Sexual harassment continues to occupy the headlines that have brought about resignations in the entertainment and media industries, Congress and other workplaces.

R.J. “Randy” Stevenson, an attorney with the Baird Holm LLP law firm, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 15 Noon Education Forum and explore what constitutes illegal workplace harassment, who can be victimized by harassment, and the effects of harassment on an organization. He will also explain the best practices for preventing harassment and for responding to a harassment complaint.

Stevenson chairs the Employment and Employee Benefits Law Group with Baird Holm. Throughout his 33 years of practice, he has represented private and public sector employers in all aspects of labor relations and employment law.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, Stevenson is a past chair of the Nebraska State Bar Association’s Labor Relations and Employment Law Section and has been an adjunct professor at Creighton University’s School of Law.

Validated lunchtime parking is available at the Central City Garage on the rooftop and at the DoubleTree Garage. Bring your Central City parking ticket to the club for validation.

Cost for the luncheon is $17, with service beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the program starting at noon. Non-OPC members are welcome. Call 402-345-8008 for reservations or email jeaniec@opc.omhcoxmail.com. Reservations must be accompanied by an OPC number or credit card.

The Omaha Press Club’s annual meeting on Jan. 11 ratified the election of club officers and board members and adopted some changes to the bylaws. Pictured, seated from left, are Immediate Past President Marcia Cady, President Woody Bradford, Secretary Bridget (Weide) Brooks and President-Elect Jeremy Maskel. Standing are board members Tom Becka, Gary Willis, Tom Shatel and Roger Humphries. Board members not pictured: Allen Beermann, Jocelyn Houston, Treasurer J.J. Bartlett, Liz Hruska, Cindy Workman, Todd Murphy, and Kathleen Al-Marhoon. For a preview of the OPC in 2018, see Executive Director Steve Villa-monte’s column on Page 5.
OPC Insider
With Allen J. Beermann
OPC board member

Name: Allen J. Beermann.
Age: 78.
Place of employment: Nebraska Press Association (for 23 years after spending 30 years in the Nebraska Secretary of State’s Office.)

Title: executive director of the Nebraska Press Association (following 24 years as Nebraska secretary of state).
OPC years of membership: 42.
Favorite book: Nebraska Blue Book (“everything Nebraska”)
Favorite movie: “The Sound of Music” (“Maria von Trapp was a family friend”).
Favorite career memory: “On Jan. 7, 1971, I was sworn in as secretary of state, became engaged (to Linda Dierking) and attended the Inaugural Ball of Gov. J.J. Exon.”
Brush with fame: “I appeared on stage with Elvis Presley (in Omaha’s Civic Auditorium).”
About family: “I am the son of German farmers and first-generation American.”
Hobbies: travel, water skiing and racquetball.
Favorite OPC dish: Thunderbird salad.
No. 1 OPC memory (although sad): sitting next to U.S. Sen. Ed Zorinsky on the night (March 6, 1987) he performed at the Omaha Press Club Show and then suffered a fatal heart attack minutes later.
Why should people visit/become a member of OPC: awesome views, great food and interactions with fascinating people.
Favorite vacation spot: Estes Park, Colorado, in the winter and Williamsburg, Virginia, at Christmastime.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New Year’s Eve was doubly enjoyable this winter. Because of the weather, the fireworks show was delayed one week. This delay afforded another opportunity for members who did not make it to the club for New Year’s Eve to come back the next week and enjoy another wonderful prime rib buffet -- this time with fireworks. Just another benefit of membership!

2017 was a good year for the club, which finished another year in the black. I have always said if we are in the black at least $1 at year end, then we are doing our jobs. As a nonprofit, the club still needs to maintain equipment and fixtures to stay current with table and buffet presentation wares, and also to maintain our longstanding positive food and service image.

Christine and I have always managed the club as if it was our own. We take great pride in the club’s success and continuously work on improving our food, ambiance and service for our members. If you have not been to the club for a while, it’s time to visit and enjoy the winter ambiance that the Press Club has to offer.

Looking forward this year, management is working on behind-the-scenes improvements that will help speed up service and provide a higher quality product. A good portion of the kitchen equipment is original from 1971. We are working with a kitchen industry equipment specialist to determine the cost of replacement and renovation. We are hoping to implement some updates during our annual summer closing.

We have several events in the coming weeks, including the “Quarterly Winemaker’s Dinner” on Feb 9. For this event, we had such a good reaction from our Past President’s Dinner last fall that we decided to feature the same menu for our general membership. Even I want to sit down for this one.

Our “Valentine’s Day Dinner” on Feb. 14 is an elegant sit-down evening with an array of menu choices to please all palates. Bryce Dantzler will be playing smooth jazz on the sax from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for your listening pleasure.

Then on March 17, the “St. Patrick’s Day Buffet” offers an all-you-can-eat buffet with corned beef that is slow cooked in an Alto-Shaam oven, so it’s falling-apart tender. Enjoy the $2 green beer -- and call Uber!

To stay tuned to all upcoming events, consider bookmarking the links at the end of this column.

Serving you,

Do you know a soon-to-be bride or groom? If so, send them to our new bridal link on our website. http://omahapressclub.com/wedding-receptions/

The opioid epidemic is ravaging America. What is happening in Omaha? Two experts will take a look at both the police and treatment aspects in a Noon Education Forum on March 15 at the Omaha Press Club.

Paul Yakel, a psychologist, has been treatment coordinator for the Douglas County Adult Drug Court since 1997. He began his career in 1984 in a residential substance abuse program in Omaha, spent several years in private practice and then moved to the drug court.

Since joining the Omaha Police Department in 1992, Sgt. Dave Bianchi’s career has been involved with combating illegal drugs and guns. For the first 11 years in the department, he worked in several units focused on illegal narcotics use and sales. He was then promoted to sergeant and assigned to the gang unit as a supervisor. Since 2007 he has been the supervisor of the day-shift narcotics unit.

Lunch service for the forum will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at noon and concluding at 1 p.m. The event price of $17 includes lunch. Non-OPC members are welcome.

Call 402-345-8008 for reservations or email Jeanie at jeaniec@opc.omhcoxmail.com. Reservations must be accompanied by OPC member number or credit card. Validated parking is available at the DoubleTree Garage and on the rooftop of the Central City Garage. Bring your Central City parking ticket to the club for validation.

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**“Face on the Barroom Floor”**
Tom O’Connor
Todd Murphy

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Bridget (Weide) Brooks, Kathleen Al-Marhoon

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- Wendy Townley
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- Larry Weber
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**Events**

**Friday, Feb. 9**
Winemaker’s Dinner
Members $50, non-members $60
Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**
Valentine’s Dinner
Reservations start at 5:30 p.m.
$120 per couple (inclusive)

**Thursday, Feb. 15**
Noon Education Forum
“Harassment in the Workplace”
Attorney R.J. “Randy” Stevenson
Lunch at 11:30 a.m., program at noon, $17

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**Thursday, March 15**
Noon Education Forum
“The Opioid Crisis in Omaha”
Paul Yakel, Douglas County Drug Court
Sgt. Dave Bianchi, police narcotics unit, Lunch at 11:30 a.m., program at noon, $17

**Saturday, March 17**
St. Patrick’s Day Buffet
11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., $15

**Friday, April 27**
Scholarship, Awards Dinner

**Saturday, June 2**
Hall of Fame Awards Dinner
Reception begins at 5:30 p.m.
$55 per person ($45 for OPC members)

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