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Oregon celebrates 155th birthday with Galleria gala

by Joan Plank, *OSCF Special Events Chair*

On Feb. 14, a special celebration of Oregon's 155th birthday was held at 11 a.m. in the Capitol Galleria by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and Oregon State Capitol Foundation. The Oregon Wheat Growers League provided a tasty birthday cake for all, including visiting school children.

Speaker of the House Tina Kotek made remarks. Katy Coba, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, also spoke.

Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Balmer, talked about the 100th anniversary of the Supreme Court Building. He invited everyone to attend a celebration at the Supreme Court Building later in the day.

Oregon State Capitol Foundation Chair Jane Cease spoke about the work that has gone into creating the new Capitol History Gateway project.

"The Capitol History Gateway will serve as a lens through which visitors can learn about the importance of the Capitol and state government's contributions to Oregon history," Cease said.

She said the Capitol History Gateway will eventually include:

- Annual history exhibits in the 16 Galleria display cases.
- A new Oregon history timeline wall display, designed as a portable installation.
- Listening posts installed in the Capitol's de-commissioned telephone booths, featuring oral histories illuminating a Visitor Pathway tour experience through the building and grounds.
- A Capitol History Gateway website.
- Printed State Capitol Visitor Pathway maps.
- Rich digital content accessible through smartphones and tablets.

Cease was then helped by Justice Balmer, Fred VanNatta, Fred Neal, Juliene Poppinga, Nick Herrera and myself as the new Capitol History Gateway window displays were unveiled.

Cease also unveiled a new Oregon State Capitol Foundation donor board. She said the first phase of this new feature includes only a few of the many

projects that have occurred since the non-profit foundation was created by the Oregon Legislature in 2001. Soon, more projects, events, donors and sponsors will be added. "The foundation's goal is to reflect the generous contributions of our supporters," Cease said.

Following the events in the Galleria, members of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation were joined in the Governor's conference room by individuals and organizations that helped develop the Capitol



History Gateway. The Oregon State Library, Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill, Oregon Heritage Commission, State Archives and Travel Salem were represented.

In addition, Speaker Kotek, Representatives Vick Berger and John Huffman, and Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, also attended.

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation wishes to give special thanks to the Oregon Wheat Growers League for inviting us to participate in this annual celebration.

Message from the Chair

by *OSCF Chair Jane Cease*

Back in 2005, Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, then a member of the Oregon House of Representatives, worked to pass a bill calling for a History Center in the Capitol.

On Feb. 14, 2014, Brad joined the Oregon State

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Capitol Foundation to formally kick off the Capitol History Gateway’s first phase and see his dream come true.

Brad told me he was ecstatic about beginning the new History Gateway project — at long last — and so are we. But the wait has been worth it because the OSCF spent the time planning and creating many good ideas for the startup phase and for future projects.

On Oregon’s 155th birthday, we unveiled new — and might I add impressive — [ex-](#)



[hibit windows](#) along the hallway outside the hearing rooms in the Galleria. These eye-catching displays reflect the mission of the [Capitol History Gateway](#): “To ignite belief and stimulate involvement in Oregon’s democracy” or, as I said at the unveiling, “Democracy is not a spectator sport.”

Visiting school children lined up two-deep in front of the bicycle helmet bill exhibit after the unveiling. They were clearly impressed by the story of how one concerned mom worked to make bicycle helmets mandatory for youngsters. The students learned the lesson that it only takes one person to start the ball rolling and make significant changes in laws. This is a great example of how the Gateway is designed to work, and I’m extremely proud that our efforts are off to a great start.

There are more people that I can name here who helped make the Capitol History Gate-

way unveiling a success. I’d like to give my special thanks to the Capitol History Gateway Council and consultant team, the Legislative Admin staff, and the dedicated members of the OSCF board and our events and voice committees for all your hard work.

I look forward to the next chapter!

What’s around the corner for our State Capitol State Park?

by Chane Griggs

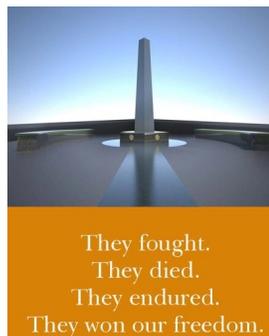
There are some exciting developments coming soon in our State Capitol State Park.

First up, watch for a brand new park information brochure, coming later this spring. The brochure will include a map and beautiful photos of the grounds surrounding the Capitol. It will be in the same familiar format as all state park information brochures.

Two new memorials in the park will be unveiled this spring and summer.

World War II Memorial

Oregon is one of only six states in the nation without a memorial to honor the 152,000 Oregonians who served in World War II. Recognizing the need to honor those veterans, the Oregon Legislature created a task force and foundation in 2011 that authorized raising the funds for an official memorial in Salem.



Construction of the World War II Memorial began Feb. 3 at the northwest corner of Willson Park, west of the Capitol. The World War II Memorial will be dedicated

June 6, the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France.

For more information on the World War II Memorial please visit www.oregonwwiimemorial.com.

Fallen Trooper Memorial

On Aug. 1, the Fallen Trooper Memorial will be dedicated to honor Oregon State Police officers who died in the line of duty. The memorial will be located on the west side of the Public Service Building, north of Court Street and the Capitol.

For more information on the Fallen Trooper Memorial, please visit www.ospmemorial.org.

Oregon State Capitol Renovation Project team selected

by Jessica Lacasella

The Capitol Master Plan continues to make progress. In January, following a detailed review and interviews, the Legislative Administration office selected the core project team. This team consists of inici group as the owner’s representative, SRG and ARG architects, as well as JE Dunn and Emerick as the general contractor and construction manager.

