

ings and cultural events. Friendly environment to meet and connect with other API. (PO Box 12661, Portland, OR 97232, aplg_pdx@yahoo.com.)

BAD GIRLS is a social and educational leather and B/D/S/M club for self-identified women with an emphasis on safety and education. Workshops, discussions, events and parties. Women of all orientations can connect and ask questions during the Kinky Women's Welcoming Munch at 7 pm every second Tuesday. (503-972-2233. www.pdxbadgirls.net.)

BOOKWOMEN is a lesbian discussion group that meets monthly to share stories, favorite authors, top 10 lists and opinions and reviews of the assigned book. (503-684-0305, mikkata@comcast.net.)

BORDER RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB provides social opportunities for gay men interested in recreational motorcycle touring and camping. (503-325-2204, brmcprez@borderriders.com.)

CASCADE FLYERS are gay, lesbian and bi aviators, both private and professional, in Washington, Oregon and southern British Columbia. Dinner meetings in Portland area. (503-701-7922, casflyers@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/casflyers.)

CHARGED+ is a free monthly club night for HIV+ men, on third Tuesdays, hosted by Zora Phoenix at CC Slaughters in Portland. (219 NW Davis St., 503-248-9135)

A COMMON BOND is a social support network for former or questioning Jehovah's Witnesses who are queer. (acbpportland@webtv.net.)

COQSURE is a social group for people who were assigned a female sex at birth but identify otherwise (female-to-male, genderqueer, drag king, etc.). First Sunday meetings are open to partners and families of any configuration. (503-471-1515, groups.yahoo.com/group/coqsure.)

F.A.G. PDX (FEMME AFFINITY GROUP PORTLAND), a radical activist and social group open to self-identified femmes of all genders, seeks to create solidarity among femmes, promote femme visibility and combat femmophobia in the community at large. (www.notsorry.org/fagpdx.)

50+ LESBIAN SOCIAL GROUP for women meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 503-642-3360 or 971-216-1173, sutaytig@aol.com.)

FTM PACIFIC NW OR WA is a social and discussion group for female-to-male trans men. (groups.yahoo.com/group/FTM_PacificNW.)

FUNNY LADIES, a social group for nice lesbians 35 and older as well as their friends and loved ones, holds potlucks on the second Saturday of each month. (flataps@yahoo.com.)

GAY GUYS GARDENING is a member supported organization focused on growing, harvesting and storing food crops. Contact Tom Winterrowd, 503-263-2696, or gayguysgardening@yahoo.com.

GAY MEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PARTNERS meets at the West Cafe to provide an opportunity for conversation and socializing. The death need not have occurred recently. (7:30 pm second Wednesday, 1201 SW Jefferson St. 503-701-9376.)

GENEALOGY GROUP forming. Gather with other lesbian researchers to trace your family tree and tackle "brickwall" female ancestors. (famhistnw@aol.com.)

HAPPY OURS PRODUCTIONS is a grassroots group dedicated to building the visibility, community participation and collective leadership of lesbian women of color through a wide variety of social, networking, consciousness-raising and action-oriented activities, events and projects. (503.764.9351, www.happyothersproductions.com.)

IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN ROSE COURT OF OREGON is the oldest gay, lesbian, bi and trans social/fund-raising organization in the state of Oregon. Meetings are the first two Mondays of each month. (www.rosecourt.org.)

JEWISH GAY MEN'S GROUP-please call for meeting time and place. (503-246-5939, efraimlevi@aol.com.)

KESHET is a social connection group for queer Jews and their spouses, partners, significant others and good friends, whether Jewish or not. It meets monthly for potluck dinners and special events. (Ira Forleiter, iraf@spiritone.com, or visit www.gayjewishportland.com.)

LESBIAN GARDEN CLUB welcomes women at all levels of experience and offers two plant exchanges and four social events annually with additional spontaneous tours. A small fee is requested for membership, which includes a quarterly printed calendar and an invitation to join a private Yahoo group. (Lorinda 503-909-2002, www.lgcpdx.org.)

LESBIANS WITH DEGREES is a social group that was started for degreed women, but no degree is necessary. Just come and join the fun! Pool parties, Scrabble and more. (Lani 503-233-3557, Join listserv at LesbianswDegrees-subscribe@yahoo.com.)

LULU'S PERVY PLAYHOUSE is a social group for self-identifying women who are into S/M. Play parties are held on the second Saturday of the month. (503-231-3992, dykedadi@comcast.net. www.luluspervyplayhouse.org.)

