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**NORTHWEST news**

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ness each month. "It has been my pleasure to serve the community over the years, and I hope to continue once I am again able," she said.

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treatment. Three-quarters of the net proceeds raised at the race remain in Oregon and southwest Washington communities; the rest is devoted solely to research.

For more information call 503-553-3680, e-mail [racecure@komenoregon.org](mailto:racecure@komenoregon.org) or visit [www.raceforthecure-pdx.org](http://www.raceforthecure-pdx.org).



Lori Buckwalter (center) leads a Creating Change 2002 Host Committee meeting April 17

**CREATING CHANGE ANNOUNCES HOST COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Last month the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force announced the appointment of four co-chairs to lead the Creating Change 2002 Host Committee: trans activist Lori Buckwalter, community organizer Ron Glanville, health educator Anisah Miley and Brother to Brother board member and ordained minister Cecil Prescod.

The 15-year-old conference attracts about 2,500 participants and is the largest annual gathering of the queer movement. This year, Creating Change will be held from Nov. 6 to 10 at the Doubletree Jantzen Beach—the first time it has taken place in the Pacific Northwest.

The conference will focus on the effect of racism in society and in queer politics. Anti-racism trainings and action sessions will be offered throughout the gathering along with more than 100 panels on a wide array of topics, touching on every aspect of the movement.

"We are extremely grateful that Anisah, Ron, Lori and Cecil have agreed to give their time and talents to help us make this 15th Creating Change conference the best ever," said Lorri L. Jean, NGLTF executive director. "We look forward to working with them and the hundreds of local volunteers who each year make Creating Change a success."

For registration information, workshop proposal materials and other information visit [www.creatingchange.org](http://www.creatingchange.org).

**AND THEY'RE OFF!**

Registration begins June 15 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure, which will be held Sept. 15 at Waterfront Park.

The 11-year-old event features a five-kilometer co-ed run and walk, a five-kilometer women's run and walk, and a one-mile family walk. A free Health Expo will precede the race Sept. 13 and 14 at the Oregon Convention Center.

The foundation's mission is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and

**BROCHURE TARGETS LESBIAN, BI FEMALE ABUSE VICTIMS**

The first nationally distributed and user-friendly brochure for lesbian and bi female victims of domestic violence soon will be available.

This is being made possible by the award of an \$820 grant June 5 by the Portland General Electric Foundation and the Open Meadow Corps Restoring the Urban Environment Program. The funds will be used to design, write, print, distribute and publicize the availability of the brochure.

*Are You or Someone You Care About a Female Victim of Female Intimate Partner Violence?* is being compiled by Stop Abuse for Everyone, which distributes the only nationally available brochure for male victims of domestic violence. It will be dedicated to the memory of Cornelius resident Carall Smith, 53, who was shot to death by her female partner Nov. 17, 1995.

"The new brochure will enhance our efforts to help all underserved victims of domestic violence," SAFE president Jade Rubick said. "We are very grateful to the Portland General Electric Foundation and appreciate their support."

Most research has shown that domestic violence within lesbian relationships occurs at a similar rate to that of straight couples. Even in studies that show a lower rate compared to heterosexuals, the amount of abuse is significant, with 11 percent of same-sex cohabitating women reporting being victimized by a female partner in their lifetime, according to the National Violence Against Women Act Survey.

"Many lesbians are understandably reluctant to air issues related to lesbian battering for fear of triggering homophobic attacks on our communities," editor Kerry Lobel wrote in the book *Naming the Violence: Speaking Out About Lesbian Violence*. "Yet, our only alternative is one of silence, a silence that traps battered lesbians into believing that they are alone and that there are no resources available to them."

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