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I want to make certain that at the very start you know how I feel about all of you.

First, I always believed that you did not work for me, I worked with you.

Second, as time went along I thought how amazing it was that we all came together from different situations, created a wonderful team and I was saddened at the end to have us scatter and break up. It interesting that our last day together after my successor was sworn in (and sworn at a few years later) was in this very same place—Illahe.

Memories? I have a ton of them!! I do not have to think back too much to recall our monthly birthday brown bag lunches. The cheesecake and chocolate *anything* always did me in. But the best dessert was the opportunity for us to get together at least once a month and just have a lot of fun.

Yes, we went through tough times then because of our recession. The Governor and Legislature today think the sky is falling at about 9% unemployment (and it is sad for those out of work). I wonder if they would—or could—do the same as what we did with our 12.7% unemployment, inflation at 13% and interest rates rising to over 20%. That part of our time together really showed the quality, intelligence, courage and conscience to do what was right not just what was politically right. I get great credit for how it worked out but I know in my heart it took all of us to get it done.

Let's see now—Oh yes, we had to deal with the Rahjneesh. How many times since I left office have I spoken of the monumental task it was to get through the recession—but did we also need the Bahgwan and his followers at the same time? It was a very intense period. We had good intelligence working and could tell how many guns and ammunition they had and we were able to keep track of their comings and goings (although their red dressing helped). It got so bad that we had the National Guard on alert in Redmond near the end. I carried an Executive Order with me wherever I was declaring a State of Emergency in two counties. This piece of news is only historic because I never had to sign it. I did not meet with them because I did not want to give them any bit of credibility. My shields were Gerry Thompson and Bob Oliver who said to them time and time again "Don't push us around"!!

Some things most of you did not get to enjoy as much as I did. These were the County Fairs and the parades in all kinds of conveyances—with one exception. We had borrowed a convertible in Joseph for the parade of "Chief Joseph Days". Almost immediately the car began to heat up and steam. The car was parked and Dolores and I began to walk in the parade. Finally she said "They don't know who you are" (this was my first campaign) and she slapped a bumper sticker across my chest.

I went to every County Fair—some more than once—and enjoyed every minute. Dolores and I (or sometimes one or the other of us) were in uncounted parades. There were the big ones like Albany Veterans, the Pendleton Round-Up and the Rose Festival parades and then the one in Fossil where we went through the route twice.

And then there was the joy of traveling the state and talking with Oregonians. There were the large communities of Portland, Eugene and Medford as well as the delightful places of

Condon, Ontario, Burns, Jordan Valley and Lonerock (and there really is a "lone rock" there). As I was leaving office the press asked "Will you miss it?" My answer was that I would only miss traveling Oregon and talking with Oregonians. As time moved along what I said then came to be very true.

Chapter One —————and now Chapter Two

We came home and like most people who move we had a garage full of boxes. As you know the problem with that is you knew where things were now you had to find them. I will always remember that, after about a month in our old neighborhood Dolores said quietly "It is so good to be home". As you know, we had a very nice house in Salem—but it just wasn't "home".

I started my international trade business and in the ensuing four or five years traveled overseas a lot. Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon and even Iraq. All this worked out fairly well until Japan had what they called "The bubble burst" and even the Middle East had financial problems. However, I came to the office every day saying then "I come to work" now I say "I come to the office" and dropped the word "work".

Dolores and I settled down and she began to get back to her artistic mode.

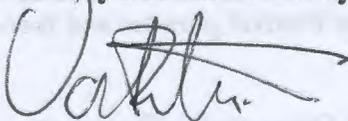
For a long time she took classes in Ikebana and enjoyed that immensely. Of course, now she could spend some time (**and worry) about our wonderful grandchildren——three girls and two boys. One of the girls, Meagan, is Tom's daughter and the other four are Suzanne's—Sonia, Cody, Jimmy and Becky. Naturally, we became engaged in Little League, Football, Basketball and Lacrosse. Our regret was that Meagan has gone past those athletic times before we came home.

As we watched television we see all those ads of a whole variety of medicines that will make you feel better, look better, climb mountains, run marathons, sky dive and eliminate trans-fat (what the heck is that) to make us live longer——so we can suffer in our old age. The body machinery does begin to wear out but we keep on going. Maybe we walk slower and go to bed earlier but we are still together after 64 years of marriage——which only goes to prove how very patient Dolores is.

I know each of you could write a book of our eight years together but Denny only allowed you one page. He said I could stray from that formula and what a book of memories that would be!!! There are so very many but the charity of Denny only goes so far.

My dear friends, I get emotional when I think of you all. There was so much that I wanted to do as Governor but I absolutely knew I could not do it all by myself. You—all of you—made what I believe to be the most remarkable eight years in the history of Oregon. There may be a whole lot of people who do not know this——however. WE KNOW IT!!

Gratefully and Affectionately,



The "Guv"

**("Don't tell me worry doesn't do any good. The things I worry about never happen" – Woody Allen)

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After leaving the Governor (3 months short of the end of his term), I returned to my former employer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon and resumed my position of Vice President of Marketing and Sales.

I retired from Blue Cross in 1994 and partnered with my husband, Al Thompson, in the life insurance and lobbying business.

January of 2000, my husband passed away from a sudden and totally unexpected heart attack.

Soon after Al's death, both by mother and father began to experience serious health problems so my life became dedicated to their well being. I lost both mom and dad this last fall. They died within 7 weeks of each other after 71 years of marriage. I count among my many blessings the precious moments I was able to have with them during the last few years.

Now my life has taken another turn. My many grandchildren are beginning to marry and procreate. In January I was presented with my first great-grandchild.

I keep busy enjoying the grandchildren and serving on four boards, two for which I am president. I try to keep doing enough serious activity to keep my brain somewhat functional. .

Special Memories of the Atiyeh years.

Governor Atiyeh provided me with an opportunity of a lifetime and forever I will be grateful. All of us who worked for him enjoyed something special that will probably never be seen again. We worked for a man who was first, a terrific boss; second, a caring man; third, an elected official that was filled with integrity and honesty and who truly cared about those he served. I tell many that I am among the few who can say I never worried about nor worry now about any scandals being discovered in the Atiyeh administration.

What a privilege to serve this great man. What a privilege to serve his wonderful wife, Dolores. My warehouse is so full of memories that Vic and Dolores allowed me to have.

I remember the extreme patience that Dolores always demonstrated. How hard it must have been for her with little or no help given her. Dolores always found the time to worry about staff members, entertain staff or legislators in her home, provide Easter Egg hunts for the children and grandchildren of staff and just generally be supportive at all times. Dolores was always a lady, was always kind to everyone, and was, without a doubt, one of Oregon's best first ladies. She, like her husband, always had time for everyone, no matter your walk in life. And she was always able to give advice when asked. She was not only the First Lady of Oregon, and the boss's wife, she was a friend as she is today.

I remember the Governor and his decision making. His decisions were so firmly based and always true to his philosophy. I remember a time when things were really get tough for me – special session after special session, the Rajneeshees, the rotten economy in Oregon, our efforts for economic development and the diversification of economy. I asked the Governor if he could sleep okay at night because I wasn't. He shared with me that as long as he stayed true to his philosophy and made sound decisions based on that he never looked back; therefore, he slept very well at night.

I remember the truly great team we had for staff. We were so much smaller in size than governor's office staff today but we got so much done. For the most part we all worked toward the common goal and did our best to represent the Governor according to his beliefs. For an office filled with politics and necessarily strong personalities, we had very little dissension and that was because we knew what the Governor expected of us all.

I remember Governor literally visiting all of Oregon, traveling night and day. I suddenly began to realize that his only security officer had very little time with his family and really needed to have some relief. Budgets were thin in those days but I pleaded with the superintendent of the Oregon State Police to provide one more officer to help give our security officer some time off. And that is the way Governor Atiyeh operated – nearly 7 days a week to stay in touch with Oregonians so that he could serve them well. We all were amazed at his energy and dedication.

I remember everyone for their individual talents and skills and the positive contributions they made to our great Office of the Governor. I would love to single each one out but I am not allowed enough space. We all had a positive outlook even during the toughest times. We all had a common interest in serving our great Governor who was not only our boss but a friend to all of us.

My memories are cherished – the fun and funny ones, the not-so-pleasant ones and the historical ones. And the many lessons in life I gained by serving and observing the Governor will always be with me. And, to this day, legislators and friends often say to me, "Where is Governor Atiyeh when we need him."

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After I left the Governor's office I went to work for a law firm, Bogle & Gates as their Director of Government Relations. I had a mix of natural resource and energy clients and worked both at the state and federal level. Eventually I went to work for myself opening Amedeo Issues Management. During that time, I oversaw the passage of the log export ban in the state and also the campaign and legislative passage of the program that dedicated a portion of the lottery money to State Parks and habitat restoration and lobbied through federal legislation to return of a portion of their homeland to the Coquille Indians.

In 1999, one week before my 50th birthday, I married Tom Mason. Tom, a former Oregon state legislator was then as he is now, working with the UN on behalf of several NGO's (nongovernmental organizations). In 2002 we moved to Santa Rosa, California. My parents left us their home in Santa Rosa and after beginning what initially was a patio extension and ended up being a complete tear down, we moved in. I continued working for about six months with one remaining Indian Tribe and then retired. Tom's work involves worldwide travel and I get to pick and choose when and where I want to join him. In addition I've had the opportunity to do all those things that as a full time career woman, I had to put on hold. I am taking piano lessons, learning to knit and I entered and won a blue ribbon at our local Sonoma County fair for my biscotti. I have put my easel up, the paint brushes are out and I am getting ready to start painting. In addition, our planned community of 4500 has an active Board of Directors, so for the first time I actually ran for office. I am completing my fourth and final year on the Board but will stay active in the community. In the course of this work I have met several of our local elected officials who keep threatening to get me to take on a volunteer position on one of their many boards.

My memories of my time in the Governor's office are many. I look back now on those experiences and remember a series of terrific personalities, some in government others just larger than life, Stub Stewart, Ted Hallock, Herb Schwab, LB Day, John Hampton, Lee Johnson (of which there are many hilarious stories), Stafford Hansel, Ed Schroeder, Dave Talbot, Jack Donaldson, Bill Young, Roy Hemmingway, just to name a few. But the person I will always remember the most is Victor Atiyeh. He was and is one of the nicest, kindest, coolest under pressure, nonpartisan, statesmanlike (and the list of adjectives goes on), men I have ever had the pleasure to know and to work for.

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Following the Governor's Office I worked with Wally and Donna Hunter at Pioneer Advertising until becoming barefoot, pregnant, and in the kitchen in 1984. Chronologically prior to the latter, Dr. Charles Campbell approached his new, young endocrinologist partner, Dr. Martin Bassett, about setting up a blind date, and Della Campbell approached me. (Not all blind dates are disasters.) We were married shortly thereafter.

We had two boys, Isaac and David, and in 1993 moved to Almaty, Kazakhstan, to work in medical missions. Marty practiced medicine, making a living off the foreigners and seeing local patients as they could pay. He also helped local doctors start Christian clinics. While he perseveringly inched through the bureaucracy which was the Soviet Union (i.e. the *Catch 22*: you can't purchase an apartment unless you are a permanent resident/you can't become a permanent resident unless you own an apartment) I had two more children, Aliia and Sam, and enjoyed Kazakhstan (...Jeryme English...)

The magnificent 1800-mile long Tien Shan mountains, the colorful bazaars, the acres of open-air markets selling goods from neighboring China, the Bend-like four seasons, and the beautiful people ... the Kazakhs, an Asian people group, who had been nomadic, moving their yurts and flocks to seasonal pasturelands; a large population of Russians; as well as Koreans, Kurds, Germans etc. Without exception we, as Americans, enjoyed the favor of the people. After 9-11 strangers offered condolences to us, and whereas other U.S. embassies in the region had windows broken, the people of Kazakhstan put flowers and candles at our embassy in Almaty. We returned to the U.S. in 2002.

Random things I remember from the Governor's office include, the weight of **Holly Miles'** European experience for *under* in the toilet-paper-over-or-under debate; the gentle, memorybanks timarsh (La Grande is two words); the most moving art exhibit presenting the works of a man who had been institutionalized for years; the tiny Governor's mansion in which **Dolores Atiyeh** so graciously entertained; the press corps: **Joe Sands**, UPI, **Boyd Levet's** combover, **Henny Willis**, R-G; **Lon Holbrook's** boyish smile; playing Dictionary at **Denny Miles'** house; **Pat Amedeo** making big bucks in money markets (those were the days); the soft-spokenness and honor of **Governor Atiyeh**; **Denny Miles**, large and in charge; and most of all, the wonderful people. May God through Jesus grace you all even as He has graced me.

Favorite pastimes,
Being "Baba" (grandma)
Collecting quotes

Favorite extra-Biblical quote:
*The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak;
They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak,
And not a god has wounds but Thou alone.*

-Edward Shillito

Favorite Biblical promise:
*I will never leave you,
nor will I ever forsake you.*
-Hebrews 13:5

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After leaving the Governor's Office, I became the Judicial Assistant to the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court in 1985 and then served in the capacity of Admin Manager of the Oregon Supreme Court, a position I held until Wes (Wes Doak, Oregon State Librarian) and I returned to Sacramento in 1991.

