

**F**loreid Walker, senior financial adviser at Waddell & Reed and honored activist, was the recipient of yet another award recently. This one, though, had nothing to do with her long and successful career or her years of community work.

No, this most recent award came from the heart of her partner, Tamera Crombie, and close



friends Pam Monette and Elise Campbell. This band of co-conspirators actually succeeded in throwing Walker a surprise birthday party complete with balloons,

cards, presents, the whole kit and caboodle.

The creative hostess team went a step further, however, for this was not any ordinary surprise party. Nope, this was a lemon-themed surprise party. Lemon cake, lemonade, lemon bars, lemon drops, lemon cookies and, yes, that traditional party favorite, chicken strips in lemon sauce.

The crowning glory of this lemon lovefest were stylish frozen lemons filled with lemon sorbet. Rumor has it they're available at Trader Joe's.

Friends, family, loved ones and frozen lemons. Can it get any better? Walker didn't seem to think so.

## WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS...

...throw a party for puckered pals

weekend of Nov. 2 and will be selling an array of candles they've made with their very own hands. Everybody needs candles, so go buy some, OK?

Have lunch and make it a fun day. Don't forget to take your dog.

A strange thing happens to professionals who serve as officers and board members for the Portland Area Business Association, the Rose City's "gay chamber of commerce." They keep the organization running for their term, pour in their hearts and souls, then disappear into the pink Bermuda Triangle of worn-out leaders.

Sadly, some of them never are seen again. With this in mind, it was especially delight-

ful to have former PABA mainstay Brian Marki play host to a recent "Evening Connection." We haven't seen much of him lately, and it was very comfortable to be back in his Northeast gallery and frame shop.

The place is open and spacious and lends itself well to these types of social outings. Surrounded by an array of eclectic artwork, the edible centerpiece of the evening was the yummy light buffet prepared by

Kevin Danley, the owner of Four Seasons Catering.

All business professionals interested in networking and socializing with PABA members are invited to visit [www.paba.com](http://www.paba.com) and attend any of its events. It's not at all snooty, and you definitely will feel welcome.

In the beginning there was coffee, and it was good. And throughout the land friendly people dispensed hot beverages to neighbors and friends, and local cafes were the cornerstones of the community—and it was good. And then Satan reared his ugly head



Floreid Walker (left) and partner Tamera Crombie share a surprise birthday party moment

original shop, he has been able to add a lounging area with couches and comfy chairs. Students, business people and the general public have access to computer stations for Web surfing, and Broadway Coffee Trader was one of the city's first locations with wireless Internet access.

The upstairs now boasts conference rooms created with the small business and nonprofit in mind. For reasonable rates, one has access to a spacious meeting area with computers, phones and assorted amenities, not the least of which is the convenience of being able to imbibe virtually any hot tea or coffee beverage you ever could hope for.

In his retail section Edmundson features more than 50 loose teas and has one of the city's largest selections of teapots and tea sets. Plans are under way to feature a traditional "high tea" service soon. Lunchers and munchers may complement their coffee or tea with a pastry or sandwich supplied by Gabriel's Bakery.

The walls of the living room are adorned with contemporary render-

ings of classical art masterpieces, including one detailing Adam and Eve being expelled from the Garden of Eden for drinking Starbucks. Viewing this piece alone is worth your first trip to Broadway Coffee Trader.

Finally, Marc Acito and partner Floyd Sklaver have sold their Tigard FastSigns franchise. Acito now will use his time to write the great American novel, and Sklaver will be his full-time love slave. ☐

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Rick Edmundson (left) and Floyd Sklaver discuss neither coffee nor signs during a recent get-together

Ron Glanville has been a very busy fella these past few months. While putting in long, long hours as co-chairman of the Creating Change 2002 Host Committee, he also was teaching cooking classes at the upscale In Good Taste located in the Pearl District.

Now comes word that his creative endeavors have resulted in a cool promotion, and henceforth he shall be known as school director for the academic culinary portion of this energetic business. For complete details, and to view a photo of the handsome tuxedo-clad Glanville, visit [www.ingoodtastestore.com](http://www.ingoodtastestore.com).

Crisp fall air, gloves and scarves, elephant ears, bizarre gift items you hope no one buys for you, dogs peeing on the "No Dogs Allowed" signs—yup, it's time for Saturday Market to kick into high gear again. Joining in the weekend retail festival this year are candle makers extraordinaire Wally Schmidt and Mark Tynan, co-owners of the Northeast Broadway gift store Radiance.

The boys will be setting up shop starting the



PABA members munch at the "Evening Connection"



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