

Capitol Portraits

Kathleen Beaufait Encourages Support for OSCF

In 1960, Kathleen Beaufait, a native Oregonian and a 1956 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, became the first woman attorney hired as a permanent staffer in the Office of the Legislative Counsel. She worked in the office for almost 33 years, drafting bills, conducting legal research, and often giving speeches on the legislative process. It was a job she thoroughly enjoyed. By the time she retired, about half the attorneys in the office were women.

Kathleen became involved with the OSCF early on, having been active in the Oregon Historical Society and having seen the need for increased education in history and civic responsibility. She has made financial contributions to the OSCF since 2002, primarily because she believes in the OSCF's mission to foster educational opportunities. Every citizen, she says, should understand and appreciate the function of the Oregon State Capitol—"it is not just a building."

Kathleen encourages all former Capitol staffers to join her in making financial contributions to the OSCF, for operating expenses and to grow the endowment, so that we can expand our work to educate the public.

Meet Debbie Miller, a Longtime OSCF Supporter

"The Capitol has been my home away from home for more than 20 years," said Debbie Miller, who has been involved with the Oregon State Capitol Foundation since its inception, in 1997. After working as a communications assistant in Gov. Vic Atiyeh's office, Debbie left the Capitol in 1987, but she returned in 1996 as a project coordinator in the Legislative Administration office.

In that capacity, Debbie said, "I was privileged to assist . . . in getting the Oregon State Capitol Foundation up and running." That work included researching similar organizations, developing a strategic plan, and planning the April 2001 grand kick-off gala. Debbie also staffed board meetings, wrote for the newsletter, and worked on the Oral History Project, which has always been her passion. The project's importance, she said, "cannot be stressed enough."

Debbie is currently a legislative assistant for Senate President Peter Courtney. Although she no longer works for the OSCF, she continues to support the organization through monthly payroll deductions, an option available to all state employees. Debbie encourages all of you to join her in financially supporting the OSCF and its mission to preserve and celebrate history at the Oregon State Capitol.



Debbie Miller

Celebrating Legacies of Capitol Leaders

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

Ward Armstrong died on Sept. 5, at age 82. He worked for Weyerhaeuser for 20 years, directing government affairs in Oregon and then for the entire corporation. He was executive director of the Oregon Forest Industries Council for eight years and then managed for 10 years an executive leadership program at Portland State University.

Tanya Collier died on Aug. 21 at age 68. She was a lobbyist at the Capitol for Multnomah County, served seven years on the Metro Council, and then served four years on the Multnomah County Commission. She is honored on Portland State University's Walk of the Heroines, at www.woh.pdx.edu/heroine/2897.

Jim Chrest died on Aug. 26 at age 76. He served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1976 to 1981. Jim was a proud member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), enjoying 33-year career as a supercargo/marine clerk.

Ed Fadeley died on Aug. 30 at age 85. A Lane County Democrat, he served for 26 years in the Oregon Legislature, most of it in the Senate, including two years as Senate president. He then served almost 10 years, until 1998, on the Oregon Supreme Court.