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and well. As journalists, we spend vast amounts of our time writing in solitude, but surely no one was prepared for the lockdowns and social distancing brought on by the pandemic.

We have paid a price in cancellations, including our Region 8 Conference and SJP’s in-person national conference, which would’ve been in Washington, D.C. Sadly, our summer social also fell the dust. Yet as my term as president ends — thank you, Fort Worth SPJ, for the opportunity to serve — there are positives to embrace as well.

Our chapter started 2020 with lots of enthusiasm, which helped maintain momentum as we pressed on during a crisis. While pulling together to meet challenges, we held our first digital banquet, amplified our social media presence and even conducted an online garage sale, which helped ease cabin fever for some during the lockdown.

It all took teamwork, and I believe our upcoming events will demand more of the same plus creative planning. Some programs may move online. Some meetings could take place outdoors. Whatever form the program or venue requires, I look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Take care!

Texas Center for Community Journalism

With a hotspot for covid-19 cases and regularly breaking records, the Texas Center for Community Journalism moved its Aug. 14 revenue workshop online. The South Texas Press Association made a similar decision for its August convention. Watch the TCCJ website and Facebook page for details. Co-director Kathryn Jones: “Thank you for your understanding as we continue to try to help Texas newspapers and also keep you all safe. The last thing we want to do is put folks at risk.” The decision reflects a larger TCCJ shift to virtual training from in-person workshops at Tarleton State University in Stephenville and at the university’s new campus in Fort Worth. TCCJ will be using social media more to share resources and show how community journalists are covering the pandemic around the state.

P.O.I.F.T. UPDATE: In a strong ruling for open government, the Texas Attorney General’s Office has rejected most arguments presented by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for concealing information on nursing home names and locations where covid-19 outbreaks have occurred. The attorney general ruling July 6 required release of the bulk of information requested earlier this year by numerous organizations and individuals. Details...

Travis County will ask the attorney general whether it can withhold communication about a police transparency bill that the county registered in opposition to in 2019. This comes in response to a KXAN-TV public information request regarding county communication about House Bill 147, which aimed to close the so-called dead suspect loophole. The loophole is an exemption in Texas public records law that allows law enforcement agencies to withhold information when a suspect dies in police custody. Details...

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GETTING THE WORD OUT, ONE WEBINAR AT A TIME Two potentially powerful remote info sessions are on tap — “The State of Press Freedom on Campus and Around the World” at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 30, and a virtual media panel at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, with journalists from across the state and even one from Florida. Co-hosts Lauren Zelanik, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and Courtney Radsch, Committee to Protect Journalists, will explore the obstacles journalists encounter in covering covid-19 and the unprecedented number of journalists being assaulted, arrested or otherwise prevented from documenting protests related to police violence. More here...

KERA News, Robert Francis, Fort Worth Business Press, Luke Ranker, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and Lauren Zelanik, KTVT/CBS 11 will discuss covering and coping with the pandemic and its impact on staffing, assignments and the news business overall. More here...
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