

2021 AGELESS AWARD HONOREE



**GARY
MAFFEI**

Son of Italian parents, Gary R. Maffei was born in Portland, Oregon and graduated from Central Catholic High School and Portland State University. Prior to retirement, he was the head of human resources at Louisiana Pacific Corporation and Vice President of Merlo Corporation. His business background, beyond his 40-year career, includes board positions on Talk and Toss Phone Debit Cards, Regent Assisted Living, and Wholesome & Hearty (Garden Burgers).

His many community activities include current non-profit boards like Park Academy, Our House of Portland Life Trustees, past-President of the Portland's Foundation, and Emeritus Chair of Emeritus Board of OMSI. He also currently sits on the business boards of Lucky Transportation and Randall Investment Group.

Some of Gary's past achievements include chairing the highly successful Kows for Kids event that raised over \$2.5 million for children's charities, as well as raising \$10 million in funds for the new OMSI Coastal Discovery Center at Camp Gray in Newport in honor of John Gray. He has served on past boards of numerous organizations, including CASA, Albertina Kerr, OMSI, The Grotto, Marylhurst University, New Avenues for Youth, OPB, RACC, Classic Wine Auction and helped start the Cards for Kids Program, the Children's Store, Sitka Center for Art & Ecology Art Show, and is the founding Chairman of the Oregon Ballet Theatre. Gary is also a retired Trustee of the Merlo Foundation where he has been able to assist countless non-profits with special projects and capital campaigns.

Gary's favorite pastimes are tennis, touring the world with his partner for life, Marc Lintner, and, of course, volunteering.

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**JUDITH
RAMALEY**

Dr. Judith A. Ramaley is President Emerita and Distinguished Professor of Public Service at Portland State University in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and a member of the Portland State University Board of Trustees. She was President and Professor of Biology at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon for seven years from 1990-1997.

Dr. Ramaley was President of The University of Vermont (UVM) and Professor of Biology from 1997 to 2001. From 2001-2004, she was Assistant Director of the Education and Human Resources Directorate (EHR) at The National Science Foundation (NSF). She served as a Visiting Senior Scientist at the National Academy of Sciences in 2005. From 2005-2012, she served as President of Winona State University (WSU) in Minnesota and Professor of Biology. Dr. Ramaley now holds an appointment as a Distinguished Scholar with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). She also serves as an advisor for several national projects that focus on equity, shared leadership, student success, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and the leadership of change.

Dr. Ramaley has two sons, Alan and Andrew and six grandchildren—Adam, Zachary, Nathaniel, Matthew, Zarintaj (Sarah) and Allison. She fondly says that all of her family members are “above average.” She cares deeply about the environment, about social equity and about the role that colleges and universities can and must play in a changing world. After retiring from Winona State in 2012, she returned to Portland, drawn back both by her love of this community and the Pacific Northwest and by her strong ties with Portland State. She serves on the Portland Audubon Board and is Chair of the Second Nature Board, a national organization that works with a network of over 600 colleges and universities and other environmental groups to address the challenges of climate change. In her spare time, and she actually does have some spare time, she is an avid reader, birdwatcher and jigsaw puzzle enthusiast.

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**MAJOR
GENERAL
RAYMOND
"FRED" REES**

Mr. Raymond F. Rees was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) for Training, Readiness and Mobilization (TRM) on February 10, 2014. In this position, Mr. Rees provides responsive support to the ASA (M&RA) by formulating plans, programs, policies and overall practices for the Army's All Volunteer Force, both Active and Reserve Components. TRM exercises Secretariat oversight, direction and organization of training, readiness, and mobilization within the Army.

Prior to this appointment, he retired as The Adjutant General (TAG) for the State of Oregon, where he was responsible for providing the State of Oregon and the United States with a ready force of citizen soldiers and airmen, equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or manmade.

Mr. Rees began his military career in the United States Army as a West Point cadet in July 1962. Major General Rees had numerous active duty and Army National Guard assignments to include: service in the Republic of Vietnam as a cavalry troop commander; commander of the 116th Armored Cavalry Regiment; nearly seventeen years as the Adjutant General of Oregon; Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau; over five years of service as Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau; fourteen months as Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau; Chief of Staff (dual-hatted), Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). NORAD is a bi-national, Canada and United States command.

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**KATHLEEN
SAADAT**

Kathleen Saadat is a political activist who spent much of her life fighting for the rights of marginalized people. Arriving in Portland, Oregon in 1970, Kathleen has worked as a dedicated public servant and civil rights activist. Kathleen has spent most of the past 45 years advocating for the LGBTQ community, women, all people of color, and the poor.

Kathleen has worked all levels of government in Oregon, and held positions as diverse as Contracts Monitor and Program Analyst for CETA Programs, Director of Affirmative Action for the State of Oregon, Assistant to Portland City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, Diversity Director for Cascade AIDS Project and the City of Portland's Diversity Development/Affirmative Action Manager. Although music was always a passion, she never thought of pursuing it seriously until co-worker and Pink Martini-founder Thomas Lauderdale began encouraging her to sing with him. A partnership followed and, in 2016 at the age of 77, Kathleen released her debut standards album, *Love for Sale*.