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Patron proud!

Kansas Professional Communicators added another outstanding woman to the ranks of KPC patrons at the state conference May 7 in Wichita.

Our newest inductee is Senator Jean Schodorf from Wichita.

Sen. Schodorf made a one-time \$500 contribution to KPC's scholarship program, and is now a lifetime KPC member.

Sen. Schodorf was elected in 2000 to represent District 25 in the Kansas Senate and serves as the body's assistant majority leader. She was elected in 1989 to the Wichita Board of Education, and served three terms as vice president and three terms as president.

Both in her profession and her volunteer commitments, Jean focuses on serving schools and children. A speech and language pathologist, she has three children of her own, Kristin, Brian and Kelly.

She has been president of both the Hadley School and Northwest High School PTAs as well as school advisory boards, site councils and booster clubs.



She also is a member of the American and Kansas Speech and Hearing associations.

Jean is president of the Little House on the Prairie, Inc., and has dedicated her family farm,

the site of the Laura Ingalls Wilder book, to encouraging children to read and learn about Kansas history.

She received her bachelor of arts and master of science degrees from the University of New Mexico and her doctor of philosophy in communicative disorders from Wichita State University. She also has done post-doctoral work in education administration.

In the Kansas Senate Jean chairs the Education Committee and is a member of committees on arts and cultural resources, commerce, confirmation oversight, corrections and juvenile justice oversight, and interstate cooperation and the important Ways and Means Committee.



*Thank you to Ann Gardner,
Lawrence, Patron Chair*

Scholarship winners!



NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our newest KPC members!

JENI BARNETT
Student

Newman University

KIM DOZE

Physician Marketing Services
Coordinator
Wichita Clinic

WENDY NUGENT

Lifestyle and Assistant Photo Editor
The Newton Kansan

KRIS SCHINDLER

Public Relations/Marketing
Consultant

GREG TAMMEN

Student
Fort Hays State University

HERBIE TEOPE

Student
Kansas State University

For a complete membership directory, go to the "Members Only" page at www.nfpw.org

For login and password, contact presswomen@aol.com.

Kansas Professional Communicators honored four scholarship recipients and announced winners of the high school All-Kansas

Write-Off contest at the conference Scholarship Luncheon May 7 in Wichita.

Four \$500 scholarships are presented annually to communication students from four universities: Fort Hays State, Kansas State, Wichita State and the University of Kansas.

These scholarships are made possible through KPC patrons and other contributions.

Recipients are:

- **ABELS-ANKENY-SADOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP**

Randy Griffitts, a senior in print journalism at Wichita State University, is planning a career in education – as a high school journalism teacher.

He has been a correspondent

for *The Wichita Eagle*, and also has written for the *Kansas City Star*, the *Arizona Daily Sun* and the *Florida Times-Union*.

- **KPC SCHOLARSHIP**

Kathryn Rachel Mayes, a senior at Fort Hays State University, has worked on all three student publications at Fort Hays: *The University Leader*, *Tiger's Tale* (magazine) and *Revielle* (yearbook).

She has been a news editor, staff writer, photographer and page designer.

Kathryn hopes to pursue a career in photography or advertising.

- **MAMIE BOYD SCHOLARSHIP**

Sarah Grace Connelly, a junior at the University of Kansas, is looking forward to becoming business manager of *The University Daily Kansan*.

She has worked on the advertising staff of the *Daily*

Kansan and also has interned with the KU Endowment Association.

After graduation, Sarah hopes to pursue a career in advertising while working toward a master's degree.

- **PAST PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP**

Erin Learned is a sophomore in public relations at Kansas State University.

She is a member of the Student Governing Association, serves on the Boyd Hall Governing Board, is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Christian Challenge.

After completing her degree, Erin hopes to enter law school.

Youth contest chair, Mindie Paget, announced that 64 entries won awards in the high school All-Kansas Write-Off. For results go online to

www.kansasprofessionalcommunicators.com.



Thank you to Becky Funke, Wichita, Scholarship Chair, and Mindie Paget, Lawrence, Youth Contest Chair!

Way to go, Wichita!

Cudos to Carl Williams and his committee for a terrific state conference May 7 in Wichita!

For those of you unable to attend, here is a brief recap of conference activities.

The board met Friday night and reviewed the budget for 2005-2006, membership criteria, possible changes for future conferences and more.

The annual membership meeting kicked off Saturday morning's activities with the membership approving the budget as proposed by the board.

For a copy of complete board or membership meeting minutes, contact secretary Carrie Dvorak at c_dvorak@earthlink.com.

Sessions included panel discussions on current and future trends in media, new technology for a new era, and what editors look for in freelance writing, plus a session on interviewing techniques.

Our new patron, Kansas Sen. Jean Schodorf of Wichita, was introduced during the Patron/Scholarship Luncheon (see story, page 1). KPC scholarship winners

(see story above) and awards for the high school All-Kansas Write-Off competition also were announced.

The conference wrapped up with a wine-tasting class hosted by Guy Bower, followed by the banquet and awards presentation.

