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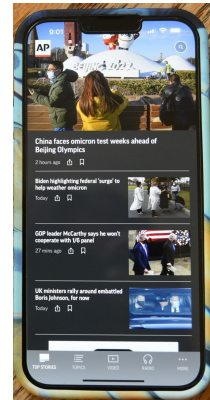
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this July 1, 2022,

Frank Daniels Jr. was asked in a Connecting profile last fall why he believed The Associated Press was important to the world.

“It's a dizzying media time with a greater need than ever for a calm and especially a trusted voice that takes no sides,” said the former chairman of the AP board of directors. “That is easily said, not so easily achieved. To be part of ensuring that AP could continue its mission to be that voice has been one of the most satisfying parts of my life.”

We're sorry to report that Daniels, whose family owned The News & Observer of Raleigh, N.C., for more than a century before selling it to McClatchy Newspapers Inc. in 1995, died Thursday at the age of 90.

Until his final days, Daniels was one of Connecting's most dedicated readers, sending me a note of thanks – sometimes with commentary – after receiving each issue. To me, it was a continuum of his love for the AP from the time he served on the board from 1983 to 1997 – the last five years as its chairman. AP's president and CEO during his board years was our colleague **Lou Boccardi**. They remained close friends through the rest of his years.



Daniels was most proud to join Connecting's 90s Club last Sept. 7, noting that he was the first of the Daniels males to reach 90 years old.

Daniels helped shepherd the birth and growth in 1994 of the AP's global video newsgathering agency, APTV, that merged in 1998 with WorldWide Television News to form APTN (AP Television News), one of the key services that is a backbone of today's AP.

"It was a privilege for me to be part of the modernizing of the AP and see to it that in the process its founding principles endured in a world unimaginable 40 or 50 years ago, let alone 175 years ago when AP was founded," he said in the Connecting profile. "One highlight for me with far-reaching consequences was the birth of APTV, which launched the Associated Press into a video landscape far from its print roots but essential in the new age. I supported its founding, along with **Don Newhouse** and **Lou Boccardi**, and became chairman right after it was started, at times traveling with Lou to spread the APTV gospel.

"Another continuing highlight for me was the opportunity to meet so many talented and courageous and dedicated AP people as I traveled here at home and abroad. I kept wishing that more of the members knew more of them."

We lead with the AP story on his death.

WELCOME HOME, DENNE! – It was great to hear from colleague **Diana Heidgerd** that retired Texas AP sports editor [Denne Freeman](#) has returned home after a bad fall in his residence -- breaking his pelvis and spending more than a week in a hospital, then more weeks in a rehab facility where he had to use a wheelchair while recovering. When she emailed him for an update, he responded: "I limped home today like an old battered Civil War soldier, my walker keeping me upright. Two months in a hospital and nursing home made me understand why John Denver sang "it's good to be back home again."

First responses arrived on our new series, tied to the 15th anniversary of the iPhone, asking for your experiences in using it in your news coverage and in taking photos – asking you to share a favorite iPhone photo. Hope to hear from more of you over the weekend.

Have a great Fourth of July weekend.

Paul

Frank Daniels, ex-AP chair and newspaper publisher, dies

By GARY D. ROBERTSON

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Former Associated Press board chair Frank A. Daniels Jr., who shepherded The News & Observer of Raleigh through an era of political and economic transformation in the New South, died Thursday at age 90.

Daniels, whose family owned the North Carolina newspaper for over a century before it was sold to McClatchy Newspapers Inc. in 1995, died at a Raleigh retirement community where he lived, according to his son, Frank Daniels III. The son said his father died after a month of declining health.

During his 26 years as publisher of the paper of record for state politics and government, The N&O became a regional powerhouse for news, especially from the state's growing Research Triangle region, and an online pioneer. Similarly, his tenure as chair of AP's board of directors in the mid-1990s was marked by the not-for-profit news cooperative's technological expansion.



