



2002 DPA Communicator of Achievement and 2002 NFPW Communicator of Achievement

Kay Wood Bailey

Kay Wood Bailey, the 2002 DPA Communicator of Achievement, received the National Federation of Press Women's highest honor when she was named the national COA at the 2002 NFPW Communications Conference in Bismarck, N.D. in September. Kay was chosen from a group of outstanding journalists and communications professionals representing their state affiliates who individually were recognized for a lifetime of outstanding achievement in the field of communications and for service to their communities, to humanity, to their state affiliates and to NFPW.

Not only an artist who has exhibited her work statewide and nationally, but a writer, inventor, civic leader, historian, administrator, church worker, wife and mother, Kay Bailey grew up in Delaware in a family that always has cared for the underdog.

Prison Arts Program Administrator

Named the first statewide Prison Arts Program Administrator for the Delaware Department of Correction in 1986, Kay developed innovative, life-changing arts and literacy programs for inmates in domestic and international institutions. She teaches traditional art classes but also offers such varied series as the theory of jazz, Chinese brushwork, and traditions of American ethnic groups. A spokeswoman for the Prison Arts Program both nationally and internationally, Kay has raised funds for this program and for the International Correctional Arts Network (I-CAN), which she founded in 1989 and for years has been the editor of the trilingual I-CAN Journal.

During twenty years in Washington, D.C., Kay was outreach chairman of the National Capitol Law League, served on the citizens' committee of Lorton Prison, the D.C. Mayor's and Fellowship Foundation's combined committee to improve inner city housing and, for four years, hosted a weekly radio interview show for Christ Church of Washington while doing public relations work for the Women's Board of the National Symphony and for the Women's Republican Board of D.C.

Delaware Journalist, Broadcaster, Civic Leader, Historian

On returning to Delaware in 1978, Kay served on the Wyoming, Delaware, Town Council, founded and published the Wyoming Gazette, and founded and remains president of the Wyoming Historical Commission. She hosted a television program on the arts and politics in Dover for five years, writes a column for the Smyrna-Clayton Sun Times and published the history of Wyoming. She has served on the boards of the Delaware Symphony and the Grand Opera House. She has been president, secretary and program chairman of Delaware Press Association.

Awards

Trailblazer Award, given by Agenda for Delaware Women, 1991
She Knows Where She's Going Award, given by Girls, Inc., 1992
Delaware Mother of the Year, given by American Mothers Association, Inc., 1997
Art Educator of the Year, given by Art Educators of Delaware, 2000