We spent our first years back in Sacramento looking after aging parents (my Mom and Dad) and Wes' mom. We've said many times, while in one sense we hated leaving Salem, it was a good move to be able to support our parents in their declining years.

For the past twelve years, I've been a self-employed IT consultant, specializing in business process improvement, writing RFPs (Requests for Proposals) and developing change management processes for government entities. I contract almost exclusively with the State of California and county governments. I love the freedom of being self-employed and plan to continue working for about another 4-5 years, and then looking forward to retiring with Wes, visiting our kids and grandchildren in California, Nevada, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Some of my fondest memories of being a member of Governor Atiyeh's staff were being entertained daily by Denny's great sense of humor, the scurrying around preparing for the Governor's press conferences, helping Dolores decorate the Christmas tree, and the great Christmas parties hosted by the Governor and Dolores. Also, my forays into the press room, delivering press releases to the reporters, who, for the most part, were always glad to know what was going on with the Governor's appointments, et cetera.

And, of course, I have great memories of working with such an awesome and dedicated group of people; the ones I had the most contact were Denny (of course), Rebecca and Edie, Dodie, Jim Sellers and Jan Thenell, Susan and Lon. I also remember the Governor always being very gracious and taking the time to acknowledge everyone's contributions.

We are very much looking forward to the Governor's Staff Reunion in a couple of weeks. It will be great fun to catch up with everyone. I want to ask Dolores if she remembers the turkey galantine I brought to one of their Christmas parties. I still have the thank-you note she sent me following the party. Those were good times!

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When I left the Governor's office in 1987 I went to Portland, OR with Pat Amedeo as her secretary in a law firm that also lobbied natural resource issues in the legislature. I worked for Pat Amedeo for approximately one year and decided that the drive to Portland was too long so I went to work as assistant to William E. Colson of Holiday Retirement Corp. in 1988. While working for Mr. Colson an opportunity came up for Lee and I to move to Sun City West, Arizona to manage a building for Holiday Retirement Corp. called The Madison. While working in Arizona, Lee and I also became Regional Managers and Marketing Managers and they moved us to Carlsbad, CA for the company. We did this until 2000 when we moved back to Oregon.

Having decided that I really liked working with the elderly, I went on to get my license as an Assisted Living Administrator and went to work for a company called Sunwest Management. I was the Administrator of Redwood Heights in Salem before being promoted to a Regional Manager for the company. I had buildings in Syracuse, New York, Detroit, Michigan and Washington, Missouri as well as 3 buildings in Oregon. Most weeks I would catch a plane Monday morning and come home Friday night. My responsibility changed from working with the elderly to making sure all the buildings were able to pass the inspections of the State and that they were in compliance with company rules. I lost the day-to-day working with residents; however, most of the time I stayed in the buildings so I could interact at meal times with residents to make sure their needs were being met.

My career ended in Assisted Living in 2003 when we moved to California to be near our daughters and their families. Assisted Living turned out to be the passion in my life. If we were still living in Oregon I would probably be working with seniors. They have a lot to offer this world and I felt privileged to be part of their lives.

Now, I am a retired grandma and live in a 55+ community. I spend my days puttering in my yard, going to the gym with my husband and watching the many weekly events of my 9 grandchildren. I am very involved in our church working as a Mentor Mom for a group called MOPS (Mothers of Preschool Children).
LIFE IS VERY GOOD!

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Personal

We have two sons, Mark and Dirk. They were ages 7 and 4 when Governor Atiyeh was first elected and Glenice went to work in his office. They're now grown and both of them live in Salem. We have three wonderful grandsons, Jaxon, Luke and Levi -- ages 5, 3 and 1. We enjoy taking family vacations together and just returned from Disneyland, all eight of us. Jaxon and Luke were fearless on the rides, while grandma Glenice and little Levi sometimes hung out in the shade. Somebody's gotta do it!

Memories

Swapping stories about muzzle loader rifles and early Oregon history, particularly the 1905 World's Fair and first ever cross country auto race, are great memories Gil has of Governor Atiyeh. Attending the governor's regular Wednesday morning staff meetings for state agency heads made it possible for Gil to discharge the legally required duty of the agency to coordinate the traffic safety activities of all state agencies. Continuous feedback from the Governor and other agency heads was essential in the aggressive approach to fulfilling the mission of the agency to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. The Governor's personal involvement in using a tri-colored high tail light system and ordering his State Trooper driver to arrest suspected drunk drivers using blue lights in the grill of the Governor's car, energized traffic safety volunteers.

Oregon is the only state where the voters enacted either the safety belt law or the helmet law – and Oregon voters did both. The Governor's backing was critical in the successful campaign to gather the signatures with volunteers to put the proposal on the ballot and the very successful campaign that achieved an overwhelmingly positive vote. This led to the Legislature referring the motorcycle helmet law to the people, who again voted by huge margins to adopt it. The Executive Branch under Governor Atiyeh's leadership gets the credit for the adoption of these lifesaving and cost saving measures.

The successful campaign to change public opinion about driving under the Influence led to a change in behavior by almost all citizens. Oregon earned the designation as having the best DUI laws in the Nation during Governor Atiyeh's Administration.

The end result of our coordinated efforts stemming directly from Governor Atiyeh's agency head meetings is that annual traffic fatalities are still fewer than they were when we began the crusade. Together we made a difference. Thank you Governor!

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After Gov. Atiyeh left office, I returned to Patrol for two years and then transferred into Detectives for two years. (I worked on the Michael Franke homicide case.)

I then returned to Governor's Security Detail, working with Gov. Roberts for four years and Gov. Kitzhaber for eight years. After Gov. Kitzhaber left office, I retired after 29 years with the Oregon State Police.

I lasted two weeks in retirement then returned to work and got a position working security with several PGA golf tournaments around the country and have continued to do that for the past six years. I also work part-time at the US Marshal Office in Portland and also work a part-time job working on vessels within the Columbia and Willamette Rivers under the umbrella of homeland security.

Sharon retired after 26 ½ years with the Oregon State Police and lasted two years after retirement. She returned to work part-time as the Security and Special Projects Manager for the State of Oregon Publishing and Distribution Plant here in Salem.

Our older daughter, Tiffany, (25) graduated from University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in business/marketing and is currently applying to nursing schools. Our younger daughter, Stephanie (23), graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish and is currently in Gwangju, South Korea, teaching English for a year.

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In pondering on what to write, my thoughts are “nothing has happened in my life worth sharing.” Then I think about our friend and co-worker, Betty Maudlin. She would say “just bat it out!” So, here it is...

Upon leaving the Governor’s Office, I went to the Office of the Director in the old Executive Department. Served there for a few months and then transferred to Personnel and Labor Relations, also in the Executive Department; specifically, I served in the Recruitment and Career Services area. It was an interesting assignment. While there, I had pneumonia twice, the second time being a very lengthy ordeal. Upon receiving a clean bill of health, I decided to leave the workforce—just prior to my 50th birthday.

These past years, which are many years by now, have indeed been packed full of travel, enjoying family, enjoying both old and new friends—just doing all of my favorite things! Once a “woman of leisure,” I vowed to never be in a hurry again, allowing time for things that were important to me. I even allow people who are in a rush to get in front of me in checkout lines! Life has been good.

Even today, when I reflect on our years in the Governor’s Office, I feel great pride when I say I worked for Governor Victor Atiyeh, a fine, honest, upstanding politician, a gentleman, a man of integrity—truly a great man in my book of memories!

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My life since leaving the Governor's Office:

I was a stay at home mom to my three children (Jennifer, Jeffrey and Dayna) for about 9 months to a year. I then decided it was time to get back into the workforce and applied for a job at a medical office in Dallas, Oregon (where I was living at the time). I took a position as a part-time medical receptionist and eventually worked my way up to an insurance billing clerk and was working full time for about two years. I left that job to stay at home and devote time to my family and ended up separating from my husband and found myself unemployed with three kids.

I enjoyed working in the medical field, so I applied to an ad for a receptionist at a plastic surgeon's office in Salem and was hired. I worked there for 16 years and loved every minute of it. What fascinating things plastic surgeons do!!

During this time, I met my current husband, Willie Ball. We have been married now for 15 years and raised five children together. Our blended family includes Jennifer, Jeffrey, Sarah, Dayna and Nicole. We also have two exquisite grandchildren now—Kaitlynn (Jennifer's daughter, age 5) and Jacob (Nicole's son, age 4). We are expecting two more grandchildren in the summer of 2009. Dayna is due in July and Jennifer is due in August.

I am now Assistant Practice Manager for Silver Falls Dermatology in Salem.

I have many fond memories working with Governor Atiyeh. One that has always stuck with me is the monthly birthday lunches we had. I have never forgotten how down-to-earth Governor Atiyeh was and how approachable he was. He always made a point of having lunch with his staff and that really impressed me—I know he had to be a very busy man!! He even came to my baby shower after Dayna was born!!! I also have pictures of him with my three children when they were babies. (How many people can say that?)

I remember working with Glenna and helping her with the Western Governor's Conference at Salishan and boy—did I feel important!!! I got to meet the author Jean Auel, go out to the sand bar and hang out with all of these important people! You have to remember, I was a very impressionable 22 year old at the time! I had never done anything like that before in my life!

My most unforgettable memory is when Governor Atiyeh swore my dad, George Lewis, in as a member of the Workers' Compensation Board. My parents have known Governor Atiyeh since his days as a state senator and to have him recognize my dad by appointing him to a position like that really spoke volumes to me.

OH! I almost forgot to mention Dolores! What a kind woman. I will always remember our Christmas parties at the Governor's Mansion and being in awe of the way she carried herself and how she spoke to people.

I could go on and on, but I am sure everyone could fill pages and pages of their life while working with Governor and Mrs. Atiyeh.

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Smorgasbord of professional and personal happenings since 1987: Just after Governor Atiyeh's administration, my Dad, who lived in the San Francisco Bay Area, died unexpectedly and I stayed down there for a couple of months to help my Mom. In March, 1987 became executive director of the Mid-Willamette Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Wonderful board and volunteers, but my office had three 8-foot high book cases of rules for operating a Red Cross chapter and I found it very easy to inadvertently and continually break most of those rules. I was only there one year, but it was one of the busiest in Chapter history.

There were 30 house fires that severely impacted the Chapter's emergency shelter fund requiring emergency fund raising, and six emergency fire evacuation shelters set up and staffed by volunteers during a summer of continuous rural fires. Finally, on a very icy Christmas Eve at the end of that year, a call came in just as my extended family sat down to dinner at our house. A plane had gone down somewhere east of Scotts Mills. Ken and I spent the evening and night picking up and delivering 50 meals from Denny's (the only place open) to the volunteer search party in the Cascade foothills.

In January, 1988, my father in law died unexpectedly and at the same time, received a call from a friend who worked at Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) about a position being created there to run their educational foundation and community programs like Oregon Business Week, Business Leader of the Year and Educational Excellence award programs. Got the position and worked there until 1991, eventually becoming vice president of the foundation.

Ken's Mom died after a long illness in 1988 and we were able to care for her the whole time. However, around 1989, started having odd physical symptoms of difficulty with walking, using my hands, neck pain and loss of muscle strength. My doctor never diagnosed what was happening, but in the summer of 1991 I collapsed at work, had an emergency MRI and learned that I had a tumor on my brain stem and one on my pituitary gland. Had two separate surgeries and was very lucky in that they were both benign and I had a very talented neurosurgeon, Dr. Jerry Hubbard. Returned to AOI in the spring of 1992 after regaining use of my hands and learning to walk again—and getting my head healed from the craniotomy.

Returned to AOI a very different person after such a close call. Trained for two week long bike rides across the state in 1992 and 1993 done with Ken and family. As soon as my youngest stepson graduated from college, turned in my resignation and left in 1993 for a more relaxed lifestyle. From 1993 – 1996 did a variety of part time jobs and a lot of travel. Became part time director of the Senior Service Agency Directors Association, then went to work for the Department of Justice court interpreter program developing statewide training sessions and finally became director of the State Agency Manager's Association.

In 1996, Ken retired from the Oregon Department of Transportation and I started at the Oregon Department of Energy in their Telework program for Oregon employers part time. In 1997 my Mom was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer and spent lots of time with her in the Bay Area until she died in 1999. We had one last memorable trip in 1998 to her favorite country, England, visiting all of her favorite places. In 2003, began working with the Department of Energy's Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) program and eventually was manager of the BETC Pass-through Partner program until I retired in April, 2007.

Along the way, both of my stepsons married. Jed and Kate live in Bronxville, New York and have three daughters (7, 5 and 3 years). Jed owns a hedge fund so has been having an exciting time this past year! KC and Mara live in Seattle and co-own Smartypants Communications. Mara was an editor at Amazon.com, wrote the "Amazon.com for Dummies" book and co-wrote one with Mario Thomas called "The Right Words at The Right Time". They have two daughters 4 and ¼ years old. So, we have 5 "grand girls" as we call them.

