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SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS

by
 Maureen
 Sullivan-
 Hartung

As a former educator, Dottie Craige strongly believes that education is the core of our country. A volunteer for Take Stock in Children for the past three years, she has formed a special relationship with her student Katherine.

They meet once a week during Katherine's lunch hour at East Naples Middle School to discuss her classwork, family issues, interaction with her peers, etc.

"We have become friends and I look forward to her continuing progress in becoming a productive member of our society, while maintaining her dignity as an elegant young lady," Dottie told us.

In a recent online survey sent to members of the Naples Press Club, "making a difference; finding a purpose; meeting new people; helping others; and connecting with my community" were the most common responses given as reasons for volunteering.

We felt this would be an appropriate cover story for the April/May newsletter as the week of April 15-21

was designated as this year's National Volunteer Week. Established in 1974 and sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network, the week honors and thanks those special individuals for their incredible time and talents given to our area nonprofit agencies. "Inspire by Example" is this year's theme.



Dottie Craige with the student she mentors, Katherine Lopera

In our state, Volunteer Florida, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service, was established in 1994 by the legislature. Volunteer Florida is directed by a bipartisan, governor-appointed board composed of 25 commissioners from throughout the state who are actively involved in volunteer service. Florida is one of the first states in the nation to have its

volunteer commission written into state law.

Here in Collier County, there's a variety of nonprofit agencies to volunteer for running the gamut from children's services to health issues to victim advocate

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From the President...

by
Joan
Curley

Well, I can't believe it's been a year since I became president of Naples Press Club. You never know what's going to happen when you start a project! What has occurred shows the tremendous vitality of NPC.



Joan J. Curley

There have been many additions to the board. A membership survey was presented by Wil Yegge to help learn what the club should focus on. NPC has forged a strong alliance with the Chamber of Commerce and assisted with many community activities. Our 10th anniversary celebration in December was a gala affair sponsored by members Jack Mehaffey and Lee Hollingsworth, with tribute paid to all founding members. The club newsletter has been reorganized and restyled and is now occurring with regularity.

Phil Beuth has revitalized our scholarship program and has developed an outreach program to Collier County high school journalism classes by sponsoring students and teachers to attend workshops. The response has been very favorable. NPC will also offer scholarships to graduating seniors interested in a career in writing.

Phil Jason organized our Writers' Conference and the Authors and Books Festival, which were a tremendous success. NPC also received its incorporation status with some great assistance from Bob Wiener. New membership cards, badges and membership lists have been updated. Membership has increased to more than 100. I have attended many functions representing NPC, overseen NPC activities, actively recruited members into leadership roles, made the community more aware of NPC and encouraged others to become writers or to enjoy the words of writers.

Now for a moment of reflection. What would you like to see the club focus on or what do you feel is missing for you? E-mail me or 1st VP Wil Yegge with your suggestions. This is a mini follow-up of our splendid survey that started us off this year.

All of our accomplishments have been possible because members have become active in their club. When everyone participates, the club benefits from new ideas and members' enthusiasm, which attracts the attention of potential members.

I encourage everyone to attend our meetings, invite guests, and meet and greet! Say hello to someone you haven't met before or a member who has been unable to attend for a while. Please keep the applications for new members coming in, and ask the recipients to add your name at the end of the form to indicate you are the sponsor. Remember, the goal is for each member to bring in a new member every three to four months or sooner. Please help NPC grow. The life of NPC depends on you.

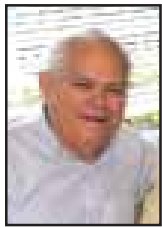
ONE YEAR ALREADY! MY REPORT TO YOU

NPC'ers give with their hearts

services to environmental issues as well as education and the arts. Among those that NPC'ers volunteer for are the Naples Botanical Garden, Friends of the Library, Mended Hearts, Estuary Conservation Association, Guadalupe Center of Immokalee, Guardian Ad Litem, League of Women Voters, Naples-Fort Myers Town Hall Lecture Series, DOVIA, Coalition against Human Trafficking, Collier County Reading Program, Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, Girl Scouts of Southwest Florida, Volunteer Florida, Greater Naples Better Government Committee, Take Stock in Children — as well as the Naples Press Club itself.

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Many active members within the Press Club donate many hours to the success of its overall operation as well as the various outreach programs offered, i.e. scholarship program, annual Authors & Books Festival — Writers' Conference and other fundraisers.



