

NORTHWEST BRIEFS

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ceiling windows. "We'll all be on one floor. It's just a great space."

The move is a much-needed shot in the arm for CAP, hardly immune to the present economic climate and in the midst of tremendous institutional change. Kaplan himself came on board just six months ago and says he feels like he's been "running 100-miles per hour" ever since.

Along with an organizational restructuring, the upcoming move and a five-year strategic plan, CAP tightened its fiscal belt last November, eliminating three management positions. "The good news is we didn't cut any programs or services. We did it through asking folks to take on more..." he said. "Now we're to a point that all that's left to cut is bone."

It's a reality that makes this month's Art Evening and Auction all the more critical. Now in its 20th year, the event is CAP's largest annual fundraiser. The 2008 benefit brought in \$620,000, fifteen percent of the organization's entire budget. But like so many charitable resources these days, CAP is feeling the pinch.

Table and individual sales for the \$275-a-plate Patron Dinner are down, and though Kaplan noted that a couple of corporate sponsors actually upped their contributions, there's been an overall decline.

"I can't deny I'm stressed," he said. "I'll be biting my nails until the tallies are done."

Still, he remains optimistic, recalling last month's Artists Reception at Twist. "There were 280 people there," Kaplan said. "The energy of both high-level patrons who showed up and the artists was incredible." Kaplan credits an "amazing" artists' community for donated work he says is "better than ever" and hopes the less expensive, \$100-a-head Grand Event will appeal to tighter budgets.

"This is our lifeline," he concluded, "so we'll see what happens."

Tickets for the 20th Annual Art Evening and Auction Patron Dinner and Grand Event, both set to converge Saturday, April 18 at the Oregon Convention Center (777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.), can be purchased at www.cascadeaids.org or 503-223-9255.

-Amanda Schurr

Oregonians Against Discrimination Business Leaders Luncheon

Community business leaders will convene once again from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the Oregon Convention Center for the 16th Annual Oregonians Against Discrimination Business Leaders Luncheon. This year's theme, *From the Classroom to the Boardroom: A Communi-*

ty Conversation, promotes the message that strong, healthy families and a safe school environment encourage children to learn, ensuring a strong workforce for the future. The focus is particularly timely, as the Safe Schools anti-bullying act just passed the Oregon House.

"The response from the community has been very supportive around the issue of protecting the youth in our schools," says Basic Rights Oregon development coordinator Juan Martínez. "Business leaders understand the importance of providing a safe learning environment for all kids in order to build a solid workforce for the future here in Oregon. Their leadership and support has grown this event year after year and has truly helped to engage a broader audience in the conversation on the issues of LGBT equality here in our state."

Keynote speakers will include five panelists who will each speak on the importance of supporting the work to make schools safe for kids. The panel presentation features two educators, a business leader, a coalition partner and a youth speaker. The lunch will also recognize Out & Equal's efforts to advance gay, lesbian, bi and trans workplace equality in the region.

Ticket sales have been strong so far, and 600 people are expected to attend this year's event. To reserve tickets, which start at \$75, check out the Events page on BRO's

website, www.basicrights.org. For more information, contact BRO development coordinator, Juan Martinez, at 503-222-6151 or juan@basicrights.org.

-Alley Hector

Rock-It-Bowl Strikes One for Equality

Mark your calendars for a knock-down, balls-out event to benefit the Human Rights Campaign's Portland Steering Committee. On Saturday, April 25, the Hollywood Bowl (4030 N.E. Halsey St.) plays host for the local HRC chapter's "Bowling for Equality," a philanthropic evening when breaking 100 won't break your bank.

The largest organization of its kind in the country, HRC works toward equal rights for sexual minority communities. Volunteers in the Portland area participate in various pride events, town hall meetings and partner with likeminded groups to increase awareness and further the civil rights cause.

General admission for the Rock-It-Bowl is \$25-advance, \$30 at the door and goes toward HRC membership; \$150 guarantees you a team lane for six, and dubs on the title of team captain. Tacky shoes included. Registration begins at 6 p.m., bowling at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.portland.hrc.org for details and to purchase tickets.

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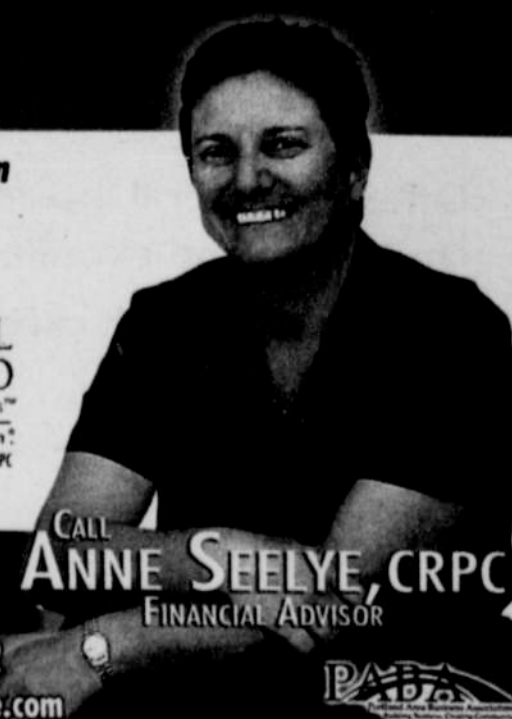


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