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Post Honors Four of its Finest

The season's first measurable snowfall did not deter more than 500 Post employees from enjoying a festive, memorable evening as they honored four of their colleagues at the Eugene Meyer Awards held at the Northwest Building on Monday, Dec. 5.

Phyllis Waslo, Northwest Health Center.

The Eugene Meyer Awards recognize employees whose careers at the newspaper exemplify the seven principals for the conduct of a newspaper established by Mr. Meyer, the grandfather of Washington Post Company Chairman and CEO Don Graham. (The principles are outlined in the Dec. 1 issue of ShopTalk.)

"This is perhaps the nicest evening of the year at The Washington Post," noted Jones in his opening comments. "It is an evening without exhortations about circulation or profits. Rather, we have the chance to celebrate four wonderful people... There are some striking commonalities among

a lot of what they do so well without hoopla. It is hard to imagine individuals more popular among their colleagues."

In her remarks, Ann Griffin reminisced about when her three now-grown daughters were very young they would get excited when they saw a Post commercial on TV and say, "That's where my mom works!"

Jones lauded Griffin for developing and refining health programs at the plant during her 25-year tenure which have improved the safety and health of her co-workers. Along the way she has helped them through injuries and illnesses and in one case, her quick actions saved a co-worker's life.

"She's worked hard and creatively for programs to enable Springfield employees to understand the bigger health picture. She's proud of the plant's smoke-free nature. In many ways, Ann has made the Health Center a source of great support and cohesion at the plant," said Jones.

Phyllis Waslo, the occupational health manager at the Northwest Building, began her career at The Post within weeks of Griffin, who has become a close friend. The two have been referred to by colleagues

the winners this year: Beyond all being outstanding at what they do, each is a person who enthusiastically keeps learning and teaching. Newspapers are not known for shrinking violets, but here we have four down-to-earth people who do

The auditorium was packed to capacity as Chair **Don Graham** and Publisher **Bo Jones** presented the newspaper's highest employee award to **Ann Griffin**, Springfield Health Center; **Jay Mathews**, News; **Rick Tippett**, Advertising, and



Bo Jones (far left) and **Don Graham** (far right) with Eugene Meyer awardees (l-r) **Ann Griffin**, **Jay Mathews**, **Rick Tippett** and **Phyllis Waslo**.

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2005 Eugene Meyer Awards



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Rick Tippett is congratulated by President and General Manager Steve Hills and Bo Jones at the awards ceremony.



Rick Tippett with his wife Vicki and sons Bradley and Brian.



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Ann Griffin is surrounded by her proud family, Kendall Griffin, Tracey Griffin, Clarence Griffin, Christina Griffin and Sasha Rosenthal.

Several of her close friends were on hand to congratulate Phyllis Waslo, including Phil Hoepfer, Carol Crowder, Debbie Hoepfer, Chuck VanNostrend and Cindy Dunbar.





Martha Lequeux, director of human resources, chats with **Janice Healey**, general manager for the magazine, and **Hugh Price**, director of operations planning, at the awards reception.



Awardee **Jay Mathews** with his wife **Linda**, son **Joe Mathews** and daughter-in-law **Anna Wilde Mathews**. Not pictured are his son and daughter, **Peter** and **Kate**.

as the “dynamic duo.”

For two decades, Waslo’s duties also encompassed those related to working in a production plant when the presses still ran at the Northwest Building. She is what Jones called “the center of change” for health and wellness programs at the newspaper’s headquarters.

“Beyond all her efficiency and attention to detail, it’s Phyllis’s bedside manner – her kind, warm, quietly confident manner – that is a constant amid all the activity and change here,” Jones remarked and added a comment from Vice President **Peggy Schiff**, “We all trust Phyllis with our files, our fears, and our weight.”

Jay Mathews arrived at The Post on June 13, 1971, which he noted was the day the *New York Times* began publishing the Pentagon Papers. In 1976, he fulfilled his dream to cover China for the newspaper. The Mathews family spent three years in Hong Kong and then two in Beijing, when it was opened up to four American newspapers. During those years, his wife Linda was a correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal* and the *L.A. Times* and the two often competed for stories. He also worked for *The Post* from Los Angeles and New York and has been at the Arlington/Alexandria Bureau since 1997. Mathews has become one of the country’s most respected journalists covering education.

“Jay is simply one of the great reporting machines of all time,” said Jones. “He’s an incredible and prodigious workhorse. He has written more than 3,750 articles for

The Post in his tenure here, and that doesn’t include any of his books, his work for Washington Post Newsweek Interactive or *Newsweek*. His editors call him the original multi-tasker, amazingly productive, a model for one and all.”

National Advertising Director Rick Tippet credited his family, co-workers and Post advertisers for his Eugene Meyer Award and his successful 36-year career at The Post. “There have been 16 other Eugene Meyer Award winners from Advertising and it is an honor to be in such select company,” he said.

