Hall of fame to welcome seven inductees

Join us as we induct seven extraordinary journalists into the 2015 Omaha Press Club Journalists of Excellence Hall of Fame. See Page 4 for details about the June 6 dinner and ceremony. Make reservations soon.

The Rev. Don Doll, S. J., Creighton University Father Don Doll, professor emeritus of photojournalism at Creighton University where he taught for 45 years, holds the Charles and Mary Heider Endowed Jesuit chair. He traveled around the world producing “Jesuit Journeys,” one of the stories airing on ABC’s “Nightline.” His work in Alaska was featured in National Geographic. His two books among the Lakota were “Crying for a Vision” and “Vision Quest: Men, Women and Sacred Sites of the Sioux Nation.” Recently he traveled extensively photographing for Jesuit Refugee Service. His latest book, “A Call to Vision: A Jesuit's Perspective on the World,” features his 50-year career. Among other awards, Doll received the Kodak Crystal Eagle Award for Impact in Photojournalism at the National Press Club for his work with Native Americans.

Steve Jordon, Omaha World-Herald For 48 years, Steve Jordon has been delving into a wide range of stories at the Omaha World-Herald, focusing on business news for the past 35 years. When joining the newspaper as an intern in 1967, Jordon had no idea that one day he would be the lead reporter following one of America’s most famous men, Warren Buffett. Jordon writes the weekly Warren Watch column and conducts a live weekly chat answering Buffett-related questions. He wrote the book about Buffett, “The Oracle & Omaha.” The work of the trusted journalist has been recognized by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Associated Press, Society of American Business Editors & Writers and American Society of Newspaper Editors. He is past president of the Omaha Press Club and a trustee of the Omaha Press Club Foundation.

Robert “Bob” Hoig, Midlands Business Journal Bob Hoig’s 60-year career in newspaper journalism included time as a reporter with United Press International, New York Daily News, Miami (Fla.) News, Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal. He launched Omaha’s Midlands Business Journal in 1975 and added the Lincoln Business Journal in 1996. MBJ’s annual “40 Under 40” awards have honored business and professional men and women in the Greater Omaha and Lincoln areas since 2002. He was the Omaha World-Herald’s Pulitzer Prize nominee in 1970. Hoig has interviewed hundreds of Nebraska and nationally known business figures and has received numerous awards and honors, including being inducted into the Greater Omaha Chamber’s Omaha Business Hall of Fame in 2012.

John “Jack” McBride (1926-2008) After joining the University of Nebraska in 1953, Jack McBride started Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NETV), building it into one of the country’s most successful telecommunications systems. He was founder and general manager of the nine-station Nebraska ETV network and secretary of the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission. McBride pioneered: the Nebraska Public Radio Network, EduCable (Nebraska ETV’s cable television service), a public television and multimedia production center, the NEB*SAT satellite network and GPN media marketing and distribution center. A national and international consultant, McBride helped form state networks, consulted in Nigeria, Egypt and the Philippines and set up public television systems in other states.

Arnold Peterson, WOW Radio & TV (1913-2000) An iconic figure in Omaha broadcast history, Arnold Peterson joined the stations in 1952 as associate farm director. He became the agribusiness director in 1958 until retiring in 1983. Peterson hosted Farm Study tours to Europe, South America, Japan, Alaska, New Zealand and Australia and produced two features on WOW-TV: “Arnold’s Garden” and “Farm Family of the Week.” Among many honors, he received the Creighton University Professional Achievement in Journalism award in 1980 and a Peabody in 1956 for the

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television documentary “Regimented Raindrops.” Peterson was named Outstanding Agriculturalist of the Year by the Nebraska County Agents Association. Prior to joining WOW TV/Radio, he was with the Extension Service in Lincoln after returning from World War II service.