Lots of nice things have happened over the years and I feel fortunate every day to still be around enjoying life. Just completed a board term as president of Mission Mill Museum and also just finished training to be a "Compassionate Companion" volunteer at Salem Hospital for patients without family. Ken and I have done lots of travel around the U.S. and in France and Italy. This spring we are going to Poland and Germany to find out more about his ancestors we have been researching for a number of years.

Memories of Governor Atiyeh: I always thought I had the most fun job of all because I got to work with so many programs Governor Atiyeh launched or wanted to have created: Oregon Food Share, Corporate Excellence Awards, The Governor's Council on Health, Fitness and Sports, State Game of Oregon, The Voluntarism Awards, and the Governor's Open Houses. Remember finding Oregon candidates for naturalization for the rededication of the Statue of Liberty; working on finding transportation home for the homeless dumped in the winter at an I-84 exit by the Rashneeshees; "militant" elementary school kids who wanted the chocolate chip cookie as the State Cookie; the former Mrs. Oregon who would not give up her crown or sash to the new Mrs. Oregon and who both showed up for a photo opportunity at one of the Open Houses; screwing up on the awards for the first Corporate Excellence Awards presentation not long after I was hired, and how gracious Governor Atiyeh and Gerry Thompson were to me knowing how close to a nervous breakdown I was! Most of all, I am so proud to have had that "once in a lifetime" special opportunity to work with such talented staff dedicated to Governor Atiyeh.

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Greetings everyone...it will be great to see everyone who can attend the reunion and catch up. Since October 1983, I've had the pleasure of seeing many of you at the reunions, grocery store, restaurants and traveling just to visit (Shirley Woodrow).

Professional Life

Since 1983, I've worked/traveled my way through State Government, including tours through the Health Division, Department of Human Services/Student Retention Initiative, Oregon Commission on Children and Families, then back to DHS/Human Services from which I retired in 2004. But there is no rest for the wicked...after a trip to the Caribbean, I returned to DHS as a temporary Human Resources Specialist before accepting my current part-time role as the Human Resources Manager for the Office of Private Health Partnerships.

Personal Life

My husband, Jim, and I had the great fortune to travel to many interesting places...Hong Kong, Hawaii, sailing in the British Virgin Islands, numerous ski trips to Canada, Colorado (also to visit Shirley Woodrow), Montana, and Sun Valley. We also greatly enjoyed our yearly white water rafting trips down the Rogue River every summer, as well as the Snake, Owyhee, John Day, Salmon and Deschutes Rivers. Tragically, my wonderful husband and friend lost his valiant fight against cancer in 2005.

Since then I have traveled to the South Pacific to fulfill a life-long dream to swim/scuba dive with the Manta Rays...and that was a real thrill. I've also enjoyed scuba diving in Hawaii and the British Virgin Islands. I still live in Salem with my two cats, Merlin and Desiree.

Special Memories as a Member of Governor Atiyeh's Staff

There are so many! First will always be my long-standing friendship with Shirley Woodrow...I am the luckiest person to have been chosen to work for her and become her friend (thanks Denny for not choosing me)! Shirley always made sure everyone's contributions were noted and each person got "credit" for actions...she always set an example for us to follow.

My favorite event was the Governor's Open House...some were more interesting than others...like when the cheetah, Kahyam, licked the Governor's face during a swearing in ceremony (I have the photo somewhere to prove it). We all knew (remember Lon?) when it was a full moon by which "interesting" people showed up that day. I treasure the "chocolate note" from Governor Atiyeh (I needed some certificates signed, so sent a request note with a chocolate bar attached...the note came back with chocolate smears and a "you're welcome" from the Governor). One of the most embarrassing was when my sister, Vickie, was taking photos at an event in the Governor's Salem home. When she was finished, I said "thanks Vic (my nickname for her), and the Governor said, "You're welcome." I was very embarrassed that he would think I would be so casual as to call him anything but "Governor." I still have that photo on my office wall to remind me and enjoy Shirley and the Governor's wonderful smiles...a fond reminder of a special time. Thank you!

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What's been happening:

After leaving the Gov's office, I returned to my job at the Department of Human Resources, Senior Services Division and continued to work with senior advocates, staff the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and do legislative coordination for the Division until 1995.

In 1995 I became the Department's Director of the Volunteer Program, working for Gary Weeks who was then the Director of DHR. I enjoyed working with the thousands of volunteers and local community programs that were supporting the Department's clients. We provided transportation, home visits, mentoring, job development and many other one on one services.

In 2000, I joined the Department's Office of Human Resources to develop a new background check process for employees, volunteers and providers of service. I established the office which now runs over 250,000 background checks a year in order to protect the Department's clients. I then went to the central office to be the Human Resources Deputy until my retirement in December, 2008.

My "other life":

My "babies" at the time I worked for the Governor have now grown up, my son graduated from Linfield College and is a Manager for the Jeld-Wen Corporation. My daughter graduated from OHSU as a nurse and is now on the surgical floor of Salem Hospital as an RN. She will be married in May!

My husband and I are enjoying retirement, doing some contract work, volunteering, traveling and keeping up our 2 acre yard. Am still doing some work for the Department of Human Services working on legislative issues.

Fond memoires of my time with the Atiyeh administration:

I worked at the Department of Human Resources for all the years of the Atiyeh administration and came to the Governor's staff at the end to be the Citizens' Representative. I had great respect for the work of the office in helping resolve citizen issues and had worked with Jeff Lewis on many difficult and crazy things. He was a tough act to follow! I was very nervous to join the Governor's staff and attend meetings, etc. But everyone was so gracious and helpful and made me feel so much at home. The Governor came down to our floor to visit several times and check on us, which was very special to me! He asked that I complete a final report of the Citizen Representative Office and I enjoyed writing that and doing the research about the Office's success in the 8 years of the Administration.

I especially remember the holidays at the Capitol. Greeting the carolers and visitors was such fun. We had a big scare, however, when a couple from Newport who had lost their children to the State, kidnapped them on Christmas Eve and were headed to see the Governor to get his help! I had to intercede, meet with OSP and with Children Services to help get the kids away and safe. It all ended without incident but it was a scary time. I don't think the Governor ever even knew! I learned how great the holidays can be but also how hard they are for some.

Spring 2009

Dear Governor Atiyeh,

I remember you and your administration for many reasons, all of them fondly.

The first remembrance is of Governor Atiyeh and his lovely wife Dolores coming to my office to visit the Oregon State Library. I had mentioned to one of his aides that to the best of my knowledge no sitting Governor had ever actually come over to the library to pay us a visit. As a result I got a call asking for a few minutes to make just such a visit.

As the Governor and his wife came into my office he exclaimed, "This office is nicer than mine!" Of course it was quite nice and had, since early days, been an office to show off Oregon native woods. The walls were one type of Oregon hardwood, the chairs and tables, and my desk; all of differing woods and it was, indeed, a spectacular scene. It was also quite large with two anterooms also outfitted with differing Oregon wood. I wasn't quite sure what to say, but as I remember I just pointed out the history of the office and mentioned some of the special wood used in tables, desks and chairs.

The second thing was more to the issue of Oregon's Libraries and the Governors support of them. When I arrived in Oregon I was used to having a vibrant Friends group or a Foundation which, among other things, raised money to augment the governmental jurisdiction's support of library services. I was told in no uncertain terms that "here in Oregon, if you raise any money on your own, the Governor will simply reduce his support for your agency." It didn't seem logical but the individual telling me the story was a library employee of long standing and I was inclined to believe her. I took occasion to ask Governor Atiyeh about the situation and his response was, "If you can raise any money to help Oregon's local libraries I not only will not back money out of your budget, but I'll tell the Senate Appropriations Chair to do the same."

Later that same day, the Senate Appropriations Chair, State Senator Roberts, called me to say that the Governor had told him of the new policy and that he agreed. He wished me well in my efforts. In just a few years we had increased the Oregon State Library budget five fold. Thanks again Governor!

I believe Marilyn, my wonderful partner, will fill you in on our families and other doing so I'll close by saying that Governor Atiyeh was a "Library Hero" to all Oregonians. Thanks again!

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Over the past few years Glenn Fischer has been heavily involved in sustainability utilizing his 30 years of experience in real estate, marketing, public relations and publishing to accelerate the "journey to sustainability" in the commercial and healthcare building sectors. He has co-founded two organizations that are recognized throughout North America for delivering high caliber educational programs on green buildings. The first is the Corporate Realty, Design & Management Institute (CRDMI). At CRDMI he was a creator of the acclaimed Turning Green into Gold® educational program.

CRDMI has delivered over 300 live educational programs in more than 35 metropolitan areas throughout North America. More than 17,000 facilities professionals, property managers, building owners, developers, real estate brokers, architects, designers, engineers, specifiers, and contractors have attended these educational programs. Another 1,000+ have viewed the firm's webcasts on high performance buildings. Click on www.squarefootage.net for a schedule of events and articles on sustainability. He also is President of a non-profit organization called the Center for Corporate Sustainability, which was founded in 2008. The Center's initial undertaking is hosting the Corporate Sustainability Summit in Austin, TX in May 2009 for the sustainability leaders of America's major corporations. Click on www.CenterForCorporateSustainability.org for details about the Summit.

Prior to the founding of CRDMI, Fischer was Publisher of MetroAmerica Office Guides, a Portland-based real estate media company that grew to become one of the nation's top publishers of commercial and industrial real estate guides. While at MetroAmerica, he developed database systems that tracked office, R&D, retail and industrial markets representing more than one billion square feet of space. The databases became an inventory of 8,300 buildings. In partnership with BOMA, the region's first database of office buildings was created and published in a magazine entitled the *Portland Metropolitan Office Leasing Guide*. Similar databases and publications were subsequently developed for the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, Phoenix, Detroit, St. Louis, and Omaha. These publications were noted for their editorial excellence in covering emerging trends in the design, construction and operation of commercial real estate. He negotiated the sale of MetroAmerica to Black's Guide in 1995.

Fischer has served as President for the National Association of Real Estate Editors (NAREE), the nation's largest organization of real estate editors and writers. As chairman of NAREE's convention committee he brought NAREE's annual conference to Portland in 1994. Today, he's a member of:

- International Facilities Management Association (IFMA) including serving as Vice President of the IFMA Healthcare Council
- U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)
- U.S. Green Real Estate Council (USGREC), serving on Board of Directors
- National Association of Real Estate Editors (NAREE)

Fischer resides in Portland with his wife, Anne-Marie. Downtime activities include bicycling, racquetball and kayaking. Anne-Marie and Glenn celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2008 with a kayaking and jungle hiking adventure in Costa Rica. Their daughter, Carmen, graduated from Wilson High in Portland and then moved to Southern California, where she still resides. Fischer's volunteer activities have taken him to Siberia on behalf of Church Resource Ministries and to Biloxi, MS to help rebuild houses following Katrina. Currently, he's a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters and enjoys spending time with his little brother, Austin, who is 7 years old.

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As I reflect back on my time working with and for Governor Atiyeh, I note that it was one of the most professionally satisfying times in my career.

Much of that is due to the style and quality of the Governor. He always wanted to know what I thought and was open to perspectives from anyone, perspectives which he melded with his own substantial knowledge of Oregon state government and his sound political instincts. Many people that I know today who are still involved in state government wish for the days when someone like Governor Atiyeh was in charge of our state.

In 1982, after coming home from Washington, D.C. to work for the Oregon Department of Human Resources for a few years, I joined the governor's office as press secretary to replace Denny Miles who left temporarily to run the successful re-election campaign. Gerry Thompson and the late Ron Schmidt asked me to do the job and I was thrilled with the opportunity to move into the Governor's Office. When Denny returned after the big gubernatorial re-election victory, I went back to DHR and then became deputy director of the Oregon Economic Development Department where I had the privilege of helping the Governor cement solid relationships in Japan and elsewhere in Asia.

A few, top of mind memories:

In Governor Atiyeh's first term, he hosted the Western Governors' Association Conference at Salishan and, even to this day, many of us who were there to help the governor remember the occasion, which among other things, was marked by the trademark great service by Salishan employees. Have you parked on the asphalt lot at the end of Salishan spit? Well, if you have to take a long walk on the beautiful beach, know that Salishan built that lot to accommodate a great beach barbecue for representatives of the 14 Western States and several territories who joined the Governor in Oregon.

Many of us in the Atiyeh Administration also remember the days of Rajneesh-Puram and the troubles Oregon had with that cult. Along with Gerry Thompson, I and a number of other administration officials worked hard to handle the troubles, which included a number of late evening phone calls, which I still remember to this day. At one point, I was assigned to go up to Portland and help the Salvation Army and other local organizations contend with the homeless persons who were dumped back in Oregon after spending time at the Rajneeshee ranch in Eastern Oregon. Tough times in Oregon history, so this is not necessarily a highlight. But guess what? What goes around comes around. The ranch in Antelope was purchased by a national Christian organization for young people, Young Life, and what once was a place that accommodated a mysterious and dangerous cult has become a place for young people to thrive.

As a neophyte in the governor's office, I do remember a mistake I made in talking with the media. I indicated that the governor was thinking of splitting the fish and game department into two sections. I forget how I came to say that, but it must have been that someone told me it was under consideration. However, I was not smart enough at the time to know that I should not have suggested that the idea in play. The Governor got a lot of calls letters from fish and game enthusiasts, but he forgave me fairly quickly for the quotable misstep.

