

## **BNHRC Speaker Information September 27, 2005**

### **Linda Lindus, The Pantagraph**

Linda Lindus, publisher of The Pantagraph and president of Pantagraph Publishing Co. in Bloomington/Normal, is also regional group publisher for Illinois for Lee Enterprises. She was named to her present office in July 2005 and, as a member of the Lee executive team, leads daily newspapers in Decatur, Mattoon, Charleston, and Carbondale, Illinois, and Park Hills, Missouri, as well as seven weeklies and more than 20 specialty publications.

Before joining Lee in 2000 as publisher of *The Southern* in Carbondale, Lindus was an award-winning publisher and editor in Arizona and Utah, most recently publisher of *The Spectrum* in St. George, Utah, and president chief executive officer of the Thomson's Utah Strategic Marketing Group.

In Arizona she received the Arizona Newspapers Association's highest award, the Presidential Award in recognition as a master editor and publisher. She also served on the state's Freedom of Information and First Amendment Coalition boards. In 1992 she became the first woman to serve as president of the Arizona Newspapers Association.

She began her career in newspapers in the business office of a weekly newspaper and moved into the editorial department. A year later she was editing an Arizona newspaper.

She serves on the board of the Illinois Press Association, Webster-Cantrell Hall, Decatur Police Foundation and Chamber of Commerce for Decatur and Macon County, United Way Communications Committee and most recently, prior to her move to Decatur, served on the board of Southern Illinois Community Foundation and Carbondale Community-City-University, and was active in Carbondale Rotary International and Southern Illinois Economic Development EDGE.

Through the Newspaper Association of America, Lindus is one of 10 industry executives selected as mentors in order to develop women and other minorities as industry leaders. In 1986 she led the first state-wide seminar among Arizona newspapers professionals examining and creating an awareness of the industry's glass ceiling and highlighting the barriers that blocked the advancement of women.

In addition to the ANA Presidential Award; she received the Lee Enterprise Newspaper of the Year award in 2003; she has received the Thomson Newspapers Presidential Award, Newspapers Association of America READY Award, St. George Business Citizen of the Year Award, Arizona Newspapers Association General Excellence Award, Arizona Newspapers Advertising Award, Inland Press Association, Suburban Newspapers of America awards, and Illinois Newspapers Association General Excellence Award. She has also received a variety of other awards for community service and community projects.

She is married to Roger, and has two daughters, Adrienne and Lorayne, and four grandchildren, Loren, Michael, Isabelle and Natasha.