Phil Beuth

Phil Beuth is chairman of NPC's Scholarship Committee and a board member of the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee. "When I see an \$8 million brand-new day care and community center finally operational — the work of a board on which I am proud to sit — that changes people's lives daily, I feel such a sense of satisfaction, and am inspired even more to try and keep filling those needs," Phil told us.

As for his NPC role, he said, "To know that five young people will be helped getting scholarships for college this fall, courtesy of many who gave to the Press Club, is personally satisfying — and certainly not a big deal in terms of the time a few of us put into an enjoyable experience."

We're especially pleased to announce that Phil was named "Volunteer of the Year" for the City of Buffalo in 1983, and we are happy to have him continue that spirit here in Naples — even though he said he moved here initially to go fishing every week. Fortunately for our community — and the fish — he's only been able to go fishing once a year.

Thanks, Maureen!

There couldn't be a more ideal author for this month's cover story than Maureen Sullivan-Hartung. As many NPC'ers know, she was appointed a Volunteer Florida commissioner by former Gov. Bush, recognizing her many years of service for numerous charity groups. She went to the nth degree for Scoop; after all, she volunteered to do a story on volunteering. The other side of her passion for writing is teaching others to read, especially in her work with the Literacy Volunteers of America. "I will never forget a young boy whom I helped for three years," she said. "He was leaving the program at 16 and said to me, 'Miss Hartung, I will never forget how to spell rendezvous.'" "That was 15 years ago. I ran into his parents recently, and they told me he had just passed the State of Florida contractors license test."

~ Pat O'Dowd, Gerry Storch

2007's new board members ³

Their life stories in three sentences each

Cindy Dobyns: "Owns AboveWater PR and Marketing, LLC, relocating from Alexandria to Naples seven years ago. After graduation from the U. of South Florida, she interned at the St. Petersburg Times and edited lifestyle magazines on the east coast of Florida. Working with her husband Mike, she has created marketing programs for clients including Waterside Shops, Gulf Bay Group, Health Club of Naples, Pelican Bay Foundation, Memory Management, Doubletree Guest Suites, Bentley, Jaguar, Porsche of Naples, Naples Bead Shop, and various divisions of Collier County government."

Susan G. Smith: "My move to Naples in 2001 proved the catalyst for a new career after spending more than 30 years as an executive wife, stay-at-home mom to three daughters and freelance writer. *N magazine* was the first step to re-entering the work force, starting as assistant editor and becoming managing editor in 2004. I draw strength from life experiences that include: being in the magazine business when 'cut and paste' really meant cut it with scissors and paste it with glue; moving home, hearth, children of varying ages and pets of varying species eight times to five states; being a supportive life partner and parent; and always, always staying connected in some way to the art of the printed word."

Michael Robert Trephan: "Joined the Marine Corps, 1/10/56 to 1/9/59. Started the Michael R. Trephan Co. in 1973 — sales, consulting and construction of asphalt plants and other related equipment. Married to Deborah (Ace) Trephan; founder and chairman of the Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society; Middle Paxton Township commissioner in charge of roads and highways; does press and PR for the Marine Corps League of Naples."

SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS



by
Virginia
Saalman

The combined talent that comprises the membership of the Naples Press Club has from its beginning been remarkable; however, with the addition of Brynn Bruijn, the club's cup truly runneth over.

Unlike most novices who probably began with an Eastman Kodak Brownie, Brynn began her incredible career in photojournalism — appearing in the best magazines, featured in six books — with an underwater camera in Saudi Arabia in 1977. Traveling with husband Peter, who was in

international marketing, she found opportunities to photograph in some of the world's most beautiful and dangerous locations.

Brynn recounts that after she and Peter moved to Beirut, they were caught in the middle of the conflict and survived by hiding under their bed.

“As we were trying to avoid the snipers,” she said, “my Dutch husband was reminded of his childhood during the Second World War.” More upsetting yet, many mornings the bodies of dead snipers from the previous night's fighting could be seen on the streets. “When my daughter asked why there



**Brynn Bruijn in Africa
for Save the Children**

Joined NPC:
March 2007.

Moved to Naples:
“About four years ago.”

Why:
“I was raised in Milwaukee — our family had come here for many years.”

