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Dave Frohnmayer Made a Difference

by Marla Rae, *The Rae Group*

Much has been written about Dave Frohnmayer since his death on March 10. His quiet six-year battle with prostate cancer was known only by his family and a few friends until his final days. Yet Dave's death rocked many of us to our core.

Dave was a son, brother, husband, father, friend, constitutional scholar, law professor, state representative, state attorney general, brilliant appellate advocate, University of Oregon president, American Academy of Arts and Sciences fellow, and more.

Dave and his remarkable wife, Lynn, were relentless in their passion to help find a cure for Fanconi anemia, the insidious disease that took the lives of their daughters Katie and Kirsten. Dave and Lynn refused to succumb to grief and pity in the wake of their devastating losses. Instead, they founded the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, raising millions of dollars to fund scientific research throughout the world.



Dave Frohnmayer, while serving as Oregon's attorney general in 1976



Dave and Lynn Frohnmayer

Many Oregon State Capitol Foundation members will remember Dave as a three-term state representative and a three-term state attorney general. He was

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Capitol Fall Events

Join us for these family activities at your Oregon State Capitol

National Hispanic Heritage Day

(Saturday, September 26)

Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month, we'll celebrate Oregon's Latino and Hispanic populations and their contributions to our state with entertainment, historical displays, food sampling, and more.

Oregon Bounty

(Saturday, October 17)

Families will learn about the variety of crops harvested in Oregon at this fun event featuring hands-on activities and displays.

Honoring Veterans

(Tuesday, November 10)

The Capitol will honor Oregon's veterans with several events, culminating in an afternoon concert in the rotunda on November 10.

December Holidays at the Capitol

Celebration of the holidays at the Capitol begins on December 1 at 5:30 p.m. with the annual tree lighting ceremony in the rotunda. Enjoy holiday music throughout December.

You can learn more about these events at

www.oregonlegislature.gov.

At Your Service A Message from the Chair

by Fred Neal, OSCF Chair



Oregon's 78th Legislative Assembly ended its regular session in July with some exciting and challenging enactments for your Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

First, HB 2073 ends the two-headed nature of the Foundation and its companion nonprofit, the Fund for the OSCF. Effective September 1, the Fund becomes the "Oregon State Capitol Foundation" and the former Foundation will no longer exist. The newly reconfigured OSCF will be housed in the Capitol and receive support from the legislative administrator. Vice Chair Joan Plank and our Governance Subcommittee have been hard at work to ensure a smooth transition.

Second, SB 472-A authorizes the issuance of an additional 40,000 Pacific Wonderland license plates. Revenue from the sales of those plates will be split 50-50 between the OSCF and the Oregon Historical Society and will provide another six to seven years of stable funding for the Capitol History Gateway and OSCF operations.



Third, and perhaps most profound, is the work of Gary Wilhelms and other OSCF members to build the Legislature's commitment to undertake renovation of our 77-year-old Capitol. While that effort didn't completely succeed, as Gary explains elsewhere in this newsletter, we are committed to supporting the Capitol restoration during the next session.

Other OSCF committees have also been working hard. The Development Committee, chaired by Ginny Lang, has been ramping up our fund-raising efforts, and the Budget and Finance Committee, chaired by Gerry Thompson, has been taking steps to ensure prudence and stability in our finances.

Our History Committee, chaired by Herb Colomb, works hard to ensure that our Capitol teaches visitors and school children about Oregon's political history. Our Special Events Committee, chaired by Judy Hall, is collaborating with the Visitor Services Office to offer exciting events at the Capitol.

To learn more, sign up to receive our monthly Enews at www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org.

Please support our work by making a financial contribution—and encourage everyone you know to buy a Pacific Wonderland license plate!

Dave Frohnmayer

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the quintessential native Oregonian. He loved our state and our people. I vividly recall the anti-Measure 9 television ad that he and his father, Otto, made in 1992, with their powerful statement opposing discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Dave's public speaking skills were legendary. He would jot down three main messages on the back of a business card and then deliver another stem-winder. One of our favorite antics came after those speeches, when someone would request a copy of his "prepared remarks." We would send a photocopy of his back-of-the-card notes.

