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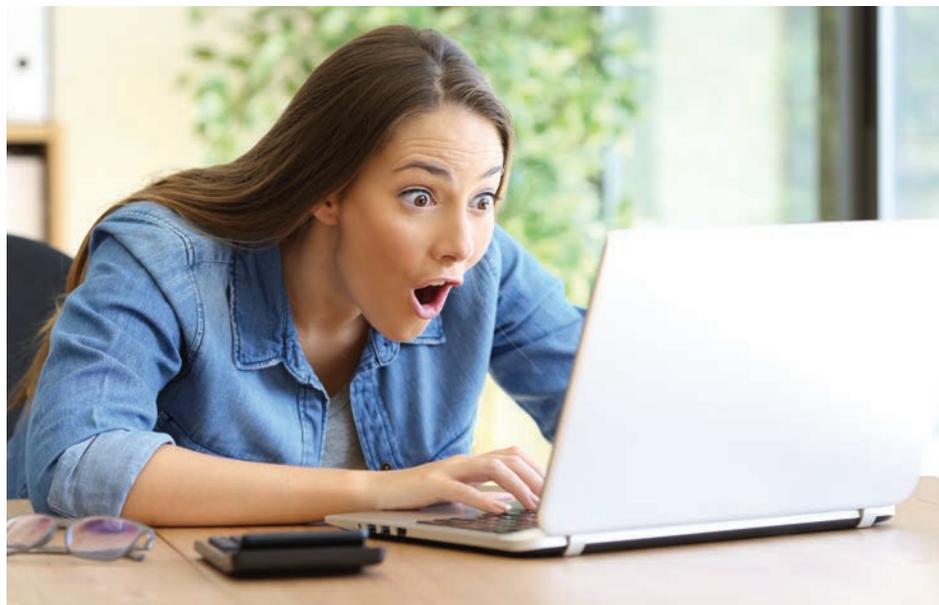
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Past First Citizen Award Honorees

1939 - GEORGE SIMPSON

The original First Citizen, Simpson was a Vancouver city attorney and county judge who was appointed and then elected to the Washington Supreme Court where he served from 1937 to 1951, including two terms as chief justice. Simpson is also remembered as a longtime Scoutmaster, as founder and president of the Clark County Golf and Country Club, first chairman of the Clark County Game Commission.

1940 - HORACE DANIELS

Daniels was one of the first directors of the Vancouver Lions (1928-1929). He worked in banking and was president of the Clark County National Bank when it merged with Seattle-First National Bank in 1947. Vancouver's Daniels Street is named after him.

1941 - JOSEPH E. HALL

Hall was a longtime lawyer who also served as a county clerk and prosecuting attorney. Hall was also a state legislator and was a Vancouver School Board member for 15 years.

1942 - EDGAR KAISER

Manager of three Oregon and Washington shipyards during the war, Kaiser was lauded for supplying adequate housing, child care and a pre-paid health plan for workers. Kaiser served on the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity (1960-1971), the President's Commission on the Status of Women (1962-1964), the President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy (1966-1967), and the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees (1975-1976).

1943 - HOWARD J. BURNHAM

A title company manager, Burnham was one of the founders of the city planning commission and a leader in post-war planning. He served on the board of trustees for the Fort Vancouver Restoration and Historical Society.

1944 - CHRIS LOAN

An officer for the National Bank of Commerce in Seattle, Loan also served as a trustee of the city's Hotel Association.

1945 - EVA SANTEE

The first woman to be named First Citizen, Santee helped shape library systems in Clark County. As a Camas librarian for eight years, Santee led a drive to have a library building constructed there. While a librarian in Vancouver for 27 years, Santee helped spearhead a bond issue to finance a new Vancouver Regional Library building, which opened in 1963. She served as president of the Pacific Northwest Library Association.

1946 - CARL GUSTAFSON

Fun and games were part of Gustafson's profession as recreation and athletic director for the Greater Vancouver Recreation Association. His name lives on at Carl Gustafson Park, 202 Nashville Way, Vancouver.

1947 - DEWEY CROWLEY

The longtime head of the juvenile division for the Vancouver Police Department, Crowley was an advocate for all of the youth of the community.

1948 - LOUISE RATCHFORD

Ratchford volunteered for numerous organizations and efforts, including the YWCA and fund raising drives to fight cancer. She was also recognized for her disaster relief work with the Red Cross during the Vanport flood.

