YOUNGSTOWN PRESS CLUB

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Youngstown Press Club News Briefs

Members' Corner

Protecting Our Elections

The integrity of our elections is very much in the news. With the Nov. 3 election only weeks away, I'm proud to moderate what promises to be an interesting and lively discussion on voting procedures, voting system transparency, mail-in ballots, election laws and policies, and the proposed statewide voting identification constitutional amendment.

"Defending the Ballot Box: A Panel Discussion on Election Integrity, Safety and Security" will be at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Jewish Community Center, 505 Gypsy Lane in Youngstown.

Joining the Youngstown Press Club as co-sponsors are the League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown and the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation.

The expert panelists joining me are Kathy Boockvar, former secretary of state and chief election official in Pennsylvania and current president of Athena Strategies LLC, which focuses on strengthening election security and democracy; Lisa Lee Kohler, regional coordinator for election protection and president of the League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown; Jen Miller, executive director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio; and Melissa Wasko, deputy director of the Mahoning County Board of Elections.

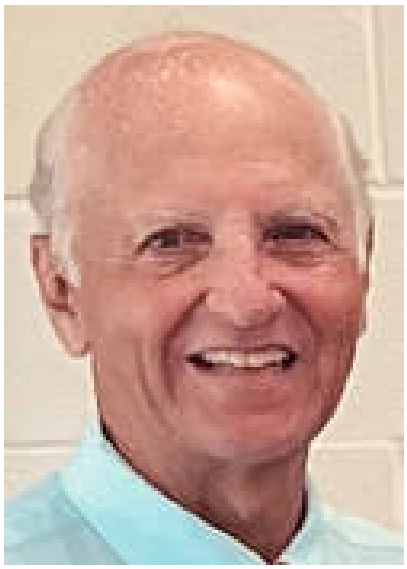
Also, Adam Chase, a Mahoning County sheriff's deputy, will be there to discuss ballot collection and security.

Tickets are $10. **Pre-registration** is required by Oct 14.

Please join me in what will be an informative conversation about the work that goes into preparing for one of the most important midterm elections in years and what is being done to make sure registered voters are as informed as possible about the candidates and issues on the ballot.

David Skolnick, YPC Member/Panel Moderator

Candidates Face Off



The Youngstown Press Club's own President-Elect Tony Paglia will moderate a debate Oct. 19 between John Kulewicz and Keith Faber, who are vying to be Ohio's next attorney general.

Faber, Ohio auditor and the Republican nominee, and John Kulewicz, a retired attorney and the Democrat nominee, will debate in the auditorium in the Williamson College of Business Administration on the Youngstown State University campus.

The debate is set for 2:30 p.m. and is sponsored by YPC and the YSU Office of Government Affairs.

Club Spotlight

Member Profile

Mary Beth Breckenridge, previously a reporter at the *Youngstown Vindicator* and a reporter and editor at the *Akron Beacon Journal*, with a brief time as a Realtor at the end of my career.

Hometown: Youngstown.

Your job: I was fortunate to work in newspaper journalism for 35 years. My longest stint was as the home and garden writer at the Beacon Journal, which was my dream job.

What's the best career or journalism advice you ever received and from whom? My late friend and Beacon Journal colleague Michelle LeComte once told me, "Don't run from a job. Run to a job."

How long have you been a YPC member and how have you benefited from it? I have been a member for about three or four years. It has allowed me to reconnect with beloved Vindicator colleagues and meet some of the

people who are continuing the righteous work of holding public officials accountable and keeping the public informed.

What book are you reading? "The Elegance of the Hedgehog."

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? An actress. Unfortunately, I lack acting talent.

Coming Up...

We have speakers and activities throughout the year. Sign up, register and check back here to learn more.

- Oct. 20: Panel discussion on Defending the Ballot Box: A Panel Discussion on Election Integrity, Safety and Security.in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown and the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. **Buy tickets here.**
- Nov. 30: 5 p.m., YPC Members' Holiday Party, Avalon Downtown.

YPC Mission

The Youngstown Press Club's mission is to support journalists and communicators in the greater Mahoning Valley by:

- Honoring past excellence in journalism and communications through our Hall of Fame, Excellence in Media Award, First Amendment Award and Medal of Merit.
- Supporting working journalists and communicators by championing First Amendment and press freedom causes, and providing speakers and events that help them to hone their craft.
- Investing in the future of journalism and communications by offering scholarships, mentoring and support for student journalists and communicators.

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