When I was press secretary, Governor Atiyeh also nominated Wally Carson to a position on the State Supreme Court and eventually Wally rose to be Chief Justice. My role in helping to announce his appointment cemented a lasting friendship with him that lasted over the years.

All in all, I reflect back with fond memories on my time working with the Governor. Friends who worked in the Atiyeh Administration are friends to this day. And, what's more, all of Oregon is better for his service.

The Governor and Dolores have my family's best wishes and thanks for all of their years of selfless service. It has been a pleasure to know them.

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Working for Governor Atiyeh was an amazing privilege and opportunity. Nothing since then has compared to that experience. In January 1987, after leaving the Governor's Office, I went to work in the Senior Services Division (Dick Ladd was the administrator at the time). The following November, I took a job at Western Oregon State College (WOSC), now Western Oregon University, working for Peter Courtney in the President's Office. While at WOSC, I took advantage of discounted staff tuition and completed my associate's degree. I then enrolled in an accelerated degree completion program at George Fox University and earned my bachelor's degree (a goal of mine since I dropped out of college after my freshman year). In 1996, I went to work as a project coordinator in the Legislative Administrator's Office at the State Capitol. As much as I enjoyed the academic environment and college campus, it was exciting to be back at the Capitol. In 1998, the Oregon State Capitol Foundation was established and I became a committee administrator for the organization. This job allowed me to branch out and become involved in the non-profit world, including serving on the board of the Mid-Valley Development Professionals for a short stint. In addition, the Foundation job renewed my interest in history, especially of Oregon and its State Capitol. In 2003, my former boss was elected Senate President and I went back to work for Peter Courtney. I still work for Senator Courtney as director of operations (scheduling, some constituent work, etc., etc.) and for the Capitol Foundation.

My three sons are obviously very grown by now and I am very proud of them. I married again in 1990 and gained not only a wonderful husband, but his darling daughter as well. However, after eight years of marriage, Hank was diagnosed with colon cancer and died two years later after a valiant battle with the disease. Five years ago, I remarried again to Jack Lowery and moved from my long-time home in West Salem to Keizer where we currently live. I am an extremely proud grandmother of five grandchildren (three girls and two boys). I volunteer at church and with Family Building Blocks and enjoy kayaking (mostly on the lake near our home), hiking, reading, cooking and gardening (as time permits) and traveling (as time and money permit).

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Governor Vic Atiyeh has been my friend and twice-time employer since 1971 when I served as his committee clerk on Senate Education. I enjoyed volunteering on both his gubernatorial campaigns, and in January 1979, I went to work in the Governor's office as administrative assistant to his press secretary, Denny Miles.

One noon hour in 1979, the Governor was scheduled to give a press conference in his reception area. Beforehand, I timidly went up to him and offered to clean his glasses. This was a man of **vision**, who not only was leading Oregon's economy, but was responsible for building Pacific Rim trade for the nation. I always tried to look out for him, and as usual, the Governor smiled and thanked me for the gesture.

Working for Governor Atiyeh meant service and commitment. Once he was scheduled to fly to Coos Bay. My job was to type and prepare copies of his speech for distribution to the media; however, I received the draft at 6 p.m. the night before from his speech writer. The next morning I came into the capitol at 4:30 a.m. to get the speech ready so he could take it with him at 8 a.m. He again was so grateful for my efforts. I knew--like all of his staff--the Governor's interests came **first**. Loyalty and devotion to both he and Dolores were gladly given. They are so pleasant and appreciative. Of all my jobs in my life, being part of the Governor's staff (was) is my favorite.

Other career highlights:

- Executive Secretary, Oregon Commission on Public Broadcasting, Portland
- Instructor, Business Administration, Portland Community College
- Executive Assistant, Interconnect Technology, Beaverton
- Business and Marketing Curriculum Specialist, Portland Public Schools
- Office Manager, Dr. Wm. Acker, DMD, West Linn
- Administrative Assistant, Planning Department, City of Wilsonville

After being a single parent for 15 years, I married Wm. (Bill) Acker in 1994. I have four step-children and six step-grandchildren. We retired to Lincoln City last fall as Bill suffers from heart disease. I am his full-time caregiver but hope to work out of the home someday. My two children (babies when I worked for Governor Atiyeh) Danny, 32, is a video production manager in Simi Valley, California, single and a gorgeous hunk! My daughter, DiAndra, 30, is a licensed massage therapist and has started her own business "Massage at the Mountain" in cooperation with Mt. Bachelor. She also is single, beautiful, and lives in Sun River, Oregon. I have a granddog (a black lab) and two cats, Buffy and Skittles, substitute grandchildren for now.....

I enjoy reading, singing in my Presbyterian Church choir, scrapbooking, swimming, and seeing friends and family. My hobby is decorating although I have yet to take formal classes.

One of my passions is Oregon State Beaver football. While Governor Atiyeh is a U of O alumnus, I have in the past overlooked this in our friendship.

A Beaver always recognizes greatness.

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What have I been doing since I left Governor Atiyeh's staff in 1984? When I eventually returned to state government, I spent 18 years with the Secretary of State's Office (retired in 2003). Although I held the position of Executive Assistant to the Director of the Corporation Division, I was often "on loan" to the Secretary of State (Roberts and Keisling) and assigned to special projects, e.g., represented the Deputy Secretary of State on the Public Service Building Project; the Governor's Task Force on the Reorganization of State Government (Subcommittee on Economic Development and Consumer Services); Project Coordinator for the "Oregon Blue Book"; liaison for the Legislative Redistricting Project, and others. I was also assigned to Governor-elect Barbara Roberts' Transition Office as office manager and assistant to the Transition Team Chairman. I also served as office manager for Governor-elect John Kizhaber's Transition Office.

Words alone cannot express my true appreciation for having been selected to Governor Atiyeh's staff in 1979. The appointment will always be regarded as the most interesting, educational, and satisfying work experience I have ever known.

I have so many special memories as a member of the Atiyeh staff. However, one of my fondest is when President Ronald Reagan recognized and honored Governor Atiyeh for the Oregon Food Share Program. Kathleen Cornett, who was the Executive Director of the Oregon Food Bank, accepted the plaque for the Governor in the Rose Garden at the White House. (To this day, I kick myself for not attending the ceremony – at my expense, of course).

My life dramatically changed on 9/11/07 when Maurie (my husband) passed away 10 days after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I now take one day at a time. I enjoy spending time with my 97 year old mother (she's a great traveling companion) and the rest of the family. For several decades, I have volunteered at the Shriners Hospital for Children, and I look forward to my every visit "up on the hill."

I am truly looking forward to our staff reunion with Governor Vic and Dolores Atiyeh!

Carolyn Speerstra Harcourt

Years on Governor's staff: 1981-83 (as best I recall!)

Served as administrative assistant to press secretary Denny Miles, followed by press secretary Dave Fiskum; and later as administrative assistant and extradition secretary to Jim Russell, legal counsel

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I left the governor's staff to work on Mark Hatfield's 1984 campaign for US Senate, followed by several years on the senator's staff in the Salem field office. I joined the staff at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management at Willamette University in 1988, and served 12 years as office manager and aide de camp to the dean.

Currently, and for the last seven years, I have been at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University, as assistant to director John Olbrantz. When asked if retirement is in my near future, I reply that there seems no immediate remedy to walking away from a perfect job in an ART MUSEUM!

My husband Richard Harcourt and I live on 35 acres south of Salem, in our art-filled house with a special needs dachshund, a young German shepherd, two dear old cats, and plenty of dust bunnies. Rich has tried to retire on several occasions, but is currently the interim executive director of the Salem Art Association. We have a very good life, however complicated, and I feel so very fortunate!

MEMORIES of the governor's office are somewhat vague as more than 25 years have lapsed, but I do smile recalling the ever-present Ma Anand Sheila and the Rajneeshes, Mike Wallace and the Duane Samples' commutation, the discussion about blowing-up the visit-but-don't stay sign at the Southern Oregon border; Bob Smith and my earnest attempts to make him use a smoke-sucking machine in our tiny office; Joe Sand, Stephanie Fowler, Les Zaitz, and other reporters from the basement press room; punching out press releases on a state-of-the-art mag-card typewriter; and utilizing my own flamboyant writing skills to produce proclamations for events like Oregon Potato Week. I remember too the countless extradition papers I processed to send criminals back and forth across state lines, and the many letters from OSP inmates requesting pardons as they had found Jesus and were no longer a threat to society.

One of my favorite memories is driving through Portland with Governor and Mrs. Atiyeh on a dark night with Lon Holbrook at the wheel. We stopped for Karmel Korn at the governor's request, and I recall the delicious moments riding down the rain-soaked freeway to Salem in the black night, wondering what the rest of the world was doing while I was eating Karmel Korn in the governor's car.

Fred W. Heard
Director of Commerce
1983-87

Well these have been interesting years. After working for Governor Atiyeh, I was Salem office manager for a career management firm and did that for a couple of years. I worked for a short time in government...buried and far down the line in the bureaucracy

We started a small general contracting firm and I did that for a period of time and eventually my business partner took it over because I decided I wanted to get my teaching credentials renewed after a period of years. I did that and worked as a teacher and vice principal of the high school at Falls City. My last year there, I was principal of the elementary school. That was a lot of fun and I still use a lot of those skills from that position.

In 2000 I entered seminary at the Northwest House of Theological Studies in Salem and went two years and transferred to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley for my last year. I received an MDiv degree and was ordained an Episcopal priest in December, 2003. In July of that year, I was called to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Menlo Park as Associate Rector. I held that position until July of 2008.

In November, I was called to St. Paul's in Cambria, California as Rector. My first Sunday was January 18. Since that time, I have been settling in and learning to be the shepherd of a flock. It is humbling and fun.

Adair and I have three wonderful adult children and are blessed with six grandsons. Frederick lives in Houston, TX and works for Halliburton and is a 1st Sgt in the Texas National Guard. He will be going to Iraq/Afghanistan in the fall. Robin, is a teacher at Leslie Middle High in Salem. Heather works in cardiac research at Salem Hospital.

I remain very proud of our years at Commerce when we consolidated government services, licenses and permits and generally brought one stop licensing to our department. I was amused to get a call from the next administration some months later, wanting to know how we did what we did and how they could duplicate it! At that time, they were already trying to abolish the department! Oh well, we know the Atiyeh administration did a great job for Oregon.

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Served the last real Governor of Oregon for 7 and a half years. Driver, schedule keeper, transportation scheduler, armed guard and in general whatever it takes to get the job done.

One of the many high points was when Governor Atiyeh was declared the winner at the end of his reelection campaign. The real highlight was getting to know Mrs. A. and the really great staff people and friends that I became acquainted with while following after the boss. I really enjoyed roasting the Governor at the Hilton hotel while using some of the bosses' own lines.

One of the many screw ups was the time I gave the Governor the wrong prepared speech to use when he addressed department heads in Wilsonville. I would add that he made a good speech while winging it.

Probably the lowest point was when Darrel and I dropped Mrs A. and the Governor off at his Beaverton home at the end of his last day in office. A sad day for all and I admit maybe a tear or two was shed by yours truly.

After that day, I worked at OSP headquarters as the training Lt. and later as the fish and wildlife Lt. My last three years I was assigned to work in Portland as a fish and wildlife field officer. I retired from full time employment in 98. Since then I have worked every fall as an OSP reserve fish and wildlife officer at the coast range. I also have worked some interesting security jobs including guarding some foreign crew members aboard ships on the Columbia river between Astoria and Vancouver for the US Coast Guard and Homeland security.

I'm still married to my bride of 42 great years (Karen) and we are blessed with our daughters' family including a four year old granddaughter that we manage to spoil at least once a week. I have recently applied for early social security which will force me to work less and play more assuming we can afford it in the current economy.

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I came to work for Gov. Atiyeh in the last months of his final term in office. For me, a former newspaper reporter taking mid-career hiatus to freelance while trying to write the Great American novel, it was a rare opportunity for an inside look at government, an institution I'd reported on from the outside for several years. While I hadn't written many speeches, a crash course from outgoing speech writer Jim Sellers and the guidance of press secretary Denny Miles – plus a governor who knew what he wanted to say – got me working quickly and with relatively few attacks of the jitters.

It was a terrific experience, from start to finish. I remember Gov. Atiyeh as being incredibly kind, the staff as friendly and hard-working, and the insights into the people and processes of Oregon state government as fascinating and valuable. I remember in particular feeling lucky to join the governor occasionally at for lunch the “long table” in the basement cafeteria, where I watched and listened avidly to the casual conversations of legislators, state Supreme Court justices and agency chiefs.

As brief as it was, the position opened other doors for me. After the Governor left office, I took other short-term positions in state agencies – helping to write the first user documents for the Oregon Health Plan, producing reports for the state Department of Education, doing occasional freelance writing for the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the state Marine Board – all of which left me with a great appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Oregon's public servants, an appreciation I hold to this day.

It took me a while to entirely escape journalism; for a number of years, I served as Linn-Benton correspondent for The Oregonian, covering everything from land use to field burning to the Albany Timber carnival. At the same time, I continued freelance writing, producing everything from political campaign literature to filmscripts for National Geographic's educational films division.

