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OCTOBER 28, 2009: LA GAZZETTA ITALIANA'S PAUL SCIRIA INDUCTED INTO THE PRESS CLUB OF CLEVELAND'S JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME

Paul Sciria was inducted into the Press Club of Cleveland's Journalism Hall of Fame at a dinner reception at LaCentre in Westlake. Paul joined two other WKYC-TV Channel 3 reporters/anchors and two Pulitzer Prize finalists from The Plain Dealer in the Hall of Fame's Class of 2009. The other inductees include WKYC-TV's sports anchor Jim Donovan and managing editor Dick Russ, along with two-time Pulitzer finalist for commentary Regina Brett of *The Plain Dealer* and former *Plain Dealer* photographer William Wynne. All of the inductees were elected to the Hall of Fame by members of the Press Club of Cleveland, an organization for print and broadcast journalists and editors, public relations and advertising professionals, and anyone who works with them. The club serves its members by providing social and educational opportunities, promoting excellence in journalism, attracting and educating high-quality candidates to enter journalism, and maintaining a history of journalism in Cleveland.

Additionally, former *Cleveland Press* and *Plain Dealer* reporter Walt Bogdanich, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner at *The New York Times*, and *Plain Dealer* editorial director Elizabeth Sullivan will be inducted that night. Both were elected in 2008 but were unable to attend the ceremony.

For those who don't already know, Paul was Cleveland's TV investigative reporter, watching the streets and city hall for corruption. Channel 3 hired Sciria as its first full-time news reporter in 1957. In time, his car with his name and the station's call letters emblazoned on the side became a familiar sight around town.

Paul interviewed everyone from Bobby Kennedy to the Beatles, but ferreting out the inside scoop was his specialty. He worked at Channel 3 until 1975, and then formed his own public relations firm. He became the founding editor of LA GAZZETTA ITALIANA in 1992.