1949 - E. NORMAN PURSER

A public relations director for Alcoa, Purser's community service included serving as president of the Rotary Club of Vancouver.

1950 - CHARLES W. HALL

Hall taught Latin and math at Vancouver High School after fighting in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. He practiced law in Vancouver for years, was a Vancouver School Board member and president, and served two terms as a state representative and two as a senator. In 1937, he was appointed judge of Clark County Superior Court and served in that capacity for 18 years.

1951 - RUDOLPH A. LUEPKE

A florist, Luepke served on the Vancouver City Council and was mayor of Vancouver from 1962 to 1966. Luepke served as a Chamber of Commerce president.

1952 - ALVORD D. NOBLE

A mechanical engineer for Alcoa, Noble's community service included a term as president of the Ft. Vancouver Kiwanis Club in 1944.

1953 - DWIGHT ALDERMAN

Manager of Portland Gas & Coke in downtown Vancouver, Alderman served as local chairman of a March of Dimes fundraiser in 1949 and as a Rotary Club of Vancouver president (1952-1953).

1954 - GEORGE G. GOODRICH

A renowned Clark County restaurateur and past president of the Washington State Restaurant Association. He was a board member of St. Joseph Community Hospital, Southwest Washington Medical Center and the Clark College Foundation.

1955 - ROBERT DUBOIS

A successful realtor and developer, DuBois' developments included Lakewood near Vancouver Lake and Braewood, which later became known as DuBois Park. DuBois served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, a chairman of the freeholders committee and on the planning commission.

1956 - CHARLES SANFORD THAYER

Called "Mr. Aluminum," Thayer was instrumental in bringing the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) plant to Vancouver. His community service included leadership in state parole and probation groups, the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Vancouver School Board.

1957 - RAYMOND BACHMAN

A longtime editor and publisher for The Columbian, Bachman helped organize the Vancouver Junior Chamber of Commerce, was a Vancouver Rotary president and worked on campaigns to fight tuberculosis and polio. He helped organize the Fort Vancouver Historical Society and served on its board for 25 years.

1958 - GENE LYNCH

Community-minded Lynch was a supervisor for Seattle-First National Bank.

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1959 - MANUEL (MANNY) HELM

An Army veteran who served in World War II, Helm's activity with several organizations, boards and committees included the Metro Advisory Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, a director for the United Fund and chairing the County Board of Education.

1960 - LEWIS D. CANNELL

Dr. Cannell was Dean of Clark College from 1935 until his retirement in 1970. Over this thirty-five year period as Dean he was the face of the college to the community. In addition he served as Chairman of the Clark County Planning Commission, headed up a citizen's committee to build the Vancouver Community Library and belonged to Rotary Club for more than fifty years. Today his name lives on in the Lewis D. Cannell Library on the Clark College campus.

1961 - GALE BETTESWORTH

A manager for the Clark County Branch of Seattle-First National Bank, Bettesworth's civic involvements include serving as president of the Vancouver Lions Club (1962 to 1963), the Clark County Red Cross and the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce.

1962 - ED FIRSTENBURG

First Independent bank founder Firstenberg and his wife, Mary donated millions of dollars to a myriad of Clark County causes. Major donations include gifts to Washington State University Vancouver (the Firstenberg Family Fountain and the Firstenberg Student Commons), Southwest Washington Medical Center (Firstenberg Patient Tower), and funding toward construction of the Mary Firstenberg Community Center.

1963 - FREEMAN KELLER

The Kiwanis, the Rotary, the YMCA, Salvation Army, the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Scouting USA are just some of the organizations Keller had a hand in. A real estate agent into his 80s, Keller's name lives on in the annual award the Clark County Association of Realtors gives to Realtors offering outstanding service.

1964 - DONALD KALLSTROM

A community-minded business leader, Kallstrom was a vice president and manager for the Vancouver branch of the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle.

1965 - BOB AVERY

Founder of the Fort Vancouver Civic Club, a Fort Vancouver Regional Library board member and chairman are just a few items on attorney Avery's long list of community contributions. Avery also participated in school levy and city beautification campaigns and spearheaded the annual Fourth of July fireworks spectacular.

1966 - BILL MARSHALL

A World War II veteran and owner of a Vancouver Ford dealership, Marshall was a director for Memorial Hospital, a United Way chairman, a youth sports sponsor and advocate and school volunteer. He received the Downtown Vancouver Rotary Club's Vocational Service Award.