In the early-90s (having learned that I don't have a novel in me and deciding I was OK with that), I took a temporary position as a science writer for the Oregon Sea Grant program at Oregon State University. That eventually parlayed itself into a full-time writing position. In 1994, the World Wide Web burst on the scene, and my boss said, “Gee, maybe we should look into doing something with this. Anyone interested in learning more about it?” I volunteered – and today I'm the full-time Web developer for Sea Grant and the visitor center at OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center, proving that even old dogs can learn new tricks.

In my private life, I also build Web sites, pro bono, for local nonprofits and (to my sometimes chagrin) for a couple of goofy pals of mine who parlayed a joke between friends into something of a worldwide phenomenon – International Talk Like A Pirate Day. I remain active in the Albany-Corvallis theater community, where I direct, act and design sets, and enjoy gardening, photography and knitting in what I laughingly refer to as my spare time. An avid cook, I'm involved in the “localvore” movement, encouraging people to buy, prepare and eat food produced close to home, and write a foodblog on that subject (<http://marketcook.wordpress.com>). I also enjoy traveling, especially by train, and am an active member of the National Rail Passengers' Association.

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I started working for the Governor in November 1978, driving to Portland and doing his mail. We moved to the Salem Capital January 1979. I remember that morning his swearing into office of Governor in the Senate Chambers. That evening the grand and glorious Inaugural Ball. I was Administrative Assistant to the Governor handling his mail. It was delivered in big mail bags, overwhelming at times. Sometimes I would relieve the receptionist for her breaks and lunch.

Out of all the staff that started and ended working for the Governor in the eight years there were three: Denny Miles, Bob Oliver and myself. These years were the hi-light of my life as I have a lot of very fond memories of happenings while working for Governor Atiyeh.

Some of my most interesting moments : " The office Secretary's Retreat" held on a weekend at Camp Rilea. Our fun picking up sand dollars along the beach and our game of charades (anyone remember)? I still remember the class we had on how to protect ourselves. This class was given to us by a state policeman whose wife was once attacked. I still remember some of the moves and cautions.

The office birthday luncheons for staff, remember the big long table and once we had an 8 foot long sandwich. The Easter egg hunt for staff children at the Atiyeh's house on Winter Street. Remember the office Christmas trees decorated by Dolores? The tiny dolls of which I bought several. Remember the tree decorated with a weed that Dolores gathered, dried and sprayed? It was beautiful! I remember the tree decorated in the Rotunda with just stuffed leaves and the toy train that encircled the tree.

^{6 cuts} I remember my first trip up the winding narrow steps to the top of the capital to the Gold Pioneer, this was to watch the second eruption of Mt. Saint Helens. And then I went up again to the top when they were ^{7/19/83} ~~regaling~~ ^{gilding} the Gold Pioneer. The school children in Oregon collected enough money for this ^{gilding} because Oregon couldn't afford to pay for that to be done.

I remember a day spent with the Governor flying in a big National Guard helicopter. We went first to Camp Rilea and then to a fish hatchery dedication. I remember being at the Capital Rotunda for Gov. McCall's funeral.

I worked with so many fine people in these years and it is good to get together and renew acquaintances. Also I collected many famous autographs as Lon and the Governor was always asking famous people for an autograph for me and I have them tucked away in my mementos to this day.

After my years with the Governor Atiyeh, I went to Receptionist in the Republican office while they were in Session and then to receptionist at Division of St. Lands for three years. My husband George got a job in Olympia Washington for the state of Washington and so we moved there in ~~1989~~ ¹⁹⁸⁰. I got board sitting in an apartment so I went to the church we joined in Olympia and volunteered. They hired me six months later as Membership Sec. one day a week and a year later I was hired for three days a week as Financial Secretary and I worked there until retiring ten years later.

My husband George passed away in 1996 after a five bi-pass surgery and I stayed in Olympia as a daughter lives there. I have had both hips replaced as I wore out the first hips. I am doing fine, keeping busy in my church and volunteering at the hospital one day a week. Life is good to me and my health is good.

Nice seeing everyone and if you ever get to Olympia, give me a call (360)923-5338. My children are all fine and have blessed me with seventeen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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Following our return to Portland in January, 1988, I managed the branch office of a Tokyo-based real estate/investment company. Reiko and I opened Wasabi (fish and seafood aimed at the Japanese expatriate community) in 1996. Wasabi quickly became known for sushi quality fish and seafood in the Portland area. In 2004, I joined Pacific Seafood (Clackamas) and am now food service sales manager, a position I enjoy almost as much as when I was at OEDD.

Less than two months after returning from Japan, Kristen was born in February, 1988 within a couple of days of the Governor's birthday . . . we were *that* close to having a Victoria in the family. Matthew graduated from Sunset in 1990. Today, Matthew is approaching his 37th birthday; lives in the Beaverton area with his beautiful wife (Rana), two special children Rana brought to the family (Madison and Keegan) and a most recent (Feb. 24) addition, baby Emma Jean Lutjen. Matthew is a network administrator at Carr Auto Group. Kristen graduated from Jesuit in 2006 and is attending Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles) where she is a business administration major. In addition to being a member of the women's swim team, she is a lifeguard at the school aquatic center (work-study) and a student-athlete mentor.

Reiko and I enjoy playing golf, dining out (we continue to patronize our favorite sushi bars in Tokyo), travel and staying close to our children and grandchildren. My love of things mechanical, technologically interesting and fast continues . . . the Honda NS400R I brought back from Japan has a special place in my garage along with other fleet machines.

Special memories? Risky (logistically and politically) Keidanren visit in 1984; almost-simultaneous investment announcements by Epson, Fujitsu and NEC in September, 1984; announcement by NKK; JRO; earthquake in the middle of an Alan Ota interview in the Imperial Hotel Tower; golf at Chiyoda CC . . . Gov. noticed his 5-iron had a seriously bent shaft; Governor's first standing ovation in Japan (Osaka, 1982, Japan Lumber Importer's Assn.) . . . the list goes on with far too many to list . . . could fill a book. Having the opportunity to work with Gov. Victor Aityeh has been and continues to be a special honor and an experience nothing else in my professional career will be able to eclipse.



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Appointed by Governor Atiyeh January 1985 as Director of Veterans Affairs. Continued in position until September 2003. Reappointed by Gov's Goldschmidt, Roberts, Kitzhaber, Kulongoski.

Recruited by Gov Mark Warner, Virginia to reorganize Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs. Served as Commissioner until October 2005. Returned to Oregon.

One of the biggest headaches that Gov. Atiyeh had to put up with was the Veterans Home Loan program and looming \$800 million deficit. He took a chance on an unknown person....me. We did not let him down. We fixed it without a bailout from the state.

As a result Veterans Affairs was:

Named by SMA as: Outstanding agency in State Government

Best Affirmative Action program

Best Management Devel. program

Best Customer Service program

Elected President of National State Directors of Veterans Affairs

Received Melvin T. Dixon Award..Outstanding Director of Veterans Affairs in U.S.

Appointed to National WW II Memorial Board by President

Alumni Award of Excellence from Western Oregon University

Retired 2005.

Wife: Peggy Mangis, Broker, Prudential Real Estate, Salem

Son: Philip, graduated from Beloit College and currently works in Thailand

Daughter: Leah, graduated from Western Oregon and works with foster children program, Marion County.

Governor Atiyeh took a big chance selecting me as Director of Veterans Affairs. I will never forget him giving me a chance to solve the biggest financial crises to have faced the state till that time.

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A quick update:

I left the governor's office to return to Portland and teach in the Communications Department at my undergraduate alma mater, Lewis & Clark College. I did this for two years, and during that time I also married my long-term beau, Walter Manning.

In 1985, we moved to Corvallis. Walt began practicing dentistry in Albany, and I joined Good Samaritan Hospital Corvallis as its first full-time public relations/development professional. I was responsible for public relations, marketing and fundraising for the hospital, and for the past 24 years I have essentially "grown in place" as the organization itself as grown. I now oversee the same functions for Samaritan Health Services, a regional health system based in Corvallis that encompasses five hospitals, 25 physician clinics and a senior care facility. The job, and the health care field in general, continues to be fascinating and challenging.

Walt and I have two sons, Jackson and Patrick. Jackson graduates in May from the University of Southern California with a B.A. in Communications, and Patrick is a sophomore at OSU majoring in computer science.

Among my special memories of the Governor's Office:

- Sharing an office with Denny Miles and learning media relations, crisis management, the art of politics and much more from a true master;
- Staffing the Governor's weekly press conferences, where I always learned something new;
- Politely explaining to many callers why the Governor couldn't simply deport the Bagwan and the rest of the Rajneeshees and return the City of Antelope to its rightful owners... ☺

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1979-1982

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After the Governor's Office, I worked for the state of Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Then, in late 1985, I joined Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

For about 15 years, I was speech writer for a WSU president. Since the president retired in 2000, I have had various public relations duties for the university including those involving the WSU Web site. I am assistant director of WSU's Office of University Relations.

One of the interesting projects at WSU in which I was involved took place Jan. 21, 1994, on the university campus. On that day, a national "first day of issue" ceremony was held honoring the university's best-known graduate, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow. A U.S. postage stamp depicting Murrow was issued.

Over the years, my wife, Diane, and I have been involved in various Pullman community activities. In 2006, in recognition of our efforts, we were inducted into the Pullman Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame.

My memories of working with the governor and Dolores are legion. The 1978 upset primary election victory and the Mallory Hotel victory party that kept growing through election night as the returns made the result obvious. Standing in the back of the Oregon House chambers watching the governor being sworn in and realizing that something very special was beginning. Lee Johnson cleaning his eye glasses with his tie. Swapping jokes between Gerry Thompson and the governor. Smoking—most everyone else smoking. And a cup of coffee always in hand. The privilege of serving with about one hundred staff over eight years and a special place in my heart for the 13 professionals I had the honor of working with in the communications office from 1979 to 1987.

I have very fond memories of trade missions to the Far East and Middle East. On one single trip even went to both regions and we literally went around the world. There was that glorious banquet celebration with the governor and Dolores in the courtyard of the governor's family house in Amar, Syria. Sitting in a Taipei hotel room talking in code to Gerry over an unsecured phone line about the attempted escape of the Bhagwan. Perhaps the most challenging trade mission memory was meeting with Lon in a Damascus hotel room trying to figure out how we were going to send home the governor's new handgun (a gift from a local Syrian governor) and a sword he had purchased. Gerry still remembers the "G-U-N" call from the state department. Hey it worked.

I guess for me, my most vivid Atiyeh memory is election night in November 1982. After a record number of special sessions (three that year), double-digit unemployment, and a very deep recession—the governor won reelection by a record margin. How many of you remember the Atiyeh line, "Charisma you wanted charisma, why didn't you tell me you wanted charisma?" Oh there was also that time in the campaign when we sent him from Lebanon to Sweet Home, then back to Lebanon and once more back to Sweet Home. The candidate was not a happy camper about this schedule snafu and I heard about it from him in a most direct fashion. Sorry again boss.

Finally, it was late in the second term and Governor Atiyeh was going to tear down that awful sign at the California border that implied we just wanted visitors and not residents. Much to the horror of the state police, military department, and transportation department, he sat in my office and said he wanted to "blow up that sign with dynamite." It took some serious arguing, but we finally talked him out of that rather explosive approach. To this day he believes we should have blown it up.

When Governor Atiyeh left office I headed to Lincoln, Nebraska to help newly-elected Governor Kay Orr set up her office and staff. Due to a death in office, she appointed David Karnes to the U.S. Senate and together they asked me to do the same transition director job for him in Washington D.C. A very interesting place, but a miserable work environment, so after the transition I came home to form Miles & Associates, a public relations and public affairs consulting company. I did a lot of political campaign consulting, crisis management, and general public affairs. The company thrives, but the mix of work has changed due to changes in my personal life.

Holly and I divorced in 1994 (she lives eight blocks away and we still have regular and cordial contact). In 1998 I married "the love of my life" Molly. Tragically, just five months to the day after our marriage ceremony, we lost Molly to complications from unexpected emergency surgery. That was over ten years ago and the grief journey has not been an easy one for me.

Partly because of this loss, I consciously changed my professional focus. I stopped doing political campaign consulting and concentrated on the non-profit world, including even some "real jobs." I was an association executive director, development director for our local humane society, fundraiser for the community college, and planned giving director for my church. Consulting continues, but with a non-profit heart. I might even be doing a bit less work. And as my sister likes to say, "Denny is about as retired as he ever has been or will be."

For twenty years I have been active in the Oregon State University Alumni Association, serving on their board of directors, executive committee, and as association president. The excitement of travel that started with gubernatorial trade missions, continued with personal trips to Russia (Moscow and St. Petersburg), the Galapagos Islands, New Zealand, Machu Picchu in Peru, Germany, and numerous Scandinavian trips to visit my cousins. I obtained my instrument flight rating as a private pilot and had the opportunity to chair Salem's airport commission at a critical time for that facility. I currently serve with Gerry Thompson on the Historic Elsinore Theatre board of directors. Oh and on the social front, I'm on the lookout for a Polly or Dolly just to keep my family really confused.

