

Otto of the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America, requesting a meeting with the Volunteer Leadership Council. She suggested inviting a small group of parents and Scouts to the gathering.

Tinker wants to initiate a dialogue process among members of the sexual minorities community, their children and the Scouts. She had not received a response to her request by *Just Out's* press time.

A total of 18 states and Washington, D.C., have planned 32 protests coordinated by Scouting for All. The purpose is "to give out a strong, positive, self-affirming message to our gay youth that we love them and embrace them," a letter from the group says.

To contact Scouting for All, visit www.scoutingforall.org or call (707) 778-0564. To contact the Boy Scouts, call (503) 226-3423 or write to 2145 N.W. Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97201.

KGW STILL SET TO MOVE AHEAD WITH DR. LAURA

KGW-TV still plans to debut the controversial *Dr. Laura* talk show 11 a.m. Sept. 11. The host, radio's Laura Schlessinger, is wide-

listed on the StopDrLaura.com Internet site, because its organizers are operating separately from the grassroots group. National organizers have attempted to recruit a protest coordinator throughout the summer but have yet to announce any affiliation with an individual or group in the Portland area.

To contact KGW, call (503) 226-5000. For more details about the Sept. 11 protest, send e-mail to lmfamily@teleport.com.

PABA MEETS CHIEF KROEKER

Members of the Portland Area Business Association, a gay and lesbian networking organization, invited the new police chief to their Aug. 14 luncheon downtown. Mark Kroeker, now eight months on the job, addressed about 50 members of PABA, explaining his vision for the City of Roses.

The former Los Angeles Police Department deputy chief lived and worked in Bosnia for one year, serving as commander for the International Police Force. He spoke about the lessons he learned there that he is trying to apply in his role as head of the Portland Police Bureau.



PABA President Mark Miller dines with Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker

ly known for her disparaging comments about gays and lesbians. A national campaign, Stop-DrLaura.com, has called for advertisers to cancel their support for the television show.

Many large sponsors continue to announce they are pulling out, and some have canceled their support of Schlessinger's radio program, too. Priceline.com, Gateway, Kroger's/Texas, EchoStar/DISH, Sears and the Ohio State Lottery are the latest to drop out.

Brenda Buratti, KGW's program manager, recently met with several citizens from the sexual minorities community who expressed concern about the upcoming show. Members of the group said the gathering was productive.

But Buratti recently informed Bonnie Tinker, who attended the meeting, that the station did not change its mind about airing the show. Still, KGW promised it would not air any program with defamatory comments about any group of people.

A protest will be held 11 a.m. Sept. 11 in front of KGW, 1501 S.W. Jefferson St., near downtown Portland. National demonstrations also are planned around the country for Sept. 10 and 11.

StopDrLaura.com says it has had 40 millions hits and 3 million unique visitors since March 1. The group has orchestrated 22 protests around the country involving tens of thousands of people.

Portland's demonstration likely will not be

Kroeker's goals are numerous. But he summed them up in a sentence: "I want Portland to be the safest city in the U.S."

Kroeker plans to continue to improve on the city's hands-on community policing. He said although the concept has many definitions, at its core is working hand in hand with neighborhoods to make life more peaceful for everyone.

Kroeker didn't miss the opportunity to do a little recruitment during his 10-minute talk. The bureau specifically is looking for people of color and women.

Kroeker said the force has 33 African American and 24 Latino officers, but he wants it to mirror the community. To do that, he said 65 African American and 40 Latino police officers should be on the streets of Portland.

Women also are underrepresented, Kroeker said. Portland police hope to have 270 women on the force, up from just 169.

Kroeker reminded the audience that recruitment is open to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities. He said he requires a unique mix from quality applicants: people who have a heart to help others in need but can engage in gunfight and survive.

"I want you to join us in this great mission," Kroeker said. "I ask you to be involved."

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