

DEAN: DON'T AMEND U.S. CONSTITUTION

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean spoke out against the anti-gay Federal Marriage Amendment during a fundraiser Nov. 11 at Montgomery Park.

Just Out asked the former Vermont governor, who signed the state's landmark civil unions legislation in 2000, about the increasing likelihood that the White House will endorse the amendment, which would define marriage as between a man and a woman. Dean's short-but-sweet response: "We don't support cluttering up the Constitution with things that take away people's civil rights."

He also slammed President Bush for embracing U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who in April likened homosexuality to polygamy, incest and adultery, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who issued a scathing dissent to June's Lawrence vs. Texas decision, which overturned state sodomy laws.

"This president ran as a uniter, not a divider," Dean said. "I am tired of being divided by race in this country. I am tired of being divided by gender in this country.... I am tired of being divided by sexual orientation in this country.... I want a president who is going to stop appealing to the worst in us and finally appeal to the very best in America."

Dean supporters hold meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at multiple locations across the country. The gay bar Hobo's will play



Howard Dean (center) locks hands Nov. 11 with his Oregon campaign co-chairs (from left) Matt Hennessee, Portland Development Commission chairman; Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz; former Gov. Barbara Roberts; and gay philanthropist Terry Bean

host to an "All GLBTI & Friends Dean Meetup" 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at 120 N.W. Third Ave.

For more information visit www.deanforamerica.com. To get involved with Out for Dean, e-mail dean_girl@hotmail.com or visit groups.yahoo.com/group/outfordean-portland.

FRANK, ARMEY AT ODDS AGAIN?

A fund-raiser featuring gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., has been moved

back one month because of a scheduling conflict.

The reception, originally set for Nov. 20, will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the home of gay philanthropist Terry Bean, 1882 S.W. Hawthorne Terrace. The minimum donation is \$125 a person.

As it turns out, Frank's appearance nearly coincided with a visit from former House Majority Leader Dick Arme, who was in town Nov. 20 to launch "a nationwide freedom movement" in his new role as co-chairman of Citizens for a Sound Economy.

The Texas Republican referred to Frank as "Barney Fag" in a 1995 radio interview.

Arme later claimed it was nothing more than a verbal "stumble," saying, "I don't use the word in personal conversation [and] I would not use such an expression." Frank responded by saying that, having recently spoken to his mother, he could confirm with some confidence that in her 50-plus years as Mrs. Frank, no one had ever "stumbled" and addressed her as "Mrs. Fag."

Next month's event will raise money to reelect U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley, D-Ore., who received a perfect score from the Human Rights Campaign for her voting record during the last session of Congress. However, she is the only Democratic member of Oregon's delegation who has not signed on as a co-sponsor of the Permanent Partners Immigration Act, which would allow gay and lesbian citizens or permanent residents to petition for their same-sex partners to immigrate.

To RSVP call Jennifer at 503-723-0100.

FORUM FOCUSES ON LEGAL RIGHTS

Kaiser Permanente's sexual minority employee group, KP Pride, is sponsoring a forum Dec. 4 outlining queer legal rights. The event—similar to last summer's "Fighting for Fairness" town hall meeting presented by the Human Rights Campaign and Basic Rights Oregon—will start 6:30 p.m. at Kaiser Town Hall, 3074 N. Interstate Ave.

Jessica DuBois of BRO will give a brief overview of local and national legislative topics; attorney Richard Schneider and financial advisor

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