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- Director of Executive Dept. Governor Goldschmidt
- Director of Executive Dept. Governor Roberts

Half way through the term of Governor Roberts, in 1992, I was invited to join Portland General Electric as a Vice President of Public Policy. I served in a variety of management positions before retiring as Executive Vice President in 2004. PGE is a great company which provided lots of opportunities for public policy work and community involvement, as well as management challenges. The usual variety of challenges was supplemented by the purchase of PGE by Enron, the Enron collapse, and several unsuccessful efforts to acquire us by suitors including the City of Portland. During that period I received several awards for community efforts:

- Recognition for helping women develop in management (American Leadership Forum).
- Investment in Dignity Award from the Equity Foundation....a gay and lesbian organization.
- Bill Naito Award from the Portland Chamber (mostly old white guys).
- The Heart of Portland Award (with my wife Karla) from Hands on Greater Portland and the Portland Trailblazers. (Perhaps including those who weren't gay, lesbian, women or old white guys.)

Upon retirement in 2004, we moved to Spain for a year and lived in a small town near Valencia. Our kids, now 10 and 13 attended school and, with us, took full advantage of travel opportunities. Now, Karla works at PGE (she worked there before I did) and I try not to work. I did spend 4-5 months with the Portland School Foundation last year. We have sports events every night and the expected activities of parents with kids poised to start high school and middle school. Plus, we have exchange students from Iraq and Botswana. My two older kids, Hilary (35) and Laura (31) work for Friends of Children and Mercy Corps, respectively. Our parenting and Karla's work take most of our time, but we try to manage a couple of out-of-country trips each year.

Several memories of the "good old days" stick with me.

In approaching Senator Atiyeh with an energy bill, I recall him saying "let's first decide on the right policy and then see if this bill does it." I can't remember others starting with a perspective of doing the right thing rather than the political thing.

Governor Atiyeh was the last Governor that I'm aware of who sat at the head of the "State Government Table" as CEO. My experience with others is that the management of state government was delegated.

The opportunities I was given to manage a large organization, gave me way more experience than I would have gained in the private sector. That allowed me to move into PGE at a higher labor grade than I ever would have achieved, had I not been in the public sector.

Thanks, Governor.

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Upon leaving the Department of Forestry, I took the position of Executive Vice President of Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. At the time the Association had been sued by the State of Oregon for issues surrounding a worker compensation insurance company formed by the previous Executive of the organization. (A former Speaker of the Oregon House) Following two years of pure hell, we finally worked our way through all the legal and financial issues and started on the road to reestablishing a viable trade association.

In 1994 we established the Oregon Professional Logger (OPL) under the auspices of the Sustainably Forestry Initiative (SFI). The SFI is a national program under which forest products companies adopt sustainable forest management and manufacturing practices. The Oregon Professional Logger program utilizes a training program involving forest practices, safety and fiscal management. Annual refresher training is required after the initial training is completed. Today most forest products companies in Oregon will accept logs and other forest products only from OPL logging contractors. Associated Oregon Loggers has grown to be the largest association of its kind in the United States.

I was also a founding member and member of the initial Executive Committee of the American Loggers Council which was formed in 1994. This was the first national organization representing the nations logging contractors in Washington, D.C. The organization is still going strong today.

On June 30, 2000, I stepped down as EVP of the Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. and semi-retired to the position of Executive Director of the Friends of Paul Bunyan Foundation. This organization was formed by Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. in 1997 with an initial donation of over one million dollars. The foundation gives to schools and other organization for educational and research efforts in the field of forestry and forest management.

My wife, Barbara and I have resided at our current home for over 30 years and we now have 8 grandchildren. We continue to hunt, fish and camp in our beautiful state with occasional trips to Arizona, Nevada and Missouri, where my 90 year old mother still lives.

My fondest memories of working with Governor Atiyeh have to do with his support with my forest management responsibilities under contract with the State Land Board. As he told me once, "Mike, you are dealing with constitutional officers and if you need any help, I will carry your water." I also remember his help with passing many laws dealing with forestry issues and in particular a bill in a special session in the early 1980's that allowed the State Forester to modify, (roll-back) timber sale prices to keep loggers and mills working in the severe economic period at the time.

I especially appreciated his being a big part of my "retirement roast and toast" when I stepped down from Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. The loggers in this state have a great friend in Vic Atiyeh!

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Governor Atiyeh and I first met in 1959, when he was a freshman legislator and I was a junior staff attorney in the Legislative Counsel's office. However, through two succeeding decades we had only occasional professional contacts. It was in 1979, when he was elected Governor, that I was privileged to begin working with him on a daily basis. As it happened, we both departed state government on the same day in 1987.

In March 1987 I was appointed Polk County Counsel. The pay wasn't as good, but performed some aspects of lawyering that I hadn't experienced before --- including some jury trials. In 1991 I retired from full-time work. Since then I have continued to work on a part-time, contract basis as a Hearings Officer for Polk County and some other local jurisdictions, mostly ruling on land-use controversies.

While still a member of the Governor's staff, I joined the Board of Directors of Valley Community Hospital in Dallas, serving some years as Vice Chairman; more recently, the Board of Directors of Valley Health and Postal Credit Union in Salem, serving two terms as Chairman.

Judy and I married in 1982 and settled in West Salem. Together we have greeted the arrival of six new grandchildren. Given that our respective kids (five in all) and their families are scattered about in Oregon, California and Hawaii, we see them less than we might prefer. During parts of several summers, we volunteered as archaeological techs with the U. S. Forest Service working at sites in Central Oregon. However, we have had time to travel independently in the Yucatan, Alaska, China, Australia and Rarotonga.

Now retired from her work as a critical care registered nurse, Judy is Vice President of our homeowners' association. This year she has been working to overcome a chronic case of computer-phobia. We sometimes have mixed feelings about retirement. On the one hand, we're not bound up in schedules as tightly as before; on the other hand, it seems we're just about as busy as ever.

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Last 25 years: That's easy. I've been the Director of Cable Communications for the City of Portland since I left the Governor's office in 1983. My punishment for occupying this position way too long, under 5 Portland Mayors, and against all the customs and protocols of American career churn, is that they made my title longer and even more unmanageable. It's now "Director of the Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management." Now YOU try to say that in one breath without pausing for a pint of ale! How did I get this job? I owe it all to Governor Atiyeh, the automatic prestige accompanying my previous title Assistant to Governor (which of course is the same title everyone else had) and then there was the fact that #1 applicant dropped the wrong name with City Commissioner Mildred Schwab (Mildred was doing the hiring – the guy mentioned someone Mildred hated as a "good friend of mine" and that was the end of him), then the #2 applicant was female (and—you might not believe this---but Mildred had been one of the few or only female members of the Oregon State Bar for decades prior to joining the Portland City Council and the fact was that Mildred did not like to work with females—go figure!). Then there was me. I was hired because (#1) I didn't mention anyone Mildred hated in the job interview, and (#2) I was of the correct gender. That, and the prestige of working for Gov. Atiyeh, got me the job, and here I am 25 years later, so I guess it's been a career. So if Comcast and Qwest and Verizon and AT&T have problems with me picking on them for 25 years, they can blame the Governor. Not Mildred (who has passed away, God bless her, and I think of her fondly to this day).

Personal life. What personal life? I've managed to cycle through 2 marriages (and have 5 children, including two adoptive, none of whom treat me with the respect I deserve and I've been meaning to speak to them about that). Anyway, all this just goes to show what a good husband you can be if you spend all your time at the office. But the Portland City Council mostly loves me (well, I think they do because my office brings in millions of \$\$ from the utilities and cable companies), but with them it's always "yeah, Olson, but what have you done for us LATELY??" Don't get me started, and PLEASE don't tell the Portland City Council that I am very bipartisan and enormously respectful of the policies and politics of Governor Atiyeh. In fact, I would have taken off my hat to him (if I was wearing one) at the PDX airport last month, where I almost killed myself accidentally bumping into Governor Atiyeh's statue on a bleary morning in the International Departure Lounge.

Special Memories: Too many to count. I remember everyone very fondly, and still take pride in the fact that many of my erstwhile liberal buddies wouldn't speak to me for two years. Shows you who your friends are! But I was a speechwriter, so 2 of my favorite memories are when the Governor agreed to include an attributed line of Shakespeare in a speech, just so I could win a bet. And then he agreed to include the word "lachrymose" in his Second Inaugural speech (over the objections of just about everyone), and I still remember the startled head-fakes of the entire Oregon Supreme Court when he used the word towards the conclusion of the speech, in front of the Joint Session of the Legislature. Ah, those were the days.

¹ Wait! Didn't we ALL have that title? I was a mere speechwriter, and cranked out a few backgrounder/policy documents once in awhile, all of which had to pass inspection by Denny and Gerry, and some didn't (deservedly).

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Senator Victor Atiyeh: Intern 1977 Legislative Session

Governor Victor Atiyeh: Deputy Ombudsman, Corrections Ombudsman, State Ombudsman
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In late 1983 I left the Governor and went to work for Nike. Later that year, the Governor appointed me to serve out the remainder of Norm Smith's term in the House of Representatives. I did so and went on to be elected, then re-elected, to the House. In 1988 I ran for the Senate and won. After running for re-election in 1992 and winning, I decided that my run in public office would end as my term expired.

On the professional side, after leaving Nike I became CEO of the Tualatin Valley Economic Development Corporation based in Beaverton. In 1992 I began my full fledge consulting career which, in 1997, morphed into Nancy and I starting our own firm - Pac/West Communications. We now have offices in Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Washington, California and Washington D.C. Our staff has grown to 27 professionals with most based in Oregon. Pac/West represents corporation such as Nike, Intel, Columbia Sportswear, and Ash Grove. We also do considerable work for NECA and the IBEW as well as most Oregon Trades. Our growth in recent years has been in healthcare.

Nancy and I have two girls. One is about to graduate from Pacific University in Forest Grove while one is a Junior in high school.

I have many great memories from my years with the Governor, Oregon's last great Governor. His attitude towards promoting the positive versus attacking the opposition has been invaluable as I built my political career and business. Fun facts about Oregon still remain valuable nuggets to drop in the right spot. Recounting stories of flying to eastern Oregon above I-80 between LaGrande and Baker while watching the cars out distance us as the head-winds built up, or the fact that most small airports have cemeteries at one end does make good speech material. Most importantly, however, is the reminder that treating people fairly always pays off in the long run.

I will always cherish the friendship and opportunities presented as a result of my relationship with Governor Atiyeh and his many fine staff members and supporters.

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Update: Since leaving the Governor's Office, I have been Multnomah County's Affirmative Action Officer for 24 years, ten of which I also served as the City of Portland's Affirmative Action Officer; I have received the Dr. Arthur Flemming Award for outstanding service in civil rights; and an award from the ACLU for outstanding contribution in civil rights. Additionally, I was the first African American in the Public Sector to attend and graduate from the Center for Creative Leadership's African American Leadership Program; received certificates in Human Resources Management from P.S.U., Government Performance from the University of Washington, and Public Policy from the University of Berkeley, instructed by staff from the Kennedy administration. I am also serving my 8th year as a Civil Service Commissioner for the Port of Portland Fire Department.

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About two weeks before the end Gov. Atiyeh's term, I got a call from Fred Miller saying my resignation (traditionally submitted when a new Governor is elected) was being accepted. Fred said I could stay in state government, but just not as head of an agency. I demoted myself to a section head – Child Support – and awaited the arrival of Freddy Webb-Petett, my new boss at AFS. After a few months, Freddy called four males into her office, one by one, and asked us to resign. Three did, but I wouldn't. I told Freddy she would have to fire me – which she did! (Only one of the four female replacements was competent.) Before the day was out, I found myself in charge of administrative services in the Senior Services Division, working for Dick Ladd – an interesting experience. (Freddy eventually resigned under fire for what some considered poor judgment and lack of budget control. I was hired under contract to orient her replacement to AFS and how it fit into Oregon government.)

One day I got a call from Vera Katz, then Speaker of the House, wanting me to join her staff to be her guru on human services issues. Specifically, she wanted me to quantify her opposition to Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's "Children's Agenda". I was, of course, the token "R" on Vera's staff of young ardent Democrats. This was much to the surprise (chagrin?) of her Democrat supporters in the Legislature. I had a great time there, and did – successfully I think – document why the "Children's Agenda was, as Vera put it, "A pile of dog sh-t". Then I formally retired, and was both honored and thrilled when Vic Atiyeh came to my retirement party.

I worked part-time as a consultant to hospitals on how to do a better job of being paid for treatment of low-income folks. Frankly, I made more working part-time, than I made as head of one of the largest state agencies. It was a ball, and I was even able to fly my club airplane as a business expense!

In the next session, Sen. Stan Bunn asked me, to write Oregon's version of "Welfare Reform". That too, was a blast, and my work was adopted on a straight party vote – later to be signed by Gov. Kitzhaber. About a week after that, Rep. Shirley Gold, a very liberal Democrat, stopped me in the hall to say she just read the bill (which she had voted against), and announced, "Keith, that really is a very good bill!"

