

PHOTO BY MARTY DAVIS

Ultra-busy activist Kristan Aspen (center) attends one of the numerous events supported by the Lesbian Community Project

Rich Kibbons, Karen Kroll, Dana Rosenlund and Brad Whitney. Jack Keegan, last year's board president, recently left for personal reasons.

The board's monthly open meeting, regularly scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, has been moved to the second Wednesday of each month. A portion of the meeting is open to the public for comment and questions. The meeting is held at Portland State University's Smith Center on the third floor.

Board president Carmella Ettinger said Pride Northwest always has a need for volunteers. Although most are utilized during the annual pride event in June, she said opportunities are available throughout the year.

For more information, call 503-295-9788.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATIONS SLOW

As of Oct. 13, 141 couples have taken advantage of Multnomah County's new domestic partnership registry.

The ordinance, launched Sept. 1, allows domestic partners to certify their relationship with the government. Same-sex couples are allowed to register.

Both the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Commission unanimously passed the ordinance in early August. Although public testimony was welcomed, little dissent was vocalized during the process of bringing the issue to a vote.

Dick Levy and Larry Hobnet were the first of several same-sex couples to register during a press conference at the county's marriage license office Sept. 1. Days later, several hundred gathered at Portland's City Hall to celebrate the ordinance. Almost 100 couples registered during the party.

A spokesperson for the marriage license and domestic partnership office said registries have leveled off in recent weeks. Couples who want to register must be 18 years old.

For more information, call 503-248-3027.

ASPEN RETURNS TO HELM OF LCP

After a summer hiatus, Kristan Aspen has returned to the role of programs director.

at Portland's Lesbian Community Project. On the heels of her success in helping the previously beleaguered organization recapture membership and vitality, the ultra-busy activist is all set to continue the momentum started earlier.

With a new and active board of directors and a full slate of scheduled activities, LCP is steadfastly on track to serve the needs of its current, former and new members. No on 9 Campaign benefits, youth camps, outreach to the deaf community, social groups, classes and senior groups are just a few of the many offerings now available.

Aspen is joined at LCP by new board members Rebecca Block and Allison Schmidt. Previously announced board members are Amazon Knightly, Genny Bimslager, Sally Cohn, Mara Cohn and Roma Hanvey.

The CEP board consists of Kathleen Saadat, Sparky Lindsay and L.C. Hansen. Staff member Libby Harrison handles youth outreach duties and is in charge of the youth leadership camps.


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FINAL HEARING WILL DISCUSS HIV PROPOSAL

Citizens have a final opportunity to testify during an Oregon Health Division hearing about HIV names reporting from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 23 in Room 329 at Portland State University's Smith Center. The agency is considering implementing a new policy in response to a recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Names reporting is done in 32 states around the country. Epidemiologists think it helps provide vital information needed in tracking the disease.

Opponents say HIV can be tracked sufficiently without using individuals' names. They warn of confidentiality issues and worry about a significant drop in people getting tested if names reporting is implemented in Oregon.

The health division has not announced when it plans to make a decision about the proposal. 

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