1967 - LARRY HOBBS

Hobbs worked for the Vancouver Housing Authority following World War II before embarking on a career with the Chamber of Commerce that spanned from 1959 to 1981. Hobbs was well known for his energetic enthusiasm.

1968 - ORRIN HATHAWAY

A longtime salesman for Pacific Building Materials, Hathaway served in the Army in World War II.

1969 - W. WAYNE HOLMES

A life fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Dr. Holmes' many contributions include supporting the Free Clinic of SW Washington.

1970 - JEAN LACEY

Lacey was the first Executive Director of the YWCA of Clark County. In the 19 years she held the job, she pioneered numerous outreach and assistance programs.

1971 - MITCHELL BOWER, JR.

A longtime business consultant, Bower's diverse community service includes being an Identity Clark County board member and a member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

1972 - ERWIN RIEGER

Longtime writer and editor for The Columbian, Rieger was an avid outdoorsman and a Scoutmaster for 50 years. A portion of State Route 501 was renamed the Erwin O. Rieger Memorial Highway in 1991.

1973 - LLOYD STROMGREN

As mayor of Vancouver from 1972 to 1973, Stromgren shared his vision of a beautiful, thriving Central Park area and using the former Army Barracks land as a cultural center.

1974 - JACK FRANCIS

Known as Mr. Music, Francis was a longtime director of music for the Vancouver School District. He set high standards for his students in their music and lives.

1975 - HELEN PATRICIA "PAT" WALZ

A journalist, outdoor enthusiast and avid traveler, Walz' community service includes co-founding Hospice Southwest. She also served on the national board of the American Red Cross.

1976 - NAIDA PITHOUD

Active in local politics, Pithoud served as chairman of the Republican party of Clark County for more than 10 years. She is credited with earning the respect of candidates and office holders in both political parties.

1977 - RUDY ANDERSON

Longtime operations manager for Alcoa, in addition to his community contributions in Clark County, Anderson put his engineering degree to use as a road and dam builder in South America.

1978 - ETHEL LEHMAN

A Vancouver City Council member for 16 years, Lehman was active in numerous organizations, including the Soroptimist Business-Women's Club, Emil Fries Piano Hospital, YWCA, Share, Council for the Homeless, RSVP, National Council of Jewish Women and Clark County Historical Society.

1979 - PEGGY LANSVERK

A Clark College-YWCA Clark County Woman of Achievement Honoree in 1997, Lansverk was involved in numerous organizations, including the PTA, Share and the Greater Vancouver Interfaith Association.

1980 - HELEN DYGERT

A founder of the Council for the Homeless and one of the Clark College Foundation's developers, Dygert's extensive community service has included a chairmanship of the Washington State Board of Health.

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Congratulations, Ed Barnes,
on being honored as our 2019 First Citizen!
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Ed Barnes' father, Jennings Bryant Barnes (far left front row) secured him an apprenticeship working on The Dalles Dam. Barnes is pictured in the front row, second from the right.

Congratulations Ed Barnes

2019 First Citizen

by Erin Middlewood for *The Columbian*

In his 60 years as a labor leader, Ed Barnes has rallied union members to volunteer their time for countless projects — renovating a building for a battered women's shelter, wiring the horse barns at the Clark County Fairgrounds, lighting Little League fields, upgrading a picnic structure at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

They undertook these projects quietly. Barnes said others encouraged him to seek recognition for the efforts.

"People say, 'Why don't you get some brownie points?' I say, 'The thing is not about getting brownie points. It's about giving back to the community, the people who pay your wages when they hire you,'" said Barnes, 85.

Yet all those decades of public service did not go without notice. Dozens of community leaders joined together to nominate Barnes for the 2019 First Citizen Award, including Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, as well as previous First Citizen honorees Sally Schaefer, her husband Robert Schaefer, and former state Sen. Al Bauer. Barnes said winning the honor left him speechless.

Barnes retired after 40 years with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48 in 1995. "But if you believe Ed Barnes has retired from supporting his IBEW local, organized labor nationally, his church or his community, you just don't know Ed Barnes," the nomination letter states.

He serves as chairman of the Southwest Washington Labor Roundtable, an organization he helped found 35 years ago. After 12 years on the Washington

Transportation Commission, he continues to advocate for a new Interstate 5 bridge across the Columbia River. And he's leading the local chapter of the National Korean War Veterans Association's effort to create a wall of remembrance in Washington, D.C.

