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OPC Foundation Presents Narrative Writing Workshop on Nov. 3



Ben Montgomery

A Nov. 3 professional development workshop will feature Ben Montgomery, a reporter with the *St. Petersburg Times*. Montgomery has taught narrative writing for the National Writers Workshop and the Poynter Institute. He also founded Gangrey.com, a blog devoted to narrative writing. The workshop is sponsored by the Omaha Press Club Foundation Inc.

Montgomery grew up in Oklahoma and attended Arkansas Tech University. He worked for the (Russellville) *Courier* in Arkansas, the *San Angelo Standard-Times* in West Texas, the *Times Herald-Record* in New York and the *Tampa Tribune* before joining the *St. Petersburg Times* in 2006.

"We're very excited to be bringing in Ben as we restart our professional development series this fall,"

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Creighton President Will Be 114th 'Face'

The Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., president of Creighton University, will be inducted as the next Omaha Press Club "Face on the Barroom Floor" on Thursday, Oct. 11.

A reception starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the roast and toast and unveiling of the caricature drawing at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited.

There is no charge for the event and reservations are not needed.

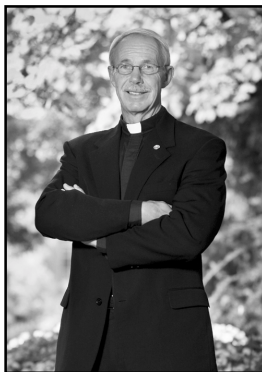
For reservations for the optional dinner that follows the unveiling, call 345-8008. Cost for dinner is \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

Those scheduled to roast Father Schlegel that night are: Ken Stinson, chairman of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc. — who also is the emcee — and Creighton athletics director Bruce Rasmussen.

Roasters who are Creighton graduates will include Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey (1973 graduate), who was the 105th Face on the Barroom Floor; Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein (1977), executive director of the Peter Kiewit Foundation and Joseph Kavan (1979), partner with Kutak Rock LLP.

During Schlegel's seven years of leadership, Creighton University has become nationally recognized as the premier comprehensive university in the Midwest and is experiencing an era of growth and prosperity. His vision has led to the most ambitious campus expansion in its 129-year history, keeping his name and visage in the news continually.

Since his arrival, the university has added more than 20 acres to its campus



Rev. John P. Schlegel

and invested more than \$190 million in new construction, renovation and campus improvement. Creighton has renovated many of its science-related facilities and added the state-of-the-art Hixson Lied Science Building.

Two years ago, Schlegel announced a \$350 million capital campaign designed to secure Creighton's place as one of the nation's premier Jesuit, Catholic

universities. The new Michael G. Morrison, S.J., Stadium has been added as a premier campus soccer facility.

Last year, Creighton opened one of two new resident town homes with apartments for students. Next year, the Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning will open.

Schlegel arrived at Creighton following nine years as president of the University of San Francisco. He previously served at Creighton as assistant academic vice president from 1978 to 1982. Schlegel also has served at Rockhurst College, Marquette University and John Carroll University.

A native of Dubuque, Iowa, Schlegel entered the Society of Jesus in 1963 and was ordained in 1973. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Saint Louis University; a B.D. honors degree in theology from the University of London and a doctorate in international relations from Oxford University.

He serves on numerous boards, including serving as a director of the American International School in Hong Kong.

In Omaha, he serves on executive committees of the Greater Omaha Cham-

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said Henry Cordes, president of the OPC Foundation. "With his skill and experience teaching narrative writing, his visit should appeal to writers of all stripes — everyone from professional journalists to all those aspiring writers who are sure they have that first novel in them."

The workshop will be held at the Creighton University Hixson-Lied Science Center, on Burt Street between 24th and 25th Streets.

Admission is free to Omaha Press Club members, \$35 for nonmembers and \$10 for full-time students with ID.

Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and the morning session will follow from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own) is from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

Preregistration is required. Send a message with your name, phone number and affiliation (OPC member, student, etc.) to journalismprodev@yahoo.com or call 444-1397. The deadline is Nov. 1.

Free parking will be available in the Creighton garage near 24th and Burt Streets and in visitor lots on campus.

Rev. Schlegel Will Be Honored on Oct. 11

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ber of Commerce, Joslyn Art Museum and the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Awards include: the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts; the 2004 Honored Citizen Award from Woodmen of the World Lodge 1; the Otto Swanson Spirit of Service Award from

the National Conference for Community and Justice in 2003 for his promotion of respect among races, religions and cultures; and the first "Champion of Greatness Award" from the Special Olympics of Nebraska.

His interests include opera, rowing, classical music, gourmet cooking and the outdoors.

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OPC members enjoy free room/club rental with a food or beverage order (up to a \$1,200 value).

China, glassware and flatware are available for up to 220 guests.