The Sweepstakes Award was captured by Mindie Paget, Lawrence. (See insert for all winners)

Ann Gardner, Lawrence, received the 2005 COA Award (see story, page 3).

Thanks again to Carl and his crew for a wonderful conference!



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Have you recruited
a new member?



Ann Gardner COMMUNICATOR OF ACHIEVEMENT

Ann Gardner, Lawrence, was named the 2005 Communicator of Achievement at the KPC annual conference May 7 in Wichita.

Ann has worked at the *Lawrence Journal-World* for 28 years, the last 18 as editorial page editor.

Ann also served as multimedia managing editor during the two-year period it took to combine the newsrooms for the *Journal-World* (print), 6News (broadcast) and World Online, the Internet side of the *Journal-World*.

At the *Journal-World*, Ann is responsible for the layout and content of the paper's editorial page, which includes sharing editorial writing duties.



A native Kansan, Ann first moved to Lawrence to earn a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kansas. After two years as a reporter at the *Parsons (Kan.) Sun*, she returned to Lawrence.

Ann has served on the boards of the Douglas County Visiting Nurses Association, Lawrence Education Achievement Partners, KU's

Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center, and the local Caring Communities Council of the Kansas LIFE Project. She also has

served as president or chair of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Torch Chapter of Mortar Board Alumni, American Association of University Women, and Leadership Lawrence.

This year Ann takes on the responsibility of drive chair for United Way of Douglas County.

Interested in history, Ann served on a committee to restore the Union Pacific depot in Lawrence, researched and wrote the book, "Kansas Women" and continues to research women's accomplishments in the state.

In her free time, Ann enjoys antiquing, quilting, gardening, reading and spending time with her husband, Tom Gleason, and stepson, Chris.



Members in motion!

Kansas Professional Communicators are on the move!

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And don't forget, if you move please notify Teresa Veazey, membership chair, or Sheila Lucia, *CommuniKPC* editor.

We can keep our costs lower if we send your newsletter to the correct address the **first** time!

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The National Federation of Press Women endowment fund has formally been renamed the Vivien Sadowski Endowment Fund in memory of former KPC member **Vivien Sadowski**, Abilene.

Vivien founded the endowment fund for NFPW and served as president for both KPC and NFPW.

Carrie Dvorak, DeSoto, recently attended the "Women in Politics and the Media" forum at the Dole Institute of Politics on the University of Kansas campus.

Looks like Emporia will be the site for the 2006 KPC annual conference.

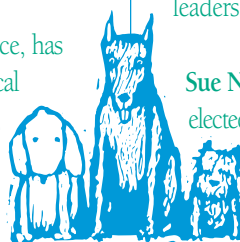
If you have suggestions for the conference, or would like to help plan the event, contact president Sue Novak at 785-272-8681 or snovak@kshs.org.

Carol Francis, Lawrence, has written a new book, "Local happenings in Lawrence, Kansas, 1921-1946," on historic events in Lawrence.

Amy Eck, Ellsworth, and **Stephanie Mullholland**, Topeka, have completed Kansas Press Association's 2004-2005 Leadership Academy class.

They attended five accelerated sessions geared toward newspaper management and industry leadership.

Sue Novak, Lawrence, has been elected president of the Lawrence Humane Society board of directors for the 2005-2006 term.



WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?



REGIONAL MEETINGS

FLINT HILLS PRESS WOMEN

First Thursday evening of the month
Junction City or Abilene
Time and location vary
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yahoo.com

WICHITA PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATORS

First Wednesday of the month
Botanica, 701 Amidon
11:30 a.m.
(Lunch service begins at 11:15 a.m.)
Members: \$9 / Students: \$5.50
Visitors: \$12
Contact Becky Funke
316-942-5385

I'm happy to report that the Wichita conference was a great success, and it's looking like we even made a little profit on it.

Our speakers were dynamic, and they brought up questions and problems that in some instances had us in the audience on the edges of our seats.

One panel in particular illustrated a media concern that has been growing over the past few years: the sealing of documents that, under the Open Records Act, would normally be open and available to the press to present to the public.

During the events surrounding the recent capture of Wichita's alleged BTK serial killer, newspaper journalists and television news reporters alike found even basic information nearly impossible to obtain, requiring many of the media outlets to band together in a lawsuit to unseal the records. They asked professional media organizations such as the Kansas Press Association to stand with them.

This fact made me realize that KPC has not been using its proud history and strong support of First Amendment rights to our best advantage. In the future I would like to see us standing tall with the

other press groups in support of the public's right to know. With the help of the KPC board and on behalf of KPC as a whole, I have drafted a letter (soon to be posted on our Web site) that will be sent to newspaper and television outlets, making them aware that our organization will continue to stand in support of those who want to keep the press free.

Sometimes we just need that little push to remind ourselves that

our mission statements and codes of ethics mean nothing if we are not willing to act on them when we are called.

KPC members are diverse, yet united in our purpose:

- To promote the highest standards in communication practices and ethics
- To foster professional development and the exchange of ideas
- To help each other and the next generation of professionals realize their goals
- To actively protect our First Amendment and Freedom of Information rights.

— Sue Novak



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