Barnes doesn't use email or a cell phone, but you won't find a better social networker. He keeps his contacts in a little black book. He's a relentless — yet kind — advocate.

"He's in some cases a bulldog. In most cases, he takes a very intellectual, comforting approach. He's well informed on the issues. He brings you the facts — the real facts. And you can't turn him down," said Bauer, a Vancouver Democrat who wrapped up three decades in the Washington Legislature in 2000. "He has been more responsible for good middle-class labor legislation than any other person in the state of Washington."



Ed Barnes served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.



Ed Barnes, third from left, and the Richard L. Quartier chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, receive a proclamation from the Clark County Council on March 19, 2019, in support of their efforts to create a Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C.

Barnes' union roots run deep. He was born to Lena (Wilson) and Jennings Bryant Barnes in Maysville, West Virginia, in 1933, the depths of the Great Depression. He had five brothers (two are still alive) and two sisters.

The family moved to Arthurdale, West Virginia, the first of 100 subsistence projects built by the U.S. government as part of the New Deal. It provided houses with plumbing and electricity. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt championed the project. Young Barnes sat in her lap during one of her many visits to Arthurdale.

Barnes' father had gone to work in the mines at age 10. After being shot while picketing the coal company, and seeing Barnes' oldest brother survive a mine cave-in, Jennings Bryant was fed up. He landed a job doing electrical work for DuPont that took him away from Arthurdale for long stretches, eventually sending him to Richland, Washington.

"My dad said, 'My kids aren't going to die in the mines. I'm taking them where the hunting and fishing is good,'" Barnes recounted.

His uncle and aunt worked as supervisors in the Kaiser Shipyards during World War II, and encouraged the Barnes family to move to Vancouver. The family settled here in 1946.



LuAnne and Ed Barnes married in 1956.



Ed Barnes was appointed to the Washington Transportation Commission in 1995. He served 12 years, and continues to advocate for replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge.

Barnes attended Hough Elementary, Shumway Junior High and Vancouver High. His mother worked in a cannery for 20 years as a member of the Teamsters Union. His father, an IBEW member, spent time away on various jobs, and sometimes went stretches without work. Barnes remembers a time when two people in uniforms showed up at the door. He was afraid it was the police, but it was Salvation Army workers with assistance for the family. He credits neighbors with helping the family pull through tough times.

His father was a heavy drinker prone to violent outbursts. One night when Barnes was in high school, he got permission from his mother to attend a dance at the Trapadero. He said his father took exception and punched him so hard his head went through the lath and plaster of the wall.

In contrast, Barnes has cultivated a gentle demeanor. "I've never drank or never smoked. I rarely used the foul-mouthed language he used," Barnes said.

Barnes would have graduated in 1953, but he left school to move his mother to Napa, California, to escape his father. (The couple later reunited.) Barnes' lack of school attendance yielded him a draft notice. He entered the U.S. Army as a private in 1953 and served in the Korean conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1955 as a staff sergeant. He has no regrets about being pulled from school into war.

"I think I benefited from it, to be truthful," Barnes said. "I think I grew bigger and served my country."

His father introduced him to what would become his trade. When Jennings Bryant was working on The Dalles Dam, he secured his son an apprenticeship on the project. Later, the union dispatched Barnes to other projects around the region.

Barnes had found his vocation. Not much later he would establish a family. He told a friend, "The first gal that I meet that I feel is the one for life, that's the one I'm going to marry." The fellow's wife had a friend, LuAnne, and soon she and Barnes started dating. They married June 30, 1956, in Portland.

"Work was sparse," Barnes recalled. Their early years together were lean. But they saved enough to buy five acres in the Truman neighborhood just north of Vancouver, where they've lived ever since. The couple has three sons, Brian, Bradley and Bruce, who live nearby in houses on that same property.

"We had lots of fun with the kids," Barnes said. Much of his volunteer work sprung from his sons' activities: Boy Scouts, 4-H, Y-Indian Guides and Little League. He and his wife founded the Truman Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. Today, Ed and LuAnne have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Faith was a big part of their family life. He went with his wife to a St. Luke's Episcopal church service at 10 a.m. Sundays, and then to an 11 a.m. service at First United Methodist Church on 33rd and Main streets in Vancouver, a building that he and his father helped build.

