

**BIGGER THAN EVER,
VANCOUVER PRIDE
CELEBRATES 10 YEARS**

Hundreds of people gathered July 10 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Pride festival Saturday in the Park in downtown Vancouver, Wash.

"It was our biggest event yet," organizer Jon Martin says. He estimates more than 3,000 people attended the festival, which was held on a mild afternoon at Esther Short Park.

This year's theme was "Your World Is Our World: Freedom, Faith and Equality." Mayor Royce Pollard offered opening remarks, and several other city and state officials spoke, including openly gay state Rep. Jim Moeller, D-Vancouver.

Martin says Saturday in the Park has "more of a neighborhood, family kind of feel" than Pride celebrations in bigger cities like Portland and Seattle. He told *Just Out* the majority of attendees were Vancouver residents, but he also welcomed folks from the Rose City as well as Camas, Washougal, Woodlawn and Everett, Wash.

A total of 34 groups and vendors set up booths, including the Clark College Queer Penguins, which Martin says is becoming an important hub for the sexual minorities community in Vancouver.

No food booths were necessary, as the event bordered the weekend farmers market at the park. The market ensured that the festival had a very public presence, and more than one heterosexual couple were seen dancing to some of the Pride performers.



Saturday in the Park attracted both the joyful and the hateful July 10 in Vancouver, Wash.

Martin says the Rose City Swing Band was a particularly big hit. Colorfield and De'Zhon Fields also got the crowds grooving.

With an "intimate" atmosphere and markedly more press coverage than in years past, Martin is enthusiastic about the festival's success and what it means for Vancouver. The 42-year-old Vancouver native hopes that other queers will increasingly find the city to be as "gay-friendly" as he has always found it to be.

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"The need for long-term care is about two in three people," she told *Just Out*, referring to both nursing home stays and in-home care. According to Seelye, the average cost of such care is \$52,000 a year.

Baby boomers of all sexual orientations are facing this need. "The fact is that, in the past, people were taken care of by...their kids,"



says Seelye, noting that adult children often live in different cities from their parents nowadays and that a lot of queers don't have kids to begin with.

She adds that gay and lesbian couples often make a pact to take care of each

other later in life. But if one partner dies or becomes incapacitated, the other partner is left in a vulnerable position.

While long-term care insurance is often thought of as nursing home insurance, Seelye says the new long-term care insurance "helps people stay in their homes."

Waddell & Reed district manager Marc Sundberg will speak at the queer-focused seminar. He has 10 years of experience in estate planning and long-term care insurance.

Seelye says she wanted to hold the seminar to

**NEVER TOO SOON TO PLAN
FOR LONG-TERM CARE**

Anne Seelye, a lesbian financial adviser at Waddell & Reed, will facilitate a long-term care seminar 6 p.m. July 21 in Suite 2C at 500 N.E. Multnomah St.

She says the sexual minorities community might not be aware of the importance of buying long-term care insurance—and might wait until it's too late.

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