instrumental in the success of our recent Media Persons of the Year gala – she worked closely with our board and staff throughout the months leading to the event, she secured several sponsors to support the event, and also arranged for a musical tribute to performed at the dinner in honor of Sarah Bryan Miller.

Although they could not attend, an Above and Beyond is also being given to Sugar Creek Winery for their generous donation of all the wines and liquors that they supplied for our Media Persons of the Year gala.

The Catfish Award, which is the club’s highest award to a member who has given outstanding and exemplary support to the St. Louis Press Club, was given to Michael Right, who has steadfastly supported our organization for over 15 years. Throughout all these years, he has made it possible for his company to supply all of our club’s printing needs – from invitations and programs to newsletters and stationary. He has recently retired from his position as vice president for the Auto Club of America.

The final award was the St. Louis Press Club Lifetime Achievement trophy, which was presented to Peter Maer, in recognition of his long and illustrious career as a news journalist.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kent Martin, Secretary



Ron “Johnny Rabbit” Elz introduces the keynote speaker, Peter Maer



St. Louis Press Club President, William Greenblatt, presents the Lifetime Achievement trophy to the evening’s keynote speaker, Peter Maer



From left; Audry Krohngold-Prywitch, Rick Power and Bill Kaufman

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