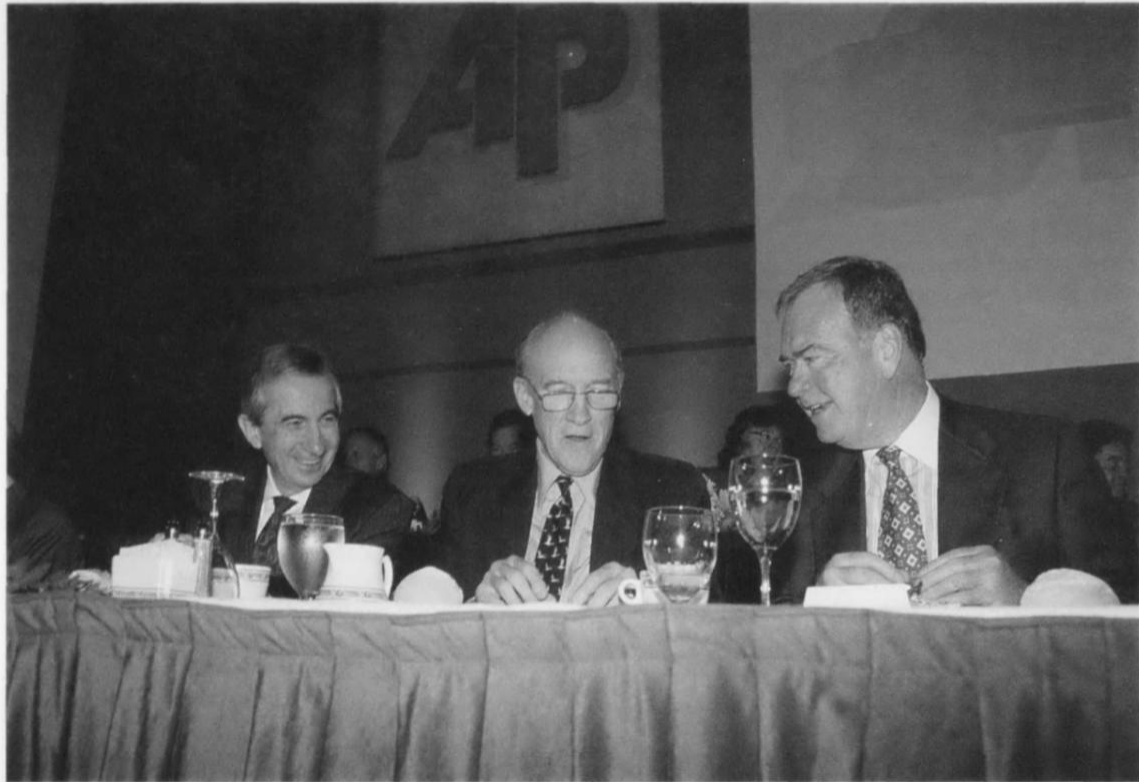
Daniels' family company embraced technology in the newspaper industry by developing one of the first World Wide Web newspapers, The NandO Times — a play on the News & Observer name designed to differentiate it from the print product — in 1994 and Nando.net, a commercial internet service provider.

Daniels joined AP's board of directors in 1983 and served as chair from 1992 to 1997. During his stewardship, AP emphasized expanding its multimedia presence, launching a video news agency business and developing "the Wire," an effort to combine audio and video news with text and photos.

Daniels "was an early and enthusiastic supporter of AP's entry into video, a major step for the news cooperative which later years have proven to be the right move when we made it," Louis D. Boccardi, AP's president and chief executive officer from 1985 to 2003, said in a recent email.

Read more [here](#).

Remembering Frank Daniels Jr.



AP Photo by Joe Tabacca

Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., center above, shares a light moment with AP President and Chief Executive Officer Louis D. Boccardi, left, and Frank A. Daniels Jr., AP board chairman, before addressing the AP annual luncheon.

1996 AP Log photo courtesy AP Corporate Archives

[Lou Boccardi](#) - A very funny line I remember from the speech by Senator Simpson at that luncheon. He was about to retire from the Senate, and he recounted that one of the things that annoyed him most about going to gatherings of his constituents was when people would come up, put a hand over their name tag and taunt him with, "I bet you don't remember my name." Simpson said he would continue to go to those gatherings in Wyoming and when somebody came up to him, hand over nametag, and asked if he remembered who they were, his ready reply would be, "No, and I don't give a rat's ass who you are." It brought down the house.

Memory lane stuff.

The iPhone at 15 – favorite memories, favorite photos



Mark Duncan - My favorite iPhone photo is this shot from the top of Waimea Canyon on the island of Kauai on Dec. 1, 2016. Of course, I made many photos with my Nikon as well, but I love the panorama mode on the phone.

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Mark Mittelstadt - Aack!

Finding one image for a "favorite" iPhone photo is darned near impossible. I have 3,410 photos on my iPhone 11 going back many years, plus thousands more in clouds somewhere plus even more on laptop and external hard drives. Sorting those collections has been a journey through family events, class reunions, travel, hiking, dashes out the front door at my parents' lake house to capture the latest beautiful sunrise or out our backdoor in Tucson to get the fleeting color of Arizona sunsets. In between are photos of countless holiday celebrations, quick snaps of pets, store price tags, appliance stickers for later research, insets, pests, birds, etc.