LuAnne said her husband worked hard and spent a lot of time at meetings, but made his family a priority. "He's a pretty good guy," she said with a teasing chuckle.

"Without her 64 years of backing me up, I would have never had the opportunity to do what I've done," Barnes said.

He stepped into leadership of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48 as president in 1973. He worked as a dispatcher, business representative and then business manager, the position he held when he retired in 1995.

His role in the union led him to another issue on which he would become a passionate advocate: replacement of the I-5 Bridge.

"As a dispatcher, I could hardly get anybody from Washington to take a job across the river because of the bridge. So I had been ragging on Mike Lowry, the governor at the time," Barnes said. In response, Lowry



Ed Barnes displays a bronze medallion awarded by the Korean Consulate General in recognition of his efforts to create a memorial in Washington, D.C., listing the names of American soldiers who died in the Korean War.

appointed him as the first Southwest Washington representative on the state Transportation Commission in 1995. Barnes served 12 years on the commission. He also served as co-chair of the I-5 Corridor Committee. Lately, he's been handing out buttons that say, "Make I-5 great again."

Barnes has served as Democratic precinct committee officer for 55 years. Yet he doesn't see himself as partisan.

"I don't go out and preach it to anybody. I just do the job, raise the money, work the phone banks," he said. "I identify the Democrats more with the working people. My dad always said, you're born union, born Democrat when you're born in the coal mine."

Barnes was appointed to fill an unexpired term when a Democrat departed the Clark County Commission in 2014, before voters passed a charter changing the form of governance to a five-member council. He was frequently at odds with his two fellow commissioners, both Republicans. Even after leaving the position, Barnes continued to attend the meetings and organized a rally for county workers.

He sees problems in politics as stemming from people who think they are smarter than everyone else. "If you don't listen to what they say, your opinion doesn't mean anything. If you have common sense, you listen to what other people have to say, and you evaluate how to solve the problem," Barnes said.

Lately, much of his focus is on raising money for a Wall of Remembrance that would list names of those who died in the Korean War at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. He notes that U.S. allies from the conflict have honored their fallen. "It's really a shame that we can't do better in the United States," he said.

He lobbied the local congressional delegation until a bill was passed to authorize private contributions to the memorial wall. He estimates he's raised \$50,000 so far, with contributions ranging from \$10,000 from IBEW to pennies from students at St. Joseph Catholic School.

His efforts to build the Wall of Remembrance were noticed by the Korean Consulate General, which presented a bronze medallion.

"I said, 'You're not going to give it to me, you're going to give it to the Richard L. Quartier chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association,'" he recounted. It's now on display at the group's chateau.

It's just another example of how he lives his personal philosophy: "It's not 'I, I, I.' It's 'we, we, we.'"

1981 - JOHN PRIEL

Former president of First Federal Savings & Loan, Priel served on many boards, including the Elahan Center for Mental Health and Family Living board, the Southwest Washington Hospital Services Board and the Vancouver Salvation Army Board. He was on the Clark County Employment and Training Council.

1982 - ROBERT B.J. BJODSTRUP

A public relations specialist for Vancouver Savings & Loan, Bjodstrup's skills as an archivist and recordkeeper were valued by the Vancouver Rotary Club.

1983 - HARVEY O. FLANSBURG

After earning a master's degree from the University of Washington, Flansburg moved to Vancouver, where he taught music for the Vancouver School District for 40 years.

1984 - SALLY SCHAEFER

A past member of the Clark College Board of Trustees, the former educator has given her time and expertise to numerous causes benefiting schools, children, churches, the arts, higher education and social service groups. Schaefer was named Trustee of the Year in 2000 by the Washington State Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges.

1985 - BARBARA MARSHALL

Marshall's long and varied volunteering included American Red Cross blood drives, tap dancing to lift nursing home residents' spirits and numerous fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society. The ACS's local fundraising store was renamed the Barbara Marshall American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, in her memory, in 1997.

1986 - HELEN RAYMOND

A tireless advocate for children's and women's organizations and the elderly, Raymond was a FVRL board trustee

from 1967-1978. In 1993, she was a Clark College-YWCA Clark County Women of Achievement Honoree.

1987 - MARY GRANGER

Founder of Women in Action, in 1995, Granger organized a group of local benefactors to sponsor an "I Have a Dream" class of 64 students at Washington Elementary as they made their way through high school and college.

