

Courier The Press Club

SUMMER 2015 of Metropolitan St. Louis

2015 Media Persons of the Year Gala Funds Media Scholarships and Journalism Grants



Thanks to another highly successful Press Club Media Person of the Year Gala, Press Club raised over \$40,000 to sustain our commitment to providing scholarships to communication students; to promoting enterprise investigative journalism with grants to media professionals; and to supporting educational programs about media literacy and excellence in journalism.

June 11 was the big night as 370 guests gathered at the Edward Jones atrium and

theater to toast, roast and honor St. Louis media greats. **Centene Charitable Fund** was the gala's presenting sponsor. Co-chairs of the event were Press Club board members **Trish Muyco-Tobin**, editor of the *Ladue News*, and **Bill Greenblatt**, photographer for United Press International. Honorary co-chairs were **Tom and Carol Voss**.

The 2015 Media Persons of the Year were **Jennifer Blome**, veteran news anchor with KSDK-TV and now with the Animal Protective Association; **Don Marsh**, host of *St. Louis On the Air* at St. Louis Public Radio, KWMU and veteran television newsman; and **Dr. Donald Suggs**, president and publisher of the *St. Louis American*. **Candy Crowley**, who lived in St. Louis in her youth and has recently retired from her long career with CNN, received the club's National Lifetime Achievement in Journalism award. Receiving special recognition for its coverage of the Ferguson situation last fall, was the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. An impactful reminder of the events was shared in a five-minute video featuring the newspaper's Pulitzer Prize winning photographs.

(Media Persons of the Year Gala photos on pages 4 and 5)

View a video of the Media Persons of the Year program at our website stlpressclub.org

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Press Club Board Welcomes Joe Bonwich



Joe Bonwich recently joined the Vandiver Group as Director Content Strategy coming from The St. Louis Post-Dispatch where he had been food writer and restaurant critic since 2002. Earlier in his career he wrote for The Riverfront Times and edited at St. Louis Magazine. Bonwich was the Senior Marketing Consultant and Public Relations Manager for Phoenix Creative Company and Vice President at Data Research Associates in charge of marketing, corporate communications and investor relations. Bonwich received his B.A. at St. Louis University and Masters at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Press Club Awards \$1,000 to MJEA Teacher of the Year

Dave Davis, Missouri Journalism Education Association's Teacher of the Year, recently received a \$1,000 Press Club award for his exemplary career as Springfield's Hillcrest High School broadcast journalism teacher.

Press Club Awards \$1,000 "Sky's the Limit" Scholarship



Press Club's **Rick Stoff** with **Anissa Perkins** of Hazelwood East High School at the recent Mathew-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club scholarship luncheon awarding her our \$1,000 "Sky's the Limit" scholarship.

Meet Press Club's Summer Interns



From left, **Christina Cody** of Webster University and **Cynthia Ford** of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who are interning for our Press Club office through August and will be receiving \$500 Press Club internship scholarships.

Corbett Receives MPC Awards

Suzanne Corbett garnered seven firsts, a second and a third place in Missouri Professional Communicators' (MPC) recent communications contest. The National Federation of Press Women awarded her a first place for feature writing, a second for travel writing and an honorable mention for her Quick Bites food column.

Upcoming Press Club at the Gatesworth Speakers

7:30 p.m., August 26

St. Louis Jewish Light's Ellen Futterman and Larry Levin

Gatesworth Starlight Theater, no reservation needed and all Press Club members are invited to attend.

Recent speakers were Carol Weisman, Don Marsh, Aisha Sultan and Joe Bonwich.

In Memoriam: Martin Duggan

Martin Duggan, loyal Press Club member and 1996 Media Person of the Year, passed away May 27 at the age of 94. One of St. Louis' journalism greats, Duggan was an editor for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and creator of the long-running Donnybrook public affairs program on KETC Channel 9.

Press Club Awards 2015 Scholarships



Scholarship awardees and presenters attending the Press Club and Journalism Foundation scholarship luncheon at the Norman Probst Golf Clubhouse on June 23rd. From left standing: Tom Eschen, Elin Nozewski of Fleishman Hillard, Mackenzie Korris, Erin Meyer, Jack Suntrup, Kristina DeYoung, Brian Ruth, Don Corrigan of the *Times* newspapers, Rick Rockwell of Webster University. Seated from left, Patricia Treacey of Missouri Professional Communicators, Kat Riddler, Olivia Heibeck, Alison Stabenow.

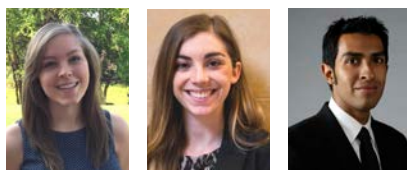


From left: guest speaker and 2015 Media Person of the Year, Jennifer Blome and Press Club Vice-President of Scholarships, Claudia Burris honoring Jack Suntrup of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, who is the 2015 recipient of the Press Club and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* David Lipman \$5,000 scholarship.

