

Chapter President's Awards- 2009

As the Society of Professional Journalists celebrated its Centennial in 2009, the Detroit chapter recognizes two 60-year members and one 50-year member.



John K. Sterling, Jr., was inducted into Sigma Delta Chi at Michigan State University in 1948 after writing press releases for the U.S. Army Air Corps in Hawaii during World War II.

Early in his career he wrote sports for the *Macomb Daily* and South Haven *Daily Tribune* and taught journalism at Saginaw High School.

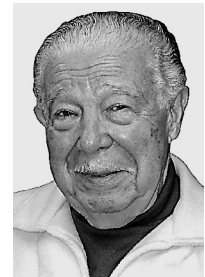
In June, 1959 he became the first information officer of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks authority. He retired in October, 1991.



Ervin Dewey Little joined Sigma Delta Chi in 1948 at the University of Michigan, where he covered sports “with a typewriter in my lap.” Next, he earned a master’s degree at the University of Missouri.

He worked for magazines and as geographic editor for *The World Book* in Chicago in the 1950s before coming to Detroit and founding his own public relations firm.

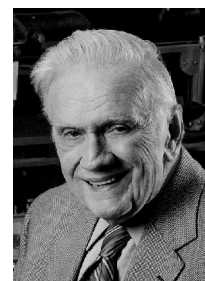
He was long-time editor of *CAM Magazine* for the Construction Association of Michigan and still writes a regular column.



John Teahen, Jr. joined SPJ Detroit in 1958.

After four years as a copy editor at the *Detroit Free Press*, he joined *Automotive News* in 1955, where he still works as a senior editor. He earned his reputation as a “numbers cruncher” and the auto industry’s expert writer on auto pricing and marketing.

While teaching at the University of Detroit, he was invited to keep statistics for the Detroit Lions. That assignment lasted for 53 years, through the 2000 season. “We logged every play, every game—every yard the ball moved.”



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A. J. Malta

In a 48-year newspaperman career starting as a copy boy at the *Detroit Free Press*, Tony Malta was a reporter and editor for several local newspapers. He served SPJ as a dedicated worker and officer and was chapter administrator for 11 years



Danny Raskin

For 66 years — as long as the *Detroit Jewish News* has been publishing — columnist Danny Raskin hasn't missed a single week. His mixture of restaurant news and social gossip has informed and entertained generations of readers