Chuck Roberts, KMTV, CNN
Chuck Roberts arrived in Omaha in 1975 to join KMTV, where he produced and anchored “Today Show” cut-ins and became weekend anchor. He says his savvy colleagues there taught the new guy the ropes. He left Omaha for Atlanta to become the first anchor on the air when CNN Headline News debuted in 1982. Roberts anchored weekday newscasts on CNN Headline News and headed all network election coverage. He was the longest-serving anchor among the CNN networks before leaving in 2010. Roberts then joined the Missouri School of Journalism, his alma mater, to lecture media training sessions in China. The 19 seminars spanned eight provinces from the North Korean border to far southwest China. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Journalists.

Gary Sadlemyer, KFAB
A Nebraska radio legend, Sadlemyer has been a fixture on News Radio 1110 KFAB for 38 years. He is host of KFAB’s popular “Good Morning Show” and also serves as program director of the 50,000-watt powerhouse. Sadlemyer inaugurated the talk era at KFAB, hosting the first live talk show in the station’s history. His work on Husker football broadcasts on the 52-station Nebraska Sports Network from 1980 to 1995 made his name and voice familiar to Big Red fans across the country. A native of Eagle Bend, Minn., Sadlemyer went on to an academic and football adventure at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. He attended Brown Institute in Minneapolis and landed his first radio job at KRGI in Grand Island, Neb., in 1973. Three years later, he was at KFAB in Omaha.

David Brown’s roasters don’t coast

We Don’t Coast.”
The promotional slogan for the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce became a humorous centerpiece of the March 25 roast that honored David Brown as the Press Club’s 144th Face on the Barroom Floor.

As the chamber’s president and CEO for 12 years, Brown has been the leader and spokesman for a nine-county, two-state business community that has added 563 projects, 27,571 jobs and $5.2 billion in capital investment since 2004. And as of last summer, the chamber and its massive Greater Omaha Development Partnership have an attention-getting campaign brand: “We Don’t Coast.”

Roaster Bob Turner, Union Pacific senior vice president for corporate relations, said there were several other possibilities for a motto. Noting Brown’s Mr. Rogers-like penchant for wearing sweaters, Turner said David’s first choice for a slogan was: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” Other slogan candidates included “Landlocked and Lovin’ It” and, as a twist on Ak-Sar-Ben’s popularity, “A-Ham-O!”

Serving as emcee was Gary Gates, CEO of OPPD, who began the roast with: “Winston Churchill said: ‘History will be kind to me, for I will write it.’ Sorry, David, you’re out of luck. We’re writing your history.”

Other roasters were Linda Lovgren, president and CEO of Lovgren Marketing Group; former Mayor Mike Fahey, and Steve Seline, president of Walnut Private Equity Partners. Some of their bars:

Lovgren: “It’s no wonder David hired a fitness trainer. It’s cheaper than a shrink. A trainer doesn’t argue with you. And they don’t let you coast.”

Fahey: “We’re celebrating David’s Face on the Barroom Floor. I’ve seen it there a couple of times before. That’s a joke!”

Seline: “David led a huge initiative to recruit tech workers from Seattle. But ‘We Don’t Coast’ met lukewarm success. The Seattle workers responded: ‘We’ve got legal pot!’ ”

Artist Jim Horan’s Face on the Floor received a compliment from Brown (“You took about 20 years off me”). It features David pedaling a bicycle with wheels made out of “Big O” symbols. Trailing behind is the “We Don’t Coast” motto. Brown’s striped tie is green and white for his Dartmouth College alma mater, where he was a football and baseball player. Also in the caricature are David’s wife, Maggie, and sons Elijah and Gregory.

In his response, Brown had the last word on “We Don’t Coast.” Praising Omaha as “a world-class city with world-class people,” Brown concluded: “We don’t coast. We accomplish great things together.”

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Shatel, McKewon impressed with new Husker football staff
They give high marks to Mike Riley for demeanor, coaching skills

Two Omaha World-Herald sports writers, Tom Shatel and Sam McKewon, have a positive first impression of new Nebraska Football Coach Mike Riley and his coaching staff.

The duo shared their thoughts on the new Husker regime at the Shatel Lunch Series on March 24.

“Spring football has been a treat,” Shatel said. “The coaches are so excited to be here. They love wearing that N. It’s so refreshing.”

McKewon called Riley “a coaches” coach and a mentor to other coaches. He has a generally positive outlook on life. His attitude is the glass is more than half full.”