Scholarship Winners



Jack Suntrup Brian Ruth Kat Riddler Morgan Purdy Sierra Hancock Rachel Mencil Mackenzie Korris Kristina DeYoung Jessica Edmond Alison Stabenow



Erin Meyer Olivia Heibeck Francisco Vara Orta

Jack Suntrup of The University of Missouri School of Journalism --The \$5,000 Press Club and St. Louis Post Dispatch David Lipman Scholarship

Brian Ruth of The St. Louis Community College and Webster University -- The Press Club's \$2,500 Neiman Marcus Media Scholarship

Kat Riddler of the University of Missouri-St. Louis – The \$1,500 Fleishman Hillard Journalism Foundation Scholarship

Francisco Vara Orta of the University of Missouri-Columbia --The \$1,500 Baseball Writers' Association, St. Louis Chapter Journalism Foundation Scholarship

Morgan Purdy of the University of Missouri-Columbia – the \$1,000 Missouri Professional “Communicators Journalism Foundation Scholarship

Sierra Hancock of Webster University – West End Word and Webster University \$1,000 Journalism Foundation Scholarship

Rachael Mencil of Webster University -- Webster-Kirkwood Times and Webster University \$1,000 Journalism Foundation Scholarship

Mackenzie Korris of St. Louis University – Press Club \$1,000 Media Scholarship

Kristina DeYoung of Truman State University -- \$1,000 Press Club Media Scholarship

Jessica Edmond of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale – Press Club \$1,000 Media Scholarship

Alison Stabenow of Webster University -- \$1,000 Press Club Martin Quigley Media Scholarship

Erin Meyer of Webster University -- \$1,000 Press Club Internship Scholarship

Olivia Heibeck of Webster University -- \$1,000 Press Club Internship Scholarship

Crowley, Blome, Marsh, Suggs and St. Louis Post-Dispatch Honored at 2015 Media Persons of the Year Gala



From left, our honorees Don Marsh, Jennifer Blome, Candy Crowley and Dr. Donald Suggs. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



Gilbert Bailon accepting Press Club's Special Recognition Award for coverage of the Ferguson crisis with his St. Louis Post-Dispatch colleagues, from left, Lynden Steele, J.B. Forbes and Christina Fletes. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, KSDK-TV's Art Holliday with Jennifer Blome accepting her Media Person of the Year caricature from Press Club president, Tom Echen. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, KWMU's General Manager, Tim Eby, with Don Marsh accepting his Media Person of the Year caricature from Press Club president, Tom Echen. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



Master of Ceremonies, Mark Reardon of KMOX Radio at the podium with Press Club's Media Person of the Year trophy. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, Dr Donald Suggs posing with his Media Person of the Year caricature and Fred Sweets of the St. Louis American. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



Candy Crowley accepting the Press Club's Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Award from Press Club president, Tom Echen. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, Tom Voss, Media Person of the Year co-chair, chatting with Bert Vescolani. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



Dinner guests at the Edward Jones Atrium toasting our 2015 honorees. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



Gina Galati of Winter Opera St. Louis singing God Bless America. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



Scholarship winner and judges from left, Claudia Burris, Kat Roddler, Erin Meyer, Asha Sultan, Sierra Hancock, Rick Stoff, and Olivia Heibek. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, Michael Right, Cynthia Kagan Frolichstein, Betty Kagan, and Marty Wice. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, Allen Barber, Cheresse Pentella, Miran Cha Halen Sheri Sherman, and Ellen Niesenson Soule. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, Charles Klotzer and Jim Lubbock. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



From left, Candy Crowley, Alice Handelman, and Joan Lee Berkman.



From left, Sue Killenberg and Sarah Cain. *Photo by Bill Greenblatt*



Honorees on the stage of the Edward Jones theater at the Media Persons of the Year program. Videos of the sponsors, the past scholarship winners, the five-minute Ferguson documentary by the Post-Dispatch, and each of the honorees were shown on the theater's double screens.

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St. Louis Press Club Presents:

Downtown Goes Back for the Future

Wednesday, August 12 at Noon

Central St. Louis Public Library

1301 Olive Street, 2nd Floor Training Room above Atrium

St. Louis often defines its future by celebrating its past, and Downtown historic attractions continue to play a vital role in marketing the city as a fun destination. During the past few years some of Downtown's most iconic institutions have expanded and revitalized. Go back with the Press Club and find out what the future holds for these Downtown attractions from our guest speakers:

Franklin Meres, Deputy Superintendent, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

Andy Hahn, Director, Campbell House Museum

Waller McGuire, Executive Director, St. Louis Public Library

Moderator: Suzanne Corbett, Food and Travel Writer-Food Historian

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