

Southwest Washington Health District offers free HIV testing for gay and bi men. No needles used! (5-6:30 pm first and third Thursday, 1104 Main St., Vancouver. 360-397-8098.) (11/02)

Willamette Valley: AIDS & HIV

HIV Alliance of Lane County provides education, prevention, client services and health care. Registered nurse and Spanish language assistance available. HIV testing 5-8 pm Tuesdays—get \$5 and a free bottle of lube. (1966 Garden Ave., Eugene. 541-342-5088. hivall@hivalliance.org.) (11/02)

HIV-Positive Social/Activities Group connects you with others who understand and share your experience. A group-led organization for various fun events and support. (Curtis or Jonathan 541-342-5088. prev1@hivalliance.org.) (11/02)

LifeLine AIDS Project provides services and prevention education for HIV/AIDS in Salem and the Willamette Valley. (Suite J-20, 3896 Beverly Ave. NE. 503-371-4455.) (11/02)

Oregon State Penitentiary HIV/AIDS Awareness Program (HAAP) is inmate-based and provides peer education, information, referrals and support to all inmates regardless of HIV status or sexual orientation. Many programs are dependent on community volunteers. (HAAP/OSP Activities Dept., 2605 State St., Salem, OR 97310. 503-378-4207.) (11/02)

Positive Connection of Yamhill County provides advocacy, referrals and monthly meetings providing a social and support environment to residents in Yamhill County. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at a confidential location. (503-554-0701.) (11/02)

Rainbow Health Resource Center in Corvallis offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling 3-8 pm every Monday by appointment. Also support group for gay men living with HIV. (500 Madison Ave. #4. 541-766-6242.) (11/02)

Valley AIDS Information Network's 24-hour hot line provides HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and STD information, support and referrals. English hot line; English and Spanish materials. Speakers for schools, recovery and adult groups. (Benton County and Albany: 541-752-6322 or 800-588-2437.) (11/02)

COMMUNITY

Metro: General

Bad Girls is a social and educational B/D/S/M organization for self-identified women with an emphasis on safe, sane and consensual woman-to-woman B/D/S/M. Workshops, discussions and social events. (PO Box 17254, Portland, OR 97217-0254. contact@pdxbadgirls.net.) (11/02)

Dads Support Group, a program of Love Makes a Family, meets first and third Tuesdays at Augustana Lutheran Church. For gay, bi or trans men who parent biological or adopted children. (7 pm, 2710 NE 14th Ave. 503-228-3892.) (11/02)

Deaf & Hearing Out Reach (DHOR) is a new nonprofit dedicated to building community among deaf and hearing queers and allies through social, educational and community resources in an inclusive environment. We offer queer American Sign Language classes and support monthly queer deaf events. (503-235-0840. queeras@yahoo.com.) (11/02)

Equity Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded by the gay and lesbian community to promote dignity and worth in all people. Equity has distributed more than \$1 million in grants to programs throughout Oregon. (503-231-5759. www.equityfoundation.org.) (11/02)

It's My Pleasure offers a wide array of services to the community including books, gifts, workshops, a resource bulletin board, free housing listings and a free lesbian dating service. (3106 NE 64th Ave., Portland, OR 97213. 503-280-8080.) (11/02)

Lesbian Community Project is a 17-year-old multi-issue, multiracial, membership organization that builds community and organizes for justice among lesbians and our friends and allies. Sliding-scale membership is open to anyone who supports lesbian leadership in our community. Call for information about events, classes, support groups, Conversations Projects, newsletters and volunteer opportunities. New to town or newly out? Check out LCP—umbrella for the lesbian community. (800 NW Sixth Ave. #255. Mailing address: PO Box 5931, Portland, OR 97228. 503-227-0605.) (11/02)

Love Makes a Family Inc. is a nonprofit agency working for social change and supporting lesbian, gay, bi and trans families. We provide advocacy, education and referrals regarding schools, same-sex marriage, adoption, parenting and more. **Families with Kids Groups** enjoy pizza dinners and separate discussion/play time for LGBT parents/care-givers and their children. Portland metro: 6-8 pm every second Monday at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14th

Portland Pink Pistols invites queer firearms enthusiast to celebrate their 2nd Amendment rights. Monthly munch 4 pm Sundays, followed by open range time. (www.portland.pinkpistols.org) (11/02)

Pride Northwest Inc., a completely volunteer effort, organizes and produces community forums and the annual Portland Pride celebration. (503-295-9788. pridenorthwest@usa.net. www.pridenw.org.) (11/02)

