

Observer Annual Citizen Achievement Awards

Corporate Executive



Earl Wantland

As president and chief executive officer of Tektronix, Inc., Earl Wantland has seen the Beaverton-based manufacturer of oscilloscopes grow from a small shop in Portland in 1946 to a Fortune 500 company with annual sales exceeding \$1 billion in fiscal 1981.

Wantland joined the company in 1955 as an instrument tester and helped set up Tek's first European manufacturing operation on England's Guernsey Island in 1958. He also was instrumental in organizing Tektronix Holland N.V., a wholly-owned manufacturing subsidiary.

While president, Wantland has steered Tektronix to a position of world leader in computer graphics technology and world's largest supplier of oscilloscopes. Tektronix now has more than 23,000 employees worldwide, with 17,000 in Oregon and southwest Washington. There are 47 Tek offices in the U.S. and representatives in 71 foreign countries.

Banking & Finance



V.F. Booker

Venerable F. Booker is President and Chairman of the Board of American State Bank, "The Bank That Integration Built."

The American State Bank, which began as a dream in 1969, now has net assets of \$15,633,350.

Booker's business career began at the age of 38, after he read "How I Turned A Thousand Dollars Into A Million Dollars in Real Estate." He developed a successful real-estate business, and while he did not make the million dollars he developed an interest in finances.

The bank was established with a purpose—to stimulate economic development, jobs, investment, homes and a better way of life. Today three branches serve northeast, southeast and downtown Portland with fully integrated staffs.

Sports Executive



Harry Glickman

Harry Glickman, executive vice-president of the Trail Blazers, began his sports career as a varsity basketball player at Lincoln High School. He tried to be a sportswriter but found no opportunities, so he turned to promoting boxing and professional football.

Glickman began looking for an NBA team in the 1950s, but wound up organizing the Portland Buckaroos of the Western Hockey League. The team finished first seven times in a nine-year stretch.

Glickman brought the Trail Blazers to Portland in 1970. Their phenomenal championship of 1977 made Blazermania a factor in Portland life.

Small Business



Cora Smith

Cora Smith is owner of "Cora Smith Hair Design" in downtown Portland. She became interested in modeling while a student at Roosevelt High School. After classes at Portland State University, Pacific School of Beauty, John Powers Modeling School and others, she took special classes in the United States and Europe.

Her salon offers full services, with a staff of eleven.

Community activities include membership in the NAACP and the Urban League, Bethel AME Church, Jack and Jill of America, and Delta Gamma Mothers.

She was selected by the prestigious Fashion Group, Inc., as one of ten outstanding Women and Men of 1980-1981 Northwest Trendsetters for her trend-setting leadership and panache representing the diverse Northwest lifestyles.

State Government



Gretchen Kafoury

State Representative Gretchen Kafoury is serving in her third term in the Oregon House, representing District 13 in inner northeast and southeast Portland. She currently chairs the Committee on Human Resources and is a member of the Committee on Energy and Environment. Earlier assignments included Labor, Education and Aging.

Rep. Kafoury's concerns include domestic violence and women's issues in general, civil rights, health and mental health care, child care, and gun control. Among the legislation she successfully sponsored this session was a marriage license tax to fund shelter homes for victims of domestic violence. She carried unsuccessful bills sponsored by Fair Share that would have included oil users in state weatherization and the Life-Line energy bill.

A former Peace Corps volunteer to Iran, Rep. Kafoury was a coordinator for 4-C, worked for the Civil Rights Division, and taught English as a Second Language.

County Government



Don Clark

Multnomah County Executive Donald E. Clark is best known for his unique program, "Project Health," which provides private health insurance for low-income persons, enabling them to use the private medical sector.

Clark has served as a Multnomah County Commissioner, Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff. During his years as Sheriff, Clark raised standards to include college requirements and required community service. As Chairman, he appointed Dr. Lee P. Brown as Sheriff and then as Director of Justice Services.

Though his terms of office have been plagued by budget cuts and fund shortages, Clark has been consistent in his concern for human services.

City Government



Charles Jordan

Commissioner of Public Safety Charles Jordan sees as his roll on the Portland City Council the sensitization of the system to the needs of those who are disenfranchised. With awareness of his ethnic responsibility he attempts to keep before the Council the tasks that other commissioners might not feel compelled to consider.

Among these are developing an effective Minority Business Enterprise program, requiring minority participation in cable television, establishing a program to aid refugees' adjustment to life in Portland.

Jordan pushed affirmative action certification to allow agency heads greater opportunity to hire minorities; established neighborhood profiles to ensure that funds are distributed in an equitable way; established an outreach program through the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission that placed youth workers in the parks. He doubled the number of minority police officers.

Community Service



Edna Robertson

Edna Robertson is Coordinator for the Northeast District Office of the City's Office of Neighborhood Organizations and is responsible to the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations, a board representing the citizens of north and northeast Portland.

Ms. Robertson's duties are to ensure that citizens are aware of pending city actions and are involved in decision making, to provide technical assistance, to explain the budget process, to serve as a liaison between the City and the 63,000 residents of the area.

Her estimates on behalf of citizens go far beyond her job description. She lends a listening ear, finds resources for persons in need, has set up a clothes closet for Southeast Asian children, finds food for the hungry, aids the senior citizens.

Always concerned about education, she was an active member of the Community Coalition for School Integration, is on the Principal's Advisory Committee for Hayhurst School. She is a member of the Black United and of Bethel AME Church.