McKewon, who lives in Lincoln, has been impressed with what he has seen on both the offensive and defensive sides.

“You guys are going to love the new offense,” he said. “It is very similar to Wisconsin’s. The defense is very aggressive. I think you’ll need to be patient with the offense, but I have high expectations for the defense.”

McKewon said Nebraska’s talent ranks about No. 4 or 5 in the Big 10 behind Ohio State, Michigan and Penn State and on the same level as Wisconsin and Michigan State.

Winning the Big 10 won’t be easy, he said, as “Ohio State will be the super power of the next decade.”

Some other nuggets from the lunch included:
- McKewon thinks Mikale Wilbon and Adam Taylor will be the Huskers’ top running backs next year.
- He thinks Tommy Armstrong will continue to be the starting quarterback. “Everyone likes him in the locker room.” Coming from a military family has instilled leadership skills in Armstrong.
- He had high praise for A.J. Bush, the backup quarterback – “He is the long-term guy. Nebraska got a steal. He’s not a two-star recruit. He’s way above that. He has all the tools.”
- Shatel gave Omaha high marks for hosting the second and third rounds of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament at CenturyLink Center. “This is the best NCAA site I’ve ever been to. Other older writers say the same thing.”
- Shatel wants Creighton men’s basketball program to try to schedule teams from other major conferences such as the Big 10, Big 12, Atlantic Coast and the Southeastern Conference. He’d love to see them play Iowa State. If that doesn’t happen, then he would love to see the Bluejays renew their rivalry with Wichita State.

April 24 dinner to award new Silber Scholarships

This year’s Omaha Press Club Scholarship Dinner, April 24, will feature a pair of new scholarships named for the late Howard Silber, whose reporting career spanned more than 40 years and reached every continent.

Two Howard Silber News Scholarships will be awarded to young journalists based on their news reporting submitted to the Omaha Press Club Foundation.

The $2,500 scholarships will be among those awarded at the dinner to journalism students at Creighton University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The scholarships are funded by proceeds from the annual Omaha Press Club Show and from contributions by individuals and families.

The Silber awards are funed by Sissy Silber in honor of her husband, who died in 2012. Her contributions also will result in Silber News Scholarships in the future.

Howard Silber is best known as the Omaha World-Herald’s military affairs editor. He reported on the Cold War for more than 30 years, covering the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base starting in 1955 and becoming known as the Midlands’ authoritative eyewitness to that key period in world history.

Himself a wounded and decorated veteran of World War II in Europe, Silber developed relationships with military and civilian leaders that gave his readers unique insights into the conflict. He was national publicity chairman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and received the organization’s Merit Award.

Silber interviewed four presidents and every secretary of defense and SAC commander until his retirement in 1988, in addition to top-level officers during stops at military bases around the world, as well as U.S. installations at the South Pole. He covered the Cuban Missile Crisis and SAC’s role in the international incident. He was one of the first war correspondents to fly on a B-52 bombing mission over Vietnam, and in 1984 wrote one of the first news stories with details about the Air Force’s new B-2 stealth bomber. He was the first newsman to receive the Air Force Association’s national Citation of Honor.

Silber also covered the capture of mass killer Charles Starkweather in Wyoming in 1958, including a jailhouse interview with Carl Ann Fugate, who later was convicted as an accomplice.

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Silber won awards for his sports writing and was a co-author of “Go Big Red,” the first book on Nebraska football’s modern era.

A native of New York City, Silber attended the University of Alabama on an athletic scholarship and, while recuperating from his war wounds, completed his journalism degree via correspondence. During his hospital stay he wrote and starred in a radio drama that won a Peabody Award for public service.

Silber came to the World-Herald after working as a reporter in Utica, N.Y. and for the New York Sun and Gannett News Service. He helped found the Omaha Press Club and served as president in 1973. While at the World-Herald, he was a correspondent for Reuters News and coordinated the Omaha election press pool from 1960 to 1988.

In retirement he was the founding editor of Convene, the journal of the Professional Convention Management Association, and wrote as a correspondent for the Janes family of military publications.

