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Tips for Partnering on Jan. 2

Just Out attended a strategy session Dec. 7 between Multnomah County employees and leaders of various nonprofit organizations who discussed the logistics of Jan. 2's domestic partnership registration.

We gleaned these tips:

Take the bus. Parking at the Multnomah Building is minimal on a normal day. Spaces will be scarcer on this monumental day.

If you plan to download and print the necessary forms to fill out ahead of time and sign them before a notary of your choice to expedite the process, use legal-size paper or you'll have to get back in line and start all over again.

The county will have notaries on hand, but it will not have any room in the lobby for people to perform religious ceremonies. Unlike marriage, domestic partnerships do not require solemnization.

Be prepared to have your picture taken. A media feeding frenzy is anticipated.

For more information download Basic Rights Oregon's Domestic Partnership Resource Guide at www.basicrights.org.

Celebrate Your Partnership

Basic Rights Oregon has organized celebrations in several cities around Oregon for newly registered domestic partners and their family, friends and thousands of supporters.

After a hopefully hassle-free day in line Jan. 2 at the Multnomah Building, Portlanders can gather for music, dancing, food, champagne, a raffle and a photo booth from 5 to 8 p.m. in Gerding Theater at the Armory, 128 N.W. 11th Ave.

Eugene residents can enjoy appetizers, champagne and a raffle 5:30 p.m. at Davis' Restaurant and Bar, 94 W. Broadway. The restaurant is donating 10 percent of its proceeds from the night to BRO.

Southern Oregon residents can enjoy appetizers and a raffle 5:30 p.m. at Standing Stone Brewing Company, 101 Oak St. in Ashland.

The Central Oregon festivities are from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Deschutes Brewery & Public House, 1044 Bond St. in Bend. The event boasts a raffle and appetizers.

Corvallis residents can party with dessert and champagne 7 p.m. at Iovino's Ristorante, 136 S.W. Washington St.

All events are free and family-friendly. For details, in Portland, call Jeana Frazzini at 503-222-6151 or jeana@basicrights.org. For details on all other celebrations, contact Becky Flynn at 541-513-9012 or becky@basicrights.org.

Writers Clam Up

Don Pile and Ray Williams, who write the column "Traveling Our Fabulous Gay World," visited Portland in November and encountered many things that weren't to their liking—the homeless, poor service in bars, a queer-focused brochure from the Portland Area Visitors Association that they perceived to be offensive.

Their negative review was printed in *Talk*, a Palm Springs publication with distribution throughout Southern California. According to Pile, the column has thousands of readers and is syndicated nationally in queer magazines.

At the time of the article's publication last

month, the writers said their editors and publishers were considering a national boycott of Stumptown.

Just Out contacted Pile and Williams to ask if a boycott has been pursued. Pile responded, "We're not interested in talking to you" and hung up.

Just Out also received an automatic response to the e-mail we sent, explaining that because of the many hate letters and a death threat they received from Portlanders, e-mails are being forwarded to their lawyer.

Equity Launches Campaign

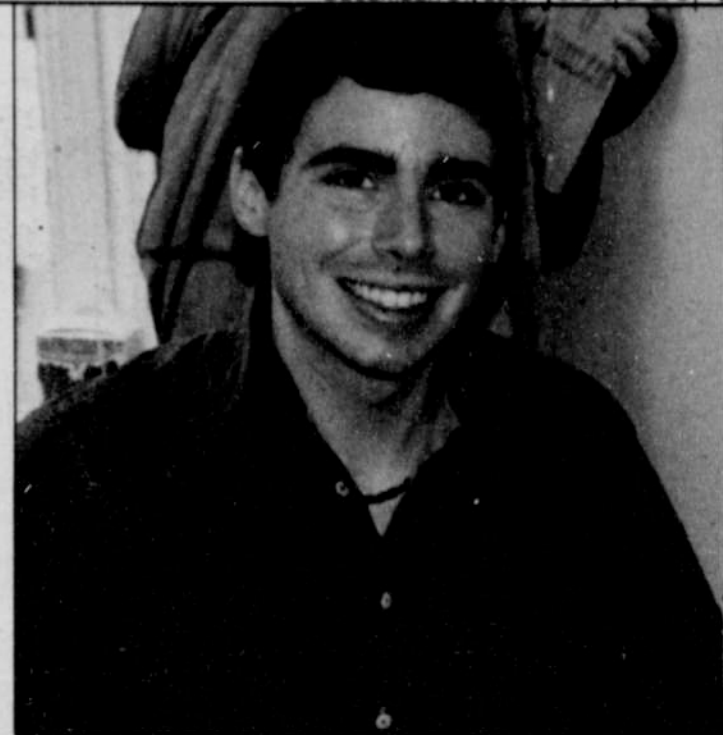
Equity Foundation held a reception Nov. 30 for the purpose of thanking the organization's major donors.

And while this core group was gathered at the Museum of Contemporary Craft, a new campaign was launched.

Partnership for Progress was unveiled with a commercial by Portland filmmaker Ben Olberg.

The campaign is specifically designed to create members of an endowment fund with the ultimate goal of raising \$500,000. Once the goal is met, it will become a twofold gift, part of it remaining untouched in the endowment and part of it being spent on grants and operations.

Equity also introduced Trillium Asset Management Corps., a leading firm in socially responsible investing. Lisa Less, who manages Trillium's offices in Massachusetts and North Carolina, introduced the company that now manages Equity's portfolio.



MARTY DAVIS

Andrew Hogan puts his gender studies degree to use at Basic Rights Oregon.

The organization's sponsors, the McNaughton Group and Beth Allen and Cynthia Barrett of Allen2 Law, allowed any money donated at the dinner to directly benefit the granting fund and new campaign. With approximately \$10,000 in donations raised, the organization doubled its revenue from last year's major donor reception.

The event also served as an opportunity for major donors to meet Liz Field, Equity's interim executive director. The search continues for a permanent hire, whom the foundation aims to have in place by the spring.

BRO Adds Development Associate

Basic Rights Oregon welcomed a familiar face to its staff this month when it took on Andrew Hogan as development associate.

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