

Martin Duggan
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Martin Duggan, a long-time associate and former board member of The Discussion Club, capped a 45-year newspaper career by becoming host and producer of Donnybrook, a popular affairs program on KETC Channel 9. He retired in December 2009, after twenty-three years of service, turning the reins over to Charles Brennan of KMOX Radio. For fifteen of those years, he co-hosted Beat the Press, a commentary show on KSIV Radio with Ed Macauley.

Mr. Duggan started as a summertime staffer at the St. Louis Globe Democrat in 1939 and rose to become news editor, associate managing editor and editorial page editor, leaving the paper in 1984. By appointment of President Ronald Reagan, he became chairman of the Advisory Committee on Federal Pay, a position he held for seven years.

Mr. Duggan and his wife Mae are co-founders of Citizens for Educational Freedom, the nation's first organization devoted to the right of parents to choose the schools of their choice while sharing benefits from taxes. He is past president of the Press Club of Metropolitan St. Louis and The Backstoppers, and for many years has served as vice chairman of the Mathews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club. He has been designated a Distinguished Alumnus of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, where he received a degree in sociology in 1942. He was also among the first persons to be inducted into the St. Louis Media Halls of Fame in 2006, and was awarded an honorary degree in arts and letters by the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2009.

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