Call Christine at 345-8008

INQUIRE ABOUT PRENUPTIAL DINNERS, TOO...

**Please make reservations
24 hours in advance, if possible.**

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Reflections on Sept. Continental Cuisine Winemaker's Dinner



Photo by Christine Jones

From left: Shiloh Woolman and her husband, Dimiter Todorov, with Toni Goodman and Kay Kriss.

By Kay Kriss

Fabulous food served with wonderful wines was the theme of the Continental Cuisine Winemaker's Dinner at the Omaha Press Club on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

The dinner featured John Edgerly, senior regional manager for Trincherro Family Estates Vineyards. He entertained guests with informative and fun facts

about the different wines and stories about the Napa Valley family vineyard.

The five-course meal included a main course of Beef Tenderloin Roast Chateaubriand and dessert was tableside with Cherries Jubilee with a Grand Marnier French Vanilla.

The next Winemaker's Dinner is scheduled for Oct. 24. See the menu below.

CONTINENTAL CUISINE WINEMAKER'S DINNER

Friday, Oct. 24, 2007 • 6 p.m.

**Featuring KFAB's Judy a la Carte &
Certified Executive Chef Steve Villamonte**

Members \$40 • Nonmembers \$55

Hors d'oeuvres – Geyser Peak Sauvignon Blanc
Continental Antipasta Display

Amusé – Le Rime Pinot Grigio/Chardonnay
Tilapia Seviche Peruvian-Style, Presented with a Smoked Salmon Cake

Salad – Buena Vista Pinot Noir
OPC's Famous Thunderbird Salad

Entrée – Napa Cellars Merlot
Roasted Sliced Tenderloin Au Poivre
with Roasted Red Anna Potato and Vegetable Terrine

Dessert Reflection – Marques de Caceres Satinela
A Signature Presentation of Desserts
With a Chef to Personally Design Your Plate With Your Selection

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Choice of Three:

Salmon Chaud Froid ("Stars Theme")
Antipasta — Around the World
Continental Cheese Display
with Chocolate Fondue
Artichoke Dip with Croustade

Choice of Two Entrees:

Thunderbird Salad

London Broil Diane
*Slow-roasted Sirloin Topped with a
Burgundy Wine Sauce, Julienne
Tomatoes and Sautéed Portabella
Mushrooms*

Breast of Chicken "Oscar"
*A Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken
Topped with Asparagus with
Hollandaise Sauce*

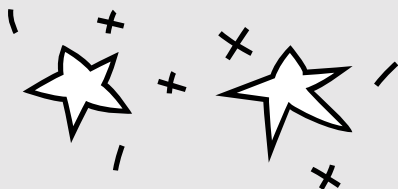
Roasted Pork Loin Au Poivre
Tilapia with a Lemon Butter Sauce

Choose One:

Roasted New Potatoes
Duchesse Potato
Anna Potato
Green Beans Almandine
or Brandied Carrots
Rolls & Butter

*Desserts Courtesy of Villamonte's
Cuisine & The Omaha Press Club*
Gâteau Riche
Pastry Swans
Petit Fours
Chocolate Strawberries

To RSVP, Call 345-8008



'Peter Sarpy' Makes Press Club Appearance

By Daisy Hutzell-Rodman

The Omaha Press Club welcomed Peter Sarpy (as portrayed by historian Darrel Draper) as the speaker at the Sept. 20 Noon Forum.

Draper kept the attention of all present, dressing in mid-19th century attire, speaking in a French accent and using nearly every person in the room to create and imitate various people and objects in Sarpy's life.

In the first five minutes of his presentation, he requested three volunteers, who then stood side by side. The volunteer on the left put her right hand on her hip, the middle volunteer stood straight and the volunteer on the right put his hand up at an angle to his left. Together, they created a map of the United States, and a representation of the United States pre-Louisiana Purchase: American Eastern states, French Middle States and Spanish Western States.

Draper is the history teacher for which all students hope. He created and acted a wholly believable character to keep the audience interested — yet everyone appeared to come away having learned at least one pearl of information.



Peter Sarpy (Darrel Draper) engages volunteers to help illustrate a historical point.

Photo courtesy of Zach McDonald
The Bellevue Leader

One such pearl comes from the number 59. Sarpy County, named after Peter Sarpy, is county number 59, due to its size. Many license plates in Sarpy County (at one time) had number 59 on it. Fifty-nine, by pure coincidence, was Sarpy's age when he passed away.

According to the promotional flier "Darrel is the most requested performer of the...Nebraska Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau." With all his humor, knowledge and acting skills, it's not hard to understand why.

October Noon Forum: The Mean Streets Of Omaha: Combating the Violence

We've heard Mayor Fahey's and the Police Department's plan to combat the violence on Omaha's streets. But are these ideas too little, too late? What's really behind the violence? How can it be stopped?