Favorite Naplesy thing to do:
“Swamp walking with my camera.”

Personal:
Husband Peter “is a professional volunteer for the Coast Guard — he's involved with homeland security. I have a daughter in Holland — Trieneke — and another daughter outside Madison, Wis. — Brynneke.”



A Burkina Fasowoman from Mali wearing 24K gold earrings, part of her wedding dowery. She's the chief's wife.



Tibetan monks — the call to prayer is carried by the wind.

were so many men lying in the street, I told her that they were very tired.” By this time Brynn had progressed to a Nikon F-2 but wisely put her photography on hold until the family could escape through the Palestine camps and get to the airport.

While living in Europe for 25 years, Brynn Bruijn (pronounced Brown) was a regular contributor to numerous European and American magazines including *Town & Country*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Cosmopolitan* and *National Geographic*. After moving here, to a home with an office painted a rich “tomato” red and with shelves upon shelves of books in

fastidious order, she became the 2005 winner of two Pinnacle Awards for Best Interior Design Firm Magazine Advertising.

Her energy appears limitless. Her work in Tibet was selected as a UNESCO Cultural Project of the Decade. She has been a guest speaker in the Great Hall of China representing The Netherlands. She has photographed projects for Save the Children and UNICEF

The pictures you see on these pages will be on the walls in her one-woman show at the Von Liebig next February. It will then tour other museums in the U.S.



Photos and cutlines by Brynn Bruijn

Monsoons forced this truck to get stuck in the mud along a road above the Brahmaputra River in Tibet. I was on assignment for the Rijksmuseum in the Netherlands. The photo was published in *National Geographic* and the expedition became a UNESCO Cultural Project of the Decade.



The Wise Old Woman sits under a tree in Nepal.



This boy in Beijing is part of the Chinese opera for children. Photography is one of the national passions of China. They held an international photo festival and the Dutch chose me to go.



Men from the Fergana Valley in Uzbekistan. When I entered the country, it was part of the USSR; when I left, it was a free satellite.

by
Linda
Butler

Here's the Scoop on...Sandy Lender

Scoop: Sandy, can you tell us a little about yourself?



Sandy Lender

SL: Believe it or not, I was born in Florida. My dad was stationed at Homestead Air Force Base. We didn't stay put...we had moved 18 times before I went to college ... but I always felt that need to return to my natal beach, like the sea turtles I work to protect. I graduated from Truman State University in Missouri, and for a long time proofed, edited and wrote for various trade publications. My day job, the one that keeps food in the fridge, involves a 15-year career in magazine publishing and public relations. I host a grammar and writing blog at www.todaythedragonwins.blogspot.com, but my real job, the one I intend to stay with until death do us part, is writing. My fantasy novel, *Choices Meant for Gods* in the *Choices* trilogy, was recently published by ArcheBooks Publishing. I pitched my book idea at the Naples Press Club's Writers' Conference last year, and Bob Gelinas, publisher and owner of ArcheBooks, liked it and decided to publish it.

Scoop: What are your current major interests and/or avocations?

SL: I work to protect sea turtles in my memberships and volunteer work with Turtle Time, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, The Ocean Conservancy, etc. My other major interests and avocations, such as the Naples Press Club, the Florida Writers

Association, the Speculative Fiction Society, etc., revolve around my writing career.

Scoop: What would you consider to be your major life achievements so far?

SL: So far, that would include rescuing a disoriented baby sea turtle near Bonita Beach Road, and seeing *Choices Meant for Gods* published.

Scoop: We ask our members in these interviews to answer fantasy questions in order to get to know them better. Here's one: What story or topic on Naples has just won you a coveted Pulitzer Prize for journalism?:

SL: The story that would touch my heart would be one in which I announce that I've found a cure for the fibropapilloma virus that's killing our turtles. I would, of course, announce my plans for implementing the cleanup of the Gulf's pollution and eradication of the global commercial fishing industry in the same prize-winning series.

Scoop: And another: If you get to heaven and the gatekeeper informs you that you forgot to do one thing and sends you back to earth to do it, what would that task be?

SL: That's going to depend on when and how Jesus calls me home, but if I get to play around with the space-time continuum, I need to go back to the '70s and do a better job of hiding Grandma's cigarettes. I failed her there. But when I get to the gates, St. Peter will probably tell me I left the stereo on. (And the neighbors are complaining about how loud it is.)