The core team quickly began collaborating in their joint project office in Room 354 in the Capitol on steps to move forward with the design phase of the renovation. The team created a project name and logo to make it easy for anyone to quickly recognize activities associated with the renovation. Oregon State Capitol Renovation — OSCR for short — is the project name chosen to define the logo, along with a silhouette of the Capitol that incorporates a construction crane.



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Watch for the OSCF logo on Capitol renovation project communications.

During the design phase, the team will provide frequent updates on the Capitol Master Plan website at www.oregonlegislature.gov/mp. When you visit the website for the first time, remember to click on the esubscribe link at the bottom of the page to get the latest Capitol renovation project news sent directly to your email inbox. We also welcome Capitol visitors to stop by room 354 or contact Jessica.Lacasella@state.or.us with questions about the project.

Joyce Hamilton celebrates more than two decades of volunteerism

by Lora Howden
State Capitol Volunteer Coordinator



We're fortunate to have Joyce Hamilton as a Capitol volunteer for more than 20 years.

In 1992 she came to the Capitol for a tour and was so impressed she quickly volunteered to work there. Joyce was soon giving tours to large groups. She also worked for several years as the second floor House receptionist. Joyce now helps at the information kiosk on Thursday mornings.

Born in Minneapolis, Joyce moved to The Dalles when she was in the 3rd grade and spent her summers in Lafayette. After graduating from high school in 1944, she attended Linfield College in McMinnville, but didn't complete the year because the \$50 per semester tuition was too expensive. Joyce then worked in McMinnville banks before moving to California. In 1952 she began as a file clerk for Mac-Donald Douglas. By the time she retired in 1982, she was branch manager!

Be sure to stop by the Capitol information kiosk and say hi to Joyce and our other terrific volunteers.

Development committee plots successful, sustainable fundraising for OSCF

by Ginny Lang
OSCF Development Committee Chair

Following the Oregon State Capitol Foundation's January 2013 meeting, Chair Jane Cease appointed a Development Committee to begin planning and organization to prepare for OSCF's future in a financially responsible and thoughtful manner.

The committee's charge is to develop a structured action plan, with the help of a development professional. The committee will also consider OSCF membership criteria and a transition strategy for recruiting foundation members consistent with our fundraising goals.

Currently, proceeds from Oregon's Pacific Wonderland vehicle license plates generate about 90 percent of OSCF's revenue, and an additional round of license plates will be requested of the 2015 Legislature.

Also, two significant projects are partially funded and under way: the Capitol History Gateway and the Capitol Master Plan.

A recent review by the Collins Group of OSCF's fundraising status and opportunities showed tremendous strengths and proficiencies for a mostly volunteer organization.

The review also noted opportunities for sharper focus and improvement in seven core areas: 1) organizational planning, 2) fundraising culture, 3) board and volunteers, 4) development activities, outcomes and evaluation, 5) donor stewardship, 6) donor communications, and 7) development staffing and systems.

The Development Committee will begin its work shortly and report to the April OSCF meeting. The committee members are Ginny Lang, Chair, and foundation members Jane Cease, Fred Neal, Joan Plank, Norm Smith and Gary Wilhelms.

State Capitol volunteer opportunities tower above the rest

By Lora Howden
State Capitol Volunteer Coordinator



The Oregon State Capitol is accepting new applications for volunteer tour guides, legislative doorkeepers and Capitol Gift Shop and visitor information kiosk staff.

Volunteering at the Capitol is a blast. Our staff interacts with many visitors

including local school children, government leaders and guests from all over the world.

Volunteers commit to a 3 1/2 hour shift each week. We provide support and training, along with opportunities to join in educational outings and monthly dine-outs. Active volunteers also receive a 10 percent discount in our Capitol Gift Shop.

For more information please call Lora Howden, Oregon State Capitol Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-986-1388, or email lora.howden@state.or.us.

Visit our OSCF website for the latest news

The Capitol History Gateway Executive Summary and Interpretive Plan are now online at oregoncapitolfoundation.org.

You can find out about current exhibits and events there, too. Just click the subject link on the left side of our home page.





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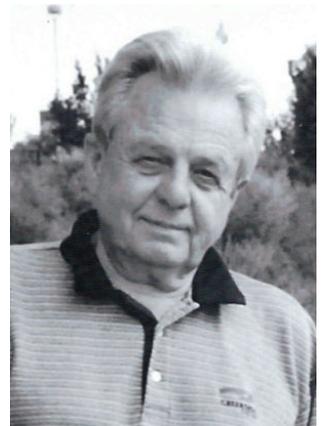
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In Memoriam

E. E. Patterson — known by his colleagues, friends and family as Ed — passed away Nov. 25 in Woodburn. Ed was first elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1971, and served three terms representing Union, Wallowa and parts of Umatilla counties. He was named House Republican Whip and regarded highly for working collaboratively with his colleagues across the aisle. As a legislator, Ed served on the House Aging Committee that created Oregon Project Independence. OPI provides services to elderly Oregonians that help them to live independently instead of moving to a nursing home. In his professional career, Ed spent 12 years as a hospital administrator and eight as a rural hospital CEO. He was a member of the Oregon Hospital Association board of directors, founding board member and past president of the Oregon Rural Health Association and president of the Capital Club. He was appointed by Gov. Tom McCall to the Commission on Youth and by Gov. Vic Atiyeh to the Public Health Advisory Board. Ed later turned to lobbying and served almost 17 years as vice president of government Relations for the Oregon Hospital Association before retiring in 2001.





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