

NORTHWEST BRIEFS



Over 2,000 attendees had a blast at the 2009 Red Dress Party, which raised \$30,000, to be split between Esther's Pantry, Outside In and SHARE. No one dares estimate how many cocktails were consumed.



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the public SMRT 15th Anniversary Celebration in October 2009.

The council urges that, while designs are open to your imagination, the acronym "SMRT" should somehow be implemented within the logo. Designs should also represent SMRT's mission in some way.

All entries must be received by August 15 and can be submitted via snail mail (printed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper), CD, email (JPG format only), and by photographs or web sites. For snail mail, send to Assistant Chief Bret Smith, ATTN: SMRT, 1111 SW Second Ave., Room 1526, Portland, OR, 97204. For email, send to SMRT@portlandpolice.org. Include your name, address, phone number, email address, and the best time to be contacted.

For additional information, contact Barbara Erspamer at 503-823-0990. Remember to retain a copy of your submissions, and get in touch with your artistic side, Portland!

Red Dress 2009 in Review

On May 2, the ninth annual Red Dress event at the new Bodyvox Dance Center kicked off with high expectations, and an equally high volume of crimson revelry.

Former Red Dress Board President Reid Decker weighed in on the glamour and glitz of the bash, citing the new location as a key factor in its success.

"This was our first time in Northwest Portland," said Decker. "The Bodyvox space was incredible for our event. The logistics and layout of the party, in my opinion, were the best to date."

The gala took in \$30,000, to be split between Esther's Pantry, Outside In and Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises (SHARE). While certainly a hefty philanthropic sum, Decker noted that a down economy and a failed alcohol sponsorship from Absolut contributed to slightly less than Red Dress raised last year. Still, the organization

sold 1,667 tickets, and with 335 complimentary passes distributed to the necessary media outlets, sponsors and volunteers, attendance ballooned to a sold-out total of 2,002.

Past Red Dress soirees have boasted lofty celebrity guest lists (Chelsea Clinton in 2008), with a focus on excessive fashion fun and, perhaps above all, a charitable eye for Red Dress PDX. The organization supports gay youth and helps friends, neighbors and family members living with HIV/AIDS and other serious diseases.

This year's party featured stellar performances from Storm and the Balls, VJ Dantronix, DJ Harmonix and Tahoe Jackson, among others, along with the presence of celeb-attendee Martha Davis, from iconic '80s band The Motels.

The highlight of the event, said Decker, was a scholarship created in the name of recently departed friend and board member Russ Joyce. Red Dress will continue the scholarship each year to come.

Q Center to Host Storytelling Event Commemorating Stonewall Riots

The Stonewall Riots of June 28, 1969 in New York City's Greenwich Village forever altered the footing of the trials facing the gay and lesbian community. Now, almost 40 years after the incident, the Q Center is hosting a forum for eight esteemed members of the gay community to share stories of how this struggle helped change their lives.

In this installment of the *Our Stories* series, *Out for Good: 40 Years After Stonewall* commences with a night of living history and reconnection. The event takes place at the Q Center's new location (4115 N. Mississippi Ave.) at 7:30 p.m. May 23 and will be moderated by one of the *Willamette Week's* "50 Most

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