

**The Oregon  
Newspaper Hall  
of Fame Award**  
is presented on  
special occasions to  
provide appropriate  
recognition to  
Oregon newspaper  
people who have  
made an  
outstanding  
contribution to  
Oregon newspaper  
journalism or an  
extraordinary  
contribution to  
their community  
and region or state  
through newspaper  
journalism.

**COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Greater Douglas United Way**  
President 1984 and 1992; Campaign Chairman 1991,  
Board Member 1976-1986 and 1990-1993
- Napa-Solano California United Fund**  
Vice-President 1972-73
- United Givers of Ephrata WA**  
President and Campaign Director 1961
- Community Cancer Foundation, Roseburg**  
President 1984; Board Member 1977-1984
- Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce**  
President 1978; Board Member 1975-1979
- Roseburg Kiwanis Club**  
President 1980-1981; Board 1976-1982, 1990-1993
- Umpqua Community Development Corporation**  
Board Member 1975-1993
- Roseburg Economic Development Commission**  
Member 1975-1990
- C. Giles Hunt Foundation**  
Trustee 1986-1991
- Douglas County Library Foundation**  
Board Member 1985-1993
- Wildlife Safari**  
Board 1989-1993; Mktg. Committee Chair 1991-1993
- Oregon Business Week**  
Member Douglas County Committee 1985-1991
- Umpqua Council Camp Fire Girls**  
Treasurer 1976-1978
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management**  
Douglas County Advisory Board 1975-1976
- Ephrata Washington Jaycees**  
President 1960
- Senior Volunteer Foundation of Douglas County**  
Currently V.P. Board of Directors
- Umpqua Community College Foundation**
- United Methodist Church of Douglas County**  
Currently on 150th Anniversary Committee



*Phillip Weiswanger*

Editor and Publisher  
The News-Review, Roseburg  
1974 -1993

2009 inductee into the

*Oregon Newspaper  
Hall of Fame*



**Oregon Newspaper  
Hall of Fame**

On permanent display at the  
University of Oregon

**Oregon Newspaper  
Publishers Association**



**P**HILLIP NEISWANGER was born November 19, 1930 in St. Louis, Missouri, and he spent his boyhood in Missouri, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Idaho.

He graduated from Buhl High School in Buhl, Idaho, and went on to attend Idaho State University in Pocatello. He married his high school sweetheart, Myrna Campbell, on August 12, 1951 in Buhl, and graduated in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

After graduation, Phil became a reporter for the *Idaho Statesman* in Boise, and later a reporter and sports editor for the *Idaho State Journal* in

Pocatello. He then moved to Bozeman, Montana and became the wire editor for the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*.

Phil left the newspaper field for five years in the late 1950s and early 60s to help his father run a family-owned department store in Ephrata, Washington. In 1963, he moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, and went to work as a wire editor at the *Herald and News*. He took a brief hiatus to work as a copy editor at the *Modesto Bee*, but returned to the *Herald and News* to serve as managing editor from 1965 to 1969.

During Phil and Myrna's sojourns between newspapers, they welcomed four children: Jack, Ted, Jennifer, and Andrea, each born in a different state.

In 1969, Phil moved his family back to California to take a position as managing editor of the *Napa Valley Register*. After five years in that position, Phil moved back to Oregon in 1974 to become editor and publisher of *The News-Review* in Roseburg.

After 19 years at *The News-Review*, Phil left for what he thought would be a permanent retirement. He and Myrna enjoyed several cross-country trips before Swift Newspapers asked him to serve as interim publisher at the *Nevada Appeal* in Carson City until a permanent publisher was hired. He then returned to his retirement life of oil painting, golfing, reading, and travel.

In January of 1998, Phil lost his beloved wife, Myrna.

Phil is currently on the board of directors of Swift Newspapers, which owns *The News-Review*. He continues to reside in Roseburg with his faithful companion "Max," the black lab, and remains active in his community.

#### ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS

**The News-Review, Roseburg OR**

Editor and Publisher 1974-1993

**Napa Valley Register, Napa CA**

Editor 1969-1974

**Herald and News, Klamath Falls OR**

Wire Editor 1963-1964; Managing Editor 1965-1969

**Modesto Bee, Modesto CA**

Copy Editor 1964-1965

**Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Bozeman MT**

Reporter/Wire Editor 1954-1955

**Idaho State Journal, Pocatello ID**

Reporter/Sports Editor 1951-1954

**Idaho Statesman, Boise ID**

Reporter 1951

#### INDUSTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association**

President 1982-1983, Board Member 1977-1984

**Oregon Newspapers Foundation**

President 1983-1984

**Pacific Northwest Newspaper Association**

Board Member 1987-1990

**Swift Newspapers**

Current Board Member

#### AWARDS

**Idaho State College**

Outstanding Freshman Journalism Student 1950

**Oregon Newspapers Publishers Association**

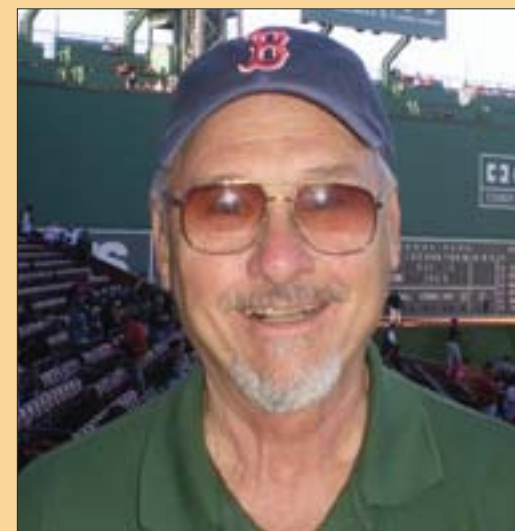
President's Award 1981

**University of Oregon School of Journalism**

Ruhl Fellow 1982

**Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce**

First Citizen Award 1984



Phil Neiswanger on a recent visit to Fenway Park, Boston.