1988 - ARCH MILLER

Founder of International Air & Hospitality Academy, Miller served three terms as a Port of Vancouver commissioner. He has been a director of Southwest Washington Friends of Baseball.

1989 - TRANSITION YEAR, NO AWARD.**1990 - SAM BEALL**

A former internist, Dr. Beall was one of the driving forces behind the founding the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington in 1990. A longtime volunteer for American Heart Association fund raising events, in 2001 Beall was honored by the Vancouver Rotary Club's Vocational Service Committee with its 2001 Service Above Self award.

1991 - GEORGE PROPSTRA

Burgerville founder and legendary philanthropist, Propstra's gifts to southwest Washington provided handicapped-accessible school playground equipment, helped build community swimming pools, a grand baseball stadium and a community plaza.

1992 - ED AND DOLLIE LYNCH

The Lynches were the first couple to share First Citizen honors. The Lynches are often mentioned as sources of inspiration for other local philanthropists. The Lynches' substantial donations to the community include \$1 million to the Southwest Washington Medical Center

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Foundation in 2006. Ed was on the Southwest Washington Medical Center board from 1985 to 1995 and Dollie was a fundraising committee member of the hospital's foundation.

1993 - HARRIET WILSON

Active with the Clark College Foundation for more than a decade, Wilson helped spearhead a campaign raising more than \$6 million for the foundation. She also co-chaired the campaign to raise funds to build the Goodwill Training Center and served on the Council for the Homeless.

1994 - JOANNE AND BOB KENDALL

The Kendalls were the driving force behind an Open House Ministries campaign to raise \$2.5 million for a 107-bed shelter. Bob, a longtime Chevrolet dealer, was a Port of Vancouver commissioner and a longtime Greater Clark County Rotary Club member.

1995 - BRUCE E. HAGENSEN

A former Vancouver city councilman and mayor, Officers Row renovations, the city's Waterfront Renaissance, Celebrate Freedom and a campaign to build a museum at Pearson Field are a few of Hagensen's many civic contributions.

1996 - ALLAN WEINSTEIN

Weinstein helped found Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust (SWIFT), was an initiator of fundraisers for the YWCA and supporter of local food banks. President of the former Vancouver Furniture, Weinstein donated beds and furniture to homeless shelters.

1997 - RAYMOND HICKEY

Hickey's achievements span a wide spectrum ranging from supporting youth education and recreation to being a generous supporter of the YWCA. A longtime Boy Scout

leader and past president of Tidewater Barge Lines Inc., Hickey helped change the face of Vancouver's waterfront.

1998 - PAUL CHRISTENSEN

Founder of Realvest Corp., Christensen has served on the boards of Identity Clark County, One Place Across Time, Leadership Clark County and the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. Founder of the Hough Foundation, and has been affiliated with Columbia River Economic Development Council and other agencies and organizations. He was instrumental in raising \$1.8 million to build Vancouver's Goodwill store and training center.

1999 - JOHN MARSHALL

Marshall served for years as unpaid Executive Director of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust. With his grant writing and fundraising skills, he helped bring the Nihonga art exhibit and the Medal of Honor convention to Vancouver.

2000 - LESLIE DURST

A prominent supporter of the arts, Durst's donations include \$1 million toward the development of the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics in the early 1990s. She has been a member of the Community Foundation Board, supporter of I Have A Dream classes, volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary, an instructor for American Red Cross, and a "lunch buddy" for local students.

2001 - AL BAUER

The former teacher became known as "Senator Education" during his 20 years in the state Senate, which followed 10 years as a state representative. Bauer spearheaded statewide initiatives to reduce class sizes, increase support for rural school districts and to create a telecommunications network that links the state's

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education systems. A Navy veteran, Bauer has been active with the American Legion, the Greater Vancouver Kiwanis Club and the Salmon Creek Grange.

2002 - TRANSITION YEAR, NO AWARD.

2003 - VERN PETERSON

Founder of the accounting firm Peterson and Associates, Peterson's civic activities have included advocacy for affordable housing, work with the Clark County Historical Society, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust and the Clark College Foundation board.

2004 - SCOTT HORENSTEIN

An advocate for the Boys and Girls Club, Horenstein has helped raise more than \$1 million to provide after-school programming for children. An attorney, he served on the Clark County Fair Board and on Identity Clark County's board of directors. He has also campaigned on behalf of school levies and bonds and for community swimming pools.

