

METROPOLITAN

Talk show host urges dialogue

Pam Jordan, the host of "Dialogue"—a talk show based on community events and issues—is sending out an S.O.S. to the community for ideas and information to make her show more responsive to the issues facing the community.

Jordan, who inherited the show from Ulysses Tucker, Jr., said the station had canceled the show "but letters came in from the community and they handed the show to me and told me to run with it."

And run with it she has. Since taking over in May 1983, Jordan has tackled issues in the third world communities and wants to wrestle with more. "We dealt with Affirmative Action, women in correctional institutions and Native American children in Portland public schools."

She plans to address the forces that are destroying the Black family and the issue of the sales tax.

At 23, Jordan was a music major who was interested in telecommunication. "I think the coverage the Black community gets is fair,

but it could be better and there could be more."

She said the stereotypes the media reinforces are not fair. "Whenever they do a story on welfare they always find a Black family which gives the impression that all the people on welfare are Black. This is wrong since most of the people on welfare are white."

Jordan said the way to overcome the built-in ignorance of the media is for a Black journalist to try to gain some control over the media and inform the news director of events happening in the Black community.

Community input is what it's all about and Jordan said she needs some type of feedback on which to base and build dialogue.

"I want people to know the show is still on the air to serve our community. I can always use the input." Call or write: KPTV, P.O. Box 3401, Portland OR 97208/(503) 222-9921. "Dialogue" is aired every Sunday night at 10:30 on Channel 12.



Pam Jordan, host of KPTV's Sunday night talk show, "Dialogue". (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

NAACP celebrates 75th

The 75th anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people begins on February 12, according to the Branch President, Hazel G. Hays. Founded on Lincoln's birthday 1909, the NAACP has become known as "the long-distance runner" according to Hays. "The Portland Branch will be 70 years old in September and we hope to make this a memorable year. The Portland Branch is the oldest continuously chartered Branch west of the Mississippi" Hays noted.

At the regular Branch meeting on Sunday, November 19, at 4:00 at the

First A.M.E. Zion Church, North Vancouver Avenue and Skidmore, Black History month will be observed. The speaker for the meeting is Remel Moore, Director of Educational Opportunities at Portland State University.

Geri Ward, Vice President of the Branch and Chairman of Fund Raising, will make the awards for NAACP Grandmother of the Year. There will be cash awards and merchandise for the grandmothers placing first, second, and third in the NAACP seal-sale contest. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Volunteer of the Year"

Ms. Hazel Polk, of Portland, has been named "Volunteer of the Year" by Joint-Action in Community Service (JACS) said William Shovel, Regional Director for the Northwest Region serving Washington, Alaska, Oregon and Idaho.

JACS is a national, non-profit organization of over 6,000 volunteers whose purpose is to assist young men returning from Job Corps training to become employable, responsible, self-sufficient members of the community.

Ms. Polk was selected from over 200 volunteers in the four-state region and has been with JACS since 1980. She has also been nominated by JACS for the 1984 President's Volunteer Action Award.

"Ms. Polk has helped hundreds of young men in the Portland area put their newly acquired educational and vocational skills to work and helped enable the corps members to begin to rebuild their lives. She is a truly warm, knowledgeable and outstanding woman. We are really proud of her many contributions and accomplishments," Shovel said.

In addition to her volunteer activity, Ms. Polk is employed by the Urban League of Portland as a Counselor and advocate for youth in school and those involved in the



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juvenile justice court system. She is Secretary-Treasurer of Jefferson High School Dads & Moms Club; Recording Secretary, National Negro Evangelical Association, Oregon Chapter; Choir member and Sunday School teacher, Berean Baptist Church; and Board member, Sojourner Truth Theatre Group.

Ms. Polk has six children, is a graduate of Portland Community College and also serves as a Chaplain's Aide with the Oregon Penal System Administration.

She will be honored at the JACS "Volunteer of the Year" Banquet to be held at the Red Lion Inn in Jantzen Beach, 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 1984.

BUF teen program seeks volunteers

The women's section of the Portland Black United Front were the recipients of a \$5,000 grant from the tri-county chapter of the local March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

The funds are being used for a teen program focusing on information and referral, outreach, education, responsible sexuality, health care and nutrition.

The program will be en-

titled, "The Black United Front Teenage Care Project"; a targeted population being Black teenage females/males. The project will be seeking volunteer assistance from health care professionals and persons who have an interest in working with young people. For further information call 232-9751 or write P.O. Box 3976, Portland OR 97208.

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