

we honor the work of activists everywhere, from the young person taking that brave first step in coming out to those who exercise their right to peacefully resist injustice," stated Pride executive board member Mark Santillo via press release. "Each of us has the power to effect change in our own lives and to make a difference in the lives of others. This year's theme challenges our community to make that critical decision to act."

The Pride NW board also outlined a diverse scope of parade prizes to coincide with the spirit of the 2011 theme. Categories include "Best Implementation of Theme," "Best Musical or Other Performance," "Most Enthusiasm" and "Individual Stand-Out." The first three awards will go to groups, while the last award is reserved for one person whose pride shines brightest in the eyes of the judges.

Additionally, Pride Northwest announced its partnership with the *Willamette Week* to publish the official 2011 Pride Guide. The publication is also sponsoring the Pride Parade and Festival—held June 17-19 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park—as well as the year-round "Pride 365" program.

Across state lines, the planning committee for Vancouver, Washington's annual LGBTQ pride event Saturday in the Park has announced details for this year's festivities.

Going with the theme "Bigger, Better, Brighter!" the city hailed by *The Advocate* as the sixth gayest in America will host this year's Saturday in the Park on July 9 from 11 a.m. to

5 p.m. at Downtown Vancouver's Esther Short Park.

Long billed as America's only family-friendly pride event, the 2011 edition of Saturday in the Park will feature musical and cultural performances, community groups and nonprofit organizations, supportive local businesses, games and activities for all ages, a health and wellness center, food booths and a beer garden for adults.

On Saturday, April 16, the "Red Hot" 11th annual Red Dress Party hits NW 10th Avenue at Hoyt Street, poised for another memorable year of crimson couture and, more importantly, ample fundraising for local nonprofits.

YWCA of Clark County, Pivot and Q Center are this year's beneficiaries. Red Dress 2010 generated \$40,000 for the SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program of YWCA Clark County, the Men's Wellness Center and Q Center.

If ticket sales thus far are any indication, the 2011 party could be the biggest fundraiser yet. New Red Dress president Brent Echols reports that tickets have been selling very quickly since they were made available March 15. As of press time, 250 VIP and 200 general admission tickets remained.

DJ Tronic, DJ Scotty D and DJ Adam West



are on board to fuel the celebratory vibes, and as always, the Red Dress board just wants their patrons to enjoy a fabulously fun party while keeping in mind the philanthropic impetus for the event.

"We retooled this year and are going back to our roots,"

says Echols. "Our goal was a more intimate feel where our patrons can connect with each other a little easier."

Tickets are available for purchase either in person at Funny Bone (617 SW Washington St.) or Starky's (2913 SE Stark St.), or online at reddresspdx.com.

For more information on Portland Pride 2011, visit pridenw.org; for more on Saturday in the Park, visit sitppride.info; and for details about the 2011 Red Dress Party, held Sat., April 16 at 535 NW 10th Ave., visit reddresspdx.com.

Oregon ACLU Presents First Charles F. Hinkle Award to Namesake

Longtime Oregon attorney Charles F. Hinkle received the first award—named, appropriately, after him—for extraordinary allegiance to the mission of protecting and advancing civil

liberties and rights during the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Oregon's Liberty Dinner March 12.

Held at the Portland Hilton, the 2011 Liberty Dinner also featured words from David Fidanque, executive director of the ACLU of Oregon, as well as a "Call to Action" by former Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts, Morel Ink—formerly Witham and Dickey—president Bill Dickey and a speech by Susan Herman, president of the ACLU.

The recognition given Hinkle marks yet another personal milestone. Having begun volunteering for the ACLU in 1971, Hinkle's legal work on many significant cases—including *Merrick v. State Board of Education*, which overturned the Oregon Citizens Alliance's first anti-gay ballot measure—has established him as one of the progressive equality movement's leading attorneys. Hinkle served as lead attorney on a total of nearly two dozen challenges to OCA's city and county anti-gay measures passed in 1993.

"What I noticed was Charlie's comment when he received this award: 'Strange to be receiving an award for doing something that you totally enjoy,'" Dickey tells *Just Out*. "My comment to Charlie was that the real honor will be in the ensuing years for the young lawyers and volunteers who will aspire to receive the award themselves. Imagine the great person receiving the Charles F. Hinkle award in 2025, and how Charlie's great legacy will inspire the troops coming up the ranks."

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