As AP's coverage of the iPhone's 15th anniversary points out, smartphones have become integral parts of our lives. While wife Mary gets upset about the amount of time I spend on my phone, most of it is in pursuit of a greater good. The iPhone largely has supplanted my laptop computer. I do probably 90 percent of my business and communications on the phone. It is my calendar for doctors' and business appointments, for soccer match assignments, alerts that it's time to pay bills or to go to the airport. It is my electronic rolodex, with hundreds and hundreds of names, telephone numbers, email addresses. It is my locked box for passwords, which I can hardly ever remember. I follow news with apps from AP, The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post plus local Arizona newspapers and TV stations. I even check the web site of my hometown newspaper for news and particularly obituaries of friends and former classmates.

I also use my phone to check and write email, try (usually in futility) to clear out old messages and folders; stay updated on social media posts and follow news and developments about soccer in the United States and abroad. I pay bills using my

phone; I don't recall the last time writing and mailing a check. I listen to music and the radio, stream TV and watch full concerts on YouTube and other sites.

But certainly, the iPhone camera has made a huge change in photography. My Nikon D7000 body and a \$1,400 zoom lens purchased a year ago rarely make it out of the house. Nearly all photos today are on the iPhone.





I'm sharing these two shots. The first is of Seven Sisters chalk sea cliffs near East Sussex in southeast England. It was taken in October 2019 when we visited our son, Brent, and his girlfriend. A version is the wallpaper on my iPhone.

A bonus shot is an extreme closeup of a birthday flower taken using a Moment 10x Macro Lens, a gift to Mary. The lens features 10x magnification and 25mm focal length, allowing the iPhone to focus on objects an inch away.

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[Marc Wilson](#) - Norbulingka in Lhasa, Tibet, is the traditional summer residence of the Dalai Lamas (until the 14th and current Dalai Lamas' exile in 1959). Five years ago, as part of a tour, we went through the residence, the "Jeweled Park that is part of the "Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace." We were told not to take photos in the Dalai Lamas' bedroom. One member of our tour group got escorted out of the bedroom when he tried to take a photo with a traditional 35 millimeter camera. I used my iPhone and took this photo of the view from the Dalai Lamas' bedroom. Security didn't spot me.

A career change as a do-over? Nope!

[Mike Doan](#) - Would I change anything? Of course not!

Well, wait a minute. I think I could have been a musician. A good one.

That means I could have:

--Forced a smile at irritating drunks as they demanded a song I never heard of at the piano bar.

--Had panic attacks as I sang to a critical audience at a near-empty opera house.

--Had times of feast or famine depending on when I had a paid gig.

--Made considerably less than a steady AP salary and certainly had no benefits.

--Burned out young on lengthy tours and substance abuse.

No, I made the right decision (though I might have stayed with AP longer than 13 years.)

Spousal Help Entry

[Dave Tomlin](#) - For a state meeting in South Carolina, Pam decided we should serve oysters on the half shell. She showed me an easy-to-make serving tray plan. Get a rectangular piece of plywood. Then get a length of molding and nail it to the edges of the board like a picture frame. Cover with a plastic sheet and fill with a layer of ice.

I bought the wood. I wondered how to make the 45-degree corner cuts, saw a mitre box that cost \$30 and decided I would just eyeball it. The result seemed serviceable but I had to admit the lousy craftsmanship was pretty obvious.

"Humph," Pam said and then called a friend who made museum display cases. He fashioned a work of art, a deep acrylic tray in a carrying frame made of poplar. It even had an ice-melt drain. It cost me \$300.

But we cherished it. It made three subsequent moves with us. It was so handsome that even in New York where we went out for our oysters, we hung it on the wall as a decoration.

Meeting up on the Seine



[Jim Litke](#) – This photo was taken in May on **Mort Rosenblum**'s houseboat on the Seine, where he still lives part of the year. His floating home is called Almeria. We've been pals since I covered my first Tour de France in 1999. From left: my wife Nancy, Mort, his wife Jeannette and moi.

Connecting sky shot – Jekyll Island



[John Willis](#) - My daughter, Kelley Bell, took this recently of a Driftwood Beach sunrise on Jekyll Island, Ga.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Jeff McMurray](#)

On Saturday to...

[Donna Davidson](#)

On Fourth of July Monday

[Chris Lehourites](#)

[Mike Stewart](#)

Connecting '80s/'90s Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecting publishes this list at the beginning of each month. If you are qualified for one of the age groups and would like to be listed, drop me a note. Please let me know of any errors.)

