



MEET STEVE LAWRENCE, DIRECTOR OF THE DALLES CIVIC AUDITORIUM BOARD

Steve Lawrence was born and raised in The Dalles. Like his childhood neighbor and friend, Dennis Morgan, in high school, he was on the Board of the Youth Group that ran dances at the Civic with money raised from the sale of candy bars and soda. Paul Revere and the Raiders and the Kingsmen were a couple of the groups he remembers playing in the Ballroom. He also has memories of his father singing in various choirs and barbershop groups and seeing him on the stage when he was growing up.

Steve spent 30+ years away from The Dalles in college, the service (Vietnam), practicing law in Portland and raising a family. When Steve returned to The Dalles he was shocked by the condition of the building and concerned that it needed to be saved. He says it hasn't been easy bringing the building to its current condition but knows the "grand old lady" is not yet back to where she needs to be, as a community centerpiece. The building has many potential uses and can accommodate any public, personal, or charitable event with the three event rooms and the theater.

He was invited to become a member of the Civic Auditorium Board of Directors in 2008 and has served (with the exception of the years he was Mayor) since. As a retired Attorney and a public spokesperson, he provides invaluable service to the Civic's Board of Directors which he has served in a variety of capacities, most recently as President.

Steve is an active community member but picks one major charitable Board and that is the Civic Auditorium. Previously he spent 31 years as a member of the Local and National United Cerebral Palsy Boards.

Steve is the author of three books: *First Light*, *Amaton Field*, and *This Train*.

As a decorated Veteran, Steve is an advocate for Veteran's and their needs as well as other community issues. He is an active member of The Dalles Lion's Club.

Steve is married to Donna, his High School sweetheart, has 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.