I know that one day the sadness and shock of Dave's sudden death that we feel today will gradually be replaced with happy memories. I look forward to the day when my first thoughts of him are of his stinky cheap cigars, his lengthy strides on our walks to the Capitol past the Circuit Rider, and his utter passion for public service.

Of all the things that have been said about Dave Frohnmayer, nothing I have read said it better than a quote from Dave himself. "I grew up with a real sense that an individual can make a difference, and that if you can, you should," he said.

Dave Frohnmayer could.
And he did.

Celebrating Volunteers at the Capitol

by Lora Howden, Visitor Services, Oregon State Capitol

More than 50 people regularly volunteer at the Oregon State Capitol, helping with special events, providing tours, and serving as attendants in the gift store, information kiosk, and legislative galleries. This year we honored three longtime volunteers in particular.



Pat, Art, and Evie with Governor Brown at the volunteers celebration

Pat Crotteau, an invaluable 20-year volunteer, is as knowledgeable and skilled as any staff member. When she is at the kiosk, we know that visitors will be warmly greeted and adeptly referred, whether to a legislator's office, a committee, or another state building on the mall. Pat is also computer savvy. She has given her time to many organizations over the years, but Pat says, "The Capitol was my first volunteer job and is still my most fulfilling."



Volunteers with Governor Brown

Art Schmidt is a favorite Capitol tour guide. We are so fortunate that he chose to bring his love of history and the legislative process to the Capitol 20 years ago, after he retired from teaching. He keeps school children enthralled. His quality tours are widely known and appreciated—in fact, a group that visits annually from Germany requests Art's tour every year!

Evie Woods was recruited as a volunteer in 1985. Originally asked to volunteer for one month, she is still assisting at the Capitol 30 years later! When Ramona Kenady, chief clerk of the House, needed extra assistance, Frankie Bell, then the Visitor Services coordinator, recommended Evie, who begrudgingly agreed to meet with Ramona, telling her, "I'm not the one you want." Ramona replied, "Can you start



Volunteers enjoying the celebration

Tuesday?" Evie's agreement turned into employment as the House receptionist from 1991 to the present. Thankfully, Evie returns to volunteer in the kiosk each interim. Her knowledge, wisdom, customer service skills, and especially her humor are great assets to the Capitol.

All Capitol volunteers were celebrated at an event at the Willamette Heritage Center's Dye House on July 7. Pioneer-era folk songs played by the Parker family added to the festivities, and Governor Brown stopped by to thank the volunteers and honor, in particular, Pat, Art, and Evie. Thank you, all!

Celebrating Legacies of Capitol Leaders

Please join the OSCF in honoring lives that add to the Capitol Story

Ed Whelan died on May 7 at age 89. Representing the St. Johns area of Portland, he served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1958 to 1965, when he became president of Oregon's AFL-CIO. In 1973, he was appointed the first director of the Oregon Department of Economic Development, and he subsequently managed public affairs for Pacific Gas and Electric for many years.

George Dewey died on July 5 at age 91. In 1950, he went to work for the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, serving as its executive director and lobbyist, and in 1966, he established his own lobbying and consulting firm. In 1972, he was named manager of the Multnomah Kennel Club Greyhound Park, becoming its president in 1974.

First-Person History at Your Fingertips: Documenting Oregon's History

by Herb Colomb, OSCF History Committee Chair

From the inception of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, one of our primary goals has been to capture the oral history of legislative achievements. Through the volunteer efforts of OSCF members and the Capitol's Legislative Media unit, 14 people have been interviewed so far.



Herb sharing historical stories in the Governor's Ceremonial Office

We are delighted to announce that now, with revenue from the sale of Pacific Wonderland license plates, we are expanding our Oral History Project. Janice Dilg of HistoryBuilt, located in Portland, will conduct the first five in a continuing series of video interviews with elder statesmen and stateswomen from across Oregon. She and her team bring a wealth of experience in collecting oral histories.

