

We Need To Confirm Your Attendance For The Stockholders Luncheon and Afternoon At The Capitol



**Don't wait.
We need to hear from you now!**

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We know you're busy, but we need you to participate and we need you to bring along a key person or two to **help us show our industry's leaders are active, engaged and interested in the issues** important to our readers, and to us.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will Chapman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Will Chapman
Executive Director

Governor Edwards confirmed to speak at Stockholders Luncheon



Members are urged to attend **LPA's Stockholders Luncheon & Afternoon at the Capitol** on Tuesday April 23rd.

The Stockholders Luncheon is set for noon at the City Club on North Boulevard in downtown Baton Rouge. **All LPA members are invited** and urged to attend.

Louisiana Governor John Bell Edwards will be the luncheon's keynote speaker, which falls during the early days of the legislative session.

LPA President Renette Dejoie-Hall will **announce the recipient of the President's Award**, as well as provide a **brief state-of-LPA report**.

New members of **LPA's 50-Year Club will be presented**. In addition, LPA will recognize a state senator and a member of the state house who have been friends of open government and the First Amendment.

Tickets are \$25 for LPA members and their spouse/guests, \$35 for non-members.

You are urged to reserve your seats now by emailing info@lapress.com and confirming your name, the paper(s) you represent and the number of seats you need, and a contact phone number. LPA members will be billed for their tickets. We will call non-members to get credit card info to which to their tickets should be charged.

Seating is limited, so **please reserve your luncheon seats today**.

LPA's Afternoon at the Capitol



Following the Stockholders Luncheon, LPA members will caravan to the capitol, as part of **LPA's Afternoon at the Capitol**. The legislature will be in the early days of the session and LPA is asking members to go to the capitol to **spend an hour or so meeting with legislators from your area** to show support for LPA and newspapers and the issues important to us.

There's no heavy arm twisting involved.

The effort is about relationship building, and about showing LPA members and Louisiana newspapers will be actively involved in open meetings, open records, the public's right to know and other issues important to LPA and Louisiana's newspapers.

LPA will provide those attending, ahead of time, a short overview to help you feel comfortable in this effort. It would also be a great opportunity to **talk with your legislators about local issues** affecting your community.

Stockholders and other LPA members are urged to attend the luncheon and then participate in this effort, including bringing with you, key personnel who can **help build our numbers and help us make a strong showing**, so those in state government see Louisiana's newspapers are involved and active.

LPA needs your support in this effort.

If you have any questions, contact Will Chapman at will@lapress.com or call 225-344-9309 ext. 108.

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Stockholders Annual Meeting

The annual stockholders meeting **for LPA active members (only)** will be held **at the City Club from 10:45-11:45**, prior the Stockholders Luncheon at noon.

This meeting is required in the by-laws of LPA. An agenda will be sent to stockholders ahead of the meeting. Stockholder publications will be asked to submit proxies in the event a representative cannot attend, to ensure a quorum and that the association's business can be handled.

50-Year Club Nominees Sought



For more than 25 years, LPA has recognized members of the “50-Year Club,” **an effort to honor and recognize men and women in our state who have 50 or more years cumulative affiliation with newspapers and news websites, including some time in Louisiana.**

Affiliation can include time other than as a full-time employee, work as a carrier or delivery person, as a stringer or free-lance writer, for the college paper, or full or part-time work in ANY aspect of a newspaper or a news website's operation. All count toward the 50 years.

You can see current members of LPA's 50-Year Club on LPA's website, under “About”, at www.lapress.com.

To nominate someone for the 50-Year Club, you should provide:

- Nominee's name
- Currently employed? Doing what?
- List of newspaper-related work and years involved
- Provide a brief biography
- Provide a photo
- Nominations must be sponsored by an LPA member. Be sure to include details on who is sponsoring this nominee.

The **deadline to nominate someone is the end of the business, April 5th**. LPA will confirm acceptance of any nominee within a couple of days of submission. New **inductees are encouraged to attend** the Stockholders Luncheon and will be recognized (including being presented a small plaque).

Submit nominations by email to info@lapress.com. Call Mike Rood at 225-344-9309 ext. 106 with any questions.