

## Trial lawyers honor BRO

Basic Rights Oregon was awarded a 1996 Public Justice Award by the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association during OTLA's annual convention held Aug. 11.

Basic Rights Oregon was formed as an outgrowth of the No on 13 campaign and is currently focusing on a program known as the Fair Workplace Project. It is designed to educate Oregonians about workplace discrimination based on one's actual or perceived sexual orientation.



"Three out of four Oregonians believe that discrimination is wrong. Unfortunately, an almost equal number don't realize that it is currently legal to discriminate against a person based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation. The message of Fair Workplace is simple: Discrimination is wrong, it's real and it's legal in Oregon," says Julie Davis, executive director of Basic Rights Oregon, who accepted the OTLA award "on behalf of all the Oregonians who refused to allow the mean-spirited and divisive rhetoric of the Oregon Citizens Alliance to further divide Oregonians."

## OSU celebrates Queer History Month

Oregon State University will celebrate Queer History Month in October with a full schedule of events aimed at providing people of all sexual orientations with historical perspectives on the social status, political movements and cultural context of the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

In July 1995, Gov. John Kitzhaber officially proclaimed October Lesbian and Gay History Month, and the upcoming OSU events mark the second year the Corvallis-based university will celebrate Queer History Month.

Scheduled events include a speakers' series, National Coming Out Day festivities on Oct. 11, and a Halloween party. Speakers will include Oregon state Rep. George Eighmey, executive director of the Lesbian Community Project LaVerne Lewis, OSU professors Drs. Mina Carson and Laura Rice, and Jessica Xavier, a transgender rights activist.

For more details, call (541) 737-6357 or (541) 737-6360.

## Pride Northwest wants you to come out

Pride Northwest Inc. will celebrate National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 with a rally at Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland. The program, which takes place from 5 to 8 pm, will include speakers and an open microphone.

The public is invited to share their stories and show support for lesbian, gay and bisexual people "for refusing to hide or lead double lives." Pride Northwest encourages people to "celebrate the courage and honesty it takes to join the 'out community' and leave the closet behind."

For more information, call 295-9788.

## Portlander earns national design kudos

Portland graphic designer Jeff Fisher received a 1996 American Graphic Design Award recognizing his logo design for the Main Street Playhouse. Sponsored by the publication *Graphic*

*Design:usa*, the awards are considered one of the most prestigious in the field of graphic communication.

Fisher's design for the Main Street Playhouse, home of triangle productions!, incorporates a graphic image of Portland's historic cast-iron streetlights and the familiar comedy/tragedy masks associated with live theater. The traditional "Main Street USA" imagery of the symbol reinforces the theater's actual Main Street location in the Portland Art Museum complex.

## Race for the Cure includes LCP team

The Lesbian Community Project, a social and advocacy organization for lesbians, sponsored a team in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure, a major fundraiser benefiting breast cancer research.

More than 20,000 women, men and children participated in the Race for the Cure run and walk, held Sept. 8 in downtown Portland. LCP team members wore an LCP logo on their shirts during the race.

## Phoenix Rising receives Equity grant

Equity Foundation has awarded Phoenix Rising a \$1,100 grant to help fund the first phase of a project to develop additional services to seniors.

As part of the first phase, Phoenix Rising Executive Director Allanya Guenther will attend the Fifth Annual International SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment Inc.) Conference in New York. During the four-day conference, Guenther will learn how SAGE administers social services to meet the unique needs of older lesbians and gay men.

Phoenix Rising is a Portland-based organization providing mental health services to the sexual minorities community.

## AIDS Ministry nets Fabric of Life grant

AIDS Ministry, a program of Catholic Charities, has received a \$10,000 grant from Fabric of Life, a nonprofit group that raises funds to help support AIDS organizations. AIDS Ministry was one of 12 agencies that received grants.

The grant will provide \$5,000 to support grief counseling and pastoral visitations, \$2,000 for emergency services, and \$3,000 earmarked for the AIDS Prison Ministry program.

AIDS Ministry works with people affected by HIV/AIDS without regard to their religious affiliation, race, age, sex or sexual orientation.

## MRG celebrates 20 years, issues honors

The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, founded in 1976 by Charles Gray and Leslie Brockelbank of Eugene, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary as a catalyst for social change in Oregon.

The celebration, held Sept. 6 in Portland, featured comedian Marga Gomez. MRG also presented its annual Grassroots Victory Awards to the Lakeview-based Hispanos Unidos of Lake County, which works on behalf of Latina/os, and Oregon Housing Now Coalition in Portland, initially established to address the affordable housing crisis in the state.

Since its founding, MRG has provided nearly \$4 million to organizations working for progressive social change.

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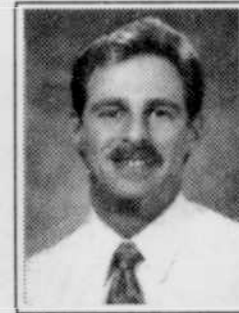
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