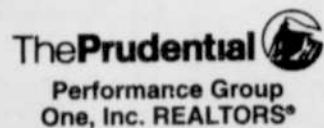




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*The hardest thing so far for Donna Red Wing
is having to give up caffeine*

by Inga Sorensen



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It's going to be tough, but if anyone can do it, it's Donna Red Wing.

"I can't drink regular coffee anymore. Can you believe it? It's the first time since I was three that I haven't been able to have my coffee. Now *that's* tough," laughs Red Wing, the 45-year-old national field director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a national organization that works to end anti-gay stereotyping in entertainment and media.

Red Wing, who lives in Portland with her partner, Sumitra, was diagnosed with a brain tumor after she collapsed on Oct. 1 during a Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays conference in Indianapolis.

Sumitra immediately flew out from Portland and returned a few days later with Donna. Neurosurgery to remove the tumor was scheduled soon after at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital.

According to Red Wing, most of the tumor—which preliminary tests indicate is benign—was removed, and the remaining part—which was too close to an artery to surgically extract without endangering her life—was cauterized.

"The whole surgical team was fabulous. I am so grateful to them for their wonderful work," says the animal-loving Red Wing, who received a special visit while healing in the intensive care unit following the operation.

"A dog named—I think it was Sophie—and a cat named Rocky came to visit as part of a pet program the hospital has," she says. "Sophie and Rocky even had the full-size visitors' tags with their names on it. I got to hold their little paws."

Red Wing was released from the hospital three days after the operation and went back to her

Northeast Portland home to enjoy her own cadre of cats and dogs. Her son, Julian Russell, a twentysomething classical and jazz guitarist, has flown out from the East Coast to stay with his mother through Thanksgiving.

Just Out spoke with Red Wing just five days after her surgery. "I still can't believe that I'm up and talking and walking around—well, actually kind of shuffling," says Red Wing, who is the former executive director of the Portland-based Lesbian Community Project and *The Advocate's* 1992 Woman of the Year.

She sounded crisp and happy when we talked with her—despite the fact that she was making the torturous transition from regular to decaf. The other restriction doctors have placed on her was an

order not to drive. "So I'll get a bus pass," she says.

Upon Red Wing's return home, Sumitra treated Donna to breakfast in bed. The menu? Blueberry muffins, the ever-comforting Cheerios,

some fruit, and "Ugh, some decaf." Russell performed a bit of bedside Bach on his guitar.

"I just want to thank everyone for their support and their good wishes," says Red Wing. "I am so moved by how wonderful people have been. I'm amazed and very, very touched."

During the next few months Red Wing will rest at home, conducting her GLAAD tasks via computer and telephone. Ever the activist, she says: "We have to get ready for 1996. We have a long year ahead of us. And I'm going to be here for it."

Anyone wishing to send a card to the Red Wings may do so by writing to Donna and Sumitra Red Wing, 6220 NE Going, Portland, OR 97218.