SHARE is laying the groundwork for future gay and lesbian senior housing in the Portland area. (6-8 pm last Tuesday, Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave. 503-286-3575.) (11/02)

Metro: Political

Basic Rights Oregon, the state's largest grassroots LGBT rights political organization, lobbies legislature, educates the public and works to end discrimination through election activities. (PO Box 40625, Portland, OR 97240. 503-222-6151. www.basicrights.org.) (11/02)

Intersex Initiative Portland is a network of activists and allies raising awareness and challenging social and medical concealment of intersex existence. (503-288-3191. ipdx@survivorproject.org.) (11/02)

Oregon Education Association Gay and Lesbian Caucus is an organization for educators that works to protect the rights and interests of gay, lesbian, bi and trans teachers and students. (503-246-2073. oreganglc@care2.com. www.geocities.com/oregonglc.) (11/02)

Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. is a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting success for women in the trades through education, leadership and mentor opportunities. Child care provided; everyone is welcome. (6 pm third Thursday, Room 120, State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St. 503-943-2228.) (11/02)

Portland Area Business Association (PABA) is a professional networking organization serving the lesbian and gay community and those who support our aims and purposes. Monthly events and gatherings. (503-241-2222. www.paba.com.) (11/02)

Metro: Support

The Lesbian Cancer Support Network's **Hambleton Project** is a nonprofit organization offering networking and direct services to lesbians with cancer and other life-threatening conditions. (503-335-6591.) (11/02)

Late Awakenings, a support group for lesbians who

of **Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in The Dalles for support, information and advocacy. Attendance is confidential. (7 pm. 541-298-8383.) (11/02)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)—Central Oregon meets on the third Monday of the month for support, education and advocacy. (6 pm coffee, visiting, browsing the library; 6:30 pm meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 230 NE Ninth St., Bend. 541-317-2334.) (11/02)

Coastal Oregon: Community

North Coast Pride Network is a volunteer human dignity organization serving the sexual minorities community in the Columbia Pacific Region. Publishes a newsletter, maintains a resource office and sponsors Gratitude's Wilde, a monthly social mixer, the third Monday of each month. (139 Ninth St. #8, Astoria. Mailing address: PO Box 1317, Astoria, OR 97103. Monday social: 5:30-9 pm at Café Uniontown, 231 W Marine Drive, Astoria. 503-338-0161. ncpn@pacifier.com.) (11/02)

Southern Oregon: Community

Chrysalis provides support and education for people involved and interested in the southern Oregon trans community. (7 pm second Saturday, Abdill-Ellis Community Center, 771 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland. 541-488-6990. PO Box 1793, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. www.chrysalis4tg.com.) (11/02)

Rogue Valley Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides support, education and advocacy. (7 pm first Thursday, Ashland First United Methodist Church, 175 N Main St. Mailing address: PO Box 13, Ashland, OR 97520. 541-488-1142 or 541-512-0326.) (11/02)

Willamette Valley: Community

AFTER 8 works for political change and provides information and referral for sexual minorities and allies in Benton and Linn counties. (PO Box 1828, Corvallis, OR 97339. 541-752-8157.) (11/02)

Lane Community College Queer-Straight Alliance provides a safe place for all people to meet and discuss issues dealing with queer-straight interactions and to build alliances through LCC and the greater Eugene area. Offers the interactive workshop "Challenging, Learning About and Undermining Heterosexism." (4 pm Tuesday, Room 222, Building 1, 4000 E 30th Ave. 541-463-5331. gaystraightalliance@msn.com.) (11/02)

Rainbow Rascals is open to all gay and lesbian parents of similar-age children (toddler to 7 years) in the Salem area to get together for fun and support. (Kim Olsen 503-581-5102. www.rainbowrascals.org.) (11/02)

Mentors and Protégés (MAP) is a group of gay men 18 and older. Meets every second Thursday in Corvallis. (Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to PO Box 231, Foster, OR 97345.) (11/02)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides support, education and advocacy in Salem. (7-9 pm third Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 600 State St., Salem. Mailing address: PO Box 121, Gates, OR 97346. 503-292-9668 or 503-897-2524.) (11/02)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides support, education and advocacy in Eugene. (6:45-8:45 pm third Mondays, First Congregational Church, 1050 E 23rd Ave., Eugene. 541-302-4422.) (11/02)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Schools and Youth Team provides information, training, networking and advocacy to make schools safe and fair for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. (541-242-2746.) (11/02)



