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*“One of the finest women
I have ever known...”*

Kansas Professional Communicators lost an influential and dynamic member in November when **Vivien Sadowski**, Abilene, lost her battle with cancer.

Vivien’s influence on KPC dates back almost 20 years when she first joined KPC and the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) in 1986.

Since that time Vivien has served as president of both KPC (1993-1995) and NFPW (1999-2001). She has served on numerous committees, both on state and national levels. She most recently served as chair of KPC’s annual conference in Abilene last May.

Vivien was the founder of the NFPW Endowment Fund – a fund that now will carry her name in honor of the many contributions Vivien made to NFPW.

“Vivien was one of the finest women I have ever known,” said NFPW president Donna Penticuff. “She motivated us to stand taller, to laugh louder, and to be better people.”

Vivien was born July 8, 1930, in Newton, the daughter of George and Helen Reffner. She

attended local schools and graduated from Newton High School in 1948. She attended the University of Arkansas.

On Dec. 4, 1955, she married



Harold Sadowski in Wichita. The couple had three children.

Vivien was the publisher-editor of the *Abilene Reflector-Chronicle* from 1986 to 1998 when she retired. She had been an employee of the newspaper since 1973. Readers continued to enjoy her weekly column which she penned until December 2002.

Vivien also was president of the Kansas Press Association in 1995 and president of the Kansas Associated Press Publishers and Editors Association from 1995-1997.

She was a member of the Alida-Upland Cooperative Parish, the Abilene Rotary Club, Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau advisory board, Abilene Economic Development Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dickinson County, the Abilene Country Club and a trustee with the William Allen White Foundation.

She was the recipient of the Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award and Huck Boyd Community Service Award.

Cards for the family can be sent to Harold Sadowski, 304 Wheatridge Place, Abilene, KS 67410-1557.

Memorials can be made in her name to the NFPW Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 5556, Arlington, VA 22205, or to the Alida-Upland Cooperative Parish, sent in care of the Danner Funeral Home, P.O. Box 758, Abilene, KS 67410.



Contest is
a'comin'!

For complete
2005 Communications Contest
information, see
Contest countdown,
page 2!

Or check the Web site at
www.kansasprofessionalcommunicators.org





Contest countdown!

The clock is ticking...

Contest entries must be
postmarked by January 28!

Send to: Gail Parsons, Flint Hills Press Women
P.O. Box 34, White City, KS 66872

**Mark
that
date...**

FEB. 5

Board meeting
10:00 a.m.
Kirby House, Abilene

MAY 6 & 7

KPC State Conference
Wichita

SEPT. 8-10

NFPW Conference
Seattle, Wash.



**And a
reminder...**

Membership dues are due!
Send one check for the full
amount for both NFPW
and KPC (and Wichita,
if you're in that group) to:

**KANSAS PROFESSIONAL
COMMUNICATORS**

Mail to: Teresa Veazey
531 Pamela Street, Wichita, KS
67212-3733

Just another reminder to pull your entries together for the 2005 Communications Contest! Entries for this year's contest must be **postmarked by Jan. 28, 2005**. Send entries to Flint Hills Press Women, P.O. Box 34, White City, KS 66872.

Contest packets were not mailed this year. Instead **contest entry forms, guidelines and categories are all available in Word and PDF formats at www.kansasprofessionalcommunicators.org**

If you have trouble downloading the needed documents, or you don't have access to the internet,

you may call Gail Parsons, contest chair, at 785-762-4272 and she will mail a packet to you.

Any professional, college student or retired member of Kansas Professional Communicators – whose state and national membership dues for 2005 are received by Jan. 28, 2005 – is eligible to enter the contest.

Nonmembers also may enter, but must join National Federation of Press Women (NFPW, our parent organization) and pay the NFPW entry fee to advance to national competition.

Collegiate categories, introduced

last year by KPC for state competition, now have been included in national competition!

In addition to **expanded categories**, we **again** are offering the lowered entry fee – \$9 per entry for members, and \$12 for nonmembers – in hopes of enticing more to enter the competition.

So dig out your best work, don't forget to check out the state-only categories, and fire off your entries to Gail Parsons **postmarked by Jan. 28, 2005!**

And good luck!



BE A MENTOR MEMBER!

Just yesterday I received my annual call from the folks at Washburn University, asking me to be a judge of papers for History Day, District 3.

It has been with some trepidation that I have entered into this venture the past few years: the quality of the work I've seen has steadily gone downhill. And, concurrently, with the proliferation of the Internet as a research tool, I've found myself more and more frequently raising my eyebrows at certain passages and wondering how a student's writing abilities can increase so dramatically for one paragraph, only to return immediately to the level of instant messaging.

