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**local news**

**Urban League of Portland  
seeks nominees**

The Urban League of Portland is seeking nominees for its Equal Opportunity Award, which will be presented at the Equal Opportunity Dinner on March 12.

The award is presented each year to deserving individuals who have worked to promote the concept of equal opportunity for all. Up to three awards will be presented.



The theme of the dinner and the awards is "Economic Power: The Next Civil Rights Frontier." The dinner speaker will be national Urban League president Hugh Price.

To receive a nomination form, call Michael Pullen at the Urban League at 280-2615.

Completed forms must be received by Dec. 15 at 5 pm.

The Urban League of Portland is a nonprofit, community-based human service, economic and social justice agency.

**Eugene forum set for Dec. 6**

Speak/OUT!, the second in a series of community forums presented by Q•BASIC, will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Atrium Building in downtown Eugene.

The event is designed as an opportunity for participants to discuss issues affecting the health and well-being of the local queer community.

Representatives from Oregon's Gay Health Advisory Committee, an official advisory body of the Oregon Health Division, are scheduled to attend.

GHAC was convened three years ago by OHD's HIV Program to assist with strategic development of HIV-prevention programs for gay and bisexual men in Oregon.

The free forum will be held from 7 to 9 pm. A DJ'd dance event follows, from 10 pm to 2 am, the cost is \$3-\$5. For more information, call (541) 431-5369 or (541) 342-5088.

**Festive feminists cheer  
another year**

Song, poetry and conversation will be abundant at Radical Women's Holiday Social. Participants should bring a favorite poem or radical song to toast the highlights of 1997 and the challenges awaiting in 1998.

The gathering is slated for Dec. 10 at 7 pm at the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center (formerly the Northwest Service Center) Community Room, 1819 NW Everett St. in Portland.

A hearty Eastern European supper will be available at 6:30 pm for a \$5 donation.

For more information or child care, call 228-3090 two days in advance. The social is free, open to everyone and wheelchair accessible.

**Equity awards  
special grants**

As part of its Community Outreach granting program, Equity Foundation recently issued a request for grant proposals that address issues relevant to transgendered or transsexual individuals.

The objective of this year's Community Outreach grant cycle is to educate the lesbian, gay and bisexual community and its supporters about issues of importance to transgendered and transsexual people.

Equity specifically sought proposals for programs that seek to eradicate prejudice and bias

toward transgendered and transsexual people, work to include transgendered and transsexual people as accepted members of the community, and seek to transform program participants in a way that helps them embrace the dignity and worth of all people.

Two projects have been awarded the special community outreach grants. Pride Northwest Inc., will receive \$2,000 for its Trans Conversation Project, designed to facilitate communication and build positive interactions between transgendered and transsexual people and the rest of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community through cycles of small group conversations.

The other grant has been given to Phoenix Rising Foundation, serving as fiscal agent for attorney JoAnna McNamara, who will receive \$2,500 to fund development, production and distribution of a brochure for both the trans community and employers, alerting them to protections the law provides for transsexuals, particularly in the workplace.

**Lesbians of color  
sought for study**

Dr. Jocelyn White and Lynn Hanson, Ph.D., who are affiliated with Good Samaritan Hospital, are conducting an interview study of lesbians who have positive relationships with their heterosexual physicians. The two are specifically trying to recruit lesbians of color for the study. Each participant will be paid a small stipend. For more information, call 413-6713.

**Xmas trees for  
people with AIDS**

Unable to afford a tree this Christmas? Not feeling well enough to pick one up? A free Christmas tree giveaway for people living with AIDS has been organized by Robin Chavis with the assistance of local tree growers Dan and Debbie Fischer. The goal is to provide Christmas trees to those unable to afford them or too sick to obtain a tree on their own.



Free trees and delivery are available Dec. 13-23 to the first 50 qualified callers. For more information, call Robin or Mike at 281-2841.

**Fanno Creek gives back**

The Fanno Creek Clinic has donated a total of \$1,275 to Portland Public Schools and the Multnomah County library system.

The money was raised this past summer when Fanno Creek announced patients could choose to have the clinic donate \$5 from their patient visit to the schools or libraries.

"The majority...of our patients like the idea that we are giving something back to the community. For us, being part of the community and contributing to it are very important values," says Dr. Gregg Coodley, Fanno Creek's director.

Coodley says the clinic is looking for other ways to "give back to the community," and in the interim will continue to focus on its commitment to "take care of uninsured patients, who are very welcome at Fanno Creek."

Fanno Creek Clinic is located at 2400 SW Vermont St. in Portland. For more information, call 452-0915.