

## NORTHWEST news

### SEATTLE COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS

The Seattle LGBT Community Center will be unveiled officially during a grand opening festival, street fair and ribbon-cutting ceremony June 22. All of the events are free and open to the public.

The center, which is located at 1115 E. Pike St. on Capitol Hill, will open its doors with an open house featuring tours and community information tables sponsored by organizational members at 2 p.m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring Mayor Greg Nickels starts at 4.

A festival and street fair will feature music, food and a beer garden from 5 to 9 p.m. Entertainers will include Jennifer Jasper, the Timberline Bucks, the Visqueens, Mark Finley, Those Fabulous Fakes, Lisa Welch, Mr. Washington Leather Tony Buffalini and Tara Hardy.

Seattle Pride '02 will be held June 29 and 30 at Volunteer Park. The parade starts 11 a.m. June 30.

For more information call 206-323-2227, e-mail [info@seattlelgbt.org](mailto:info@seattlelgbt.org) or visit [www.seattlelgbt.org](http://www.seattlelgbt.org).

### SEMINAR HEALS EMOTIONAL WOUNDS OF HOMOPHOBIA

Gay counselor Larry Rogers will hold a seminar to help people heal the emotional wounds of homophobia July 12 to 14 at Breitenbush Hot Springs, a retreat center located in the middle of an old-growth forest about two hours southeast of Portland near Detroit.

Prejudice, shame and fear touch virtually all sexual minorities and their families, according to Rogers. How people view themselves deeply affects how they live in the world today and how they relate to others.

"I invite all people affected by prejudice to this safe place and time to experience new ways of being and feeling," Rogers says. "Find a whole new level of acceptance of yourself and others. Enjoy the freedom that comes from taking off the masks that hide our true magnificence."

Rogers is a counselor and hypnotherapist with a private practice in Portland. He has more than 12 years of experience facilitating seminars on diversity, homophobia, psychosocial AIDS issues, public speaking, mind-body medicine and team building for schools, universities and corporations.

The seminar will be assisted by Lynne Accetta, a mental health counselor and hypnotherapist with more than 10 years of experience. Her private practice is located in the Seattle area.

The sliding-scale cost of the seminar is \$275 to \$475, which includes two nights of lodging and meals. Scholarships are available.

To register or for more information contact Larry Rogers at 503-781-6542 or [larryr@teleport.com](mailto:larryr@teleport.com).

### JEWISH POTLUCK PLANNED

Jewish Family & Child Service, which drew 30 people to its first sexual minority potluck last month, has scheduled another dinner for 6:30 p.m. June 30. The theme will be mentorship for queer youth.

Representatives of Love Makes a Family will play host to the event, where attendees will learn about options, meet new and old faces, and eat well. People are asked to bring kosher vegetarian dishes.

Call David at 503-226-7079, ext. 14, for location.

### BOOKSTORE ROBBED

In Other Words Women's Books and Resources was robbed the morning of June 17, according to manager Sue Burns. Someone lifted \$480 out of a cash box near the counter when an employee wasn't looking.

Burns is seeking donations to cover the loss. She is hoping 24 generous people will write a check for \$20 to the nonprofit and pop it in the mail while paying their bills this month.

For more information call 503-232-6003, e-mail [othrwrds@teleport.com](mailto:othrwrds@teleport.com) or visit [www.inotherwords.org](http://www.inotherwords.org).

### FOLLOW THE LEADERS

The Portland Area Business Association celebrated its 10th anniversary during the networking organization's annual meeting June 12 at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Inn.

It also announced a number of newly elected officers: president James Giardina of La Rog Jewelers, vice president Christina Sigwart of *And Baby* magazine, secretary Phillip Richardson of Westin Portland Hotel and treasurer Scott Ringsage of KeyBank. The board members are businessmen Brian Kurth and John Ott, photographer John Gress, attorney Kevin Redmond and travel agent Norm Nevers.

"The membership elected a great new roster of board members," said Meg Grace, outgoing vice president. "The new group's energy will mesh well with those board members continuing on in a two-year term. My last two years on the board were energizing. Best of all, I have made some great friends." J

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Christina Sigwart addresses the Portland Area Business Association during its annual meeting June 12 at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Inn

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