



# ***SAVE THE DATE!***

## **Capitol Reunion scheduled for December 1**

**By Cindy Becker**

(SALEM) It's not too early to circle December 1, 2006 on your calendar for the second Capitol REUNION sponsored by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. Once again, we'll spend an evening renewing friendships, reconnecting with people we've not seen *forever*, swapping stories, and enjoying the company of people who've "been there/done that" together!

"You all know that when the Governor – or in this case, ex-Governor – calls for a Special Session, you must show up. So I am flexing my (now flabby) muscles and calling a Special Session for the Foundation Reunion!" joked Governor Vic Atiyeh.

If you missed our last reunion, you definitely need to come to this one. From legislators, lobbyists, judges, governors, elected officials, press, staffers, and those who knew them well, the Reunion is a veritable list of *Who's Who in Oregon Politics* – past

and present. You'll see people who have traveled thousands of miles to attend, people you didn't know were still alive, people who have retired, and those who are still in the middle of the fray.

Take some time out during the hectic holiday season to catch up on the latest Capitol news in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. And where else will you see Republicans and Democrats enjoying themselves in the same room with almost the same memories of shared history?

"I will be shocked and appalled if any legislator from the 60s would miss this event. As a former minority leader (of 22 legislators), I have immense power and there will be retribution," quipped James A. Redden, U.S. District Court Judge.

Here are details about the Reunion:

**DATE:** Friday, December 1, 2006

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Oregon State Capitol

**CATERING:** Elegant hors d'oeuvres catered by Willamette University's Bon Appetit

**LODGING:** Phoenix Grand Hotel, 201 Liberty S.E., Salem (\$109/deluxe

room). The hotel will provide a shuttle to and from the Capitol.

***We need your help to provide us with alumni addresses to add to our mailing list!*** If you're in contact with other alumni - or you've changed your address – please let us know! Just send an email with your name, address, telephone, and email to: [capitol.foundation@state.or.us](mailto:capitol.foundation@state.or.us).



*Ken Jernstedt (left), former State Senator (1969-87) & State Representative (1967-69); his guide dog, Driscoll; & Secretary of State Bill Bradbury at the 2002 Capitol Reunion.*

Representative Bill Markham puts it best: "This will be one great party and I strongly encourage everyone and anyone connected with the Capitol to come. It will be an event you won't forget!" ■

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*Norma Paulus*

## OSCF Board of Directors Who's Who

Norma Paulus was appointed to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Board in April 2000. As one of the original board members and former chair, she has been instrumental in getting the Foundation off the ground and on the road to success. Norma is currently working on a Foundation committee to establish a Capitol History Center.

Norma is known for her drive, determination and ability to overcome adversity when it comes to getting things done. One of seven children, financial hardship prevented Norma from attending college. She was also stricken by polio at the age of nineteen. After her recovery, she moved to Salem and began work as a private secretary for Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, Earl C. Latourette.

At the urging of Justice Latourette, Norma applied to Willamette Law

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School. She gained admittance in 1956 without any prior college based on her test scores and the personal recommendation of Justice Latourette. Norma graduated with honors, including winning the school's moot court competition.

Norma met her husband, William G. Paulus, while at law school. They had been married for forty years when he died in 1999. Their two children are Elizabeth and William Frederick ("Fritz") Paulus, both graduates of Whitman College.

In 1970, Norma was elected to the state legislature where she served for six years. She became the first woman elected to statewide office in Oregon when elected Secretary of State in 1976. During her two terms as Secretary of State, Norma instituted Vote-By-Mail, the first in the nation.

Norma was the Republican candidate for governor in 1986, but lost by a small margin. In 1987, she was appointed to the Northwest Power Planning Council. Norma was then elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1990 where she led a comprehensive restructuring of Oregon's public school system. In 1996, U.S. Secretary of Education, Richard Riley, named her to the National Assessment Governing Board.

In December 2000, Norma was appointed executive director of the Oregon Historical Society and served there until retiring in 2003. Since retirement, she continues to work to promote causes for which she is concerned. Recently, Norma joined in the effort to establish open primaries in Oregon. She is also a trustee of both Willamette University and the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology in Beaverton.

Currently, Norma is adjusting to life in Portland and retreats to her home at the coast as often as possible. In the midst of her busy life, she still finds time to enjoy golfing and spending time with family and friends. ■

## Did you know...

President Benjamin Harrison whistled through Oregon May 4-6, 1891, in the rain. An independent-minded Governor Sylvester Penneyer said the president and he equally represented the power of the federal and state governments. "I have no business to go to pay homage to him. On the contrary, he should rather pay his respects to me as Oregon's official representative." And some Eugene men had freshly caught a mess of fine McKenzie River trout. A committee gave Harrison's secretary the fish, in a basket with ice and beautiful flowers. The crowd shouted for the president but Harrison reportedly needed rest. The sodden audience was understandably disappointed and loudly said so.

Gov. Penneyer, Salem Mayor Peter D'Arcy and about 20,000 people greeted Harrison at the State Capitol. But that afternoon the committee that had presented the trout telegraphed Harrison's secretary: "Send back the basket of trout, and we will send suckers instead." After a reception, the presidential party visited Council Crest. That evening the president told an audience of 10,000 that Portland should have "great and increasing commerce" with the Orient and that America "should look to the future and step forward bravely and courageously in new lines of enterprise." *(This article was contributed by Jim Martin, a local historian.)*

### ~Capitol Connections~

Have you served at the State Capitol as an elected official, staff or lobbyist?

We want to reconnect with you and bring our readers up-to-date on any news or exciting events in your life that you want to share.

Future newsletters will provide these updates. Please contact Debbie by phone at: 503-986-1654 or by email at: [capitolfoundation@state.or.us](mailto:capitolfoundation@state.or.us).

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***MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER!***

Bill Markham was appointed to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Board on March 21, 2006. Bill replaces Pat Egan who resigned after serving on the Board since September 2001.

Many of you already know Bill. He served as Oregon State Representative from 1969 to 1998, representing portions of Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties. In addition, he operated a timber and logging business in Southern Oregon.

Although Bill has been a staunch supporter of the Foundation since it was established, we are very fortunate that he is getting even more involved as a board member.

Since the State Capitol was Bill's "home away from home" for nearly 30 years, it is easy to understand his passion for supporting efforts of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

Bill currently lives in Roseburg where he is enjoying an active retirement.