



The new Mr. Oregon Cub, Brian Lavallee (left), and Mr. Oregon Bear, Rob Hathaway

BEARS PICK TOP CUB AND BEAR

Members of the Oregon Bears picked their men for 1998 and 1999. Well, actually, they selected their titleholders to serve during that period: Brian Lavallee was dubbed Mr. Oregon Cub, while Rob Hathaway was chosen as Mr. Oregon Bear.

Generally speaking, Bears are big gay guys—often with copious body hair—and their admirers.

The Oregon Bears club has more than 200 members. Throughout the year, it sponsors a number of social activities, including bowling, beachcombing, eating and roller-skating.

Members also donate time and money to an array of charitable causes, including Esther's Pantry, a food bank serving people living with HIV and AIDS, and Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund, which provides education-related financial support to queer folks and their children.

Proceeds of Camp Oregon Bears '98, which is scheduled to occur Sept. 18 through 20 on the Oregon coast, will benefit the Coastal AIDS Network.

For more information, call the Oregon Bears at 240-2813.

OUR HOUSE DINNER SERIES BEGINS SOON

Our House of Portland's sixth annual *Dinner at My House for Our House* series kicks off in September. It is Our House's signature fundraising event. The theme is "Food for the Body, Food for the Soul."



Dinner parties offered this year include a meal prepared by Caprial and John Pence of Westmoreland Bistro and Wines, a tennis dinner party at the Irvington Tennis Club, a cruise on the Willamette River, an authentic Japanese tea ceremony, and a formal holiday dinner.

Our House of Portland, founded in 1988, is a

residential-care facility in Oregon for people living with advanced-stage AIDS. It is a private, nonprofit agency that has provided care to more than 350 men and women living with AIDS.

To receive a *Dinner at My House for Our House* listing of events or to make reservations, call 736-9276. Reservations are required for all dinners.

PRIDE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS OREGON GROUPS

The Seattle-based Pride Foundation has distributed awards via its summer granting cycle to bolster a handful of Oregon's queer-related projects.

The Portland-based Phoenix Rising Foundation received a \$5,000 grant for its Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center, a fledgling queer youth drop-in center. The Metropolitan Community Church of Portland also received \$5,000 to support Rainbow Youth, a group for youth of color. The project is designed to strengthen the growth and development of queer youth of color and help them achieve self-esteem, dignity and community.

Brother to Brother received \$3,280 for its weekly support group for African American gay and bisexual men, and Sisters of the Road Cafe, which provides homeless people with meals at low cost or for labor exchange, received \$50 to purchase and install a rainbow flag as a "welcoming symbol to everyone." Both groups are in Portland.

Corvallis-based Community Outreach, meanwhile, received \$1,980 to provide domestic violence education and services to the mid-Willamette Valley's queer community.

The Pride Foundation specifically targets the needs of the lesbian and gay community in the Pacific Northwest. For more information or a grant application, call (206) 323-3318.

PICNIC HAILED AS SUCCESS

The first North Portland Rainbow Neighborhood Picnic was held Aug. 1 in Columbia Park. According to organizers, the gathering was designed to promote a sense of gay and neighborhood pride.

An estimated 40 people turned out, some with lawn chairs, others with rainbow flags. Grills were fired up as adults and children played games of volleyball, badminton and croquet.

Anyone interested in helping plan next year's picnic should call Scott at 285-6234.

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