

New faces at Our House

Our House of Portland, a residential care facility for people with AIDS, has elected several new officers and two more members to its board of directors.

Elected officers for 1997 are Victoria Frey, chair; Mimi Maduro, chair-elect; Mark Clift, treasurer; and Sonia Harrison, secretary.

Tricia Bergman, who has more than 20 years experience in higher education, and Maria Kosmetatos, a nurse practitioner at Oregon Health Sciences University, were both elected to three-year-terms on the board.

Founded in 1988, Our House of Portland is a private, nonprofit organization that provides a safe, supportive living environment for individuals with HIV-related disease.

Apply now for Pride grants

The Seattle-based Pride Foundation says applications are now available for its summer 1997 granting cycle, with \$50,000 available to programs of nonprofits that serve members of the sexual minorities community and their allies.

All projects must operate within one or more of the Northwest states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and Montana. Projects must benefit gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and/or their family and friends.

Organizations applying for funds must have a 501 (c)3 nonprofit status or be affiliated with an organization that does.

Application packets are available by calling the Pride Foundation at (206) 323-3318 or toll free at 1-800-735-7287. Completed applications must be received by no later than 4 pm on May 15.

Breast cancer study seeks recruits



The Columbia River Oncology Program is recruiting women for the Breast Cancer Prevention Trial sponsored by the National Cancer Institute.

The national study, which involves 13,000 women, tests for the effectiveness of a hormonal medication, tamoxifen, in preventing breast cancer.

In addition to determining whether tamoxifen prevents cancer, the trial will assess whether the drug lowers the risk of heart attacks and reduces the incidence of bone fractures.

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we have a long way to go in educating the public," he says.

According to Harris, BRO is poised for the challenge of a new OCA initiative.

"We've got our voter files ready. We're basically set," she says.

But there's still the question of what the campaign should look like.

"We're still considering the idea of pushing our own proactive initiative that would address employment protections for gays and lesbians. As we're campaigning proactively we could also use the opportunity to persuade voters to reject the OCA," she says. "In 1992 and 1994 the community was simply reactive. We've never done a proactive initiative here. Now may be the time."

Harris says she'd like to see a series of com-

Women interested in participating in the study will need to be assessed for risk factors related to breast cancer.

The five-year study will involve about 250 women from the Portland/Vancouver area. Researchers are in the final recruitment phase. For more information, call the Columbia River Oncology Program at 215-6308 or 1-800-833-8899, ext. 56308.

Brig bash raises bucks

An estimated \$1,500 was raised to support Pride Northwest, producer of Portland's annual lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Pride cel-



bration, during the Brig's second St. Patty's Day Drag Show. An estimated 250 people turned out for the event, which was held at the Southwest Stark Street club and featured music and drag performances.

More Light Conference set for May

The 1997 More Light Conference is slated for May 23 through 25 at Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

The annual event is described as a "celebration of inclusion in Christ's community."

The keynote speaker for this year's gathering is the Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes Jr. of Riverside Church in New York City.

Forbes is the first African American to serve as senior minister of the multicultural Riverside congregation and has clearly declared his support of lesbian and gay inclusion in the church.

Among the planned workshops are "Gays and lesbians in our seminaries," and "Ex-gay ministries: What they are, what they do, how to counter the change message."

To register (the deadline is May 8), call Dick Hasbany at (541) 345-4720.

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munity meetings to discuss options. That would likely occur after the Oregon Legislature adjourns, perhaps as early as mid-June.

Harris says we would then know the status of Oregon ENDA, legislation that would bar employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"If that were to pass, we wouldn't need our own initiative—but it's all up in the air at this point," says Harris. "I just think we shouldn't rule out the possibility of a proactive effort."

According to the Oregon Elections Division, Mabon can now begin collecting signatures to place his measure on the November 1998 general election ballot. To do so he must gather and submit 97,681 valid signatures no later than July 3, 1998.

To get involved, contact Basic Rights Oregon at 222-6151.



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