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Oregon Historical Society Announces 2018 History Makers; Gala Celebration Set for October 7

Portland, OR – February 22, 2018 – The Oregon Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2018 recipients of the Oregon History Makers Medal. First awarded in 2009, the History Makers Medal is regarded as one of Oregon’s most prestigious honors and is presented annually by OHS to individuals and organizations that are positively shaping the history, culture, and landscape of Oregon.

The 2018 Oregon History Makers Medal recipients are:

Stacy Allison: *Adventurer, author, & businesswoman*

On September 29, 1988, after twenty-nine days on the mountain, Stacy Allison became the first American woman to summit the 29,028-foot Mt. Everest. Stacy has also reached the top of Mt. Denali, the highest point in North America, and was part of the first successful women’s ascent of Ama Dablam, the 22,495-foot peak known as Nepal’s Matterhorn. The author of *Beyond the Limits: A Women’s Triumph on Everest* and *Many Mountains to Climb: Reflections on Competence, Courage and Commitment*, Stacy is also a much sought-after motivational speaker. A dedicated volunteer to the American Lung Association, Habitat for Humanity, and Medical Teams International, Stacy is also owner and operator of Stacy Allison General Contracting.

Edward “Ed” Ray: *Transformational higher education leader*

President of Oregon State University since 2003, Edward “Ed” Ray is widely regarded as the most transformational leader in the school’s 150 year history. Under his guidance, OSU has received record levels of research awards and contracts; enrolled the highest number of students in the school’s history; launched a successful \$1.14 billion fundraising

campaign, which included nearly \$189 million for scholarships and fellowships, 79 newly endowed faculty positions, and funding for key scientific and learning facilities; expanded dual-enrollment agreements to all seventeen of Oregon's community colleges, and opened and grew the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend.

Bill Stoller: *Visionary business leader & philanthropist*

Raised on a family farm outside of Dayton, Oregon, Bill Stoller is perhaps best known as the founder and owner of the winery that bears his name. He is the co-founder of Express Employment Professionals, currently the largest privately held staffing company in the world, with more than 800 offices in three countries, as well as the founder of Xenium, a human resources and employer services outsource company. As an ardent preservationist, Bill's drive for sustainability earned Stoller Winery the first-ever LEED Gold certification in the world.

Bob's Red Mill: *Revolutionizing the food industry*

Founded in 1978 by Bob and Charlee Moore, Bob's Red Mill is known worldwide as the producer of natural, certified organic and gluten-free milled grain products. Bob celebrated his 81st birthday in 2010 by transferring ownership of his company to his employees through an employee stock ownership plan. Bob and Charlee's passion for healthy foods and clean living led them to donate tens of millions of dollars to Oregon State University, Oregon Health & Science University, and the National University of Natural Medicine to fund projects and research promoting healthy diets.

"In this tenth anniversary year of the History Makers Dinner, we are pleased to honor three individuals and one iconic Oregon business that exemplify what it means to be an 'Oregon History Maker'," said OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk.

The Oregon History Makers Medal will be presented at a dinner at the historic Montgomery Park building in Portland on Sunday, October 7, 2018. Table sponsorships and individual tickets are available; for more information, please contact Alexis Borges-Silva at 503.306.5266 or alexis.silva@ohs.org.

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (www.ohs.org), educational

programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon's cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.