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MARCH 2006

Euphoria in Emporia!

The 2006 Kansas Professional Communicators annual conference is **next month!**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

All conference events are at the Emporia Travelodge and Conference Center.

Following are the program schedule and speakers :

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7:
KPC BOARD MEETING**
6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8:
REGISTRATION**
8 – 9 a.m.
Silent auction begins.

BOOKSIGNING

10:15 a.m.

Nancy will be available immediately following her session to sign any of her books, including her Jenny Cain books.

The Town Crier, an Emporia bookstore, is coordinating her booksigning and will donate a portion of the proceeds back to KPC.

NewsU

11 a.m.

Powerpoint presentation of NewsU, an Internet-based training program developed by The Poynter Institute.

Publishers Association and former CEO of the National Newspaper Association, will tell us about the National Federation of Press Women's First Amendment Network.

MEMBER SHOWCASE

3:15 p.m.

Display space will be provided. Bring your wares. Whether you want to show off your latest accomplishment or technique or sell some books, this is the place to be.

(Showcase and silent auction will conclude at 4:15 p.m. More information below.)

DETAILS! DETAILS! DETAILS!

REGISTRATION



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Registration includes luncheon and awards banquet

- \$75 – Members
- \$85 – Non-members
- \$40 – Students
- \$15 – Luncheon only
- \$30 – Awards banquet only

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Travelodge and Conference Center
2700 West 18th Ave., Emporia
620-343-2200

Ask for the KPC rate: \$53.95 plus tax
This rate is good for both April 7 & 8
Discount rate expires March 22

For detailed conference information go to KPC's Web site: www.kansasprofessionalcommunicators.org

SESSION 1
9 – 10 a.m.

Nancy Pickard, nationally recognized mystery writer whose career included stints as a journalist and freelancer before embarking on a fiction-writing path, will talk specifically about her book, "Seven Steps on the Writer's Path: The Journey from Frustration to Fulfillment."

BUSINESS MEETING
11:15 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Noon

Announcement of scholarship and high school award winners.

SESSION 2
1:15 p.m.

Mike Kautsch, former dean of the University of Kansas William Allen White School of Journalism and current professor of the KU School of Law, will discuss legal issues, ranging from libel and slander to meetings/records access, copyright, contracts and the First Amendment.

SESSION 3
2:15 p.m.

Tonda Rush, associate general counsel of the American Newspaper

**TOUR OF
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE'S HOME**
4:30 p.m.

Shuttle leaves for tour of this historic state site. Will arrive back at the hotel by 5:45 p.m.

RECEPTION
6 p.m.

**BANQUET/PATRONS/CONTEST AWARDS
COA PRESENTATION**
6:30 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR!

The day will include a **member showcase**. **Free** to all who register, display space will be provided to individuals interested in showing and selling their work.

A **silent auction** has also been added to this year's conference. Everyone registered is encouraged to bring an item to donate. Proceeds will go toward KPC's scholarship fund.

Mark that date...

APRIL 7 & 8
KPC Annual Conference
Emporia

SEPT. 7 - 9
National Federation of Press Women Conference
Denver



Board business

Here's a synopsis of the board of directors meeting Feb. 11:

- As of early February, KPC membership for 2006 is at 95. We still have 41 members "not accounted for" from 2005.

If you have a question on the status of your membership, contact Teresa Veazey: teresa.veazey@wichita.edu, or 316-978-6462.

- Gwen Larson is still looking for nominations for the 2006 Communicator of Achievement (COA).

Send nominee's name, contact information and resume or vitae to Gwen Larson, larsong@emporiagazette.com.

- The 2006 communications contest received 216 entries from 60 entrants.

Belinda Lichty Clarke of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University is overseeing the judging of this year's entries.

- Participation in the 2006 high school communications contest is up from last year, both in the sheer number of entries and the number of schools represented!

Ten schools (five last year) sent a total of 220 entries (158 last year).

- A new executive board will be voted on at the business meeting on April 8. The current slate includes:

PRESIDENT: Teresa Veazey

VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP:

To be announced

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/BYLAWS:

Linda Dueser

TREASURER: Amy Eck

SECRETARY: To be announced

Amy Eck, Ellsworth, was promoted to business manager at *The Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter*.

A big "thank you" to **Kris Schindler**, Wichita, who judged the Native Sons and Daughters annual writing contest in January for KPC Patron June Windscheffel.

A complete list of proposed bylaws changes has been mailed to the entire membership. We will vote on the changes at the membership meeting at next month's conference. (*Don't have a copy of the proposed changes? You can download them from the KPC Web site, www.kansasprofessionalcommunicators.org under Members Login.*)

Phyllis Spade, Wichita, has a new address. You can reach her at: Sedgwick Plaza, 2455 North Woodlawn Street, Apt. 244, Wichita, KS 67220-3965.

Sandy Evans, Wichita, has changed jobs. She is now PR/Outreach Coordinator for Independent Living Resource Center, 3033 West Second Street, Wichita, KS 67203, 316/942-6300, sevans@ilrcks.org.

Carol Francis, Lawrence, has a new e-mail address: cfrancis@sunflower.com.

Cindy Mines, Wichita, wrote a profile of Dr. Moden Hoover Wilson, senior vice president of the American Medical Association, for an early 2006 issue of *Kansas Alumni* magazine.

Jeff Goudie, Topeka, is again writing her "Open Journal" column for the *Topeka Metro News*. Her column appears in the paper every other Friday, alternating with her husband's column, "Oleander's Kansas."

Last fall KPC members were asked for

donations to help **Lou Ann Thomas**, Oskaloosa, rebuild her life after flood waters destroyed her home. Secretary Amy Eck sent a check to Lou Ann in January, and here is an excerpt from Lou Ann's response:

"Please send my heartfelt thanks to everyone who so generously donated toward the check you sent me.

"Thank you so much for thinking of me, helping so generously and being in contact! As soon as I can afford it, I hope to rejoin KPC...and life!"

The Emporia Gazette has an immediate opening for a copy editor.

The position is part-time with the possibility of becoming full-time.

Send cover letter, resume and work samples to Gwendolynne Larson, managing editor, *The Emporia Gazette*, P.O. Drawer C, Emporia, KS 66801, or e-mail to larsong@emporiagazette.com.



New members

Welcome to our newest KPC members!

AUGUSTINE IACOPELLI

Senior Administrative Assistant
Graduate Student • Wichita State University
Maize

TERRY ROMBECK

Reporter • *Lawrence Journal-World*
Lawrence

CHRISTINA STEPHENS

Student • Butler Community College
Park City

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

For log-in and password, contact presswomen@aol.com.

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