NIGHT IN BLACK LEATHER AND THE LEATHER DUCK CLUB are the first and third Friday of each month at Gail's Dirty Duck Tavern. (9 pm-midnight, 439 NW Third Ave. 503-224-8446, orleatherfrat@yahoo.com.)

OREGON COAST GROUP WINDANSEA is a new group embarking on the journey of bringing the LGBT community at the Oregon Coast together to support our precious community. Let's get together and figure out how to enhance our coastal lives together, and let's have fun! (Contact Jsea at jsea@lavenwomyn.com or call 503-475-8015.)

OREGON MEN ENJOYING NUDISM is a social organization for gay male nudists/nudists. Social gathering second Saturday of every month. (omenpdx@omenpdx.org, www.omenpdx.org.)

PDX,FTM is a social group for female-to-male trans men and their significant others, friends, families and allies. (groups.yahoo.com/group/PDX_FTM.)

PDX GAY BOARD GAMERS meets monthly in Northwest

OUTREACH IN FOCUS:

New group gives voice to LGBTQ Latino community

SOMOS, a new Latino LGBTQ community group, was formed just last October by a group of leaders in the Portland Latino community, and has seen steady growth and earned an impressive reputation in a short amount of time.

The social group is designed to help and promote the Latino LGBTQ community in a culturally appropriate environment through education, personal health, support services, cultural integration, advocacy and community building in Oregon and Southwest Washington. With weekly meetings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Friday at Educate Ya (200 NE 20th Ave., Ste. 10), SOMOS aims to provide a balance between the social and educational goals that have made the group successful thus far.

"Our meetings are very dynamic and are focused on building and fostering a sense of community among Latino LGBTQ [individuals]," explains SOMOS co-chair and co-founder Cesar Pecori. "We balance all our events by providing weekly scheduled social events, such as Movie Night, Game Night and Party Night."

Meetings also include educational programs like "Voices & Ideas," a workshop discussion on issues affecting the Latino LGBTQ community.

"People attending these meetings have been responding very positively," says Pecori. "One of the most positive out-



comes is the increase of participants and the increasing referrals to friends and others in the LGBTQ community."

In addition to the weekly meetings, SOMOS is presenting a host of benefits and social outings, including a monthly dance/dinner party at different locations throughout the city. An upcoming dinner on Sunday, May 23 will raise funds for the group, and plans for a three-day retreat over Memorial Day weekend, a Pride Celebration Party (Sunday, June 20), a leadership workshop (Saturday, July 10), an HIV education and prevention training course and much more are in the works.

For more information on locations and times of upcoming events, e-mail somos.info@gmail.com. You can also visit the group's Facebook page by searching "SOMOS_LGBTQ" or their Google Groups page by searching "somos-lgbtq-latinos."

— Ryan J. Prado

Portland to play everything from old-time gems (Life, Monopoly) to new classics (Settlers of Catan, Puerto Rico). Bring your favorite game along! (11:30 am-5 pm first Sunday, brunf1234@gmail.com.)

THE GAY PINOCHLE GROUP meets Sundays at Hobo's. Come play cards and meet the gang. New players always welcome. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. Mike 503-641-7224.)

PODER LATINO is a nonprofit social community voice group for gay, lesbian, bi and trans people that reaches out to Latinos and Latinas by organizing events and retreats and advocating HIV prevention. Meets every other Monday at Outside In. (6:30 pm. 1030 SW 13th Ave. Hugo 503-997-8615 or Audencio 503-261-5463.)

PORTLAND LEATHER ALLIANCE is one of the largest pansexual, nonprofit B/D/S/M, leather and fetish lifestyle organizations in the Northwest. Regular social and educational opportunities, including KinkFest, Leather Ball and Fall Vendors Fair. (www.pdxleatheralliance.org.)

PORTLAND LEATHERMEN meet every second Saturday for potluck and socializing. Meet men into a leather lifestyle and keep abreast of leather happenings. No dues, no formal organization, no officers or board, just leather socialization for the past 21 years. (360-896-6665, TuckerWalter@gmail.com.)

PORTLAND LESBIAN BOOK CLUB gathers monthly to chat about a chosen book or to attend selected events. (6:30 pm third Tuesday, groups.yahoo.com/group/portlandlesbianbookclub.)

