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Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Feliz Navidad

NMPW Decides on Herz Scholarships

New Mexico Press Women will give one \$2,000 Cary Herz Photojournalist Scholarship each year in 2009, 2010 and 2011, funded by donations made in memory of Cary Herz and the \$2,000 she donated to NMPW shortly before her death.

The NMPW board of directors, in its Nov. 9 decision, specified that each scholarship will go to a student who attends a New Mexico institution or a student who lives in New Mexico. The board also agreed that the Herz scholarships will be announced and applicants solicited at the same time as its annual Doris Gregory Scholarships.

Scholarship Chair Laurie Mellas-Ramirez said scholarship applications are due to her by March 13. She expected to post the "tweaked" application forms on-line in November and mail them to schools in January.

Cary, an award-winning professional photographers, died Sept. 1 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Treasurer Sandy Schauer said at presstime the amount we have received for the scholarship totals \$6,200.

Cary was named national co-Communicator of Achievement posthumously at the NFPW's national convention Sept. 11-13 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Several NMPW board members joined other friends and associates of Cary at a memorial service for her on Nov. 9 at the Congregation Nahalat Shalom in Albuquerque.

It's Communications Contest Time Again

It's that time again! The 2009 NMPW Communications Contest has rolled around. Time to get out your best stories, layouts, ads, broadcasts, books and PR material produced from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008, and enter them in the contest.

Chris Burroughs will email the rules to everyone, so you should have them by the time this newsletter is distributed. If you missed them or would like an extra set, or would like some for a friend, email me at gotschc@sanjuancollege.edu. She will also put them online. Our postmark deadline is Jan. 12, 2009.

National has changed some of the rules, so please read everything carefully before you enter.

Also, we need news and photography judges. All other categories are covered.

By Connie Gotsch, Contest Chair

Zia Award Contest Gets Underway

Zia Award Chair Jessica Savage has announced the schedule for the 2009 Zia Award contest in which an outstanding New Mexico writer will be honored for her work in non-fiction by receiving the prestigious honor.

The book must have been published in 2006, 2007 or 2008.

Jessica announced in a press release that to submit a book entry to the Zia Award contest the entrant is to send a cover letter containing contact information and a paragraph stating the author's connection to New Mexico, along with the book and a check for \$10 payable to New Mexico Press Women.

It should be sent to the following address postmarked by Jan. 10, 2009:

Jessica Savage
Zia Award Contest Chair
1612 Ralph Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88001

An acknowledgment letter will be sent upon receipt of the entry. For more information on the contest, correspondence should be sent to the above address or emailed to jsavage@cybermesa.com.

Submissions can be made by the author or by someone else on behalf of the author, such as a publisher. Membership in the sponsoring NMPW is not required but the writer must be a woman and must live in New Mexico or have a strong connection to New Mexico.

The Zia Award is given each year by NMPW at its annual spring conference.

Each year the award rotates to one of the three categories: non-fiction, fiction and children's literature. The 2008 award went to Anne Weaver for her children's book titled "The Voyage of the Beetle."

Veteran Food Writer Fayne Lutz Dies

Fayne Lutz, veteran food writer, Taos community activist and former NMPW member, died Oct. 23 after a long illness. She was 83.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Fayne lived many places before moving to Northern New Mexico in 1970. She also held positions in several fields before beginning a long food-writing career with the *Colonial Merchant*, Freehold, New Jersey. She studied gourmet cooking with Michael Field and James Beard at the University of California between 1958 and 1966.

After moving to New Mexico, Fayne wrote for the *Sangre de Cristo Chronicle* and joined the *Taos News* staff as its food editor and writer of the "Fayne on Food" column. She also compiled three cookbooks and wrote numerous historical articles for *Profile*, a publication owned by her husband.

Fayne belonged to many organizations, served on several boards and received many honors, including the Communicator of Achievement honor bestowed by the Taos Press Club.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Lutz, and two cousins. Memorial and burial services were private at her request.

