

The Press Club of Cleveland Announces 2008 Hall of Fame Inductees

First annual Chuck Heaton Award also to be presented at induction ceremonies

CLEVELAND – Five journalists who have reported award-winning stories from around the world, as well as right in our own back yards, have been elected to the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame by The Press Club.

Among the 2008 inductees is Pete Cary, the first black journalist to appear on Cleveland television news; veteran television investigative reporter Tom Meyer, now of WKYC TV-3; retired *Plain Dealer* reporter and editor William F. Miller; *Plain Dealer* associate editor and *Plain Dealer* foreign affairs columnist Elizabeth Sullivan; along with WVIZ/PBS Ideastream executive Jane Temple, who was the producer of “The Morning Exchange” on WEWS TV-5 for a decade.

The inductees will be honored on Thursday, Nov. 13 at LaCentre in Westlake with a cocktail party and dinner, followed by a video presentation created and produced by Broadcast Media Ideas. For ticket information, call 440-899-1222 or e-mail pressclubcleveland@oh.rr.com.

At the ceremonies, The Press Club also will present the first annual Chuck Heaton Award, named in honor of the legendary and beloved *Plain Dealer* sportswriter who died earlier this year. The award will be presented to the "print, radio or television journalist who best exemplifies the sensitivity and humility which, along with his writing talents, were traits exhibited by Heaton."

A brief look at the Class of 2008:

Pete Cary. In 1968, Cary became Cleveland’s first black TV reporter after rising from newscaster to public affairs and news director at WJMO radio. When the Hough riots erupted 1966, Cary received a phone call from WJW TV-8, asking him to join its news crew in covering the story. He was told he would not be paid, but Cary thought it was his big break just the same. “I thought I was going to get the microphone — but I didn't," Cary said. A WJW anchorman handled all of the on-air duties. Cary realized he had merely been asked along to facilitate interviews with the residents. But almost two years later, he received another phone call from WJW, and this time it led to a job. As Cleveland's first black TV reporter, he went on to a 21-year career interviewing local and national newsmakers for Channel 8.

Tom Meyer. The 30-year broadcast veteran is one of Ohio’s most honored investigative reporters, winning more than 150 national and regional awards, including the National Headliner Award and 53 regional Emmys. He has been named best TV reporter in Ohio three times by the Associated Press Society of Ohio and once by the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists. Both the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House of Representatives have cited his reports, which have led to consumer-reform changes in law, grand jury investigations, arrests and firings. Meyer spent 18 years at WJW TV-8, where he formed the I-Team in 1979. He also has worked for WOIO TV-19 and WUAB TV-43 before moving to WKYC TV-3 last year.

William F. Miller. He spent more than four decades as a reporter, columnist and associate editor at *The Plain Dealer*. Miller covered many of the area’s ethnic organizations for years. *The Plain Dealer* sent him to Germany to cover the fall of the Berlin Wall and nominated his series of stories on the lives of Eastern Europeans and their newfound freedom for the Pulitzer Prize. His urban affairs reporting is credited with playing a key role in saving the beautiful theaters that

make up Cleveland's Playhouse Square entertainment district. His work is noted in a plaque that hangs in the lobby of the Palace Theater. The Cleveland firefighters honored him for meritorious service in assisting firefighters in the rescue of 17 vagrants in a slum fire on Jan. 17, 1967. He also received the Distinguished Service award from the Cleveland chapter of the Society for Professional Journalists.

Elizabeth Sullivan. Sullivan is foreign affairs columnist and an associate editor of the editorial pages of *The Plain Dealer*. As the newspaper's European Correspondent in the 1990s, she covered the Balkan wars and the breakup of Yugoslavia. Her 1990 article predicting the end of Yugoslavia was one of the first to foresee that bloody outcome. In 1994, at the height of the Bosnian war, she was held for 72 hours by the Bosnian Serb Army. Sullivan also chronicled the post-Cold War transitions in Russia, Germany and Eastern Europe, and has reported from Israel, the West Bank, Northern Ireland, Cuba and Korea. In 1985, during a three-month journey through China on a Gannett Journalism fellowship, she was one of the early Western travelers to reach Tibet. Sullivan has circled the world twice, in opposite directions. She is conversant in Russian and Serbo-Croatian and has a traveling vocabulary for French, Spanish, Chinese and German. She regularly appears on the Cleveland talk show "Feagler and Friends," which airs on WVIZ/PBS ideastream.

Jane Temple. She is probably best known to Cleveland audiences as the executive producer of "The Morning Exchange" during the award-winning Channel 5 program's heyday from 1976 to 1986. She also served as the executive producer of "The Afternoon Exchange" at the station and produced documentaries and other projects. Since leaving Channel 5, she has worked as the supervising producer for "Ready As He/She Grows" at DIY-TV, supervising producer for "Room by Room" at HGTV and a segment producer for "Entertainment Tonight," "A&E's Biography" and "America's Most Wanted." She also has been active with the Cleveland Film Society, serving as co-chair of its 20th-anniversary benefit and as chair of the Cleveland International Film Festival Opening Night in 1989. She is currently Promotions and Continuity Director at ideastream (WVIZ/WCPN).

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