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free dance lessons by Out Dancing.

The silent auction was popular with guests, and lunches and dinners with dignitaries Portland Mayor Tom Potter and Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey brought much attention and money.

The event, more sparsely attended than last year, fell short of its fund-raising goal. Organizers had hoped to raise \$15,000, but only approximately \$8,000 was raised.

For more information visit www.share-pdx.org.

Mayor Speaks to Queer Business Community

Mayor Tom Potter addressed a crowd of sexual minority business owners at the Portland Area Business Association's May 10 meeting at the Governor Hotel.

Potter, a member of Portland Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, talked to the crowd about his daughter, a lesbian officer with the Portland Police Bureau, his work to make Portland a diverse city and his effort to create a business-friendly atmosphere.

"When you are living history, it can seem rather slow. In 20 years from now, this will no longer be an issue for us," Potter said he told his daughter about same-sex marriage.

Some of Potter's recent improvements directed toward the business community include re-examining licensing fees for small businesses, allotting additional money for graffiti removal, marketing the city as a diverse and business-friendly place and working with police to address homelessness and mental illness properly and fairly.

"Not only are we gay-friendly. We're business-friendly," said Potter.

In his speech, Potter also discussed the need for a sales tax and said the city was examining its 93-year-old charter.

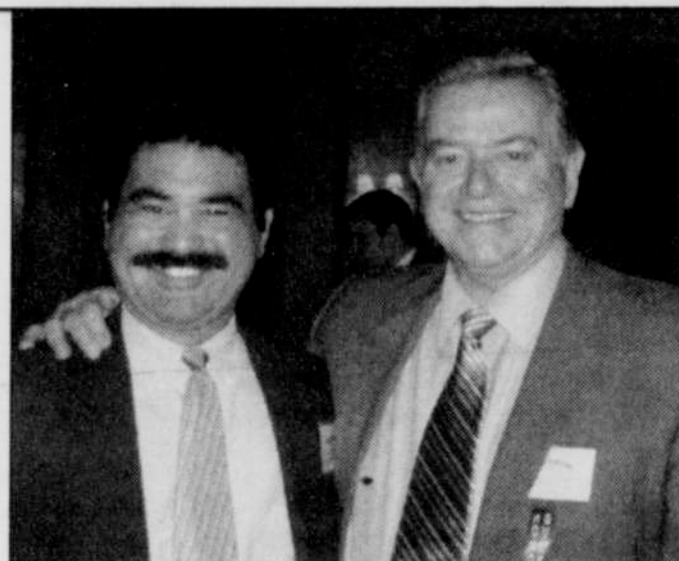
Roundup Benefits Gertrude Press

What is a spring roundup without old-fashioned drag bingo? The good people at Gertrude Press wouldn't dare hold their annual fund-raiser without it.

Since its inception in 1998, Gertrude Press has printed more than 300 queer artists and writers from around the world in



SHARE board member Barbara Morley (left) and Jan Dance take a spin around the dance floor at the organization's second annual fund-raiser.



Mick Geronimo (left) and Portland Mayor Tom Potter meet at a recent PABA meeting.

its publication, *Gertrude*. The May 21 roundup will be hosted by none other than the infamous Poison Waters.

"People should come to the roundup to have a great time and support a new, queer press in Portland," says Eric Delehoj, editor and publisher of the publication. "All proceeds benefit the press directly. Also, who doesn't like a good drag queen bingo?"

"Gertrude offers a forum for writers and artists that are traditionally on the 'fringe' to gain national and international exposure," says arts editor Jedidiah Chavez. "In a time when our collective rights are in question, it is extremely important that the queer community is represented and heard."

In addition to publishing new and emerging

talents, Gertrude Press has published many noted writers and artists, including a Lambda Literary Award winner and three Pushcart Prize nominees. While global domination is definitely a high priority for this local press, Chavez reflects on the grassroots outreach the press provides. "We have many subscribers in small towns where Gertrude may be the only connection that they may have to queer community or a queer identity."

With local support, Gertrude Press can continue sponsoring readings and, as the organization grows, offer writing workshops, art shows and fellowships. "Next year we plan to publish two issues of *Gertrude* while printing our second series

of limited-edition poetry and fiction chapbooks," says Delehoj. "In the long term, we plan to publish full-length poetry collections, short fiction collections and novels." An information and sales table at the event will showcase past issues of *Gertrude* as well as its inaugural poetry and fiction chapbooks, featuring Portland poet Kate Gray and Eugene fiction writer Henry Alley.

The roundup will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. May 21 at C.C. Slaughters, 219 N.W. Davis St. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at www.gertrudepress.com.



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