Checks for donations to NMPW in Fayne's memory should be made payable to NMPW and mailed to Treasurer Sandy Schauer at P.O. Box 1054, Los Lunas, NM 87031-1054. Sandy said NMPW received a generous check from The *Taos News*, which will go toward the NMPW Doris Gregory Scholarship.

Adapted from a news story and an obituary written by NMPW Member Kathy Cordova

NMPW Mourns with Hillerman Family

NMPW joins member Anne Hillerman and her family in mourning the loss of her father, award-winning writer Tony Hillerman, whose mystery novels set in Navajo Indian country fascinated a nation.

Hillerman died Oct. 26 of pulmonary failure. He was 83.

Services were held at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church in Albuquerque and a private burial service was held at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Marie, six children, 10 grandchildren and a sister.

In addition to writing 30 books, Hillerman served stints as a working journalist and University of New Mexico journalism professor.

NMPW extends its deepest sympathy to the Hillerman family. Donations in his honor can be made to the charity of one's choice, or to Catholic Charities, 6001 Marble NE, Albuquerque 87110, or to St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School on the Navajo Reservation.

Anne said Catholic Charities does a lot of work with immigrant families. She said St. Bonaventure offers free education, including bus transportation and free meals, to children in the Thoreau area. It also has a home restoration program that works with elderly Navajos, hauls water to families that need it and has an affordable apartment complex for Navajo families "down on their luck," Anne said. The address is Box 610, Thoreau, NM 87323.

Help, Help!!

NMPW needs a replacement secretary and a replacement newsletter editor.

Sara Ford, elected secretary in April, resigned for personal reasons.

Susanne Burks, who took over as newsletter editor in April, has resigned because of vision problems exacerbated by working at a computer screen.

Volunteers for these jobs should contact NMPW President Carol Clark at caclarkci@yahoo.com.

National Grants 'Early Bird Special' on Dues

NFPW members can renew their membership at the old rate if they pay 2009 dues before Dec. 31.

After a delegate vote at the national NFPW convention in September raising annual dues from \$53 to \$73, renewing members faced paying at the new rate no matter when they paid for 2009.

But NMPW announced in its November newsletter that it is "encouraging members to renew between now and Dec. 31 to take advantage of what we are calling 'an early bird special.' If you renew your membership or sign up new members before year's end, you can save \$20 off the membership fee. After Jan. 1. . . the dues increase. . . will go into effect."

Once the national increase goes fully into effect, annual dues for New Mexico members will be \$83 -- \$73 for national and \$10 for state -- plus any local dues a member chooses to pay.

Calling All Authors! Sharon Compiles List

NMPW President Carol Clark reminds members to make known the books they have authored and that are available on Amazon. Vice President Sharon Niederman is compiling a book list and asks that anyone who wants her/his book included contact her at sherites@swcp.com,

Chapter News

President Needs Chapter Membership Lists

NMPW President Carol Clark is asking chapter presidents to email their membership lists to her at caclarkci@yahoo.com. She also would appreciate chapter presidents forwarding to their members the above announcement about the book list being compiled by Sharon Niederman.

Las Cruces Chapter Plans Holiday Potluck

The Las Cruces Chapter will have a "festive holiday potluck" for its December meeting. The party, from 5 to 8 pm Dec. 18 at the home of President Cheryl Fallstead, "will be a relaxed evening of mingling, reflecting on our accomplishments of the past year and maybe brainstorming some ideas for upcoming programs in the new year," Vice President Elaine Kaufmann wrote.

"Most of all, however, the . . . potluck is about celebrating each other and reveling in the joy of being part of a group of talented and interesting communication professionals."

Dec. 15 is the RSVP deadline.

For January the chapter plans a workshop to help members prepare entries for the state communications contests.

Cheryl wrote that the board "has been meeting monthly to work on event planning and spent an evening going through the boxes of LCPW records we inherited. We got rid of duplicates and unnecessary information, and organized the rest in one handy file tote. It was a great opportunity for us newbies to learn more about our organization and what it has done in the past."

