



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

## SCR 203- Honoring Alice Bartelt

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Helfrich, Vice-Chair Kropf and members of the committee.

Today I come before you to add additional information about Alice Bartelt whom you are honoring today.

The listing of organizations of which Alice was a member and often served on the board is incredible. However, there were two organizations to which Alice devoted time and served on the board that are missing. She served on the board of the Oregon Women's Rights Coalition as well as the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund for Women and Girls.

Alice was committed to making sure women and girls get opportunities. When she graduated from college with a degree in business her first job was in the mail room. After finding a job in an insurance company she again found limitations for a woman. Alice was never promoted because the company viewed the more senior positions as "jobs that men needed to do." "The discrimination was so blatant, and there was not much I could do about it," she says. "I had the same qualifications and could do the job just as well as any guy with a bachelor's degree, but I got passed over because I was a woman. At that moment, I knew this needed to change." Alice went to law school. (AAUW Publication).

Alice was very active in rights and equality causes for women and other groups which fought discrimination. While she supported many with time and talent, she also supported causes with treasure. Some of the organizations include: AAUW, League of Women Voter's Oregon, Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Fairfax County Virginia, American Bar Foundation, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Historical Society, Campaign for Equal Justice, Bag and Baggage Theater, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Colonial Williamsburg, Naral Pro Choice Oregon, William Temple House, National Museum for Women in the Arts, Family Forward Action, Broadway Rose Theatre, Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund for Women and Girls, and Zonta.

Alice shared with others as well. My spouse, Victor Dodier, went through a series of four eye surgeries which resulted in the need to have a partial cornea transplant in Portland. Alice realized we would need to stay at least two overnights in SW Portland. Alice's solution. "Here's the key to my house. I'm going to be in California but feel free to stay as long as needed. Just leave the key on the counter when you leave."

Alice and I shared a locker in the Lobby Message Center after she became the League's Action Chair.

Alice made people's lives better and richer. I was stunned when I received the email from the Diocese of Oregon that she had left us. She will always be remembered as the kind, talented and sharing person she was.

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