

NW NEWS

IN BRIEF BY RYAN J. PRADO

Wednesday, January 12 at 7 p.m. The sermon for this annual event will be delivered by the Reverend David E. Weekley, the first openly transgender pastor in the United Methodist Church, with a special appearance by members of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus.

While this free event is in commemoration of Aelred of Rievaulx—a 12th century English abbot in the Cisterian order—the significance of this mass with relation to the Rev. Weekley's participation, as well as PGMC's, is noted by Integrity as an important event to highlight the issue of homosexuality within Christianity. St. Aelred is widely speculated by scholars of his essays and letters to have been gay. He was adopted as Integrity's patron in 1987.

The event will include both the traditional prayer for St. Aelred's Day and new prayers for the LGBTQ community, and will finish with communion. The Retired Reverend Michael J. Hanley, Bishop of Oregon, has written a special blessing for the occasion, and a reception will follow the event in the parish hall. *Email ore-gonintegrity@gmail.com for more information.*

• **In other LGBTQ choral news**, the **Portland Lesbian Choir** presents "Songs Across the Divide" at Rose City Park United Methodist Church (5830 NE Alameda St.) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 22. The concert features music from South and North America and

several songs performed by choir subgroups.

Tickets for the first PLC concert of the new year are \$10 in advance from choir members and from Flying Cat Coffee Company (3041 SE Division). There is a \$2 discount for seniors and students. Additionally, PLC is welcoming new members during February. *Information can be obtained by at plchoir.org.*

• **Also seeking new singers is the Satori Men's Chorus.** Tenors, basses and baritones are invited to join Satori for the remainder of their 2010-'11 season, which includes two remaining concerts: "Power of the Dream" on March 19 and "Love is Here to Stay" on May 21. Members must be committed to attend rehearsals and learn the music, and dues are \$30 per month with the first month's dues waived for new members. *For more information on Satori, visit satorichorus.org.*

More Activities of Note

• **Portland's longest-running gay sporting association** kicks off the second half of its 33rd season Sunday, January 9, when the **Portland Gay and Lesbian Bowling League** rolls thunder to sate those winter shivers.

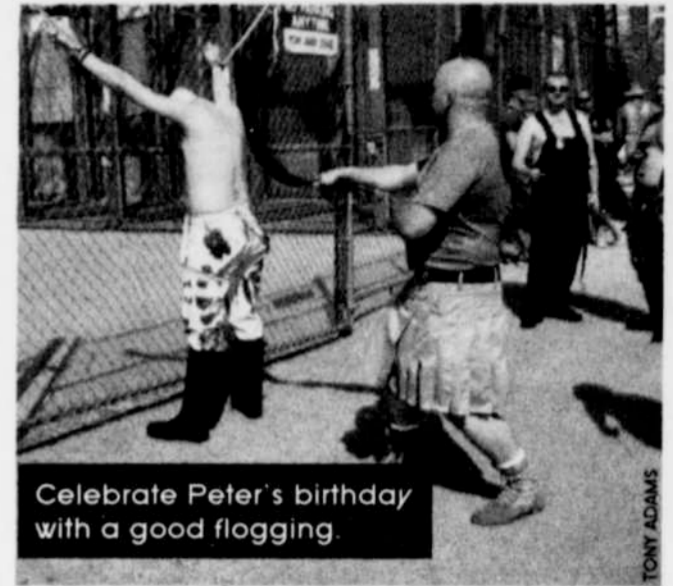
As always, experience is not important, but a friendly attitude is. Registration on January 9 begins at 2:30 p.m. with regular weekly ses-

sions slated for 3:30-6 p.m. at Hollywood Lanes (4030 NE Halsey St.). Weekly dues are \$10. *Visit pdxbowl.com for more information.*

• **If a more full-body workout is your bag**, then the **Her Human Rights Campaign benefit** on Sunday, January 16 at Lola's Room (1332 W. Burnside St.) might be right up your alley. The evening—presented under the theme "One Celebration. One Weekend. For Women."—centers on Bhangra hip-hop jams and fusion dance with Portland's DJ Anjali. The event includes a silent auction and instruction on how to groove properly, and your \$10 admission includes an annual HRC membership. All proceeds go to HRC; the event, running 7-10 p.m. is for the 21-and-up crowd. *Visit hrc.org/herhrc for details.*

• **Those in the giving mood** who also love a good flogging can double their pleasure Saturday, January 22 at the Eagle (835 N. Lombard St.). It's **Mr. Oregon State Leather 2010 Peter Pinn Palermo's birthday**, and he's inviting everyone to join in for a midnight charity flogging, starting at 9:30 p.m.

\$1 gets 1 flog; \$5 gets 10; and \$10 gets 10 plus an entry into a raffle for great prizes. Leather or fetish attire is appreciated but not required. All proceeds benefit Q Center. Search for "L.U.R.E." for more information via Facebook.



• **The next day** brings an opportunity to flex your activist muscle when In Other Words Feminist Community Center (14 Killingsworth St.) hosts an **Anti-Street Harassment Community Planning Meeting** Sunday, January 23 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Co-moderated by Q Patrol's Joe LeBlanc and In Other Words' Katie Carter, the meeting will focus on strategies for combating street harassment via Hollaback PDX—an online and mobile conduit for sharing stories and documenting street harassment, cat calls and slurs. Participants will be able to discuss and share resources both online and in person, as well as discuss possible trainings and action events surrounding street harassment in Portland. *For more information on Hollaback PDX, search "Hollaback PDX" on Facebook.*

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