

AFTER 8'S AWARDS DINNER AROUND THE CORNER

Authors and longtime activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon will be the keynote speakers for AFTER 8's ninth annual Harvey Milk Awards Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The gala dinner takes place at the First Congregational United Church of Christ at 4515 S.W. West Hills Road in Corvallis.

The evening kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner and a program of speakers and entertainment. The Rev. Lois Van Leer will act as master of ceremonies.



Del Martin (left) and Phyllis Lyon

Martin and Lyon are the founders of Daughters of Bilitis, the first national lesbian organization. Most recently, they have been working to include the issues of Social Security, Medicare and ageism in conversations within the sexual minorities community.

Entertainment will be provided by the Youth Speech Choir, which will perform a piece about being young and queer.

The highlight of the evening is the distribution of the Harvey Milk Awards, which are given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. Nominees are drawn from around the state, and the winners are kept secret until the night of the dinner.

Tickets cost \$35 and are available at Mother Kali's in Eugene, Avalon Farm in Corvallis, Rosebud and Fish in Salem, and It's My Pleasure in Portland. Tables for ten may be reserved for \$350. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 18. For further information, call (541) 745-7306 or (541) 752-8157.

SETTING THE STAGE?

Members of the sexual minorities community recently got a chance to share their thoughts about what they'd like the Portland Police Bureau of the future to look like.

During the Oct. 13 gathering of the Sexual Minorities Roundtable, a monthly meeting of sexual minorities and bureau personnel, participants were asked to envision the bureau 20 years from now. They pondered what they currently like about the bureau, as well as ways it could be more responsive to the community, and how that could conceivably happen.

Folks in part called for a more diverse police force—one that is more reflective of society's demographics—as well as an effective civilian review board, and greater outreach and communication between the bureau and the community.

The Portland Police Bureau has employed the Institute for Law and Justice to assist in developing a "20-year community policing design for the next century." The sexual minorities community is one of several constituencies being used as focus groups for this project.

Sexual Minorities Roundtable meetings are held at noon on the second Tuesday of each month, usually in the chief's office conference room at the Portland Police Bureau, located at

1111 S.W. Second Ave. in downtown Portland. Sexual minorities of all kinds are encouraged to attend.

FUNDING INFUSION BOOSTS DENTAL CLINIC

The Russell Street Dental Clinic recently received nearly \$50,000 that was made available by the HIV Services Planning Council, a group mandated by federal law to identify HIV service needs, decide funding priorities, and conduct long-range planning for the delivery of health care and social services.

The funds will be used to help the clinic continue providing a full range of dental care through February to uninsured people living with HIV in the Portland metropolitan area.

"Most people with HIV are covered by insurance," says Dr. David Rosenstein, clinic director. "A lot of people fall through the cracks though, and some insurance doesn't cover dental care."

Russell Street Dental Clinic has been a major provider of dental care to people living with HIV since 1981. For additional information, call the clinic at 494-6822.

MEN SOUGHT FOR TRAINING

The Portland Women's Crisis Line has openings in its volunteer training for men starting Feb. 6.

The training is available to supportive men who are interested in working to end violence against women and children. The training is 40 hours, spread over three weeks.

The Portland Women's Crisis Line is a feminist, social change, social service agency assisting women and children—and their supportive family and friends—who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

For further information and an application, dial 232-9545, ext. 3. The deadline for applications is Jan. 15. Some practicum credit is available.

UNITED WAY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette needs volunteers to help recommend funding for member agencies during the coming year. In a committee setting, volunteers review agency requests and recommend funding based on dollars collected during United Way's fall campaign.

Volunteers serve on allocation committees that involve a 12-hour time commitment per month from January through May 1999.

Volunteers are welcome to serve on the committee of their choice. Committees recommend dollar amounts for programs based on community needs such as providing child care; linking survivors of domestic violence and children in trouble with shelter and counseling; and helping disabled individuals and the elderly maintain healthy, independent lives.

United Way is the largest health and human service fund-raising organization in Oregon and Southwest Washington, providing funding to 155 programs in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties in Oregon, and Clark County in Washington.

Those interested in volunteering for an allocation committee should call Rochelle Henniger at 226-9357.

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