Tippet began his career at The Post as a messenger and quickly rose through the ranks in the Advertising Department. In 1983, Tippet was chosen as the Advertising Department’s Sales Person of the Year, and in 1984, he became the first two-time winner of the Publishers Award for Outstanding Sales Professional. Tippet has managed advertising sales for the National Weekly and several categories. In 1993, he was named to his current position overseeing national advertising from The Post’s New York Bureau.

“Everyone here is so eager to chime in about Rick that when I wandered over to **Diane DuBois** for some thoughts, a crowd gathered, all wanting to add their accolades,” explained Jones. “The same thing happened when I began to talk with **Marc Rosenberg**. It seems as if there aren’t enough good things to say about him. The repeated refrain is that Rick is the ideal model for the culture and core values of the Post.” ■

Be An Angel

Employees are invited to bring your Be An Angel donations for Mary's Center to The Post's annual holiday celebration scheduled for:

Thursday, Dec. 15,
noon to 2 p.m.
at the front entrance to the Northwest Building.

Join your colleagues and Ned the Newshound for hot cocoa and cookies and enjoy one of The Post's most memorable traditions – the annual holiday music program. This year's program will be performed by the District's Wilson Senior High School Choir and Shaw Junior High School Concert Band.



Employees Weigh-in for Holiday Challenge

The Post's three Health Centers reported that a total of 204 Post staff stepped on the scales and weighed in to participate in the Lean Plate Club's Holiday Challenge. If you're one of the participants and need some extra help keeping those holiday pounds at bay, look for the Lean Plate Club column in Tuesday's Health Section or click on www.washingtonpost.com/leanplateclub. Don't forget to check out the Lean Plate Club specials at the cafeterias. Every time you



purchase a featured Lean Plate Club special, you receive a ticket to be entered into a random drawing held in January for an iPod donated by Brock & Co.

2005 Expense Deadlines

Please note the following 2005 deadlines from the Accounting Department:

Delinquent expense reports:
Thursday, Dec. 15

Final current expense reports:
(dated after Dec. 8)
Wednesday, Dec. 21

Accounts payable vouchers:
Wednesday, Dec. 21

Accrual worksheets:
Thursday, Jan. 5 by noon

Delinquent expense reports are those outstanding longer than one week after the expenditure has been made. Accounting will only accept reports for expenses incurred after Dec. 8 between Dec. 19 and 21. No expense reports will be accrued. If you have any questions, contact **Nadeem Awan**, financial



accounting supervisor at x4-7812. Individual department deadlines may be earlier in order to meet these deadlines. The Newsroom deadlines will be posted on The Source.

United Way Campaign Drawing Winners

The winners of the 2005 United Way Campaign weekly raffle drawings of employees



who filled out an ePledge form are posted on the Intranet home page. The Post's United Way Campaign wrapped up on Friday, Dec. 2, however employees have until Tuesday, Dec. 20 to make a contribution through a payroll deduction. Checks and cash

donations can be made until the end of the month. Contact your department's United Way chairperson if you have any questions.

Online Store Sales Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming holiday sales events! Employees will receive a 10 percent discount on every item. Clearance items will be available. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. For more information, contact Nicole Marshall, Marketing at x4-6874.

Northwest Building:

Multipurpose room
Wednesday, Dec. 14,
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

College Park Plant:

Friday, Dec. 16,
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marketplace

WIZARDS TICKET (one): Home game, Dec. 26 at 7 p.m. against LA Lakers. Sec. 215, Row K, Seat 13. Best offer over \$43. Call Sherri at x4-7076 or (202) 408-1022.

FOR SALE: 1993 Infiniti sport model J30, excellently maintained, 130,000 miles, good condition. \$4,000. Call Carol at X4-7523 or (703) 433-2758.

FOR SALE: Holiday season is here again. If you are interested in buying a holiday gift basket, call Josie at x3-0638 or (703) 492-8180 or e-mail at josiescraft@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE: 2005 White House Christmas ornaments. I'm selling them as a fundraiser for my sons' daycare center. They are \$16/each and I have one at my desk if you'd like to see one. If you are interested, please call Liz at x4-6545 soon—they've sold out quickly in the past.

FOR SALE: Jewelry! Designed and hand made by my daughter, Kelsey Gerhard. Visit her web site at kelseyforbes.com for unique and beautiful holiday gifts. Contact her proud mom (Ellen) at gerharde@washpost.com or Kelsey at info@kelseyforbes.com. Be sure to tell all your friends!

FOR SALE: Sturdy oak twin bunk bed set with built-in bookshelves, ladder, desk, and drawers. Mattress not included. Asking \$250. Originally purchased from The Roomstore. Please call Teia Marshall at x4- 4374 with any questions.

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. Ads are for Post Employees only. Send ads to Shop Talk, 7th floor, or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963; via e-mail send to shoptalk. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.