

MARCH 2025



## The Volunteer Experience at the Oregon State Capitol



From L to R: Lolita, Juliene, Leona, Ron, Stacy, and Dennis at our recent Paddington's Dine Out

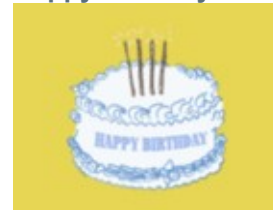
## Welcome to the team!

We've been lucky enough to welcome 2 new volunteers to our team so far this year!

Leona was born and raised in Salem, but hadn't visited the Capitol until her early 20s. After her initial visit, it left quite an impression on her and she briefly worked with the Secretary of the Senate. She retired from Oregon Water Resources last year, and her new goal is to see all of Oregon while exploring small towns and historic homes!

Dennis is retired from the fire department and living in Keizer with his wife of 40 years, Brenda. He volunteered as a Long-Term Care Ombudsman from 2016 to 2023, advocating for residents in long-term care facilities. Dennis and his wife enjoy bird watching. He is an avid skimboarder, having only torn only one Achilles tendon.

### Happy Birthday!



April showers bring May flowers, but March brings some team birthdays!

- Tim Lewis- March 1
- Ron Nalley - March 3



Save the Date for Cherry Blossom Day! Saturday, March 15. We will have many performances, activities, and things to enjoy with our community partners.

If you haven't attended a Cherry Blossom Day before, I highly recommend it. Thank you to those that

If you haven't met them yet, introduce yourself next time you see them! And, as always, if you know someone who might be a great addition to the Capitol Volunteer Crew, send them my way!

have volunteered to help out - don't worry, we'll build in some time for you to enjoy the festival, too!

There is still time to sign up to volunteer - send Lacey an email or use the sign up sheet in the office behind the pop up store



### Capitol Store Updates



Just in time to celebrate Oregon's 166th birthday and anniversary of statehood, the Capitol Store released our exclusive marble paperweights. Crafted locally using reclaimed marble from the Capitol, the paperweights are 4"x4", and each one has a unique veining pattern.

Also just released are the 83rd Legislative Assembly mugs. Each year, these collectable mugs list all the legislators serving during session. We are accepting [pre-orders](#), only limited

## Housekeeping! Parking Passes

Above you'll see a picture of the front and back of the parking passes. **Please only park in Spaces 8-11.** These spaces are very close to the center doors, so it makes it easy!

There is a blurb on the back describing which spaces are ours. The number on the front is only the permit number, so we know who has what permit in case we need to attach a car to a person.

## Hour Log

Prior to leaving after your shift, please be sure to **account for your hours in the "Volunteer Hours" binder** in the makeshift office behind the store. Record hours rounded up to the nearest half hour.

## Vacation

For planned absences, please either write when you will be out on the **big calendar next to the hour log** or email **volunteers@oregonlegislature.gov**. This will help us not schedule you for times you'll be out of town!

## Side Entrances

Your volunteer badge gives you access to the entrances in the Senate and House sides! **If there is a large group entering through the center State St doors, you are welcome to use either side entrance to avoid the traffic jam.**

## Store Space

If purchasing a snack or other item, please approach the store from the public counter, not through the back. This helps keep the line orderly. As a general rule, **only enter the back side of the store if heading on shift as a store volunteer.**

In the "office" space behind the store, the big table next to Janice's desk is the shipping/receiving table - **please leave items on this table alone as they await being shipped out or received into inventory.** The large empty desk on the opposite wall is "ours"

## House and Senate Access

Big update! The House and Senate are **now open for visitors** in the 3rd floor galleries **all day, even when there is no floor session!** Roving guides are welcome to bring people to the House and Senate and provide information in these spaces. Reminder - **quiet time in the gallery is 30 minutes before and after session.**

Address: 900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

quantities are available!



### Resource Reminder



As a reminder, we have our own website! Follow this link [Volunteer Home Page - Visit the Oregon Capitol](#) to go to our home page on OregonCapitol.com. Here, you'll find resources like the POS Video for the store, a how-to guide on using the legislative website, maps, and a newsletter archive!

Also, we'll soon be unveiling a portal you can use to check your schedule, input your time away, and more. It will be linked here too!



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