PDX LESBIAN NETWORK invites all women to join us in our activities. We host monthly card, games, pool and bowling nights, Beerpub visits, all outdoors activities, hiking, kayaking, backpacking, snowshoeing, skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, monthly bookclub, Women who love football etc. etc. We also have an annual Camp Out for members in Summer and participate in the Hood to Coast relay. This is a Network, so if you want to host an event please feel free to do so. All skill levels are welcome. Please find us on Facebook and request to become a member: rules do apply.

PORTLAND METRO PRIME TIMERS meets monthly on fourth Sundays. Established in 1980 as a social group for older Gay men as well as younger men who enjoy their company. Activities include potluck meals, picnics, dinners out, Bingo, celebrations of special holiday occasions. Check out our website: web.me.com/byron.w/pdxpt. Contact: 360-254-1718 or 503-286-4613.

RAINBOW EASTENDERS is a group of active senior gay men who meet at Rainbow Vista in Gresham to socialize, travel and attend outings, including holiday parties, ocean cruises and dining out. Come make some new friends. (11 am third Saturday, 1350 W Powell Blvd. 503-667-5575, ian@rainbowvista.com.)

ROSE CITY DISCUSSION CLUB, the largest and oldest open pansexual/alternative sexuality club in the Northwest, is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings, social, workshops and newsletter. (rcdc@teleport.com. www.rcdc.org.)

SAPPHO SOCIAL CLUB is a group of women 40 years and older building community through social and cultural activities. (thesapphosocialclub@yahoo.com.)

SOMOS LGBTQ Latinos group is a welcoming social and educational gathering for gay, lesbians, bisexuals, trans, and queer Latinos. (6:30-8:30pm, Educate Ya, 200 NE 20th Ave, Suite-10, somos.info@gmail.com)

SOYBOYS VEGETARIAN MEN'S GROUP is a fun, social gathering for gay and bi men who are interested in a healthy vegetarian or vegan lifestyle. A variety of activities and monthly potlucks on the last Saturday. (veggieguy@aol.com.)

TUESDAY TWILIGHT TASTINGS meets for casual tastings of fine wines and inspired food at West Cafe. (6-8 pm third Tuesday, 1201 SW Jefferson St. RSVP to 503-784-4807 or 503-227-8189.)

WOMEN OF THE RIVERS, the Portland/Vancouver chapter of Women on Wheels Motorcycle International, encourages women who love to ride to gather for good times, support and growth in the sport through social meetings, professional seminars, rider training and organized and pickup rides. Monthly meetings will be announced; find us on Facebook or contact Kristie at kwcg@aol.com for more information. (www.womenoftherivers.org.)

»COMMUNITY

General

ACTIVISTS AND SOCIAL CHANGERS Get involved in the movement to end violence against women and children! **Home Free**, a program of Volunteers of America for women and children surviving domestic violence has openings for compassionate people to assist in our restraining order advocacy program. You will provide emotional support, safety planning and resource referrals. Training is provided covers dynamics of domestic violence, with an emphasis on legal issues. Last year, advocates assisted over 2,400 petitioners! Call Jen at 503.802.0494 to get more information & to take action.

BABBLE-ON TOASTMASTERS meets at 803 SW Morrison (downstairs) to develop communications and leadership skills, including prepared speeches, impromptu speaking and running effective meetings. (4-5:30 pm Sunday, 803 SW Morrison. 503-330-2706. www.babble-ontm.org.)

BISEXUAL COMMUNITY FORUM is a space to meet people and freely discuss issues relevant to the bi community at Red and Black Cafe. Everyone is welcome. (7:30 pm first Monday, 400 SE 12th Ave. Lairy 503-285-4848.)

DEAF & HEARING OUT REACH (DHOR) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building community among deaf and hearing queers and allies. Visit our Web site for programs, services, events and community resources. (dhorpdx@gmail.com, dhorpdx.blogspot.com.)

DOUBLE RAINBOW FOUNDATION is available to help all queer parents who co-conceive children to be treated equally. We believe, regardless of gender, two adults in committed relationships who agree to co-create children should be given the same rights as heterosexual couples. (www.myspace.com/doublerainbowfoundation.)

ELDER RESOURCE ALLIANCE is a coalition of organizations and individuals working to enhance the lives of older members of the sexual minorities community through education, advocacy, outreach and resource development. Activities include sensitivity trainings, creating social change, recreational activities, information and assistance. (3:30-4:30 pm first Wednesday, Friendly House Community Center, 1737 NW 26th Ave. Rachel 503-224-2640, eracoordinator@yahoo.com.)