In November the chapter heard a talk about public relations writing by Ray Scroggins, a successful public relations practitioner.

Northern Chapter to Hear About Convention Coverage

NMPW President Carol Clark, recently named managing editor of the Los Alamos Monitor, will tell about covering the Democratic National Convention in August in Denver when she addresses the Northern New Mexico Chapter at its December meeting.

The meeting will be held Dec. 6 at the Old Mission Café in Santa Fe.

Tom Berner, president, said the speaker for the chapter's Feb. 14 meeting is Amy Blackburn, talking about her book, "Caring for Cynthia."

The speaker for the chapter's Oct. 11 meeting was Baron Wolman, the first photo editor for Rolling Stone Magazine.

Albuquerque Chapter Addresses National Affairs

Two speakers are expected to present interesting, historical ideas on reactions across the nation to the election of our first African-American president at the Albuquerque Chapter's luncheon at noon Dec. 8 at the MCM Elegante, 2020 Menaul NE.

The speakers are University of New Mexico Professor Sherri Burr and Hakim Bellamy, a program specialist in the New Mexico Office of African American Affairs. Part of the program is expected to be a discussion with luncheon attendees.

The chapter already this fall has had two programs focusing on national issues. The October meeting featured political economist Scott Goold, who talked about the financial crisis.

In November Dr. Lonna Rae Atkeson talked about the just-concluded election, what happened and why. Dr. Atkeson is a Professor and Regents' Lecturer in the Political Science Dept. at the University of New Mexico.

Personal News

Connie Honored Again

The New Mexico Book Association is honoring NMPW's Connie Gotsch with its annual Book-in-Hand Award.

The association was scheduled to present the award to Gotsch, a writer and radio interviewer, Dec. 6 in Albuquerque. The award recognizes outstanding initiatives for getting books into the hands and minds of readers.

Gotsch is program director of KSJE-FM, public radio in Farmington, and producer/host of Write on Four Corners, an author interview show.

She has written two novels, "A Mouth Full of Shell" and "Snap Me a Future." Both books are published by dlsij.press.com. Both have won National Federation of Press Women and New Mexico Press Women Communications Contest Awards.

Yvonne Accepts Position

NMPW member Yvonne Lanelli has accepted the position of Executive Coordinator for International Oceanic Supply that recruits and assigns medical doctors to small eco-tourism cruise ships.

"I occasionally work on those same ships in their medical department providing me opportunities to research for my freelance outdoor adventure writing career," Yvonne wrote.

She said that in December and January "I'll be two months in New Zealand aboard the MV Clipper Odyssey, an expedition cruise vessel of 120 passengers."

Yvonne has promised us more information about her unusual experiences.

Work of NMPW Member, NMSU Professor Recognized

The work of NMPW member Jeanne Gleason, professor and director of media productions at New Mexico State University, is recognized in an article in the fall 2008 issue of *Panorama: New Mexico State University Alumni Magazine*.

Jeanne is mentioned in "Sharing Expertise: NMSU faculty helps in the war-torn Middle East."

The article says she "has been working in the Middle East to leave a lasting image – literally – teaching Iraqis, Jordanians and Afghans how to use video and DVD technology to produce agricultural training videos."

Berner Book on Amazon

Northern New Mexico Chapter President Tom Berner's sequel to his first Jimmy Olson novella (*Extra! Extra! Read All About Jimmy Olson saves Las Vega*) is now available on amazon.com, NMPW President Carol Clark writes.

Entitled "The Hunt for Domingo Roybal," it takes place three years after Jimmy was fired from his job at the Las Vegas Defender after discovering his editor was a murderer. Jimmy has returned to the Defender as city editor. The disappearance of District Attorney Domingo Roybal remains unsolved and his widow wants him declared dead so she can collect on his sizable insurance policy.

Our Sympathy to Swifts

NMPW extends its deepest sympathy to Doug and Jane Swift on the Oct. 20 death of their son, Michael Douglas Swift, 50.

Doug Swift is treasurer of the Albuquerque Chapter.

And Also. . .

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