From the Chief Scooper...

by
Gerry
Storch

The great philosopher Descartes said, "I think, therefore I am." My offshoot is, "I'm a guy, therefore I'm inept with color." So aside from me saying "give me something dynamic," all praises go to our design/production wizard Sharon Hood for the vibrant March debut color issue of *Scoop* that was quite well-received, as hopefully this one will be, my second for you. ... I thank Maureen Sullivan-Hartung elsewhere — well, ditto to the other splendid Scoopers — Pat O'Dowd, Linda Butler and Virginia Saalman. ... Introducing our photogs: Bev Burrell studied her craft at Oakland Community College in Michigan, moved to Naples six months ago and works for Penny Taylor Photography; Amber Frederiksen used to teach math at Baron Collier High, now does free-lance photography in the Naples area. ... I hope you enjoy our showcasing of the pictures from new NPC member Brynn Bruijn. Naples will realize with her one-woman show at the Von Liebig next February, if it doesn't already, what a phenomenal talent we have here. ... Late fall will see our next *Scoop*. Can you hold out that long???

SNOOP

Once again the Snoopmobile has been cruising around looking for juicy tidbits about our members. **Rhona Saunders**, president emeritus, changed her voter registration to Democrat, just returned from hiking in Sedona, Ariz., and the Grand Canyon, and has become marketing director of the Naples Players: "It's the best community theater in the country. I'm looking to develop alliances and opportunities within the Press Club as well as the community at large." ... **Jeanne Findlater** is heading to Greece this summer with her family. "My daughter, Claudia Osborn, has written a book, 'Over My Head,' about brain injury rehabilitation. We may rent a villa and stay a little longer and maybe she'll start another book." ... **Tom Murphy**, who recently produced a commercial seen on local TV for his Realtor wife Joanne, comes from long police lineage: "I am the third generation of NYC policemen. My grandfather, Assistant Chief Inspector Murphy, had a chauffeur named William O'Dwyer who later became mayor of NYC. My dad, Francis, created the NYC crime lab and became an expert in forgeries." Tom himself was FBI-trained as an expert in questioned documents, bank robbery notes, fingerprints and all types of forgeries.

by
Pat
O'Dowd

Fabulously fashionable

Linda Butler was seen buying a lovely white dress and blue linen capelet at the Sailing and Yacht Club First Mates' Fashion Show: "I shall wear it proudly at my son's graduation from Tulane Law School, May 19." ... At NPC's April luncheon, new member **Kathy Lucas** wore a bright spring green jacket, tropical print blouse, and coral and white accessories. "I'm just getting back into technical writing again," she informed Snoop. "I'll be writing in the builders' trade publication about marketing, branding and the importance of Internet presence." ... And then there was Dublin born and bred **Eileen Swift** in a kelly green embroidered linen suit she bought at a local thrift shop. When she's not shopping, she's thinking about writing a novel. "People I can't kick around in real life, I can kick around in my novel," she said in a lilting Irish brogue.

Here and there around Naples

Richard Calabrese, a new member of the Collier County School Board, chatted about his proposal to have a high school for the performing arts: "We have a trade school, but our kids need to learn more than how to hammer nails." ... Naples Daily News writer **Harriet Heithaus** hasn't been at the paper long enough to qualify for the buyouts it's offering. "Even if I were eligible, I wouldn't take it," she told Snoop. "I really enjoy what I do." ... There's a new poster in town. **J. Mark Strong**, local photographer, has put together 72 images of Naples on a 24x36 poster. "These images," he said, "show various aspects of Naples life, from sunsets, Caribbean Gardens, the Wine Fest, Corkscrew Sanctuary, to sports, hot cars and nightlife on Fifth Avenue." His poster is on display at the Botanical Gardens and Chamber of Commerce and can be seen online at jmarkstrongposters.com.



OUR VERY OWN GOSSIP COLUMN

A ray from our Sunshine Person

Cindy Dobyns reports: "Be well" wishes are sent to Victoria Himelstein, who is undergoing medical tests.

Five to college ...

The club, through the Terrence J. Miller Scholarship Fund, has given renewable \$1,000 college scholarships to five high school journalism students. They are: Caitlin Crum, Naples High (FSU); Brooke Mundy, Baron Collier (FGCU); Kayla O'Brenski, Lely (UCF); Angelica Rojas, Immokalee High (Syracuse); Josh White, BC (Missouri).

