

NORTHWEST NEWS



The 2010 Portland Area Business Association Board, elected Wednesday, May 12

Agency, remained vice president. Simone Neall, of Construction Transformations, Inc. and a member of the Northwest Gender Alliance, was elected secretary. Neall replaces Susan K. Johnson, the professional organizer behind Now We're Organized, who will remain on the executive board as treasurer.

Additions to the board of directors include H. Dwayne Davis, of Realty Trust Group, serving a two-year term, and mortgage broker Robert Hogg, fulfilling the second half of a vacated two-year term.

In other PABA news, the association has invited Michael Powell, the mayor of the City of Books that bears his name, to discuss his ongoing campaign for First Amendment rights and his work for gay and lesbian rights at PABA's monthly luncheon, held Wednesday, June 9 at Kells Irish Restaurant and Pub.

The nearly 70-year-old steward of Powell's Books has, over the past 40 years, turned it into the world's largest independent new

and used bookstore. In addition to bringing books to the masses, Powell has been actively involved in First Amendment and gay rights issues, using the bookstore as a "billboard" for his objection to a 1992 anti-gay ballot measure targeting schools and libraries. His efforts raised \$60,000 to fight the legislation.

The Portland Area Business Association serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and its allies. Members meet to discuss business strategies, network and learn about issues affecting their community. PABA's office is located at 4115 N. Mississippi, Ste. B. Call 503-280-7222 or visit paba.com for more information.

--Erin Rook

Northwest News in Brief

Sisters of the Road is holding a special

Operation Cornbread fundraising campaign throughout the end of May, and all of June and July, to offset low seasonal giving to its important programs for low-income families and individuals. The organization's goal is to raise \$25,000, which will be matched two-to-one by Operation Cornbread matching grants, meaning every dollar donated will be tripled to sustain the Sisters throughout the summer months. Donations can be made at the Sisters of the Road offices at 618 NW Davis, or online at sistersoftheroad.org. All donations through July 31 will be matched. ...

Our House of Portland recently received one of three Department of Human Services' Long Term Care Innovative Practice Program awards for their Neighborhood Housing and Care Program. The award is given based on a project's creativity and innovativeness beyond expected standards, as well as those programs that contribute significantly to the quality of life and care of those living or working in long-term care communities.

The Neighborhood Housing and Care Program was launched in 2004, and since its inception has given participants the opportunity to live in their homes and engage in critical services such as medical care, occupational therapy, social work and mental health and substance abuse counseling. Participants also have access to rental assistance and other services to find affordable, permanent housing.

Awards were also recently given to Our

House nurse Gwen Dunham by the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee for her work as a needle exchange volunteer; and the Red Dress Board presented the second annual Russ Joyce Award to Our House's Director of Nursing, Kim Hutchinson, for her outstanding work with people living with HIV/AIDS. ...

Portland's Second Annual Gay and Grey Senior Resource Fair will take place Saturday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Friendly House (1737 NW 26th Ave.). The free event is open to the public, and will once again provide health consultations, fitness evaluations and panel discussions on topics such as gay-friendly senior housing options, along with other issues facing elderly LGBTQ seniors. QCenter (4115 N. Mississippi) will host an after party from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information on this one-day conference, visit gayandgrey.pdx.org. ...

The LGBTQ+DD group at Bridges to Independence was the recent recipient of a \$1,000 grant from Equity Foundation. The LGBTQ+DD group is headed by Bridges' Volunteer Coordinator Emi Koyama, and serves people who identify as LGBTQ, and who also have developmental disabilities. The funding will allow the group to continue serving its existing client base for the next few months, while establishing a presence at Portland Pride to reach out to the larger community. For more information, visit bridgestoindependence.org. ...

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