Innocently "borrowing" information is becoming a little too common.

This year I've made myself available to come to the schools and talk to students about the importance of good, original writing and discriminating research

practices. It's not a totally altruistic act: mostly I'm hoping to head off entries filled with such phrases as "the Indian Burro of Affairs" or sentences informing me that "Made with wire coat hangers and batteries, John took his invention to the patent office."

This year's topic, incidentally, is "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding."

As we head into the new year, I hope all KPC members keep their eyes and hearts open to opportunities to mentor.

Mentoring is a large part of what our organization stands for, and the very act of coaching someone

else, whether student or peer, is a tribute to our late friend and advisor Vivien Sadowski. Viv put great stock in communicators helping each other become more proficient in the field, and she would be proud to see that legacy continue.

Perhaps this January 1 every KPC member would consider adding "Mentor someone" to his or her list of New Year's resolutions. You don't need to teach whole classes or urge along the next Shakespeare; in fact, your contribution might be as simple as bringing in a new member to enjoy the benefits of networking and pleasure of camaraderie.

You can make a difference to someone. I hope you all keep that in mind as you enjoy a healthy and prosperous new year.

– Sue Novak



**PRESIDENT'S
PERSPECTIVE**

BITS & PIECES

Joan Carter, Wichita, is recovering from surgery for removal of a brain tumor. The doctors removed all the tumor, and the cancer has not spread to any other part of her body.

She will continue to have radiation, but she feels good and thanks everyone for their support.

Wichita Professional Communicators (WPC) wants to thank and acknowledge **Phyllis Spade**, Wichita, for her fabulous work as editor of WPC's newsletter the past 32 years!



Phyllis turned the reins over to KPC member **Alissa Nolan Boyle**, Wichita, in December.

Amy Eck, Phillipsburg, continues as editor of the *Phillips County Review*.

The *Review* was sold to Main Street Media in early December.

A new book by **Carol Francis**, Lawrence, is now available at Borders. Look for *Local Happenings in Lawrence, Kansas, 1921-1946* to see her latest literary endeavor.



Lou Ann Thomas, Oskaloosa, had an article on the Keystone Gallery in the winter issue of *Kansas!* magazine.

The **2005 KPC state conference** is slated for May 6 and 7 in Wichita. The theme for this year's event is "Healthy Communications."

Watch for more information on the conference in the *CommuniKPC* and on the Web site, www.kansasprofessionalcommunicators.com.



NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our newest KPC members!

ELAINE EVAN CLARK
Wellington
Belle Plaine High School

SHAKILA SAIFULLAH
Wichita
Associated

SHAWN STEWARD
Wichita
Associated

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

NFPW conference: An awesome experience

Was it sitting at a roundtable discussing how to be a better interviewer with articulate women, including Press Women of Texas member Heloise, of "Hints from Heloise" fame? Was it hearing Polly Judd, Ashland, Kentucky city commissioner and mother of Naomi, talk about the costs of celebrity and some prickly dealings with her local newspaper?

Was it hearing the recent director of the School of Journalism at Western Kentucky University analyze how Jayson Blair's plagiarism went undetected for so long? Or was it the fabulous, yet affordable, accommodations at the Griffin Gate Resort?



Or was it, simply, the warm camaraderie of the six other Kansas Professional Communicators – Carol Francis, Ann Gardner, Sharon Iorio, Gwen Larson, KPC President Sue Novak and Deb Zeiner?

Trying to distill the highlights of the 2004 National Federation of Press Women Conference in Lexington, is a challenge. It was a privilege to represent KPC as the affiliate's Communicator of Achievement, and I'm so grateful for the organization's underwriting of my conference registration fee.

Donna Penticuff, NFPW President, whom we met when she attended our spring conference, was a warm, affirming and able leader of the festivities. Marsha Shuler, a statehouse reporter for the Baton Rouge newspaper and NFPW Second Vice President, gave an interesting workshop (Sue and I attended) on how to boost membership -- she suggests joint meetings with like-minded organizations.

The conference was stimulating, fun and inspiring. Attending a national meeting is a great way to jump-start enthusiasm for the communications profession and for our professional organization. I highly recommend it!

– Jeffrey Ann Goudie

WEB SOURCES



Regional meetings

Flint Hills Press Women

First Thursday evening of the month
Junction City or Abilene
Time and location vary
Contact Gail Parsons
785-762-5000
flinthillspresswomen@
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

PC member Carol Francis sent the following Web site list recommended by a class focusing on more effective Web site use. Thanks, Carol!

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www.cars.com
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