

In Memoriam

Alaska Professional Communicators

Educator, historian and writer **Donna Broderick Gavac**, a winner of Alaska Professional Communicators' Gold Nugget Award for professional and business accomplishments, died Jan. 31, 2015. The Henderson, Nev., resident was 88. A Ph.D. graduate of the University of Portland (Ore.), Donna was a retired associate professor of history and education at the University of Alaska. She served as academic dean of Anchorage Community College in the 1970s and acting campus president in 1976. She also was president and researcher for Donley Productions, Inc., and president and writer for Western Wordcraft. She was a Ford Foundation grantee. Among her many memberships and activities, Donna was a life member of the American Historical Association and a former secretary-treasurer of the Community College Coalition of Alaska.

Karen Leslie Lew, whose interests ranged from public communications to wildlife, environment and the arts, died May 8, 2016, in Shoreline, Wash. She was 74. Formerly active in Alaska Professional Communicators, Karen served in public relations and public information for ITT Arctic Services (White Alice Communications System). She worked for advertising agencies, KYAK Radio and the Anchorage Daily News, and did communications for the Alaska Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Game. She was project manager and editor for a bear conservation and management plan. During her many years in Alaska, Karen was involved in theater, music and writing arts columns. In 2005 she moved to the Seattle area to be closer to children and grandchildren, and did freelance writing and editing.