The Omaha Press Club will host a thought-provoking Noon Forum on Thursday, Oct. 18 to examine these issues. Taking part in the panel discussion are representatives from several angles: an individual who has lived that violent lifestyle and those who are trying to save our community, one youth at a time.

The program will begin promptly at noon and end at 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch.

Guests and nonmembers are welcome to attend. Validated parking is available in the DoubleTree Hotel garage. To RSVP, call the club at 345-8008.

Omaha Press Club Dinner for Past Presidents

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007

Cocktails: 6 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m. • \$22 inclusive

Thunderbird Salad

Classic Chicken Cordon Bleu

Boneless breast stuffed with prosciutto ham and provolone cheese, then topped with a basil béarnaise

Twice-Baked Potato

Fresh Asparagus Bundle

DESSERT

Chocolate Cheesecake Framboise

To RSVP, call 345-8008

Note: this event is open to current Press Club board members and past presidents of the Omaha Press Club.

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'Holiday Gift Giving Made Easy' — Donate to the Omaha Press Club Foundation

Looking for a special gift for the "person who has it all" this holiday season? Consider a donation in their name to the Omaha Press Club Foundation.

The Omaha Press Club Foundation has created a Tribute Card Program designed to help you recognize friends and family at milestones in their lives (birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, holidays, etc.), even as you contribute to scholarships for college communications students.

When you contribute to the OPC Foundation, a special card will be mailed to the honoree or to others as you direct. The names of contributors and honorees (but not the amounts) will appear in future issues of this newsletter. All contributions are tax-deductible.

The Press Club annually awards 12 scholarships to journalism students at Creighton University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In addition, the foundation offers special honorariums through the Savage Fellowship and the Gautier, Kalber and Zorinsky Awards.

Gifts are now being accepted to establish future awards in memory of Stan Bond, Joe Kasmir, Terry Mason and Robert McMorris.

Send contributions to: OPC Foundation, 1705 S. 133 St., Omaha NE 68144. Please indicate which award you wish to support.

Recent donations to the Robert McMorris fund include:

- *In memory of Mollie and Sam Kohn, by Joan and Milton Marcus*
- *In memory of Molly Franklin, by Joan and Milton Marcus*

*All non-designated contributions will go into the Foundation's **General Fund.***

MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION TODAY!

Reserve your date for your holiday party at the Omaha Press Club. Choice dates are filling up now!

Call Christine at 345-8008.



Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007

Two Seatings: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Adults: \$19 per person • Children \$9 per person

SANTA BRUNCH

Featuring a Holiday-Themed Ice Carving

Prime Rib Of Beef
With Horseradish Chantilly And Red Wine Au Jus
Baked Ham With Maple Whiskey Sauce
Chicken Crepes Supreme
Baked Tilapia Florentine
Sweet Potato Flan • Garlic Whipped Potatoes & Gravy
Seasonal Vegetables
Build Your Own Omelet Ala Carte
Multi-Topping Belgium Waffle Bar
Salad Display
Including Salmon Chaud Froid & Fresh Fruit Fondue
Fresh Baked Pastries, Tortes and Cheesecakes
Chocolate Driscoll Strawberries
Deep Dish Apple Strudel
And Brandied French Vanilla Ice Cream
Spiked French Vanilla Egg Nogg
**Children 10 & Under Receive A
Special Holiday Gift With Reservation**
To RSVP, CALL 345-8008

Hold Your Next News Conference At the Press Club

Chuck Hagel did it. So can you! Hold your next news conference at the Omaha Press Club. The club is set up for news conferences and there is no charge for the use of a room for approved events.

Keep these guidelines handy for ready reference:

- The conference room should be reserved ahead of time.
- Reservations are based on availability of the room.
- There is no room rental charge.
- Coffee and ice water are available at no additional charge (upon request) for member news conference events.

Other drinks and snacks are available if ordered through the club manager before the event. Ask for a menu. Nonmembers pay for any food/drink setup.

- Parking tickets for the DoubleTree Hotel garage will be validated for up to two hours per media and member vehicle only during the time of the news conference.

- Equipment in the north conference room includes lights, wireless and podium microphones and Internet access.

- The Omaha Press Club manager may deny use of the Press Club for news conferences at his/her discretion after conferring with the OPC president.

For more information, or to make reservations, call Christine at the Press Club at 345-8008.

Reminder

The Omaha Press Club will be operating from the Joslyn Castle from April 1 through July 31, 2008 as our current space is renovated.

We will be closed from Aug. 1-31 for our normal summer club closing.

Lunch service will be available at the Joslyn Castle on weekdays, plus the magnificent mansion will be available for board and committee meetings, educational forums and some special private events.