In the next several sessions, I was a Committee Administrator in both the House and Senate. That, too, was a lot of fun! I'm like the old fire dog that hears the bell and has to go bark at something! Since then I've not worked at anything I'm paid for. Louise and I still fight weeds, deer and squirrels on our five acres in South Salem. We've been able to travel. We like to visit our kids and grandkids. Lou plays in the Salem Pops Orchestra, and I've spent a lot of time helping my son build a monstrous house near Forest Park in Portland. Lou and I are both actively involved in other time-consuming volunteer work.

I'll always hold fond memories of working for Vic Atiyeh. The recent economic situation is, as yet, not as dire as we faced together in the early '80s. His wisdom and leadership guided Oregon through those difficult and stressful times. Let's hope current leaders do as well!

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Working for Governor Atiyeh was one of the greatest highlights of my life. It was so awesome to walk the marbled halls of the Capital Building each day and serve our kind and honorable Governor. The people I worked with were dedicated, hard-working, and fun. I remember the Governor walking back to our work area to make his own copies now and then... taking time for a quick friendly chat with us worker bees. He set the tone of the office as a true gentleman and great leader -- and all staff responded with a desire to serve him and the State of Oregon with excellence.

To prepare for this gathering, I've had fun exploring my shoe box full of "Atiyeh memorabilia" and walking down memory lane. I have several staff photos, encouraging notes from the Governor, gifts he brought back for us from his travels, invitations to prayer breakfasts, and invitations to staff gatherings at the Governor's mansion graciously hosted by Dolores (I loved your salad Dolores -- was it tabbouleh?).

Another memory that stands out is the Governor taking individuals from his support staff to various speaking engagements around the state. I was invited to accompany him on a flight to Prineville in November 1981, where he spoke at the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. I believe that was my first airplane ride -- what an adventure!

After leaving the Governor's office God continued to bless me with wonderful jobs and co-workers. I worked for the Dept. of State Lands and then the Water Resources Dept. until my retirement in 2004. My husband Don and I are busy serving the Lord as He leads us. We do a lot of volunteer work and love it! We serve at our church and Bible Study Fellowship. I deliver Meals on Wheels once a week (a really fun thing to do -- and they always need more drivers!) and spend the night with homeless families several times a year through Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network. Our family is a treasure! We enjoy time with our 4 adult children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren -- attending as many school and sporting events as our energy allows. ☺

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After leaving the Governor's office, I returned to my former employer, the Oregon Department of Justice, to head the Worker's Compensation Section. After a short time as an administrator, and with great relief, I resumed the active practice of law as a Senior Assistant Attorney General.

Upon retirement in 1998, Anna and I became dedicated travelers. Over the years, we've traveled to many nations in Europe (some countries several times), as well as Turkey, Jordan, Israel, New Zealand, Australia and Equador. We also have frequented the delights of Hawaii many times while visiting our daughter and her family. Our travels have also included a number of states where our son has served as a pastor.

Age (73) has slowed my pace. Several years ago, I suffered a stroke. A few years later, I had a grand mal seizure. Those maladies have taken a toll, both physically and mentally.

I have trouble with specific "special memories". Each day was special with respect to the challenges faced and the colleagues I worked with. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been a member of this team.

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What have I been doing since then?

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Antioch University Graduate School, Seattle
- 6 yrs Director, Major Gifts & Planned Giving
American Diabetes Association, Seattle
- 1 yr Sr. Program Officer (Estate Planning)
Paralyzed Veterans of America, Washington, DC
- 3 yrs Area Executive Director
American Diabetes Association, Seattle/N. Idaho
- 2 yrs Executive Director
Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon, Ashland
- 5 yrs Real Estate Broker
Prudential High Desert Realty, Bend

(In case you're trying to figure out how many years that represents,
at least two of these positions were simultaneous.)

What do I remember from the Atiyeh years?

I worked with two of Vic Atiyeh's most talented staff members, Carol Whitney and Kay Toran. (*Bill McClendon, where are you?!!*) I made some pretty incredible friendships from that time, memories which are vivid to this day. I relish the opportunity to see all of you again, to begin where we left off some 30 years ago. (*Can that be possible?*)

Special memories?

I am still proud to have worked for one of Oregon's finest governors.

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January 1987 turned out the lights with Governor Atiyeh and remaining staff. In 2-1987 returned to US West. as Director of the Oregon US West Foundation until regionalized in Seattle. Transferred to Tariff/Legal Department; transferred to Marketing Department in newly formed Government-Educational-Services Department of US West. (Now Qwest). **10-1989-10-1990** Fundraising Consultant for Oregon Coast Aquarium. In October went on leave to raise funds for U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield's re-election. Returned to OCA in December Left at end of contract and opening of the Aquarium in 1991.

Fall 1992 Fund raising Consultant for Senator Tony Meeker's Congressional Campaign. Left on medical leave to care for Ron, husband.

1-1993-1994 Fundraising Consultant for various state ballot measures.

1-1995 through 11-1995 Fundraising Consultant for Franz Cancer Research Center/Providence Medical Foundation. Also served on Advisory Committee to Center.

12-1995 to 1-1997 Oregon State Director for U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield until his retirement.

Personal Notes:

Ron passed away November 9, 1992. He remained active at PSW and was very involved in statewide ballot measure campaigns until passing. I am retired and have taken up fly-fishing, golf, clay/skeet, travel to U.S. National Parks, Canada, Costa Rica and gardening.

Moments during my days working for Governor Atiyeh:

It was an honor to work for Governor Atiyeh and with his wonderful staff. Press conferences, Staff Meetings, Cabinet/Agency Meetings were always a learning experience. Cookies & smiles in the back office; beautiful bouquets of roses (or current flowers) arranged by Ruby. Observing Governor Atiyeh rise to a crisis by calling in Senators Meeker, Thorne, Representatives Katz, Kitzhaber to discuss the crisis of the day. All would walk out of the Governor's office and quietly do what needed to be done. No grandstanding by anyone, not even during the most turbulent of economic times. Listening to the Governor's reports/successes of his overseas economic-development trips. A memorable time in Oregon's history. How lucky we were to have been there. The Rajneesh crisis and their people sitting in my office and Gerry's, Senators L.B. Day and Ted Hallock yelling. Carl Frederick telling other lobbyists that Gerry Thompson and I had brass balls. (he did not get his way on an appointment). I proudly wear gold ball earrings to this day. I also named my beloved English Bulldog Governor after Victor. Ron and I introduced Governor Schmidt to Governor Atiyeh at Salishan one weekend.

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The first "grade" I received from the Governor was a negative one, and it goes to show what a positive guy he is. We were in our weekly staff meeting in the conference room; the previous Friday night the Governor had delivered the first speech I'd written. I hadn't quite picked up his cadence. He looked down the table at me: "You sure write long speeches." Enough said.

For two years, we also worked together on fortnightly newspaper guest opinions. Since leaving newspaper work 25 years ago, I can honestly say – and this probably won't surprise you – the Governor is the only boss I've had who never missed a deadline.

What a great experience those three years were – working not only for a Governor who deservedly continues to command respect in so many ways, but also working for Denny Miles, which was more practical (and a lot more fun) than graduate school. And I had the privilege of working with so many extraordinary professionals for whom contributing to the Governor's success for Oregon was the lone goal.

Oh, the best part, I met my bride, Nancy, while there. Also on a personal level, the daughters are adults, happy and successful; the two grandchildren bring us joy. I now work half-time for the Oregon Department of Human Services, do some church and volunteer work, enjoy some travel and hike an average of about once a week. (When I went to half-time work, I made it a goal to spend one day a week in a beautiful place; Jefferson Park in the Cascades and Eagle Creek in the Gorge are favorites. If you have favorites, please share).

I look forward to reading your updates in this compilation.

And I join you in a hearty round of applause for our colleagues who put together our Reunion with *the* Governor (who, did I mention, is not given to long speeches).

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When Governor Atiyeh left office in 1987, it was my personal privilege and fortune to continue my employment with him at Atiyeh International in Portland. Working with the Governor to get his business started continues to be a highlight of my overall working experience. He has always been a very genuine, unselfish, sincere and compassionate man.

In 1989, sadly I had to leave Atiyeh International as we moved to Pasco, Washington where Mark worked for the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS). This was a very difficult decision complicated by the fact I was pregnant with our third child. I fondly remember when I told Governor Atiyeh I would have to resign about the same time I was expected to deliver and he said, "It's okay, we will get a temporary to work for you after the baby is born." To which I replied, "I'm about as temporary as it's going to get." His concern for me was very endearing as I felt as if I had let him down by leaving.

The Governor and Dolores have always been so kind to me, personally, and to my family. When we visited Oregon on a college visit with our oldest son, Jeff, in 1999, we went to see Governor Atiyeh and he took the time to not only have pictures taken with all of us, but to talk with each of our children personally and ask about their plans and interests. They still speak of this visit as one of their fondest memories of that college trip.

From Pasco we moved to the Denver, Colorado area in 1992 when Mark was recruited to work on the clean up of the Rocky Flats Nuclear Facility just outside of Golden. He did just what he was supposed to and worked himself out of a job when the facility was deemed to be cleaned up and closed in 2005. We now find ourselves in Anchorage, Alaska with Mark working for Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. With our moves, I have been self employed, worked in the office of an elementary school and now find myself substitute teaching in Alaska. I travel back to Colorado frequently to visit children and friends. We kept our home there thinking we probably will not retire in Alaska.

We came to Alaska without our children who are Jeff, Katherine (we call her K.C.), and Steven. Jeff, 25, graduated from the University of Colorado with a Philosophy degree, Political Science minor, and Peace and Conflict Certification. He works for Ticora Geosciences in Golden, CO and travels in the US and internationally. K.C. graduates from Brigham Young University this April in Dance Performance. She leaves for an 18 month church mission to Taiwan on May 27 and will start a Masters degree program in Sports & Performance Psychology or a Masters in Fine Arts program. Steven attended one year of college at Brigham Young University and is currently serving a church mission in Orlando, Florida. When he returns, he will continue pursuing a college degree in Biochemistry.

I have always treasured the friendships I made with members of the Governor's staff and others associated with Governor Atiyeh and Dolores and the talents they willingly shared with me. These opportunities have made me better.

Many memories of working for Governor Atiyeh come rushing back, but I have to write my most treasured is his final address, as he left office, when he honored Dolores with the words, "For if I have soared with the eagles at all it was only because you were the wind beneath my wings."

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Favorite Memories:

The staff Christmas parties hosted by Governor and Mrs. Atiyeh.

Kathleen Harbaugh's no-nonsense but compassionate screening of calls for the Ombudsman.

The Rajneeshees!!

The privilege of working for the Governor.

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Professional History:

I left Governor Atiyeh's staff to become an office manager with what was then called Intergovernmental Relations Division (part of what was then the Executive Department). After doing that for a couple years, I got an opportunity to work for the Systems Development Division of the Executive Department as an office manager and Wang Computer System Administrator.

It was during that time that I found my true calling (other than the fact that I should have been a Broadway Star) – and that was teaching people how to use a computer effectively. I underfilled in a training position for a while – then had my own Wang training program. I was later given the opportunity to be the Wang Administrator for the State – as my position was moved to the Computer Services section of Systems Development. I focused more on mainframe training at that point. However, once desktop computers became standard issue, I moved to a new training unit and taught both Macintosh and PC classes. Ultimately, I was the only computer applications instructor for the Department of Administrative Services when I retired in April 2005 – I was a busy girl!

What I've Been Up To:

Well, I married and divorced twice. My third husband will be my last – I've decided either 3rd time's a charm or 3 strikes and I'm out! So far, so good!

Took a trip to Europe in August of 2005 with my mom – visited several countries, especially Switzerland, where my mom's family is from – it was a fabulous experience.

My son, Matthew, and his family moved back to Oregon from Texas last year so I am very close (1.5 miles) from my 2 grandchildren; Avery, a granddaughter (6 years old and very smart.....all the tests say so) and Evan, a grandson (4 years old and trying to be as smart as big sis). Being a Grammy is very fulfilling – plus, they think I'm funny.

I still do some consulting (<http://henkebiz.com/default.aspx>) and I also found out I love to do what's called home staging (making homes look nice when they are being sold - <http://justbasicstaging.biz/>). I do these things because I want to, which is great! The best part is – no alarm (well, unless I have an early tennis match)

I LOVE TENNIS and play regularly both for fun and on a team where it's a bit more competitive. I have to admit, I like the fun part the best. Oh, and winning.

When the weather allows, I am outside in the garden (we have ½ acre). It's getting harder as I get older – argh – I can't believe I said that!

Special Memories:

I was probably most renown for composing "Oh, Denny Boy", a song sung to Denny Miles on his birthday (can't remember which one) – Denny didn't want a card, so he got this instead (sung to the tune of "Oh Danny Boy" just in case you weren't sure). Which proves once more, be careful what you wish for.

Do any of you remember going to Betty's for the reading of a play? That was a blast!

Also – Governor Atiyeh's nephew took me and a couple other staffers on his plane & flew us over Mt. Saint Helens after it blew – that was way cool. Well, not really OVER it – but we saw all the destruction – it was amazing. I don't think we were supposed to get that close!

I also remember how special each and every one of the people I worked with were (and probably still are) – all had their own unique gifts they brought to the "mix". I feel honored to have been part of that mix.

