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## CAPITOL PRIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for Salem's Capitol Pride, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 28 at Pringle Park Plaza. Shifts include setup, breakdown, security and balloon arch.

The organizers' final committee meeting will be held 6 p.m. June 23 at the 300 Club's Right Side Bar, 300 Liberty St. S.E.

For more information contact Ryan at 503-930-9554 or Leis at [leis@earthlink.net](mailto:leis@earthlink.net).

## PORTLAND YOUTH PHILHARMONIC TAPS SYRCLE

The Portland Youth Philharmonic Association announced June 4 the selection of Diane Syrcle as its new executive director.

She will officially begin work July 1. "I am a passionate advocate for art in the lives of all Oregonians," said Syrcle, who will be responsible for providing leadership and vision for all organizational issues.

A lesbian hailing from Texas, she received a bachelor's degree in vocal performance and certification in music education for secondary schools at West Texas A&M University. She received a master's of music degree from University of North Texas.

Her teaching experience includes choir, art and speech. She also has an active singing career.

In 1996 Syrcle came to the Rose City on a singing contract with Portland Opera's Young Artist Program, where she discovered an oppor-



"Friends of the diva" surround Diane Syrcle, the Portland Youth Philharmonic Association's new executive director, during Portland Pride 2003

tunity to combine her love of music and music education. As a result, she became director of the education and outreach department.

"We are absolutely delighted that someone with Diane's experience and energy has agreed to be our executive director," said Bruce Samson, Portland Youth Philharmonic Association board president. "She and [conductor and music director] Mei-Ann Chen will truly be a dynamic duo that will lead this organization into a bright future."

## FOLDED RAGS

Two queer-friendly publications based in Portland have gone out of business.

Danzine was created by and for sex workers. Its goal was to provide the information and

resources needed to make more informed decisions, personally and professionally.

Nervy Girl billed itself as "the thinking woman's magazine." Its mission was "to celebrate and encourage women in their diversity, achievements, interests and ideas and provide a platform to address and discuss women's issues."

Donations may be sent to Danzine, P.O. Box 40207,

Portland, OR 97240, through Dec. 31.

## RADICAL RUMMAGE

Radical Women will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 21 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 22 at the Bread & Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth St. Organizers are seeking quality items including antiques, furniture, books, toddler clothing and toys, women and men's clothing, functional appliances and tools.

Proceeds will benefit *The Freedom Socialist Newspaper*. All are welcome.

To arrange for someone to pick up donations, call 503-240-4462.

## ACLU: HIGH SCHOOLS MUST GIVE EQUAL RIGHTS TO GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES

Responding to problems of intolerance faced by students in several Washington high schools, attorneys issued a letter May 28 advising officials statewide that their existing rules for student-organized clubs may discriminate against some organizations, in violation of federal law.

"Public schools may not discriminate against a student club based on its religious or political views," said Julia Hampton, American Civil Liberties Union of Washington legal program director. "Equal rights for Gay Straight Alliance student clubs is a matter of basic fairness and should not be subject to a majority vote of other students."

The ACLU explained that federal law makes it clear that student clubs promoting tolerance for gay students are entitled to the same resources as other clubs.

Most recently, the GSA at Puyallup High gained full-fledged club status after attorneys notified the principal that it must be given the same access to resources that other noncurricular clubs have at the school. As a result, the GSA can now hold assemblies, publicize activities at school and seek student government funding.

Earlier this year the ACLU intervened after the student government at Federal Way High refused to recognize the school's GSA. At Shelton High in 1999, the Equality Council gained the right to distribute fliers, announce meetings via the intercom and meet on school grounds at suitable times after attorneys contacted officials. **JM**

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