90s:

**Norm Abelson
Henry Bradsher
Hal Buell
Albert Habhab
George Hanna
Hoyt Harwell
Gene Herrick
Joe McGowan
Sam Montello
Charlie Monzella
Jack Pace
Bob Petsche
Arlon Southall
Sal Veder
Doris Webster
Arnold Zeitlin**

80s:

**Paul Albright
Peter Arnett
Harry Atkins
Malcolm Barr
Myron Belkind
Ed Bell
Dan Berger
Adolphe Bernotas
Brian Bland**

Lou Boccardi
Hal Bock
William Roy Bolch Jr.
Ben Brown
Charles Bruce
Ford Burkhart
Harry Cabluck
Sibby Christensen
Shirley Christian
Don Dashiell
Bob Daugherty
Don Deibler
Mike Doan
Bob Dobkin
Otto Doelling
Phil Dopoulos
John Eagan
Claude Erbsen
Mike Feinsilber
Denne Freeman
Dodi Fromson
Joe Galu
Bill Gillen
Steve Graham
Bob Greene
Chick Harrity
Lee Jones
Doug Kienitz
Dean Lee
Pierce Lehmbeck
Warren Lerude
Gene LaHammer
Carl Leubsdorf
Bruce Lowitt
David Liu
Jim Luther
John Marlow
Dave Mazzarella
Chuck McFadden
Yvette Mercourt
Reid Miller
Harry Moskos
Ray Newton
Greg Nokes
Lyle Price

Charles Richards
Bruce Richardson
Denis Searles
Richard Shafer
Mike Short
Rick Spratling
Ed Staats
Karol Stonger
Marty Thompson
Hilmi Toros
Kernan Turner
Jack Walker
Mike Waller
Bob Walsh
Dean Wariner
Jeff Williams
Johnny Yost
Kent Zimmerman

Stories of interest

Washington Post Unveils New Social-Media Policy: Think Before You Post (Daily Beast)

Corbin Bolies

Weeks after very public online beefing roiled the newsroom, Washington Post management on Thursday issued a new set of guidelines for using social media. The main takeaway: Think before you post.

“Social media platforms can be useful as a reporting tool and strengthen our ability to find new audiences, but it is important to remember that social media accounts maintained by Washington Post journalists... inevitably reflect upon The Post’s reputation and credibility,” began the internal memo emailed to staffers on Thursday and obtained and reviewed by The Daily Beast. “Post journalists should not feel compelled to engage or broadcast on social media platforms, except for those whose roles explicitly require it. Post journalists who choose to use these platforms will be expected to do so responsibly.”

According to the new guidelines, which had no specific attribution, “A Post journalist’s use of social media must not harm the editorial integrity or journalistic reputation of The Post.” With the great power of “a blue checkmark and added followers” comes “our collective responsibility to protect that integrity and reputation,” the paper’s brass reminded staffers.

Read more [here](#).

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Over 360 newspapers have closed since just before the start of the pandemic. (New York Times)

By Isabella Simonetti

The pandemic has been bad for the country's local newspapers. But maybe not as bad as some people have feared.

Over 360 newspapers in the United States have gone out of business since just before the start of the pandemic, according to a new report from Northwestern University's journalism school.

That same pace — about two closures per week — was occurring before the pandemic. Many newspaper analysts had thought that the economic conditions created by the coronavirus, especially a decline in advertising, would cause the rate to increase considerably.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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Papers avoided pandemic 'extinction event' but more challenges loom, especially for family owners, expert says (The Rural Blog)

There was good news in the State of Local News 2022 report from the Local News Initiative at Northwestern University, but bad news is still happening and it could get much worse, the director of the initiative said as he and a fellow researcher discussed the report Wednesday.

The loss of 360 newspapers since late 2019 was about double what longtime researcher Penny Abernathy expected, but the good news was that many observers thought the pandemic “could be an extinction-level event and it didn't turn out to be that way,” said her co-researcher, Tim Franklin, director of the initiative and senior associate dean of the Medill School of Journalism.

During the pandemic, Franklin said, newspapers lost 40% of their advertising revenue but saw a 50% increase in digital subscriptions: “That showed the interest and the need for local news.”

But Franklin worries that inflation, led by skyrocketed prices for fuel and newsprint, “means it's gonna be really tough sledding over the next year or two” for newspapers. Add to that the prospect of a recession, and “This could be a really pivotal moment for a lot of folks, but this could also accelerate the movement from print to digital.”

Read more [here](#). Shared by Al Cross.

