



Multnomah County Chair Diane Linn confers with former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts at Basic Rights Oregon's annual dinner in September.

BASIC RIGHTS OREGON ENDORSES DIANE LINN

The Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC is urging voters to choose Multnomah County Chair Diane Linn in the May 2006 primary and elect her to a second term the following November.

"It is a rare honor to endorse a candidate who has so courageously demonstrated a commitment to equality and put those values into real action," said Roey Thorpe, BRO executive director. "Diane Linn has without a doubt forever changed the lives of Oregon same-sex couples and their families for the better and helped to move the cause of fairness for all Oregonians immeasurably toward justice."

The PAC requires that candidates meet two criteria for an early candidate endorsement: The candidate must have exhibited exceptional leadership on gay, lesbian bisexual and transgender equality, and the candidate may be challenged at the ballot as a result of that leadership.

Linn, who was instrumental in Multnomah County's decision to end discrimination against same-sex couples and their families by issuing thousands of marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples in early 2004, clearly met both criteria.

Endorsement decisions have not yet been made in other local or statewide races.

SISTERS HAVE TRICKS UP THEIR WIMPLES

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will be sponsoring Mad Hatter Bingo 5 p.m. Nov. 20 at C.C. Slaughters, 219 N.W. Davis St. The money raised will go to their Play Fair condom outreach program, and a prize will be awarded to the person wearing the most outrageous hat.

The Sisters will also be at the Fox & Hounds' Monthly Charity Bingo 3:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at 217 S.W. Second Ave.

In addition, with help from their Sisters coming from Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas and San Francisco, the Portland Sisters are

scheming for their annual Holiday Toy Drive, which benefits the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation. The foundation provided gifts to 178 children affected by HIV/AIDS last year, and this year the need has doubled.

The toy drive will take place in clubs throughout Portland, with a barrel set up for donations. Participating clubs will waive their cover charge Nov. 26 for anyone bringing in a toy for a child.

Stay tuned to the pages of *Just Out* for more information as the holidays approach.



The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence turn bingo into a game you never realized was so fun!

Q CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

"Generation Q: Past Present Future," a storytelling event sponsored by Q Center, will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Urban Grind Coffeehouse, 2214 N.E. Oregon St.

The goal of this gathering will be to engage the queer community regardless of age to share stories of local history, honor past achievements and hear ideas for future community building. Q Center is partnering with the Gay & Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest to co-host the event and share displays of archival material and memorabilia of Portland's queer past.

Volunteers are welcome to contact Carol Cheney for more information about opportunities by e-mail at carol.cheney@comcast.net or by phone at 503-314-7960 (cell), 503-239-4001, ext. 112 (days), or 503-284-4180 (evenings).

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