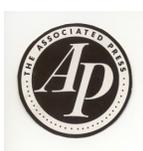


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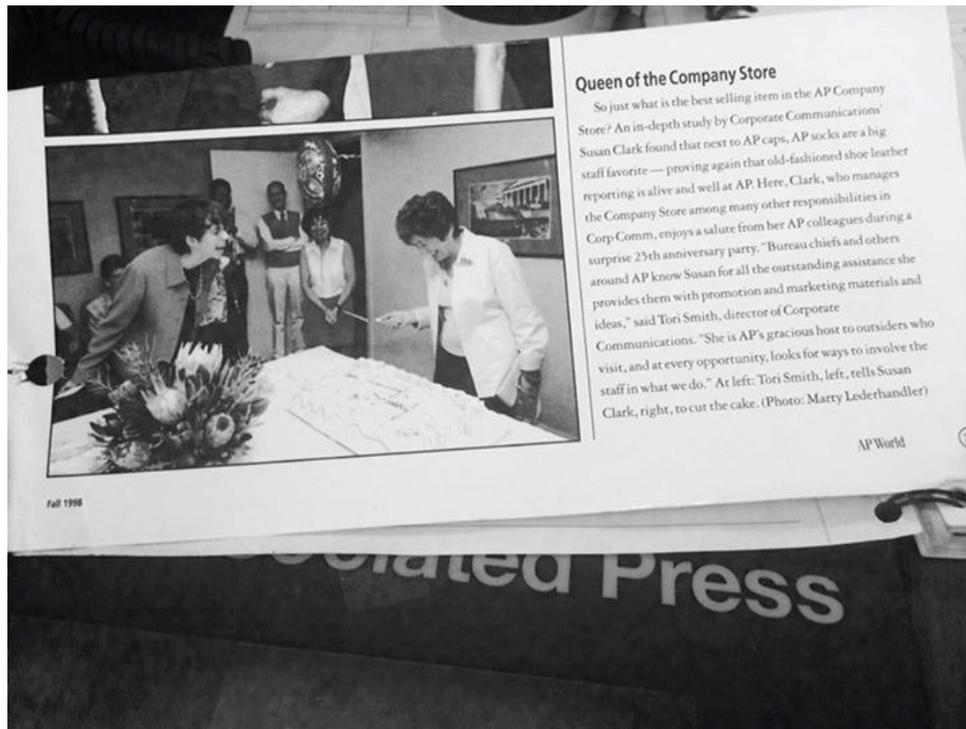
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Colleagues,

One of my favorite people at New York headquarters during my working days - and now in retirement - is [Susan Clark](#), global services travel coordinator. And I know many of my colleagues on Connecting feel the same way.



### Queen of the Company Store

So just what is the best selling item in the AP Company Store? An in-depth study by Corporate Communications' Susan Clark found that next to AP caps, AP socks are a big staff favorite — proving again that old-fashioned shoe leather reporting is alive and well at AP. Here, Clark, who manages the Company Store among many other responsibilities in Corp Comm, enjoys a salute from her AP colleagues during a surprise 25th anniversary party. "Bureau chiefs and others around AP know Susan for all the outstanding assistance she provides them with promotion and marketing materials and ideas," said Tori Smith, director of Corporate Communications. "She is AP's gracious host to outsiders who visit, and at every opportunity, looks for ways to involve the staff in what we do." At left: Tori Smith, left, tells Susan Clark, right, to cut the cake. (Photo: Marty Lederhandler)

AP World

Fall 1998

Susan marks 41 years with the AP this month - having worked during the presidencies of Wes Gallagher, Keith Fuller, Lou Boccardi, Tom Curley and now Gary Pruitt - and in a Facebook posting, my forever-young friend shared the following on the photo above:

*In 1998, Tori Smith, our Director of Corporate Communications, organized a surprise 25th anniversary party. And for me it was a big surprise.*

*She had arranged a meeting at the Newseum. We were very involved with the Newseum during this time, but at this particular meeting there was no discussion and I couldn't figure out what it was about, I thought, what a waste of time.*

*Returning to 50 Rock there was this wonderful surprise party for me, with a beautiful arrangement of South African sugarbush or Proteas. And a beautiful gift. Thank you Tori. Will always be grateful. This June I am at AP 41 years. Photo taken by the great AP Photog Marty Lederhandler. - with Tori Smith Ekstrand and Vivian Cespedes Bonatti.*

Happy 41<sup>st</sup>, Susan - who like Tori is a member of our Connecting family. Tori is now an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, teaching media law and First Amendment issues.

## News of the AP

[AP called kids 'detainees' because 'We did not want to sugar-coat the facts'](#)

Guardian assistant news editor Erin McCann says she "was apoplectic" when she saw AP's captions for a story on immigrant children in Border Patrol facilities. It was a "disturbing, slanted and nearly unethical choice to call the young people held in these facilities not children but something else: 'detainees,'" she writes.



### [AP among media seeking Guantanamo force-feeding videos](#)

A group of 16 news organizations is asking a federal judge to make public a batch of videos of a hunger-striking Guantanamo Bay prisoner being forcibly removed from his cell and force fed. Thirteen of the videos were filed in U.S. District Court earlier this month, but they're currently under seal because the Defense Department has classified the videos as "secret" national security information. In an order signed Thursday, Judge Gladys Kessler approved the filing of 15 more videos with the court.

## **Spotted on Facebook**



Connecting colleagues meet up at Mama Dip's Kitchen in Chapel Hill - from left, Sue Price Johnson, Dan Day and Beth Grace. As Beth noted, "There's nothing like an AP friend - it's like you saw each other yesterday, no matter how long it has been." All three are former AP chiefs of bureau.

## Stories of interest

['The best of journalism relies on whistleblowers'](#) (Latrice Davis/Facebook)

Journalism has always relied on whistleblowers who should be praised for their extraordinary courage, journalist and filmmaker John Pilger told RT, adding the case against Julian Assange is a ridiculous attempt at retaliation for WikiLeaks disclosures.

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[AJC editor: 'I can't have people stuck on beats' without audiences](#) (Bob Daugherty)

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's newsroom shuffle, executed by managing editor Bert Roughton Jr. after editor Kevin Riley charged him with reimagining the newspaper's digital strategy, hinges on understanding audiences and responding to them.

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### [Time Inc. Editors Happier Without Wall Between Church and State, Says Time Inc CEO](#)

Time Inc. CEO Joe Ripp claims that his editors are happier now that he took away what has long been seen as the sacrosanct wall between the editorial and business side of the company

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### [George Will stands by sexual assault column](#)

George Will continued to stand by his controversial op-ed column on sexual assault Friday, even after the St. Louis Post-Dispatch decided to drop the columnist from its pages in protest. In an interview with CSPAN, Will said the Post-Dispatch's decision simply reflected the paper's desire to keep the uproar over his op-ed going. "They know how to perpetuate the rabble," the columnist said.

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