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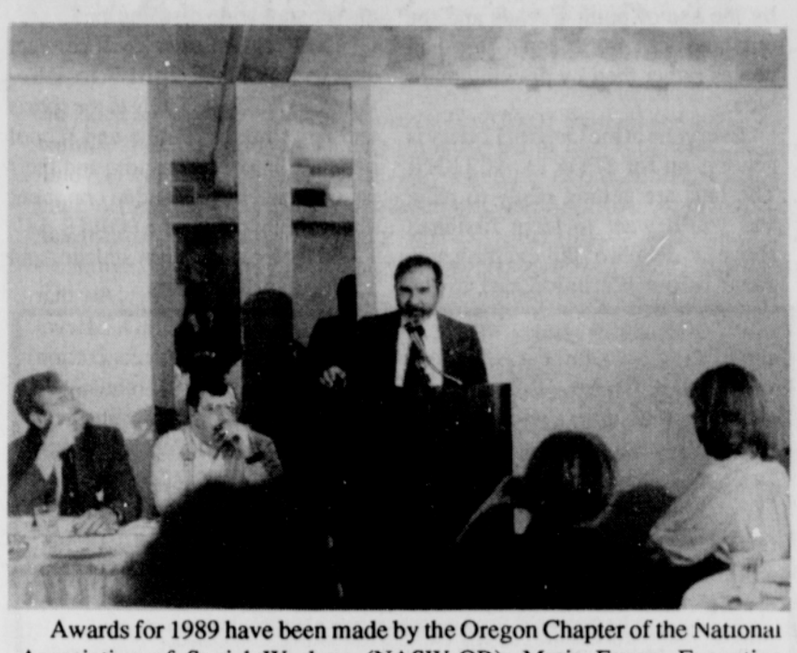
NASW-OR 1989 AWARDS



Awards for 1989 have been made by the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-OR). Marie Evans, Executive Director of NASW-OR, presented the award for Social Worker of the Year to Dr. Joseph Gallegos, Director of Social Work and Gerontology at the University of Portland, for his outstanding work in promoting ethnic minority rights and for leadership development.

Donna Henderson. Chair of the School Social Work Council, conferred the Helen Catlin Award to Salem volunteer, Jan Nolley. Jan Nolley was recognized for her volunteer efforts on environmental issues affecting state and national policies.

The Citizen of the Year award was given by Martha Lemke, of the National NASW Board, to Michael Wisocki on behalf of Mariah Taylor, RN, nurse practitioner at the Community Health Clinic in Portland. Mariah Taylor was selected for her part in providing health care services to low-income, uninsured families.

A special recognition award was bestowed posthumously upon William Uhlhorn, the former director of Eugene Emergency Housing. Nancy Uhlhorn accepted the award for her late husband's life-time work for the homeless and mentally ill. The award was presented by Mark Oldham, treasurer of NASW-OR.

CANCER CAMP

The 4th Annual camp for young cancer patients and their brothers and sisters will be held August 13th - August 19th.

The camp, called CAMP UKANDU,is located at Camp Yamhill, 15 miles outside of McMinville, Or., near The Flying M Ranch, and is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The first camp in 1986 was attended by 42 young cancer patients and their siblings. This year, 110 campers are registered to attend.

There are 60 volunteers who make up the staff of counselors and on-site personnel. A volunteer medical staff consisting of a pediatric oncologist and three pediatric oncology nurses are in attendance at all times.

CAMP UKANDU provides an opportunity for young campers to learn that "U-KAN-DU" anything that you think you can. The campers will participate in activities such as canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, and hayrides. All campers will spend one night in an authentic Indian Tepee.

In addition to CAMP UKANDU, there is a weekend family camp for those too young to attend the week-long camp.

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SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Most small businesses in Oregon already offer health insurance to their employees and even more would like to, but many others would have to close if forced to pay for policies, according to a survey of Oregon business owners by the National Federation of Independent Business/ Oregon (NFIB).

The survey of 163 NFIB/Oregon members was part of a nationwide poll on health care and small business conducted recently by NRIB, the largest small-business organization in the country. Nearly 55 percent of the Oregon members sponsor health insurance plans for some or all of their employees. Forty-three percent do not offer insurance and about two percent did not respond to the question.

Moreover, almost 82 percent said they would like to offer some insurance or better insurance plans to employees.

Among those not offering insurance, cost was clearly the major factor. The biggest group, 64 percent, indicated premiums are too high. More than 47 percent said their businesses are not sufficiently profitable to afford it and nearly 43 percent revealed that profits are too unstable. More than one-third (37percent) said they did not qualify for group insurance.

