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PGE FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES FUNDS

The Portland General Electric Foundation announced April 28 that it awarded \$435,000 to 37 Oregon nonprofit organizations in the first quarter of 2004. Since its inception 6 1/2 years ago, the foundation has distributed more than \$8 million to programs statewide.

Three of the grants went to groups serving queers:

- **Equity Foundation:** \$5,000 to support the Safe Schools Initiative in Portland, Salem-Keizer, Springfield and elsewhere throughout the state in an effort to create safe and healthy schools and equal learning environments for queer youth and kids from sexual minority families.

- **HIV Alliance:** \$5,000 for two support groups and child support programs for HIV-positive people in Lane County.

- **Write Around Portland:** \$5,000 for the spring and fall 2004 writing workshops for low-income and socially isolated people in the Portland area. WRAP has groups specifically tailored to queer kids and HIV-positive people.

GLORIA STEINEM HONORS ACTIVIST

The queer executive director of the Western Prison Project was honored May 13 during the Ms. Foundation for Women's 16th annual Gloria Awards: A National Salute to Women of Vision in New York City.

Brigitte Sarabi was recognized for preventing

additional harsh mandatory sentencing legislation and educating more than 15,000 ex-felons about their voting rights through the Voter Organizing for Increased Civic Engagement project.

"The women we are honoring tonight are bold, brilliant and driven to make a difference in their communities," Ms. Foundation co-founder Gloria Steinem said. "They are the foundation on which successful social policy, legislation and national initiatives can be built."



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OREGON PUPILS HONORED AS TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The Greater Seattle Business Association and Pride Foundation presented scholarships May 14 to several queer and allied students. Six live in Oregon:

- Leslie Brooks recently moved to Portland from the East Coast, where she was an emergency medical technician for the New York City Fire Department from 1999 to 2003. She was named 2001 Rookie of the Year, organized demonstrations for schoolchildren and participated in AIDS Bicycle Rides. She has been accepted to Pacific University's physician assistant master's program and intends to practice medicine in underserved communities.

- Melissa Jacobson of Eugene is the daughter of lesbian moms, which she says has been both challenging and wonderful. Her uncle Gary died of AIDS, motivating her to dedicate time and energy volunteering as a HIV/AIDS prevention peer educator/team leader and working at the HIV Alliance. She will start school at University of Oregon this fall and hopes to earn a Ph.D. in psychology.

- Trina MacNeill says her most important accomplishments are her work in the domestic violence movement, her persistence in completing her college education and her role as a mother. She will graduate from Portland State University with a bachelor's degree in social science next spring and hopes to go on to earn a master's degree in public health.

- Jared Warren Sherrow of Hermiston plans to major in international affairs and pre-med, attend graduate school to obtain his doctorate in medicine and become a plastic surgeon. He will attend Lewis & Clark College this fall. He recently was named "Outstanding Young Citizen of the Year" by Altrusa International of Hermiston.

- Kevin "Tuesday" Smillie of Portland is majoring in book arts at Oregon College of Art and Craft, though he also enjoys drawing, painting, collage and textiles. His goal is to use art as a tool to help shape culture. His work speaks specifically to transgender/queer experiences as well as the systems of power and other cultural minorities.

- Matthew Vail of Gresham co-founded his high school's Gay Straight Alliance and has acted as president since. He has worked on several projects to improve school climate, including amend-

ing the district discrimination policy to include sexual identity. This fall he will attend Sarah Lawrence College in New York, where he will focus on psychology and gay and lesbian studies.

LATINO CONFERENCE COMING TO SEATTLE

The National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Organization will hold El Encuentro, its 10th biennial international conference, from Oct. 7 to 10 at the Seattle Airport Hilton.

The event is expected to draw more than 1,000 queer Latinos from throughout the United States and Latin America. It will feature workshops, speakers, networking and entertainers including salsa star Tito Puente Jr. and Cabaret Sin Verguenza with writer/performers Carmelita Tropicana and Monica Palacios.

LLEGÓ is the only national organization devoted to representing Latino gay, lesbian, bi and trans people and advocating on behalf of their needs on an array of issues ranging from civil rights and social justice to health and human services. Through a growing network of 172 affiliate organizations, it focuses on developing solutions to social, health and political disparities that exist because of discrimination based on ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity.

LLEGÓ has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Seattle-based Pride Foundation to support participation of Washington state residents in the conference. The grant will fund scholarships to cover registration costs.

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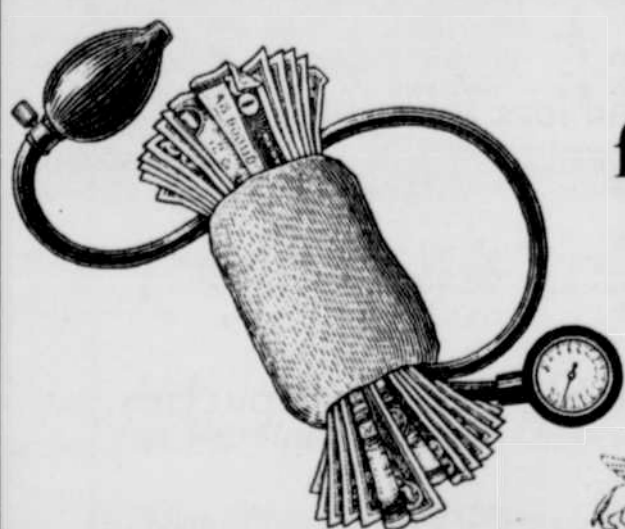


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