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## **ONPA presents special awards**

TIGARD, Ore. – The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) awarded several special honors during the evening awards banquet at its annual Summer Publishers Convention, July 18 at the Agate Beach Inn in Newport.

### **Hall of Fame award**

The most prestigious honor was the induction of **Edwin M. "Ted" Baker** into the ONPA Hall of Fame. This award, begun by ONPA in 1979, honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Oregon newspaper journalism or extraordinary contributions to their communities, the region, and the state through newspaper journalism.

Ted is the son of Alton Baker, who purchased the *Eugene Guard* in 1927 and, during the Depression, purchased the *Eugene Register* and merged the two newspapers. Ted grew up steeped in the smells of printer's ink and newsprint. In 1948, after surviving a harrowing stint in the military and graduating from the University of Oregon with a BS in Business Administration, he went to work at the family newspaper.

He started out in advertising, while his older brother Bunky became a newsman. In 1961, Bunky was named editor and publisher, and Ted took a position as general manager in charge of advertising, business, circulation, and production. Over the next 20 years, the "Baker brothers" pioneered the use of color, changed to offset printing, and added a second story to the *Register-Guard* building.

Ted became publisher of the *Register-Guard* in 1982, and in 1987 moved up to become chairman of Guard Publishing Company.

### **President's Award**

Mark Garber, president of ONPA, presented the President's Award to Rose Stormer for her long and outstanding service on the ONPA staff.

Rose joined the ONPA staff in 1987 as a secretary, but her energy and organizational skills were soon recognized, and they won her rapid promotion to a managerial position. For most of her tenure, she managed and directed ONPA's front office. She also served as the driving force behind contests, conventions, educational activities, and as supervisor of the Circulation and NIE committees. Her efforts helped strengthen the Oregon Newspapers Foundation (the educational arm of ONPA) and to keep its direction.

Rose retired from her position as ONPA's Director of Operations early this year.

ONPA, founded in 1887, is a professional association of the state's daily and nondaily paid-circulation newspapers.