Howard’s dedication to the news profession showed in a comment he made when he retired: “I never wanted to be anything other than a reporter.”

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The next Shatel Lunch Series will be on May 19

with Kyle Peterson, baseball analyst for ESPN & former major league pitcher, as the guest speaker.

An Elkhorn, Neb. native, Peterson has been a baseball analyst for ESPN since 2003. He has covered the College World Series, Little League World Series, and Major League playoffs.

A graduate of Creighton Prep High School, Peterson played baseball at Stanford University and was drafted as the 13th overall pick in the first round of the 1997 MLB Draft by the Milwaukee Brewers.

When not announcing baseball games, Peterson is president & CEO for Colliers International’s Omaha office.
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LUNCHEON
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OPC Foundation Scholarship Dinner
April 24, 2015
Menu

Salad
OPC Signature Thunderbird Salad

Entree
Breast of Chicken Oscar
Grilled Breast lightly-seasoned & topped with sautéed poached broccoli, garlic shrimp & sauce Béarnaise,
Risotto Arancini

Signature Dessert
OPC Turtle Pie

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Menu

Passed Hors d’ oeuvres
Ceviche Shooters, Tomato Basil Arancini, Crab Salad Croustade

Salad
OPC Famous Thunderbird

Dual Entrée
Blood Orange Glazed Chicken Breast & London Broil Madeira
Diced Sweet Potato, New potato, Bell Peppers
Sweet Apple & Red Onion Sautéée

Dessert
Chocolate Raspberry Napoleon with OPC Signature Truffle

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has sprung in the Midwest, and it’s great to see so many members using the Omaha Press Club. Again, my hat is off to those committees responsible for planning and communicating all the events we have scheduled.

After you finish enjoying my article for this month, immediately turn to the last page of our April newsletter. In the lower left-hand corner you will find a schedule of events. Noon Forums, scholarship dinners, the always enjoyable Hall of Fame dinner and other engaging events are offered to our members and the public. And one of the many benefits for OPC events is that you may often receive a rate discounted from the standard, public rate.

Changing topics . . . I have to admit that writing this column each month is a rather difficult job for me. To shed some light on how this newsletter comes together, you should know that it is the product of the Omaha Press Club’s Communications Committee. This committee is made up of about a dozen professional writers. Each member might write an article on a specific event or topic, leaving me with little new content to promote.

So as to avoid sounding redundant, I will normally avoid rehashing our upcoming or past events. Instead, I hope to draw your attention to a specific value your membership affords you at the Omaha Press Club. This month I’ve chosen to focus on beverages.

Did you know that your Omaha Press Club offers an outstanding array of beverages? For example, the coffee is outstanding. For a restaurant, as opposed to a specialty, small-batch roaster, Steve and his team deliver a great cup of Joe. Whether you drink coffee at full strength, or your days are exciting enough to warrant the decaffeinated version, the coffee is great at your Omaha Press Club.

Also, have you seen the bar? The cocktail and drink selection of the Omaha Press Club is outstanding. This may or may not surprise you, but if you do enjoy beverages with an alcohol content, you should challenge our bartenders. The scotch selection is outstanding, and now even the premium tequilas surpass those of many of Omaha’s finest restaurants. And for the adventurous craft cocktail drinker, try “The Journalist.”

Whether eating or drinking, I hope to see you soon at the Omaha Press Club.

Todd Murphy
OPC President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S NOTE

This month’s recipe -- Cobb Salad. Like the Thunderbird, the Cobb is a composed salad, with the big difference being the dressing. There is really no official dressing for a Cobb salad, so every restaurant may be different. The dressing I use for the club is a personal recipe that is much like a ranch Italian with bleu cheese. I have manufactured and bottled this dressing and call it the Nebraska Cobb Salad Dressing.

Cobb Salad

- An even mix of romaine and iceberg
- One grilled 4 or 6 oz. boneless chicken breast
- One diced hardboiled egg
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June 21
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Labor Day

October 11
Columbus Day

November 11
Veterans Day

November 26
Thanksgiving Day

December 25
Christmas Day

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