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Now is the time to get involved for next summer's Eugene Pride Day

**EUGENE VOLUNTEERS:  
SHOW YOUR PRIDE**

Planning already is under way for the June 22, 2002, Eugene Pride Day Festival. To encourage wider participation, an open meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Eugene Water and Electric Board Community Room, 500 E. Fourth St.

Eugene Pride Day is created and run by volunteers. It relies on individual donations and sponsorships to make the annual celebration possible.

For more information call 541-342-1490.

**FUND-RAISER BENEFITS  
CORVALLIS PFLAG**

The Gay-Straight Alliance at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis is planning a fund-raiser for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The "Red Carpet Drag Show and Dance" will be held Dec. 22 at Oddfellows Hall, 223 S.W. Second St. Doors open at 7 p.m., the drag show will run from 8 to about 9:30, and dancing will follow until midnight.

Coming in drag is recommended but not required. However, dancers should leave their high heels at home.

The cost is \$3. Plenty of teachers, adult friends and other volunteers will be on site to ensure everyone's safety.

Performers include Gordon Mellot, aka Ashley Diamond; about five performers from a semi-professional company in Salem, including the former Mr. Gay Oregon; and a professional standup comedian and friends from Portland, most likely impersonating Diana Ross and the Supremes. Organizers promise the entertainers will be hilarious.

The opening speaker is Linda Klinge, the new president of Oregon's National Organization for Women. The event also will have an information table about AFTER 8, a lesbian, gay and bi education and advocacy group serving Benton and Linn counties.

**FOUR MONTHS  
AND COUNTING UNTIL  
DAY OF SILENCE**

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network announced Dec. 10 it is leading the coordination of the Day of Silence Project, which will take place April 10, 2002. It is the largest youth-run gay, lesbian, bi and trans action in the country.

Started in 1996 at University of Virginia, the project has students take a vow of silence to protest the discrimination faced by sexual minorities. Instead of speaking, participants hand out cards printed with a message explaining why they have chosen not to talk.

The project now occurs in hundreds of high schools and colleges across the country. Past participants in Oregon include high schools in Bend, Forest Grove, Philomath and Eugene as

well as colleges in Ashland and Monmouth.

"Our hope is that the Day of Silence Project allows schools to hear the powerful voices of students who protest discrimination against LGBT people," said Chris Tuttle, national student organizer. "The Day of Silence Project can be a tremendously powerful launching pad for youth to make a concrete difference in their school communities."

For more information visit the Internet site [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org).

**SAFE SCHOOLS  
COALITION EXPANDS**

The Safe Schools Coalition—which has been addressing the needs of Washington state's gay, lesbian, bi and trans youth for a decade—has broken onto the national scene.

In an effort to end the isolation of gender-nonconforming kids and their families throughout the country, the organization has launched five new publications and two new Web sites. They offer training ideas, curriculum suggestions and links to thousands of brochures and posters, many of them free.

The new publications include the third edition—the first to be national—of the *Safe Schools Resource Guide*; the first-ever *Washington State Supplement to the Resource Guide*; and the first-ever youth edition of the guide, *The Safe School 'Zine*, containing most of the same resources as the educators' materials as well as students' own poetry, essays and art. Also hot off the presses are brochures about the coalition's shift from a statewide to a national group as well as a one about its intervention services.

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