

COMMUNITY

North Portland has a new queer owned used bookshop. Another Read Through (1435 N Killingsworth St) will celebrate their grand opening on October 6, from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., featuring Hip Chicks Do Wine and a wine tasting. anotherreadthrough.com

(DISCRIMINATION)

P CLUB INVESTIGATION

THE OREGON BUREAU OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES (BOLI) HAS OPENED AN INVESTIGATION INTO NORTH PORTLAND BAR THE P CLUB (FORMERLY THE PORTSMOUTH PIZZA PUB) AFTER A GROUP OF TRANSGENDER PATRONS SAID THEY WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES THAT OWNER CHRISTOPHER PENNER CALLED AT LEAST ONE REGULAR CUSTOMER AND LEFT VOICE MAILS ASKING THE CUSTOMER NOT TO RETURN BECAUSE IT MIGHT LEAD PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IT'S A GAY BAR. THE VOICEMAIL GOES ON TO SAY, "I'VE DONE SOME INVESTIGATING WHY MY SALES ARE DECLINING AND THERE'S TWO THINGS I KEEP HEARING: PEOPLE THINK THAT A) WE'RE A TRANNY BAR OR B) WE'RE A GAY BAR. WE ARE NEITHER. PEOPLE ARE NOT COMING IN BECAUSE THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO BE THERE ON A FRIDAY NIGHT NOW."

IN RESPONSE PENNER TOLD WILLAMETTE WEEK, "WE DON'T DISCRIMINATE. HALF THE STAFF IS GAY OR LESBIAN...WE DON'T DISCRIMINATE FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN IF THEY CAUSE BUSINESS TO GO DOWN, BUT THAT'S FOR ANYTHING."

(NEW RULES)

THE BACHELORETTE

Inspired by an LA bar that has banned bachelorette parties until gay marriage becomes legal, Old Town gay bar CC Slaughters has decided not to ban them entirely, but to amend their dress code to disallow traditional bachelorette attire such as veils, tiaras, and penis hats. CC Slaughters marketing director Steven Fosnaugh issued a statement saying, "...the majority of [Slaughters] patrons are prohibited under Oregon Law from entering into a marriage with the one they love. To put it plainly, they're gay. So, when parties of bachelorettes walk through the doors of a gay nightclub, branded from head-to-toe in prenuptial garb and there to celebrate their upcoming marriage, many of our patrons were taking offense to it. This was creating an issue that CC Slaughters and many within the LGBTQ community felt very strongly about. The 'Bachelorette Attire Policy' was created to address this issue."



(JUST OUT)

PARTNERSHIP FORMS

Just Out and the Portland Q Center recently announced a strategic partnership to work together for the betterment of the Portland metro area LGBTQ community. This partnership will benefit the LGBTQ community by increasing awareness to the resources and programs available at the Q Center.

Barbara McCullough-Jones, Executive Director at Q Center said, "We are thrilled to partner with *Just Out*. Q Center is a critical resource for the Pacific Northwest's LGBTQ community and we look to increase awareness of the services and programs that we offer by partnering with *Just Out*."

Q Center is a multigenerational community center that provides programs and services to the LGBTQ and allied community in four core program areas: Health & Wellness, Education & Training, Arts & Culture, and Advocacy. Q Center's mission is to provide a safe space to support and celebrate LGBTQ diversity, visibility and community building. Our vision is a broadened positive perception of LGBTQ people. pdxqcenter.org

Who wants to go to an ordinary gym when you can have 6 foot lesbian kick your ass into shape with cast iron weights resembling a cannonball for less than a 6-pack of craft brew? The Warrior Room is a 3000 square foot kettlebell studio in downtown Milwaukie dedicated to bringing affordable and grueling work outs to its clients in a small, personal group setting. Meet Jody at WarriorRoom.org.