

Speak Out

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An unusually hot, summery day in April welcomed nearly 100 friends and family to witness the marriage of Sarah Ross (left) and Lana Duran on April 10 at Oaks Pioneer Church in historic Sellwood.

The couple reside in Southeast Portland with their daughter, Jordan. Both Ross and Duran are active members of the Rose City Softball Association and the Friday night FITS bowling league. After softball season ends, their honeymoon will be celebrated in late July as a family vacation to Lake Tahoe.

Special mention to all the following for their help in making this day so special: Jimmy, Dan, Sophia, Abigail, Laura and Diana, David and Joe, Heather, Lyn and Robin, Debbie, Misty, Tami and Donna, Jenny, Kayla, Sisha and everyone who celebrated and continues to celebrate in this joyous, and truly exceptional, occasion.

"Shared between two people who love each other, and who intend to spend the rest of their lives together, the bonds of matrimony, cherished and adored, were entered into on this day, with only the greatest respect for the sanctity that is marriage and LOVE."



Kevin M. Friends (left) and David M. Connor were married March 14 at Darcelle XV by the drag legend herself (center). About 50 people attended.

The couple asked Darcelle to marry them because she is a dear friend, a community icon and Friends' personal hero. They say it was a moving experience for all as she tearfully performed the beautiful ceremony, which was followed by a reception.

Friends' best person was his best friend, attorney and registered nurse Claudia Cullison. They met about 10 years ago through his work with Greyhound Pets of America, and she cared for him last year when he was too ill to live alone. Connor's best person was Roxy LeRoy, another icon in the community.

Friends, 41, serves as board chairman for the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation and Tod's Corner and volunteers part time at Our House of Portland. Connor, 27, works in the patent legal department at Intel in Hillsboro. The couple live in Tigard.



After officiating 215 same-sex marriages in Portland, the Revs. Casey (left) and Berdell Moffett-Chaney were legally married on the morning of their 21st anniversary, May 1, in Victoria, British Columbia, by the Rev. Pat Zogar of the Positive Living Centre.

The couple settled their plans to marry in Canada last July, when British Columbia legalized same-sex marriage. When Multnomah County began issuing licenses, they chose to spend that time in service to other couples.

The Moffett-Chaneys enjoyed a "mooneymoon" (honeymoon before the wedding) by taking a cruise from Los Angeles that docked in Victoria on the morning of May 1. They were met at the dock by friends and family, married at Beacon Hill Park in the midst of sunshine and flora, and enjoyed lunch at Milestone's and time with their guests before reboarding the ship for the remainder of their cruise. Their reception was held May 8 in Portland.



Christy (left) and Cecilia Danlin are happy to announce their marriage Feb. 19 in San Francisco. *Just Out* profiled the couple in February 2003 while they were expecting triplets. Two boys, Jackson and Cole, and a girl, Avery, were born March 8, 2003.

"Our three...are now 15 months old and doing well," the couple said. "Finally, they now have parents who have made their commitment to each other, and in front of the world, LEGAL."

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