

Meet Anna Peterson

Anna is an example of a citizen who steps up when she is needed in her community. Whether it is to **protect safety and health, preserve quality of life or support Salem with leadership in government and business, Anna steps up. Anna serves. Anna leads.**

Stepping up as a leader and champion for Salem's safety: Anna, distressed about the effect methamphetamines has on the lives in our community, is co-founder and three year chair of NO METH-Not in My Neighborhood, the local meth prevention/reduction task force. Governor Kulongoski, recognizing her leadership, appointed Anna to a four-year term on the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Again, singled out by the Governor, she was appointed to the Governor's Meth Task Force, which she chaired for two years.

With a strong belief we must keep our community safe, Anna serves on the Salem Police Department Community Policing Advisory Committee and the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council. She also served on the Oregon Medical Association Amphetamines Task Force, and Marion County's Blue Ribbon Meth Task Force.

Stepping up as a leader in business and government: Recognized as a leader in the city, Anna has the distinction of being the only person to have received the City of Salem Willard Marshall Award, the city's highest recognition for volunteer services TWO TIMES for her contributions to the our community. She believes in a vibrant community with business and government working together. Anna believes in the importance of jobs in the community, spending two years as Development/Marketing Director for Garten Foundation, of Garten Services, which serves and employees people with disabilities.

She was two term chair for the Board of Directors of SEDCOR, (the Economic Development organization for the Mid-Willamette Valley). From 1990 to 1999, Anna was a Director for the Commercial Bank (now West Coast Bank) She owned her own Marketing/PR firm, Successful Results with Anna Peterson. She managed Capital Press Printing, a full service commercial printing company and a division of Oregon's agricultural newspaper from 1992-1997. Anna has been active in a number of local and statewide campaigns for public office, serving as campaign chair for Mayor Janet Taylor in 2001. She was recognized by the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce as 2003 Salem's First Citizen, an award for extraordinary contributions to the community. She supports a vibrant downtown, having served on the Salem Downtown Advisory Board since 2006.

Stepping up for quality of life in Salem: Passionate about the arts, she is a founding board member and president of the Oregon Artists Series Foundation. She served six years on the Oregon Symphony Association in Salem Board of Directors and was President in 2002-2003. She served on the Historic Elsinore Theatre Board of Directors for seven years and was President in 2004. This was during the "Return to Grandeur" campaign for the restoration and reopening as one of the region's premier performing arts venues.

With a dedication to youth and their literary education, she began by volunteering in her children's elementary school library. In 1989, she held a six-year position on the Salem Public Library Foundation Board of Directors, honored by serving as President of the Board in 1992. During this time, she led the campaign for enhancements to the newly remodeled and expanded library.

More about Anna: Anna married Edwin Peterson in 1971. They have three adult children who live out of state. She received a degree in Journalism from the University of Oregon in 1984, and began her career working in law offices and later became the Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the U of O Law School. She has been active in her church, Salem Rotary Club and a member of Salem Assistance League and the local NAACP chapter. She enjoys canoeing, horseback riding, music and the arts.

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