... And four to workshops

NPC also will send two teachers and two students to the National Writers' Workshop in Fort Lauderdale on Sept. 8-9. They are Palmetto Ridge H.S. teacher Lisa Leamon and her yearbook editor, Rocio Castineira; and Lely High teacher Patricia M. Oxx and student Tani Washak.

NPC off for the summer

From Joan J. Curley: Mike Trephan, 2nd VP, is attempting to attract speakers of interest to all. It is not an easy task as club members have diverse backgrounds. He has arranged monthly luncheon meetings on Thursdays at the Collier Athletic Club. However, we won't be having them in June, July or August. After that: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13.

Welcome, new members

Joyce Daniels and Peter Abeles became members of NPC at the April board meeting. Roy Duffus and J. Mark Strong at May's. Others joining recently, in addition to those listed in last month's Scoop, are Donn Brown, Sharon Van Rite, Leon Hesser, Rick Honack, Marya Doonan, Lee Hollingsworth, Carol DeFrank, Nancy Farris Dagher, Rick Borman and Henry H. Wilson.


Did you know ...

...That NPC has become a member of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce?



Blood & guts, cops & crime

by
the
Scoop
staff

“You don’t take a picture — you make a picture.” That was Tom Middlemiss’ credo as a photographer for the New York Daily News, when he was sent out to some of the city’s grimmest stories. At NPC’s April meeting, he showed pictures spanning his career from 1960 to 1982. He showed a dead cabbie sprawled across the front seat after a robbery, a crashed airplane that killed 25 (“I was running through the fog, I tripped over something — it was a body — I kept right on running”), a fireman trying to resuscitate mouth-to-mouth a dead baby. But then ... he showed what you see at right on the screen behind Tom, something to make you cheer — a fireman with a baby he had rescued the day before from a tenement fire. “That’s the best picture I ever made,” he said. 



Photos by Amber Frederiksen




Pulpit nonfiction

by
the
Scoop
staff

Our speaker for May, the Rev. Dr. Ronald M. Patterson, offers an unusual combination of talents — he has divinity degrees AND an MBA. And of course he has something very much in common with NPC’ers: “I’m a writer. I write every week!”

Dr. Patterson, whose topic will be “The Pulpit and the Press,” became senior minister of Naples United Church of Christ (at Seagate and Crayton) in 2004. Before that, he served in New York City, Dayton and Mt. Sinai, Long Island. He was ordained in 1974 at Salem United Church of Christ in Toledo.

The May meeting will be a luncheon buffet starting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday the 24th at the Collier Athletic Club, 710 Goodlette Rd., Naples. Cost: \$20 (cash or check) for members and nonmembers. RSVP by noon Monday, May 21, at 513-4847. See you there!!! 



Dr. Ron
Patterson

Leslie Elson Waller
1923 - 2007

Leslie Waller will be fondly remembered by NPC’ers as a founding member of the club and as the author of more than 50 books including a nonfiction work about witness protection pitfalls, “Hide in Plain Sight,” which was made into a movie in 1980 starring James Caan, and the suspense novel “The American,” which made the New York Times’ best-seller list.

He also is known for creating the novels “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” with Steven Spielberg and “Dog Day Afternoon” under the pseudonym Patrick Mann, both based on the popular movies. Organized crime was a favorite milieu. When asked if he ever felt concern about the consequences of writing so graphically about the subject matter, he said, “Nah, I make it up. Everyone knows that.”

Mr. Waller, after living abroad, moved to Naples in the early 1990s with his wife — photographer and actress Patricia Mahen. They lived on Gulf Shore Drive and he continued his writing, also becoming editor of the Naples Literary Review which he, NPC’er Jeanne Findlater and Susan Grove founded.

“He wrote long-hand until a very few years ago when he switched uncomfortably to a computer,” Findlater said. “He was a man of great sophistication who lived 11 years in Calabria, five in London and, until a very few years ago, kept an apartment in New York. He was a quiet, funny, witty man who loved words and was a serious collector of Dashiell Hammett papers. Leslie’s own papers are at Boston U.”

Mr. Waller died March 29 at age 83 of heart failure while visiting his daughter Elizabeth in Rochester, N.Y. Also surviving are his wife, another daughter Susan, and four granddaughters. 