SIXTH ANNUAL RON SAILORS GOURMET EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 • 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. • \$40 per person

Featuring Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres • Live Music

Ice Carvings • Pumpkin Carvings

Metro Culinary Institute Sushi Station

Hors d'oeuvres

Seafood Portabella • Chicken Florentine • Eggplant Provencal

Seafood Seviche Martini Glass

Continental Fruit Display with Chocolate Fondue

Continental Cheese Display

Villamonte's Thunderbird Salad Station

with Sautéed Chicken Scallops, Shrimp or Mussels

Charcuterie to include:

Salmon Chaud Froid, Turkey Galantine, Pheasant En Croûte

Chef's Carving Station with Prime Rib and

Caribbean Mango-Stuffed Roasted Pork Loin

Pasta Station

Artisan Display of Breads with Continental Soups

Potato Martini Bar

A Signature Display of Desserts with Plate Painting

Featuring: V's Ganache Mousse Cup, Mini Crème Brûlée, Tuxedo Strawberry,

Tiramisu Parfait, Gâteau Riche, Palmiers, Pastry Swans,

Grand Marnier Chocolate Soufflé

Silent Auction Table

Tortes, Cakes, Donated Dinners, Gale Sayers Autographed Football,
Johnny Rogers & Eric Crouch Autographed Football,
Autographed "Larry the Cable Guy" Photo and select bottles of wine.

To RSVP, Call 345-8008

Proceeds benefit the Ron Sailors Jr. Culinary Scholarship Fund

Media Watch

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KPTM Launches 4 p.m. Newscast

A new, one-hour newscast debuted Sept. 24 on KPTM-42, the local Fox affiliate. KPTM added the 4 p.m. newscast — hosted by anchors Amanda Mueller and Taylor Wilson — to their lineup and debuted a new set at the same time.

Time Capsule opened

On Sept. 24, KETV-7 opened a time capsule that station employees buried 50 years

ago on Sept. 17, 1957, the day the station went on the air. KETV will be offering a look inside the capsule, which was buried outside the station at 26th and Douglas streets, during coming newscasts as well as on their Web site, www.KETV.com.

— *Jim Minge is the editor of the City Weekly newspaper. He has also been the editor of the Reader, as well as a columnist for the Omaha World-Herald. He co-hosts a Media Watch blog with Sean Weide at CityWeeklyMediaWatch.blogspot.com.*

OPC Member Perk:

Club members may now purchase any wine available to us at 20 percent above wholesale cost (carryout only). Most retailers have mark-ups starting at 40 percent, so this is an excellent value.



NO SMOKING AT THE PRESS CLUB



In compliance with the city smoking ban, no smoking is allowed in the Omaha Press Club.



DECEMBER 31

Reminder:

The current minimum quarter ends Monday, Dec. 31!

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Temporary Relocation to Joslyn Castle

AUG. 1-31, 2008
OPC 2008 Summer Club Closing

Media Watch

Beyond -30- welcomes Jim Minge as our new Media Watch columnist!

KETV & Cox: Will They Kiss and Make Up?

KETV-7 and Cox Communications threw Nebraska Cornhusker football fans a bone on Sept. 15 and 16 by agreeing to broadcast the NU-USC game in HD on Cox's system. They also aired the Notre Dame-Michigan game as well as a NASCAR race.

Negotiations resumed this week as to whether or not the two companies (KETV's parent company Hearst Argyle Television) and Cox could come to an agreement to carry the signal on a more permanent basis.

The two are at odds as to whether Cox should compensate Hearst for allowing Cox to carry its analog and digital signals.

Changes Coming to NRG Stations

NRG Media will launch two new morning radio shows in Omaha on Oct. 1.

NRG – which owns Omaha's La Bonita (1180 AM), Power 106.9 FM, Q-98.5 FM, KKAR (1290 AM), Lite 101.9 FM, Radio Disney (1020 AM) and the Zone (1620 AM) — will debut Jose Munoz on La Bonita, while nationally syndicated host Big Boy starts

on Power 106.9. Big Boy is a California native who got his start as a bodyguard for the rap group Pharcyde. Big Boy has been a six-time Personality of the Year recipient from *Radio & Records* and has been nominated for three Marconi Awards.

Big Boy, who replaces the locally based Hot Boy, got his nickname when he was up around 500 pounds in weight. He now weighs significantly less.

Just before Munoz makes his debut, Spanish station La Bonita ("the pretty one") will become La Preciosa ("the precious one").

Munoz, formerly of Spanish station KBBX (97.7 FM), has a large following in Omaha, says Jim McKernan, general manager of NRG's Omaha stations.

Notes From the Laptop

"Unsportsmanlike Conduct" on the Zone has added an extra hour, going from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hosted by Kevin Kugler and Mike'l Severe, the show now will go head-to-head for four consecutive hours each weekday against Matt Perrault and Travis Justice on Big Sports 590 AM.

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