

L/G Pride needs Unity and More in '84

Object: Unity and More in '84. With that in mind, 31 members of Portland's lesbian and gay community gathered at MCC on February 16 to begin planning the 16th anniversary celebration of the uprising at the Stonewall Bar in New York's Greenwich Village.

The march and rally will probably occur on Saturday rather than Sunday this year. During discussion concerning the change several people said that having the event on Saturday rather than Sunday would make a much stronger statement. "Marching on empty streets just doesn't make it," said one participant who remembered last year's deserted downtown.

A permit application for the use of the Waterfront Park stage area for Saturday, June 16, was filed with the Bureau of Parks and Recreation on February 24. The application was filed by Kristine Chatwood for Lesbian/Gay Pride '84. Chatwood is a member of an ad hoc committee composed of eight volunteers organizing a community meeting for Thursday, March 8. Other members of the ad hoc committee are Jane Howard, Ray Southwick, Amani, Jim Morford, Tom Simons, Ric Tribue and Dennis Peterson.

The ad hoc committee met for a second time on February 23, to discuss the next community meeting and to discuss ways of involving more people in the planning process. The ad hoc committee has reserved the auditorium of the NW Service Center (1819 NW Everett) for Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 pm, in the hope that their call for community involvement will be overwhelming.

At the March 8 meeting community members will be asked to become involved in the planning of Lesbian/Gay Pride '84 by volunteering to lend support in the following areas: community outreach, finance/accounting, fundraising, march and rally, monitors/security, gay care, publicity, and special events/speakers.

Community members are urged to get involved in the planning process of Lesbian/Gay Pride '84. 1984 is a crucial year in politics; lesbians and gays need to be visible. We need to make a strong impact. The major political party conventions will be held within six weeks of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. All across the nation, lesbians and gays are concentrating on making their voices heard by politicians who can no longer afford to ignore our existence.

State Representative joins GRNL

GRNL Acting Director Jerry Weller announced this week that Oregon State Rep. Barbara Roberts has become the only currently elected official in Oregon to join the congressional lobbying group. The first Oregon elected official to join GRNL was former State Rep. Gretchen Kafoury, now serving as Human Services Coordinator for the City of Portland.

Roberts, who has demonstrated a long history of support of legal protections for gays and lesbians, has recently entered the race for Oregon Secretary of State. She has served on the Parkrose School Board, Multnomah County Commission, and two terms in the Oregon House where she is the current majority leader.

Anne Greenfield, candidate in the Democratic primary in House District 19, has also recently joined GRNL. Greenfield, who has received the endorsement of the Right to

Privacy, PAC, worked closely with the gay and lesbian community in her various roles as past chair of the Oregon Women's Political Caucus, Aide to former House Speaker Hardy Myers, and Constituent Liaison during the 1980 Carter campaign in Oregon.

Just Out Director GPA Awards judge

Renee LaChance, *Just Out* Director, will be one of five judges for the 1984 Gay Press Awards for work published in 1983. The awards are to be presented at the 1984 Gay Press Association Convention in Los Angeles on May 26, 1984.

Judges for the awards were recruited from the gay and lesbian media with emphasis on broad, inclusive representation. Several judges will evaluate each submission independently of one another and another party will tabulate their scores, resulting in the final tally.

Requesting LaChance's participation in the judging process, Phil Nash, 1983 GPA Awards program coordinator, said "It is our

concern that our judging panel be as geographically and gender representative as we can make it, and we are short of both women and West Coast folks this time. It is also apparent that you know how to put together a good-looking and issue-oriented paper — the qualification that, in my opinion, is of utmost importance."

In its second year, the Gay Press Association awards program has been greatly expanded to include 22 areas of award recognition. Eleven of the awards will be given to publications and eleven to individual journalists. The 1983 awards will recognize outstanding accomplishments by writers and publications covering national news, local news, cultural developments, and health issues. Opinion writers, commentators, columnists, and feature writers will also be recognized.

This year, the GPA Awards has been expanded to include photo journalism, illustration, graphic design, coverage of minority issues, coverage of lesbian issues, and special projects implemented by publications to benefit the communities they serve. Awards recognizing an outstanding lesbian journalist and publication and an outstanding minority journalist and publication will also be presented.

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