

# 2026 Ageless Award Honoree



**Judy  
Knowls Boyer**

Judy is a longtime community leader, small business owner, and proud first-generation Oregonian whose parents came to the state from Texas during the Great Migration. Alongside her husband, Fmr. Oregon State Senator Bob Boyer, she has owned and managed residential properties for decades, creating both a successful business and a legacy rooted in stability and care for neighbors. Her commitment to service and community, instilled by her parents from an early age, naturally led her to a lifetime of advocacy and leadership.

For more than 40 years, Judy has been active in civil rights, organized labor, education, and community organizations, guided by one goal: advancing equity and strengthening her community. She first became politically engaged as a charter member of the A. Philip Randolph Institute in Portland and later worked with the AFL-CIO, supporting campaigns and public leaders at the local, state, and national levels. Much of her political work has focused on voter education and registration through the nonpartisan Operation Big Vote, as well as on outreach efforts that bring people together to participate in civic life.

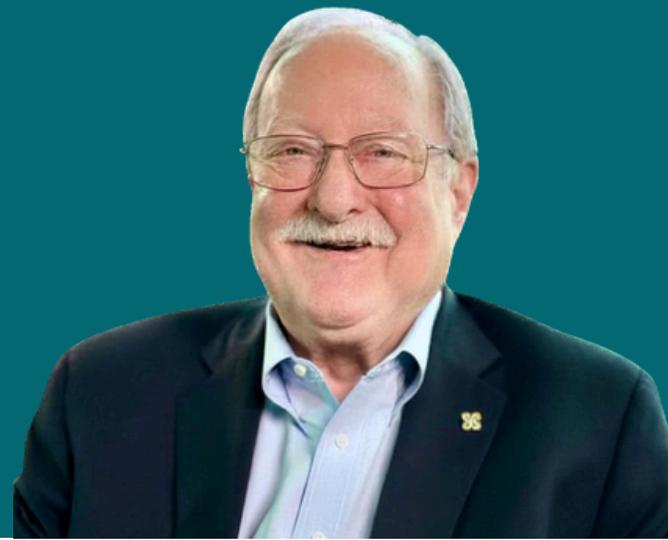
Since 2014, Judy has served as president of the state's only organized AARP chapter, N/NE Portland 5264, leading a vibrant network of African American older adults. In addition, she currently serves on the AARP Oregon Executive Council.

Judy's volunteer and professional leadership has spanned many organizations, such as AmeriCorps VISTA, Children's Relief Nursery, the Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators, Constructing Hope, the Multnomah County Property Tax Appeals Board, the National Political Congress of Black Women, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, and more. Known for diplomacy and relationship-building, she brings people together across generations and backgrounds, always working to build stronger, more connected communities across Oregon.

Judy's approach to life mirrors the dedication she brings to her community. Returning to college at 55 and earning her business degree at 59 was more than a personal achievement. It exemplified her belief that growth, learning, and meaningful contribution are possible at all ages, and that taking initiative can inspire others to do the same.

When she's not working or volunteering, Judy enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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**Tony  
Leineweber**

Tony Leineweber is a lifelong Portlander whose career and service reflect a deep commitment to people and community. The middle of five boys born to Pete and Isabel Leineweber, Tony grew up on Portland's east side, a connection that has guided both his professional life and decades of civic leadership.

Tony studied at Oregon State University, earned a BS from Portland State University, and an MBA from the University of Washington. His career included management roles across telecommunications, banking, trucking, timber, and education, with a focus on team building and organizational guidance.

Service has always been central to Tony's life. He began by giving back to the community where he grew up, serving on the boards of the Albina Arts Center, Immaculate Heart Catholic School, and the Tri-Parish Community Development Corporation. His leadership extended to organizations including the Portland Traffic Safety Commission, Western Highway Institute, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Northwest Forestry Association, SOLVE, Loaves & Fishes (Meals on Wheels People), the PSU Foundation, the Peter W. Stott Foundation, the Jessie F. Richardson Foundation, AGE+, Central Catholic High School, and NAMI Multnomah.

Tony's contributions have been recognized with honors, including the PSU President's Award, Viking Club Volunteer of the Year, the Charles Withers Memorial Award from PSU, the Compassion for Seniors Award from Loaves & Fishes, and induction into the Central Catholic High School Hall of Fame.

Today, Tony continues this life of service. Through the East Portland Rotary Club, he is involved with supporting college scholarships for students, delivering Meals on Wheels for the MLK Center, and activities benefiting foster children, as well as local awareness of the campaign to end sex trafficking. Other hands-on volunteer efforts have been with Rebuilding Together and the Club's partnership with Boise-Eliot/Humboldt Elementary School in Portland's Albina district, a neighborhood shaped by persistent inequity, to support students and their families. Additionally, the Club partners internationally to support education, public health, self-sufficiency, and peace programs.

In his free time, Tony enjoys family activities with his wife, Heidi, and their children and grandchildren.

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**Jo Anne  
Sutherland**

Jo Anne Sutherland has devoted her life to public service, community development, and leadership across Oregon. Her career spans more than four decades in municipal management, finance, and consulting, during which she has consistently focused on building stronger communities and supporting local economic growth.

Over the years, Jo Anne has used her expertise to guide cities and communities through complex challenges. She led Redmond, Madras, La Pine, and Burns as city manager, overseeing operations, budgets, and infrastructure projects, while helping local businesses and public programs thrive. In Madras, she served as city administrator, expanding industrial parks, developing water and wastewater systems, and supporting economic partnerships that created hundreds of jobs. She also served as a consultant in Prineville and Hines, securing grants and guiding projects that attracted major employers, and assisted the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs with flood recovery and reconstruction efforts. Alongside these roles, Jo Anne developed the Juvenile Peer Court program in Jefferson and Crook Counties, empowering youth to take responsibility for their actions while lowering recidivism in the community.

This deep commitment to public service and civic engagement naturally drew Jo Anne to the Redmond Senior Center. While enjoying her own time at the center, she noticed gaps in financial planning and organizational oversight, and in 2019, she joined the board. Drawing on her experience in budgeting, strategic planning, and governance, she has been instrumental in keeping critical programs like Meals on Wheels running smoothly, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jo Anne's contributions extend beyond administration. She actively supports fundraising and program expansion and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis, and the Boys & Girls Club, and previously served on the board of Hospice of Redmond. Despite several attempts, Jo Anne has not managed to truly retire, as her passion for service always draws her back. Her lifetime of leadership and dedication reflects the power of experience and heart in building resilient communities. Remarkably, all of the above was accomplished after Jo Anne raised her family and her children graduated high school, making her story an inspiring example of creating meaningful impact at any stage of life.

Today, alongside her civic involvement, Jo Anne especially cherishes time with her family.