Don't miss Shakespeare in the Park through Sept. 2 at various grassy locations

Ave. Washington Church: 6-8 pm every fourth Tuesday at Community Church of Cedar Hills, 11695 SW Park Way. Vancouver: 6-8 pm every third Monday at Children's Home Society, 309 W 12th Ave. (503-228-3892. lmfamily@lmfamily.org.) (11/02)

Men's Talk meets every month for discussion and activities for Portlanders who would like to strengthen our sense of community. (7 pm fourth Wednesday, First Congregational United Church, 1126 SW Park Ave. 503-247-7139. pdxgaymen@aol.com.) (11/02)

Mentors International is a group of gay seniors who advocate for international exchange students at metro area universities. (503-735-9425. ncking@ados.com.) (11/02)

To register your **Multnomah County Domestic Partnership**, bring \$60 cash to the Multnomah County offices. (8 am-4:45 pm Monday-Friday, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-988-3027.) (11/02)

The Names Project provides access and training for organizations to display the AIDS Memorial Quilt. (PO Box 5423, Portland, OR 97228. 503-797-2881.) (11/02)

Lesbian Avengers is a direct-action group dedicated to the survival and visibility of lesbians, bi women and trans dykes. (503-309-5777.) (11/02)

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC), a national lesbian organization, has a Portland chapter for lesbians 60 and older interested in changing the social disease of ageism. (1 pm second Wednesday, 503-286-3575.) (11/02)

Radical Women are active in the struggle against bigotry and exploitation. (7 pm second Wednesday, 819 N Killingsworth St. 503-240-4462. rwpdx@gc.org.) (11/02)

Rural Organizing Project is a network of human dignity groups taking action at the local and state level. (PO Box 1350, Scappoose, OR 97056. 503-543-8417. office@rop.org. www.rop.org.) (11/02)

Metro: Professional

Lesbians with Vision is a support group for lesbian business owners. (Deborah 503-777-7171. stopper@prodigy.net.) (11/02)

came out later in life, meets monthly at Outside In. Please arrive a little early. (7 pm first Tuesday, 1132 SW 13th Ave. #255. 503-227-0605.) (11/02)

Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force (LGIIRTF) provides support and information to gay and lesbian immigrants and their partners and works to change discriminatory U.S. immigration laws. (503-471-1568. PO Box 12526 Portland, OR 97212. lgirtf@hotmail.com. www.lgirtf.org.) (11/02)

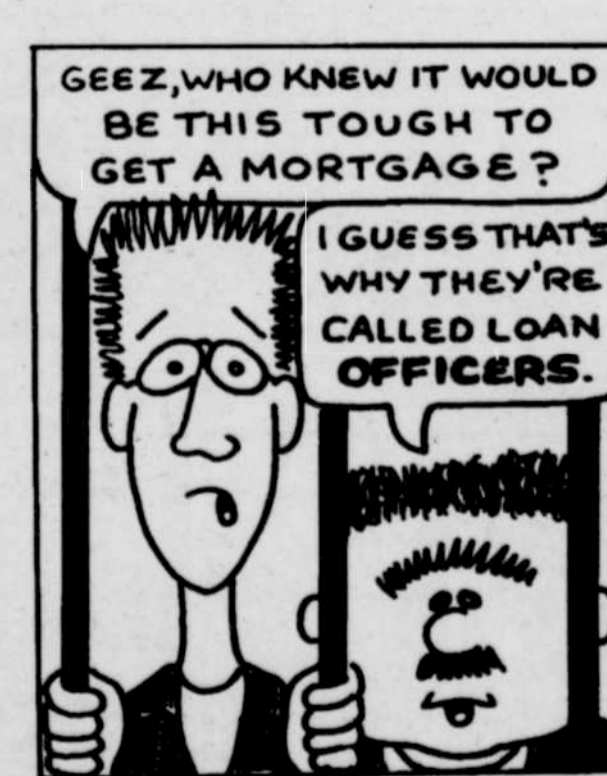
Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group for lesbians and gay men meets to share information and provide support in dealing with the challenges of living with multiple sclerosis. (6:30-8 pm third Wednesday, Astria 503-223-9511.) (11/02)

Northwest Gender Alliance is a monthly social and support group for individuals desiring to explore and express another gender. (PO Box 4928, Portland, OR 97208-4928. 503-646-2802. nwg@nwgapdx.org. www.nwgapdx.org.) (11/02)

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Mid-Columbia Parents, Families and Friends

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