The first five interviews should be completed and edited by November and the next five by early 2016, and we expect to fund other interviews next year as well. We'll publish in this newsletter a list of the oral histories as they are completed. If you have a suggestion for an individual or topic for an oral history, please email capitol.foundation@state.or.us or call 503-986-1555. We look forward to sharing the oral histories with you.

Oregon Capitol Renovation Update

by Gary Wilhelms, OSCF

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is disappointed that the Oregon State Capitol Renovation project was not included in the list of capital construction projects receiving seismic upgrade money in the Legislature's 2015 capital construction bonding package.

The OSCF remains optimistic, however, that funding for the Capitol Renovation project can be secured during the 2016 session.

The renovation project focuses on seismically stabilizing the Capitol and addressing safety concerns. It will also include updates to infrastructure, plumbing, electrical, and finishes in select spaces.



The OSCF will continue to vigorously pursue funding for the project, with gratitude to the Legislature for the time and effort it spent during the 2015 session and with the realization that the decision is not an easy one. The need will only become greater, and the costs will increase if we wait. Significant

investment previously authorized by the Legislature has already been made in the design phase of the project. The project is now "shovel-ready." To walk away from that investment seems inappropriate. We need to move this project forward and will continue to work for funding from the Legislature in February 2016.

For more information about the project, visit www.oregonlegislature.gov/renovation.

Invest in the Future of Your Oregon State Capitol OSCF receives matching endowment challenge!

by Ginny Lang, OSCF Development Chair

Just imagine that you're visiting the Oregon State Capitol 25 years from now, in 2040. Will you see school children gathered around the Walk of Flags, learning Oregon's place among our states? Will the historic murals still tell our history?

Will the treasured Gold Pioneer remind us, in 2040, that the crucial work of Oregon citizens affects our daily lives?

Oregonians like you helped launch the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. Now your leadership can ensure that our mission endures.

We're establishing the OSCF Endowment Fund to support the OSCF's mission and your legacy.

Bill Rutherford of Rutherford Investment Management has offered to match all new donations to the endowment campaign this year if they total \$12,500 or more. This is your chance to double your donation.



School kids visiting the Oregon State Capitol to learn about history and civic participation

Give Glasses!

We are deep into summer, and the heat isn't letting up. Cool down with a cold one and use these great new pilsner glasses with an inset pewter Capitol coin to do it. The brewing industry contributes \$2.83 billion to Oregon's economy and employs roughly 30,000 people. These glasses make great gifts for handcraft beer enthusiasts.

Buy the glasses for \$12 each at the Capitol Store, open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. OSCF members get a 10% discount! You can also order glasses by calling 503-986-1391.



Donations to the OSCF Endowment Fund will

- Support the OSCF's work to create a living history, enhance the dignity and beauty of the Capitol, and foster cultural and educational opportunities
- Ensure that our work will continue, informing and educating future generations and visitors
- Perpetuate the OSCF's key message—that democracy is important and the cornerstone of a vital government and an engaged citizenry
- Bring to life the principle that citizen involvement is essential to a thriving state, especially for school children, our state's future leaders

"Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by this fall to establish the endowment fund. We have raised \$21,900 so far. Please ensure the long-term stability of the Foundation's work by donating today."

Ginny Lang, OSCF Development Chair

To make a donation, visit www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org or mail it to 900 Court Street NE, Room 140-A, Salem, OR 97301.

Just imagine all the ways the OSCF Endowment Fund will help our Capitol—and all the inspiration it embodies—endure!

Capitol Portraits

Thank You, Senator Duncan

Former state Senator Verne Duncan, the founding legislator of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, is retiring from the OSCF this year. It was his bill that created the OSCF in 1997.

Verne, a McMinnville native, served in the Idaho House of Representatives in the 1960s and as Oregon's superintendent of public instruction from 1975 to 1989. He was appointed to the Oregon Senate in 1997 and served until 2003. The Verne Duncan Elementary School, in Happy Valley, was named after him in 2008.



