

Summer's over, and the Lesbian Community Project's annual Softball Tournament was a big success thanks to the vision, commitment and hard work of longtime organizer Karen Hefner and a host of other volunteers.

More than \$5,000 was netted from the event for LCP's fall programs! And more than \$5,000 worth of fun was had by the 32 teams and scores of fans who attended the wild weekend.

LCP thanks everyone who helped in whatever capacity. If we have omitted your name, please know it is not on purpose. Volunteers included Sharon Robinette, Lou Gray, Roma Hanvey, Annie Otis, Sally Cohn, Mary Hauer, Jan Peterson, Jennifer Smith, Anna Wager, AC Miller, JJ Klagge, Cynthia Parker, Beverly Moser, Jeff Bell, Lady Pamela Ogden, Diane Green, Leanne Mruzik, KC Christensen, Janna MacAuslan, Janelle Redmond and Alicia Watson.

Tournament sponsors were Dingo's Taco Bar, *Just Out*, Celia J. Lyon and Sharon Robinette. Silent auction and in-kind donors included Human, Healthy Pets Northwest, *Just Out*, Sports 4 U, Sara Major, It's My Pleasure, Presents of Mind, Dr. Karen Frangos, Trade Roots, B. Klagge Construction, Dr. Sierra L. Levy, Hoda's Middle Eastern Cuisine, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Shakti Cove, Essential Oils, Giants Gym, Dr. Gaia Mathers, ND, Bill Zavin, Portland Fire Basketball, Karen and David Lambert, Deanna DeLong, Multi-Pure Water and Kelley Begley.

In its 16th year, this tournament speaks to the long-term commitment lesbians have to each other and to LCP as an important women's organization in the queer community.

Like I said, summer is over. First on LCP's fall agenda is the implementation of a new member and donor drive to raise \$8,000.



A season for social change

The Lesbian Community Project announces its fall agenda

BY KRISTAN ASPEN

The Ralph L. Smith Foundation will award us a match of \$1 for every \$2 we raise, up to \$4,000. And it already has given us \$4,000 up front to kick off the campaign.

The idea is to generate new, ongoing support for LCP to help us become self-sustaining. If we can show community support by paying for our rent, utilities, bookkeeping and one staff position from memberships and monthly pledges, we will have a better chance of receiving funds from foundations to pay for special programs, including our Deaf Outreach, the Conversations Project, Youth Leadership Training Camps, special support for elders, women of color and board training retreats.

During the summer we have had a tremendous influx of calls from potential volunteers. Now that summer is over, we are planning a volunteer orientation, so you can learn more about LCP's programs and find

out how you can assist us in building community and organizing for justice.

Remember that LCP is here as a vehicle for your ideas of community organizing as well as to show leadership in special projects. Here are some of our current programs.

For lesbian, bi, trans and gay people younger than 25, LCP's next Youth Leadership Training Camp is scheduled for Oct. 12 to 14 at the beach. Board members Annie Otis and Erin Sexton are heading up the team to organize a weekend you won't soon forget.

Queer youth of color and deaf youth especially are encouraged to apply for this special opportunity to explore the many cross-cultural challenges of being queer and young. This will be the fourth and final camp funded by a grant to LCP from Multnomah County.

This fall the Seniors Conversations Project, supported by a grant from Equity Foundation,

is ready to take off. We anticipate both a mixed group and an all-women's group of people older than 65 talking with people younger than 65.

The idea is to listen and learn about the hopes, fears, needs and solutions shared by our elders, then take action to become a more integrated community. Call the LCP office to sign up, and you will be notified when we have enough participants to begin.

The Conversations Project is a flexible format for facilitated small-group discussions between people of different life experience (races, ages, orientations, gender identities, genders, abilities, cultures, etc.). Groups may be started when there is interest from the community.

If you would like to participate in a particular conversation, please call LCP to let us know. The goal is to develop deeper understanding between members of the queer community, to allow us to build a more united and organized movement for social change.

Now is also the time to sign up for American Sign Language or Spanish classes at LCP, both taught by native speakers. Learning someone else's language is a great way to begin to understand how their culture differs from yours.

We'll have beginning Spanish and both beginning and intermediate ASL classes on sliding fee scales from \$40 to \$65 per eight-week term beginning in October. Call now to put your name on the list.

And don't miss Queer Deaf Culture Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 29 in the third floor board room at the downtown YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave. Everyone is invited! ☐

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