“I’M NOT DONE WITH MY TORCH YET. GO GET YOUR OWN.”

That’s the advice that the late Betty Roberts gave to a room full of our alumnae and supporters when she received the Center for Women, Politics & Policy’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009. Betty Roberts provided counsel to Dr. Melody Rose in the founding of NEW Leadership Oregon and CWPP, and also donated her personal papers to our archive to share with students, researchers, and the community.

Her legacy of mentorship lives on in the lives of countless women across our state and nation.

Together, with her family, the Center for Women, Politics & Policy launched the Betty Roberts Torch Society at our annual luncheon in October 2012. This giving society recognizes individual donors who contribute $1,000 or more annually. There’s a new generation of women leaders who won’t have the benefit of Betty’s direct mentorship, but you can help light the torches of women leaders around our state by joining the Betty Roberts Torch Society.

Thank you for your interest in keeping Betty Roberts’ legacy alive through the work of our Center!

**SOCIETY BENEFITS**

- Mentorship opportunities with Center alumnae
- Special invitations to Center events
- Acknowledgement in print and online materials
- Complimentary ticket to Annual Women’s Leadership Luncheon

**WHAT’S YOUR LEGACY?**

BETTY ROBERTS TORCH SOCIETY
ABOUT BETTY ROBERTS

Roberts’ political career began in 1960, when, as a high school teacher, she was elected to the Lynch Elementary school board. In 1964, she was elected as a state representative in the Oregon legislature. Four years later, she was elected the sole woman in the state Senate. In 1974, she narrowly lost the Democratic gubernatorial primary. The following year, the Oregon Women’s Political Caucus named her the Woman of the Year. In 1977, her former gubernatorial opponent Governor Robert Straub appointed her to the Oregon Court of Appeal and she became the first woman on any appellate court in the state. She became the first woman to serve on the Oregon Supreme Court, when she was appointed by Governor Victor Atiyeh. Throughout her educational, legislative, and judicial career she championed women’s rights. In 2009, the Center for Women, Politics & Policy honored Roberts with its Lifetime Achievement for her service to Oregon.