Oh, Denny Boy - Tis now tis now your birthday
And we are here to recognize the date
You asked us not to send a card, so Denny
This song we sing to help you celebrate
You're getting older Denny Boy, admit it
You're not as young as once you used to be
So here's to you, oh, Denny Boy you asked for it
No card, no card oh, Denny Boy for thee.

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Near the end of Gov. Atiyeh's second term in 1986, I was hired by the Multnomah County Library system to create its first public relations department. By the time I retired in 2000 as public relations director, voters had approved the restoration and updating of historic Central Library in downtown Portland, the building of several new libraries in county suburbs and the refurbishment of all remaining branch libraries. When two more new libraries open later in 2009, MCL will include 19 libraries.

Currently, however, I am loving retirement -- even while teaching part-time in the Communications Department of Marylhurst University. I make sure that work does not get in the way of the most important things in retired life: playing with my three grandchildren (smart, curious, funny, wonderful!), traveling to faraway places (like Jordan and Israel, India and Nepal, Turkey, South Africa, China, Russia, Egypt) and volunteering (currently at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and the Tigard Public Library).

When I think of the years working in the Communications Office with Denny Miles, Marilyn Bauer, Debbie Flagler and Jim Sellers, I remember that one of the most popular TV shows of the time was "Moonlighting" with Sybil Shepard and Bruce Willis. We all thought the show was hilariously funny and more than once got so carried away mimicking its witty repartee that someone would step out of the Governor's Cabinet meeting going on next door to shush us. And who was that reporter from Oregon Public Radio who always asked the most totally unpredictable questions at the Governor's weekly press conferences!!

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After leaving the Governor's staff in 1986 I was hired to be the Director of Purchasing, Department of General Services under the leadership of Jane Houston. If someone had asked me prior to my applying if I ever thought I would be hired in this kind of position, the unequivocal answer would have been "no". I am a Social Worker!

Nevertheless, when I began to assess what skills I would need to take on a top leadership position in state government, or any sector, it was clear that I needed to demonstrate that I understood and could manage the business side of the organization. I served in that position for three years and then left to begin a career in child welfare in Oregon by accepting a position in Children Services Division, Department of Human Resources, State of Oregon.

I served in the following positions in Children Services Division, Department of Human Resources from 1990 to 1999. (There were some agency name changes along the way):

Branch Manager 1990-91,
Assistant Regional Manager/Regional Manager 1991-1992
Director, Children Services Division/Services to Children and Families 1992-1999

After seven eventful, challenging but wonderful years, I left the agency to write a book. My plan was interrupted as Volunteers of America Oregon came knocking on my door inviting me to apply for the top position of their affiliate here in Oregon. After considerable thought, I decided to do so. It has been my privilege to lead this human services organization in Oregon as its President/CEO since July, 1999.

VOAOR is a comprehensive social services organization that is providing services such as addictions treatment, child abuse prevention programs, domestic violence intervention, adult day services and prisoner re-entry programs. It is a \$17 million dollar organization with 320 employees.

On the personal side: My husband, John, and I divorced. Shortly thereafter he died from a wretched case of emphysema.

My daughter, Traci, is married and the mother of two children—a daughter and son. She is a graduate of Catholic University in Washington, D. C. After being a stay-at-home Mom for several years, she is now the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Catlin Gable School and independent school in Portland.

My son, John Dean, a graduate of Portland State University, is in law school at the University Of San Francisco School Of Law. He is still a bachelor.

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Since 1987

After leaving the Governor Atiyeh's team in 1987, I enjoyed three years of full time family life. Wayne and I still live in Scio at the farm we bought from my mom in 1986 and our two boys are now 20 and 21 years old.

In 1990, I went back to work in state government, working for several agencies including SAIF, State Parks, Employment, and currently at Department of Administrative Services (DAS) as Parking Manager in the Facilities Division. We face many of the same difficulties we did in the 1980's. The small Parking program I manage generates revenues, but last week we completed the exercise of identifying 30% budget cuts to balance the 2009-11 budget. That action plus addressing the 2007-09 projected \$800+ million shortfall. Funding state government continues to challenge our state. Alas, some things never change. Oregonians still need to decide how they want to pay for educating young people and the state's future.

Memories

Working in the Governor's office remains one of my fondest career memories. It felt like an honor and there seemed to be a shared dedication to serve and protect Oregon. Observing the meetings where discussions among the Governor, his advisors, legislators and other state workers was always interesting, especially how they managed the myriad of issues that developed while changes were designed and implemented. This experience was a special opportunity that helped my career tremendously.

A few words and phrases that remind me of the time I worked in the Governor's office include: the Deschutes River and Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area, Spotted Owls, Gypsy moths, LCDC, Scenic Waterways, Rajneesh in Antelope, Salt Creek Dam, the Warm Springs and other Tribes, Oregon Food Drive and Oregon's Special Olympics to name just a few.

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Memories

Memories of my time as Affirmative Action Director have faded away over the years, but I will never forget the meeting at the beginning of the first legislative session. Lee Johnson, very serious, warned us that we should be prepared to work very long hours during the session.

"Don't plan on starting any long-term relationships during the session," he cautioned. "How would you define a long term relationship?" Denny asked. "Anything over half an hour" was the answer.

But my most enduring memories are from the 1978 campaign. There are so many.... Sharon Page and FETS, Denny, Greg, Barbara and the other staff. Punch Green, Roy Livermore, Blake Hering, and many more. I remember them all. But what has always stuck with me was that Vic Atiyeh took a chance on a totally untested campaign manager and gave me the chance to be a part of one of the best times of my life. I was determined not to let him down. I will admit I sometimes gave him a bad time when he showed up in the brown tweed suit with the lumpy shoulders and high-water pants, or a short-sleeved dress shirt, but he understood it was all about making him look like the governor he was meant to be. The campaign wasn't always fun, but it was worth all the effort we put into it.

Vic, I can never thank you enough. Thanks to you, I have had a wonderful career in politics. No matter what people said at the time, I hope you don't regret hiring an interior designer to manage your 1978 campaign. I would do it again in a minute.

Update

These days I focus on my two favorite activities: teaching and writing. I am an Adjunct in the Government Department at American University teaching a variety of courses including (of course) Political Speechwriting and Applied Political Writing. In 2007 I earned a Masters in Public Policy from George Mason University just to prove my mind still functions, and enjoyed it thoroughly. Being a perennial student seems to me to be the ultimate career.

Greetings to all - I wish I could be there with you.

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Following my work in the Governor's Office, I became a restaurateur and, with the help of family members and my Ted as chief cook, we owned and operated *Jackies Ribs* for over eighteen years. I participated as the "First Lady of Bar-B-Que" and "The Queen of Que" in the "Best of the West" Rib Cook-Off in Sparks, NV. I also founded "Bones and Brew" in Portland, an event which raised money for the Oregon Food Bank and later for the Albertina Kerr Center.

Our family of four handsome boys grew during this period. We added beautiful brides and eventually eleven wonderful grandchildren – six boys and five girls. Ted made sure that they all learned to enjoy fishing!

In 1998 I was elected State Representative by citizens of Salem in District 31, serving two terms, and in 2004, was elected to the State Senate from District 10. Ted served as my aide and constant supporter. The majority of my legislative career has been spent serving on Ways and Means.

Not only have I had the opportunity to visit with President George Bush at the White House, I also actually shared his fruit plate over pleasant conversation. At Ted's insistence I even went to Africa for two weeks.

In August of 2008 after a short painful period of illness, Ted passed on, leaving me with so many memories to try to fill the huge void inside of me. I continue to serve with my colleagues, richer for the wisdom imparted by a wonderful mentor and faithful friend, Victor Atiyeh.

Stories to Share from Jackie Winters

Pat Amedeo and I were honored to accompany the Governor and the First Lady to a National Republican Governors' meeting in Texas. When we arrived at the airport after our flight we were greeted by the "Texas Rangers" who escorted us as we rode in a big Cadillac with our Oregon license plates attached.

One highlight I especially remember was the "Grand-finale Dinner" with elegant table settings including large candelabras. We were entertained in grand style following dinner by members of the cast of the Broadway Musical "The best Little Whorehouse in Texas!" Our Governor and First Lady were absolutely stunning as they were presented to the attendees after walking through an Arch of Sabers.

Later in conversation with the Governor about the possibility of Oregon hosting the NRG event, he reminded me that the Texas event was primarily privately funded and that Oregon's volunteers could not expect to match, much less exceed, that Texas hospitality – "Y'all come back ya'hear."

Governor Atiyeh had the opportunity to make an appointment to the Oregon Board of Parole, and he had chosen Hazel Hayes as his nominee. He also knew that to accomplish this, would require great haste and impeccable timing. With lightening speed, the Governor and I had Ms. Hayes' paperwork and interviews with Shirley Woodrow completed before Lee Johnson could present his nominee.

The Governor often took delight in sharing special confidences with his staff. I recall one staff meeting when an inmate had just escaped from Oregon State Prison and someone from the press wanted to know the identity of the last previous escapee. The Governor leaned over and whispered in my ear "our little secret" and when the stories were published, he and I were among the only ones to know the identity of that anonymous "last previous escapee" – my husband, Ted.

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Dear Governor Atiyeh,

How I wish I were there in person to celebrate this birthday and your remarkable life. I have so many memories of my work with/for you from 1974 through September 1982 and from the time we set up shop in the legislative offices in 1978 to occupying our space in the Governors office. What a time that was with Travis and Ruby and Glenna always standing by to make life run so smoothly. Remembering the weekly meetings on the appointments and working them through the Senate was such a joy even when there was a glitch and I had to work things out with Senator Day, who always wanted to find something wrong and Senator Potts who always wanted to help make everything right. I remember the chocolate cakes Gretchen baked for your February birthday and the many celebrities who came through the office such as Jerry Falwell and his entourage who was restricted to meeting you in the ceremonial office. There are so many memories that have touched my heart and still do.

I have been very busy since I left Oregon in September 1982 with political and government work. From serving as head of the Congressional Office, then the INS office here in Colorado to my work for the Republicans in the senate in Washington DC. I retired early from the Senate in 1996 and returned to Colorado to finish college at Regis University in Denver. One of my favorite jobs was teaching the Jr. High school children about my work in politics. One teacher in a nearby town took her class back to Washington DC and visited the White House when President Bush was there. It was the trip of a lifetime to those kids she told me upon her return.

Today my life is drama free and serene. In the winter when I look out my solarium windows and see a new blanket of snow in the distance near Aspen, Woody gets his skis out and I begin to pack for our house in Phoenix. While there we spend parts of the winter playing golf and hiking. Our children are all in businesses located in Colorado and join us from time to time for family events throughout the year.

My work for you, Governor Atiyeh, is the highlight of my life, more than for Ronald Reagan or Gerald Ford or either of the Presidents' Bush. I have missed being in Oregon near those many friends I worked with in the past. Even today I remember guys like Robert Pamplin, Harry Merlo, Lou Perry, Lloyd Babler, Joe Keys and so many who helped us long before you became Governor of Oregon. Even today people who talk to me about Oregon claim Governor Atiyeh was the best Governor that state (Oregon) has ever had! It always makes me smile...that I was there.

Thank you for being a fabulous Governor and have a wonderful birthday party.

With best wishes,

Shirley Woodrow

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What has been happening since retirement?

Kathy and I will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary this September.

Our children Peter, Matt, and Sara are all happily married (and thankfully employed) and we have six beautiful grandchildren.

Kathy and I volunteer for several organizations including the church, Family Building Blocks, Commission on Children and Families, and OHSU.

In closing, I will share a thought with you. I used to say working those eight years, for Vic and with all of you, was a great honor. Now, in my old age, I know it was not only an honor but one of the greatest joys of my life. Thank you and God bless.

Governor Atiyeh Staff Unable to Locate

We have made an effort to find all members of Governor Atiyeh's staff. We have distributed lists before and here is another one. Please let us know if you can provide any clues to the following "missing persons:"

Marilyn Anunsen	Cheryl McDowell
Penny Austin	Vida (Michaela) McIntosh
Dana Campbell	Sandy McIntyre
Polly Clark	William McLendon
Gertrude Cook	Deborah Meyer
Diane Dunagan	Hubert (Wayne) Nelson
Julius Evans	Mary Pavatea
Steve Feinstein	Robert Phillips
Jerry Flakus	Annette Reay
Susan Gier	Penny Roberts
Penny Gillaspy	Arlene Samuelson
M.J. Hadfield	Norma Schnider
Linda (Huntsinger) Harp	Dodie Staudinger
Charlotte Herrold	Roger Stolley
Elizabeth Hinchman	Joyce Taylor
Evelyn May	Mary Walling
Janet McCoy	Rebecca Yoder

If you have some information on anyone on this list, please forward it to Denny Miles at DMiles@MilesNet.com.

Governor Atiyeh Staff
In Memoriam

Jerry Brown

Sally Carey

Sue Close

Jack Donaldson

Evanelle Ewing

Jim Forney

Rusanne Haertl

Kathleen Harbaugh

Glenna Hayden

Leo Hegstrom

Jane Huston

Betty Maudlin

Sharon Moyer

Bob Smith

Larry Sturholm

Bert Worley