

PIONEERING QUEERS

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☺ Deputy Chief Tom Potter becomes the Portland Police Bureau's liaison to the gay and lesbian community.

1986

☺ The Portland Lesbian Choir forms and becomes the first choir with the word lesbian in its title.

☺ Fifty-five athletes from Portland attend Gay Games II in San Francisco and come home with more than two dozen medals.

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☺ Portland hosts the fifth annual PFLAG convention. Workshop topics range from



Metropolitan Community Church of Portland

"small-town survival" to "substance abuse in the gay/lesbian community."

☺ Almost 600 people attend Portland's first lesbian conference sponsored by the Lesbian Community Project. The gathering looks at the changes, challenges and choices facing Portland lesbians.

☺ The Defenders of Mithra, Portland's leather-and-Levi's women's organization, celebrates its second anniversary with a dinner at Club 927 and a champagne brunch at the Dirty Duck Tavern.

1987

☺ In Bend, The Other Side forms to help people with AIDS. Soon it grows into an organization that serves as a political and social base for lesbians and gay men in the area.

☺ The Portland City Council approves an ordinance stating that city employees cannot be fired solely because they are gay or lesbian. The ordinance pulls together all existing city personnel policies, including the resolution adopted on Dec. 18, 1974.

☺ The International Association of Gay Square Dancers meets in Portland, and 600 dance the night away at the Hilton.

☺ An enthusiastic crowd of 1,200 people participate in Cascade AIDS Project's From All Walks of Life walkathon. The event raises more than \$75,000.

☺ Gov. Neil Goldschmidt signs an executive order that forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation in the hiring and firing of state employees.

1988

☺ More than 500 people attend the second annual Peacock in the Park benefit for the Audria M. Edwards Youth Scholarship Fund. The event raises \$1,700.

The scholarship, named after Lady Elaine Peacock's mother, is for students in vocational education.

☺ Queers United Against Closets, a political action group, demonstrates in front of *The Oregonian's* offices to protest the paper's lack of coverage of the pride march.

☺ The first annual Portland Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, *Reel Proud*, presents 12 films.

☺ Tri-Met pulls the "We can live together" Cascade AIDS Project ad from buses after receiving complaints that the ad promotes homosexuality.

☺ After being rejected two years in a row, Phoenix Rising Foundation becomes the first gay and lesbian organization in Oregon to join United Way. The agency allocates \$16,000 to Phoenix Rising for the following year.

☺ Almost three dozen people attend the inaugural meeting of the Portland chapter of the National Leather Association.

☺ Measure 8 passes. The Oregon Citizens Alliance sponsored the proposal, which repeals Goldschmidt's gubernatorial executive order.

☺ ACT-UP forms a chapter in Portland. The national organization formed two years earlier in New York in response to the AIDS crisis. The initials stand for AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power.



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PRIDE NORTHWEST PRESENTS

PRIDE 1969 1999

June 19th & 20th Waterfront Park Celebrating Stonewall 30: Revolution/Evolution

Volunteers are needed!

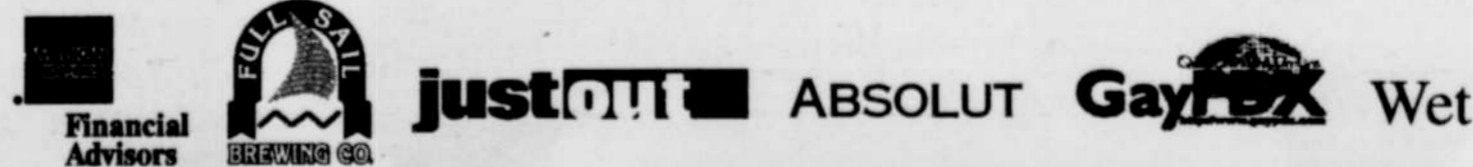
for: barricade monitors, trash pick-up, security, set-up, tear-down, special event helpers, program distribution, posterers, dean-up, parade assistants, and more. Contact Pride Northwest's Volunteer Coordinator, Jes, at 295-9788 or tribobutch@bigfoot.com

**SHOW
YOUR
PRIDE
GET INVOLVED
MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION**

Interested LGBT community members are invited to participate in Pride Northwest's **Conversations Project**, a positive community building activity. New groups are starting now and in the fall. All conversations include constituency group and at-large community members who are not identified with that group. Current groups are focused on Hispanic, African-American, and leather/s/m constituencies. Future groups will focus on trans, seniors, youth, and disabled queers. Call 295-9788 for an application form.

Watch for Pride Northwest Benefits at clubs all over town in June. The first one is Friday, June 4, 9pm: Mr. Millennium auction at Scandals, 1038 SW Stark.

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