2005 - STEVE & JAN OLIVA

Since opening the first Hi-School Pharmacy store in downtown Vancouver in 1967, the Olivas have donated time, energy and money to numerous community causes and organizations, including area schools, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, the Clark College Foundation and the Vancouver Women's Foundation.

2006 - VAL OGDEN

Ogden served 12 years in the state House of Representatives. Her work for nonprofits has included the YWCA and the Camp Fire organization. She was instrumental in the creation of Vancouver's waterfront trail system, and a resource center at the Washington State School for the Blind bears her name. With husband Dan, Ogden es-

tablished an endowment for graduate students in public affairs at Washington State University Vancouver.

2007 - JOHN WHITE

A land use consultant, White has had a hand in the community's development in recent decades, including modernizing downtown Vancouver and the location and construction of WSU Vancouver's campus. White is a member of the Clark College board of trustees, is on the board of directors of Southwest Washington Medical Center, has served on the Clark County Family YMCA Board of Managers and has held leadership roles with several organizations.

2008 - MARK MATTHIAS

Owner of Beaches Restaurant and Bar, through the Beaches Charity Fund, Matthias and his team help the community in a myriad of ways, including many programs benefiting local schools and children in need. Matthias is a board member of the Vancouver School District Foundation and is on the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Washington board of directors.

2009 - FLORENCE WAGER

As a community board member and volunteer, Florence Wager has had tremendous influence on the landscape of Clark County and the City of Vancouver. Her successful advocacy for new parks, community centers, trails, health and fitness over the past 20 years has resulted in a remarkable number of community assets and programs. She played an instrumental role in the renovation of Esther Short Park, Chelatchie Rail-Trail project, Firstenberg Community Center and renovated Marshall Community Center, to name just a few of the many projects she has impacted.

2010 - ROYCE POLLARD

Vancouver's former mayor, Royce's positive attitude and

tireless advocacy to create a thriving city have made us proud to be "America's Vancouver."

2011 - H. A. "HAL" DINGERINK

As the founding Chancellor of Washington State University Vancouver, Dingerink dramatically increased the availability of higher education in southwest Washington. He also served on the Board of Directors for the PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center and was one of the early leaders in advancing the plans for a new I-5 Columbia River Crossing project. In addition, he influenced our region through leadership roles with several organizations, including the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Vancouver National Trust and the Columbia River Economic Development Council.

2012 - PATRICIA "PAT" JOLLOTA

Serving 20 years as a Vancouver City Councilor secured Pat Jollota's reputation as a dedicated public servant. During her tenure, she championed public safety issues alongside local police officials and raised funds to equip local fire departments with thermal helmet cameras. Jollota also acted as Curator for the Clark County Historical Museum for 20 years, retiring only to become our city's unofficial historian emeritus. Still, her most personally rewarding moments came while advocating for the safety of abused children with organizations like the Children's Justice Center and Justice for Children.

2013 - ROBERT SCHAEFER

As a local attorney and former four-term state legislator, Schaefer's collaborative spirit and problem-solving talents have helped to develop Washington State University Vancouver, the Fort Vancouver National Trust, parks, urban planning, health care, education and economic efforts in southwest Washington.

2014 - TWYLA BARNES

Twyla Barnes served as the Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of Educational Service District 112 between 1994 and 2004. A long-time champion of public education, Dr. Barnes' career includes both teaching and administrative positions over the past three decades. She was a civic leader, former teacher and special advisor to the U. S. Department of Education. Clark County benefited from her lifetime of dedication to education and her engaging leadership in roles that extended beyond her position as ESD 112 superintendent.

2015 - NAN HENRIKSEN

As a trailblazer Nan Henriksen is an accomplished community leader, business owner, former Camas Mayor and former chair of the Clark County Board of Freeholders. She embodies the idea that every citizen can be a catalyst for community improvement.

2016 - BOB KNIGHT

Bob Knight became Clark College president in 2006 after serving two years as vice president of administrative services. Under his leadership, Clark was named one of the 150 best community colleges in the nation. Before that, Knight served 21 years in the U.S. Army. He finished his career as post commander of the Vancouver Army Barracks, supervising its closure in 2000. Other community leaders say Knight embodies "a spirit of generosity."

2017 - LARRY SMITH

Working in Vancouver City Hall as an assistant city manager and director and then elected to City Council for five years, Larry has contributed so much and helped so many.

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