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Bowling association lists events

The Portland Gay and Lesbian Bowling Association unveiled its schedule of upcoming events, including the 14th annual Rosebowl International Bowling Tournament, which will be held May 30 through June 1 at 20th Century Lanes, at Southeast 92nd Avenue and Powell Boulevard in Portland.

The tournament begins May 30 at 7 pm and continues May 31 from 9 am to 5 pm. An awards banquet on June 1 rounds out the event.

Beginning June 8 through June 12, the Coors \$1,000 League Championship Challenge will be held. The competition, also at 20th Century Lanes, kicks off nightly at 7 pm.

The association's 19th annual awards banquet, meanwhile, is slated for 7 pm Saturday, June 14, at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 324 SW Third Ave., in Portland. Reservations are required. For more information about these events, call 293-0438.

Lesbian Forum's future up for consideration

A free dialogue to ponder the future of the Lesbian Community Project's Lesbian Forum is set for Tuesday, May 20, from 7-9 pm at It's My Pleasure, 4258 SE Hawthorne Blvd., in Portland.

The Lesbian Forum is a group of women who gather monthly to discuss an array of topics.

Donations are requested. Call ahead for ASL interpretation. For further information, contact Rebecca at 762-1402.

RTP seeks nominations for two awards

Right to Pride, an Oregon gay, lesbian and bisexual rights organization, is accepting nominations for its Right to Pride and Sanford Director awards.

The Right to Pride Award honors an individual who exemplifies an outstanding commitment to and support for gay, lesbian and bisexual civil and human rights.

The Sanford Director Award recognizes a gay man, lesbian or bisexual who, on a statewide or community level, provides outstanding leadership in securing equal rights for the sexual minorities community.

Nominations for either award must be in the form of a letter from the nominator, clearly specifying the award for which the person is being nominated and reasons why the individual is

deserving of the award. Additional support materials and letters of recommendation may be included.

The deadline for nominations is June 15. The awards are presented during RTP's annual dinner, slated this year for Oct. 4.

Send nominations to Barry Pack, Executive Director, Right to Pride, 921 SW Morrison St., Suite 546, Portland, OR 97205. For more information, call 228-5825.

HRC's Birch to speak at May 18 forum

The Human Rights Campaign, Metropolitan Community Church of Portland and Right to Pride will hold a community presentation entitled "On the Road to Equality," featuring HRC head Elizabeth Birch and RTP's Barry Pack.

The duo will discuss the progress of gay and lesbian rights in Congress and the Oregon Legislature. The public forum will be held May 18 at 12:30 pm at MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway in Portland.

That morning Birch will also take part in MCC's service, where she will speak about the community's "spiritual journey as a movement."

The service begins at 10:30 am and will be followed by a light lunch. For more information, call MCC at 281-8868.

Violence the subject of upcoming gathering

Your friend tells you her girlfriend yells at her and calls her racist names. You hear a rumor that a local lesbian business owner batters her girlfriend. How do you respond?

These are among the scenarios to be discussed during a community forum called "Violence in our community... Violence in our relationships... What can we do about it?"

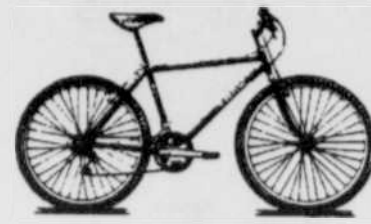
The meeting is scheduled for 2-5 pm Sunday, May 18, at Portland's Emanuel Hospital, 2801 N Gantenbein Ave., Room 1073.

The event, geared toward lesbians and bisexual women, is co-sponsored by Bradley-Angle House, Clackamas Women's Services, Lesbians and Bi-women in Alliance, Movements in Change, Portland Women's Crisis Line and Volunteers of America Family Center.

The gathering is designed to be interactive and participatory. It is open to queer people of all genders and their allies, and is free and wheelchair accessible. For more information, call Erika at 232-7812.

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