

Vera Hodžić – Journalism then and now

I am Vera Hodžić. I was born in 1962 in Zavidovici, I have never left this city, except as a student at the Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo. I am a retired journalist, and I gained retirement because of specific disease called primary pulmonary hypertension.

What I can say regarding development of media in Zavidovići, newspapers as a form of printed media has a long history, but also that unfortunately, these newspapers no longer exist. Before the war, when the newspaper used to be published, I started to work.

It was interesting to work, we had deadlines to fill pages, typed on typewriters. It was interesting and specific. Now it is unthinkable to make newspapers from black and white photographs and text typed on a typewriter. During the war, I was not in the work obligation because I had two small children, and after the war I worked in the marketing service of “Krivaja”, which edited the newspaper.

Mostly, it depended on the General Director whether the newspapers will exist or not. I used to give myself to this project, at one point I was doing everything, preparing alone complete newspapers. I worked with Mido Šabanović, with Arminka Memišević, who had some relations with realization of the “Krivaja” newspapers.

Parallel is incomparable, because today's technology of dictating and writing texts, sending, creating newspapers, media content... it was a lot of harder and better work before the war. Sometimes I think how true information are today, because you have a rule for the source of information, whether are there sources, there is no transmission, etc..

What I would like to say to the young people is to keep the basic postulates, source, and to have answer to the five questions who, what, where, when and why – that's journalism.

For people who decide about important things in our city - one message, Zavidovici must have a portal, must have newspapers, info flyer, anything that will allow its citizens timely information.