Verne Duncan

Verne has been a member of the OSCF board since its inception, serving as chair the first few years. He applauds the many outstanding board members with whom he has served, and is so pleased that the OSCF has become "a major player."

The OSCF has bestowed on Verne a new title, that of "emeritus chair," but he was quick to note that the position has "no authority and no responsibility!"

Legislature Honors Judy Hall

The Oregon Legislature honored OSCF board member Judy Hall by adopting Senate Concurrent Resolution 18 this session. The resolution states that "we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate Judy Hall and the indelible legacy of support and dedication she leaves with the Oregon Legislative Assembly, and wish her well in her future endeavors."



Judy Hall with daughter Erynn and granddaughter Sydney

Judy worked for the Senate over 30 years, serving as secretary of the Senate for 16 years. As secretary, she was the Senate's official custodian of records and its chief parliamentary officer, advising senators on proper protocol, rules and procedures.

After retiring, Judy became an OSCF board member, and she currently serves as chair of our Special Events Committee. This committee works with the Capitol Visitor Services staff in co-sponsoring many events at the Capitol, including the Hello Again Social, Oregon's birthday celebration (Statehood Day), Cherry Blossom Day, and Holidays at the Capitol. Frankie Bell, a founding OSCF board member, praised Judy as "a ball of energy and a great chair."

Congratulations, Judy.

OSCF Hosts Portrait Unveiling

The OSCF hosted a portrait unveiling ceremony at the Capitol on July 11. Please see back page for details.



Jim Toler with Gov. T. T. Geer portrait



Susan Ehrman and Louis Sloss accepting award, with Gov. Julius Meier portrait



Geer family enjoying the celebration



String quintet concert by Salem Chamber Orchestra in rotunda

How Can I Support Oregon's Legacy?

Your generous support of Oregon State Capitol Foundation enables us to offer the many educational events described in this newsletter as well as preserve Oregon's heritage for future generations. You can ensure that our work continues by making a gift to the OSCF in a variety of ways, including the following:

Your will. You can make a gift to the OSCF in your will. Consult your attorney about how best to do so.

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Your life insurance proceeds. You can name the OSCF to receive all or a portion of your life insurance policy, perhaps one that is no longer needed for its original purpose. Income and estate tax benefits can result from such a gift.

Your retirement plan. It's easy to include the OSCF as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. This is a tax-wise way to make a charitable gift, as amounts remaining in retirement plans at death may be subject to both estate and income taxes when left to individuals.

Join Us.

Support the future of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation by making a gift in your will or trust or by including us as a beneficiary of your retirement account, insurance policy or investment account. If you have already included the OSCF in your estate plans, please let us know. Thank you!

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A Concert, Stories and Cake

by Judy Hall and Joan Plank, OSCF Special Events Committee

On July 11, the public enjoyed a lovely string quintet concert in the Capitol Rotunda performed by the Salem Chamber Orchestra. The free concert was part of the Capitol History Gateway project.

The concert was followed by a ceremony at the Capitol hosted by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. Portraits of two past governors were unveiled: Gov. Theodore Thurston Geer (1899–1903) and Gov. Julius L. Meier (1931–1935).

Jane Cease, former OSCF chair, offered fun facts about the two governors and presented certificates of appreciation to members of their families, who then shared family stories.

Gov. Geer, a farmer and journalist, was the first Oregon governor born in the state. An avid bicyclist, he advocated a better transportation system, getting funding for some of it. In May 1900, Gov. Geer biked from Salem to Champoeg, when the brand-new Oregon Historical Society was focusing attention on the historic site of the settlers' 1843



Jim Toler, Susan Ehrman and Louis Sloss accepting awards

vote to form a territorial government and join the United States instead of Britain.

Gov. Meier, serving during the Great Depression, tried to keep the state from taking on too much debt. With the hope of raising more revenue, he convinced the Legislature to refer a proposed sales tax to the July 1933 ballot, which voters defeated nearly 4 to 1. Historians say that Gov. Meier's election in 1930 as the state's first Jewish governor put to rest the Ku Klux Klan's anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish campaigns of the 1920s.