EQUITY FOUNDATION is a nonprofit organization founded by gays and lesbians to build communities that embrace the dignity and worth of all people. Equity has distributed more than \$3 million in grants and scholarships throughout Oregon. (503-231-5759, www.equityfoundation.org.)

FIFTY+ LESBIAN SOCIAL GROUP meets the third Saturday of each month (4-7pm). For additional information call 503.642.3360 or 971.216.1173 or email sutaytig@aol.com.

GETTING BI PDX is a women's group that meets for discussion, coffee and planning social events. (www.gettingbipdx.com.)

GLBTQI DISABILITY GROUP brings together the GLBTQI community with physical disabilities of all types, and friends, for activities such as movie-going, music, eating out and exploring Portland. Come meet others like yourself, connect with old friends and make new friends! (For information, 503-213-3801 or pdxglbtqidisabled@comcast.net)

KBOO-FM'S OUT LOUD queer news and public affairs show, featuring local guests and announcements, airs second and fourth Tuesdays. This Way Out, the international queer show, airs on first, third and fifth Tuesdays. (6 pm. 90.7 FM Portland, 91.9 FM Hood River, 100.7 FM Willamette Valley. www.kboo.fm, kbooutloud@yahoo.com.)

Queer-friendly **NORTHWEST VETERANS FOR PEACE** meets Sundays at Tully's. (11 am. 935 NE Broadway, nwvp@teleport.com, www.peaceveterans.org.)

LOVE MAKES A FAMILY, INC. is an international organization that provides a public voice for queer families. We educate and advocate for family equality, social justice and peace. Your membership supports parents and their children, works for safe schools and encourages equal rights for all couples. Come volunteer at our two booths at the Oregon State Fair with the themes "Equality is a Family Value" and "Peace is a Family Value." (503-228-3892, www.LMFamily.org.)

MANIFEST (formerly Q-LAND), a nonprofit men's wellness community, empowers men to pursue their wellness passions together through programs like yoga, cycling, hiking, meditation, healing touch classes, vision teams, wellness coaching, information and referrals. We manifest wellness and love through community. (503-223-8822, ext. 1, www.manifestpdx.org.)

MEN'S WELLNESS CENTER is a space dedicated to the health and wellness of men into men, offering a variety of health and social events, discussion groups, workshops, HIV/STD testing, free condoms and lube, risk reduction counseling, WiFi and internet access. (3-9 pm Wednesday-Saturday, Testing on Tuesday 5-9 pm, Wednesday 11 am-2 pm, Saturday (HIV only) 5-9 pm, 209 SW Fourth Ave., 503-445-7699, cityguys@cascaedays.org.)

THE OREGON SAFE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY COALITION seeks to create safe schools and communities for families, educators and students statewide. (503-260-5792, www.oregonsafeschools.org.)

POLYAMORY CIRCLE is a gathering for folks exploring options beyond monogamy. Discussions include open relationships, extended families and intentional communities. Everyone is welcome. (7 pm third Monday, Lairy 503-285-4848.)

THE PORTLAND LESBIAN GARDEN CLUB welcomes women at all levels of gardening experience and offers a spring and fall plant exchange and four social events annually. A nominal fee is requested for membership, which includes an invitation to join a private Yahoo chat group. Reach them at 503-909-2002 (Lorinda) or at lgcpdx.org.

PRIDE AT WORK OREGON is a new affiliate of the AFL-CIO that lets union members rally support for gay, lesbian, bi and trans issues and lets the queer community support workplace rights and respect on the job. (PO Box 4731, Portland, OR 97208, 503-516-2498.)

PRIDE NORTHWEST, a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, seeks vendors and volunteers for the Portland Pride Festival, which is held every Father's Day weekend at Waterfront Park. (503-295-9788, info@pridenw.org, www.pridenw.org.)

SENIOR HOUSING AND RETIREMENT ENTERPRISES (SHARE) is laying the groundwork for future gay and lesbian senior housing in the Portland area. Call to join a committee. (503-224-8881, www.sharepdx.org.)

THE SEXUAL MINORITIES ROUNDTABLE meets second Tuesdays with representatives from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the Portland Police Bureau to discuss and resolve issues between the queer community and law enforcement agencies. (Noon-1:30 pm, 1111 SW Second Ave. #1526, 503-823-0027.)