



Carl McCray

Golden Rule Guides Tri-Met's Top Operator for March

Saying he lives by the Golden Rule, Carl McCray of North Portland explains his success in dealing with thousands of different types of individuals. After more than ten accident-free years behind the wheel of a bus, McCray was voted March Operator of the Month by his fellow drivers.

"I just try to 'do unto others' as I would like them to do unto me," McCray said. He added that when he's having a problem with a passenger, he remembers that the person will most likely be off the bus in 15 minutes, and the problem will be gone.

Much of the credit for what he knows, McCray said, belongs to training supervisor Mel Allen. "He taught me things about driving I'll never forget, like keeping a safety cushion around the bus at all times by never letting your head be still but keeping an eye on the mirrors to make sure where the bus is at all times."

A machinist with Hyster before joining Tri-Met, McCray tried his hand at operating a bus at the suggestion of his friend Calvin Gay. Gay, a former Tri-Met operator, now drives for RTD in Denver.

McCray and his wife, Joan, have five children living at home and six grandchildren. When not serving as head deacon at the Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, McCray enjoys deep sea fishing, watching basketball and spending time with his family.

Arts Commission Requires Minority Representation

On Wednesday, February 12, 1986, the 15 member Metropolitan Arts Commission voted unanimously to require Portland's 14 large and mid-sized arts organizations to submit affirmative action plans with their 1987-88 grant proposals. The proposals are due in March, 1987. Those not in compliance will not be granted awards. This action came after the Commission surveyed the 300 board members of the arts groups and found no minority members. The Commission has agreed to help compile a list of potential minority board members and help the organizations with recruitment. The major organizations, which each received \$96,000 from the Commission this fiscal year, are the Portland Opera, Oregon Symphony, the Portland Art Association. The mid-sized groups which split \$95,000 between them this fiscal year, include Portland Civic Theatre, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Oregon School for the Arts and Crafts, Young Audiences, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, Contemporary Crafts Association, The Media Project, Keith Martin Ballet Oregon, Storefront Actor's Theatre and New Rose Theatre.

CINCO DE MAYO

The Portland-Guadalajara Sister City Association is planning its 1986 Cinco de Mayo celebration and welcomes inquiries from parties interested in participating. The celebration will be held May 2, 3, and 4.

Last year, 30,000 people enjoyed the festival commemorating Mexican independence. Eighteen local restaurants participated, and music was provided by local Latin bands. Folk dancing was a popular event, and this year the audience will be invited to join in on Friday and Saturday nights. There will be a huge pinata for the children's enjoyment, and adults can engage in a tortilla eating contest.

For information regarding booths, exhibits, and entertainment, please contact Ron Flores at 245-1457.

Rose Festival Searches for Past Junior Court Members

The year 1986 is a particularly special one for the Portland Rose Festival Junior Parade and Junior Court. It was exactly 50 years ago—in 1936, that the Junior activities became an official part of the annual Rose Festival celebration.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Junior Court Activities Committee and the Royal Rosarians, are planning a reunion of all the members of the Junior Court over the past 50 years—Something that has never happened before.

Junior Court Chairman Myron Chid says, "We want to unite the past with the present and future. We're interested in hearing stories about memorable Junior Court activities of the past, and discovering what kind of an impact being a member of the Junior Court has had on people's lives."

But, there is a problem involved with setting up the reunion. Child continues, "Our records on the Junior Court go back only about 5 years, and we have no way of finding past Court members without going to the public."

In order to accomplish that, the Rose

Festival Association is asking anyone who was ever a member of the Junior Court to notify Lori Singleton at 285-4060.

The Junior Rose Festival actually began in 1918—when no large Rose Festival parade was held because of World War I. Some children on the east side of Portland decided to hold their own miniature version of the parade—starting the tradition that continues today. The parades and events grew larger every year until all Junior activities were added to the Rose Festival in 1936.

This year, several events involving past Court members are being planned, including appearances at the Junior Coronation May 9 at Wilson High School and other Junior Rose Festival activities. But, in order to accomplish all this, we need to locate past Junior Court Princesses. If you know of someone who was a member of the Junior Court, or if you were yourself, please let us know.

Help make the 50th anniversary a special one!

March 25th — Tuesday 8:00

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