The Final Word

Thinking of friends

Art Cullen | Storm Lake (Iowa) Times Pilot

Disregard by the medical-industrial complex for my tender heart and long-laid plans to visit college buddies in Chicago caused me to spend the weekend thinking about friendship.

My heart has been skipping a beat as many do, but mine is felt like a thumping in my chest. A recent visit to a cardiologist led to an ultrasound and me fearing a drive on I-90 where I could have the Big One in eight lanes.

Finally, a nurse called Friday to say that, without making any predictions, I should not die tonight. Alas, I had already notified my three old roomies that I would have to soak my teeth and watch the Twins lose to the Rockies at home in Storm Lake.

We gathered every summer until the pandemic hit. Same laughs with gray hair. You don't know when we might meet again. One of the crew is selling his house, and he and his wife will live separately. They were high school sweethearts. Life complicated their friendship. It changes.

Old friends die at my age, 65. John Cayler isn't on Barton Street watching TV on Saturday mornings anymore. Friendships erode from things I say or believe. People you thought were friends turn out not to be. You lose touch with some friends and wonder whatever happened.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - July 01, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2022. There are 183 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 1, 1966, the Medicare federal insurance program went into effect.

On this date:

In 1863, the pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1903, the first Tour de France began. (It ended on July 19; the winner was Maurice Garin.)

In 1944, delegates from 44 countries began meeting at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, where they agreed to establish the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

In 1973, the Drug Enforcement Administration was established.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment.

In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

In 2004, actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80.

In 2009, actor Karl Malden, 97, died in Brentwood, California.

In 2015, after more than a half-century of hostility, the United States and Cuba declared they would reopen embassies in each other's capitals, marking a historic full restoration of diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes.

In 2019, 15-year-old Coco Gauff, the youngest player to qualify at Wimbledon in the professional era, defeated 39-year-old Venus Williams in the first round, 6-4, 6-4. Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs, 27, was found dead in his room at the Texas hotel where the team was staying; the medical examiner found that Skaggs had a toxic mix of alcohol and the painkillers fentanyl and oxycodone in his body.

Ten years ago: Syria's main opposition groups rejected a new international plan that called for a transitional government because the compromise agreement did not bar President Bashar Assad from participating. Voters in Mexico returned the Institutional

Revolutionary Party to power. Tiger Woods won the AT&T National at Congressional in Bethesda, Maryland, closing with a 2-under 69 for the 74th win of his career.

Five years ago: Pope Francis declined to renew the mandate of German Cardinal Gerhard Mueller as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican office that handles sex abuse cases. (During Mueller's five-year term, the congregation amassed a 2,000-case backlog and came under blistering criticism from abuse survivors.)

One year ago: The Supreme Court's conservative majority cut back on a landmark voting rights law, in a decision likely to help Republican states fight challenges to voting restrictions that were put in place since the 2020 elections. Donald Trump's company and its longtime finance chief, Allen Weisselberg, were charged in New York in what prosecutors called a "sweeping and audacious" tax fraud scheme in which top executives allegedly failed to report compensation including free use of apartments and cars. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi named Republican Rep. Liz Cheney, the most unyielding GOP critic of Trump, to serve on a new select committee looking into the violent Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-dancer Leslie Caron is 91. Actor Jean Marsh is 88. Actor Jamie Farr is 88. Cookiemaker Wally Amos is 86. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 81. Actor Genevieve Bujold is 80. Rock singer-actor Deborah Harry is 77. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 72. Actor Daryl Anderson is 71. Actor Trevor Eve is 71. Actor Terrence Mann is 71. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52s) is 71. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 71. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 70. Actor Lorna Patterson is 66. Actor Alan Ruck is 66. Mystery novelist Louise Penny is 64. R&B singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 62. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 61. Country singer Michelle Wright is 61. Actor Andre Braugher is 60. Actor Dominic Keating is 60. Actor Pamela Anderson is 55. Rock musician Mark Pirro is 52. Rock musician Franny Griffiths (Space) is 52. Actor Henry Simmons is 52. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 51. Actor Julianne Nicholson is 51. Actor Melissa Peterman is 51. Actor/writer Jill Kargman is 48. Rock musician Bryan Devendorf (The National) is 47. Singer/songwriter Sufjan Stevens is 47. Actor Thomas Sadoski is 46. Actor Liv Tyler is 45. Actor Hilarie Burton is 40. Actor Lynsey Bartilson is 39. Actor Lea Seydoux (LEE'-uh say-DOO') is 37. Actor Evan Ellingson is 34. Actors Andrew and Steven Cavanaugh are 30. Actor/singer Chloe Bailey is 24. Actor Storm Reid is 19.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of

bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.
- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.
- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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