Asked what they would do if forced to purchase a $150-a-month policy for each employee, 50 percent of those without insurance plans said they would close down or terminate their employees and operate as a one-person enterprise.

"The survey shows that in many cases the added cost of health insurance would be enough to tip the balance for many small-business owners who would find it financially advantageous to close and go to work for someone else, so there would be some loss of jobs.

"On top of that, even those who bought the insurance and stayed in business are going to cut employee hours or the number of employees, so we will see a loss of earnings and even more mobs in those cases. The question becomes, what will we gain? We will end up with many Oregonians who are not only uninsured, but unemployed."

14,000 JUVENILE STURGEON SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE

Fourteen thousand sturgeon fingerlings are scheduled for release into the Willamette River above Oregon City Falls in the near future, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

Al Smith, ODFW staff warmwater fish biologist, explained that the young sturgeon are part of a payback program on the part of two private hatchery operators. The private hatcheries were authorized to take up to six oversize female sturgeon each from the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam this year for spawning purposes. Each actually took four for a total of eight.

The juvenile sturgeon will be released into the Willamette, as far upriver as Eugene, Smith said, to revitalize a sturgeon population that is essentially cut off from the Columbia River by Willamette Falls.

ODFW biologist plan to keep an extra 2,000 fingerlings in a hatchery for up to a year before releasing them. This will allow department personnel to learn techniques of raising sturgeon in a controlled setting.

Previously, sturgeon have not been raised in Oregon public hatcheries, but have spawned naturally in rivers around the state.

An added benefit of keeping a percentage of the fingerlings in a hatchery is the increased size and maturity the fish will attain before they are released. Biologists hope that their added size will translate to improved potential for long term survival.

WRITING CAMP

The Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC) is proud to present their second annual writing camp through the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation. Participants in the workshop will talk with local authors, tour Powell's Book Store and the Oregonian facility. "Campers" will have the opportunity to share their writing with other "campers," and to examine a variety of writing styles.

The camp is open for ages eight and above. Interested writers may register through the Portland Community Schools Program at MLC by calling 280-5742. Students may also register at the first meeting of the class. Writers should bring their own lunch to the workshop.

The course begins August 14 and ends on August 25. The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Couch School, Metropolitan Learning Center, 2033 N.W. Glisan, Portland, OR 97209.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

The Portland-Vancouver area's fourth annual "Children Helping Children" back-to-school clothing drive starts next week August 14th and runs through September 8th.

Last year's campaign provided used but clean and wearable clothing for 375 children of 250 families who might otherwise not have it.

"This year, we'd like to do even more," said Charles Carter, executive director for Low Income Families Emergency (LIFE), a human service agency which operates clothing and food banks and other programs serving area families.

During the "Children Helping Children" campaign kids (or parents) can bring outgrown or unneeded clothing to any of 11 child care centers operated by Children's World Learning Centers, or to the KGW TV8/KINK FM 102 studios. There will be clothing collection barrels inside the entrance at each location.

Once the barrels are filled, the clothing will be collected by LIFE volunteers who will sort and display the clothing and provide it free to those in need.

Carter said that since donations are mainly made by children to other children, the campaign is called "Children Helping Children."

Clothing donations are tax deductible in the amount of the value of clothing.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR DONATION LOCATIONS, CALL **(503) 626-0541**.

EASTERN AIRLINES UNUSABLE TICKETS

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer today urged Oregonians who bought unusable tickets from Eastern Airlines before March 9, 1989 to contact the airline or his office. A U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York has set an August 31 deadline for consumers to file claims for refunds on unusable tickets.

"Recent developments in the Eastern Airlines bankruptcy proceedings may affect the rights of thousands of Oregonians," Frohnmayer said. "It is extremely important for Oregonians to know how these actions might affect their ability to get full or partial refunds on their tickets."

Consumers requesting claim forms or wanting more information can call Eastern Airlines toll-free at 1-800-628-0010 during regular business hours or call the Department of Justice Consumer Hotline at 378-4320 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.

All pre-bankruptcy claims against Eastern not filed by 5 p.m. on August 31, 1989, will be barred, according to an order issued July 6 by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. This deadline applies to people who purchased Eastern tickets prior to March 9,1989 for transportation which Eastern has been unable to provide.

The court order also required Eastern Airlines to buy newspaper ads in seven cities nationwide to advertise the deadline and open a toll-free number to handle consumer questions. The order does not require Eastern to buy ads in any Oregon newspapers.

Eastern Airlines filed for reorganization and protection from creditors in March.

SULLIVAN'S GULCH BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL

The Fifth Annual Sullivan's Gulch Blackberry Festival will be held on Sunday, August 20, from noon to 10:00 p.m. This year the Neighborhood Association will hold its event at the Carousel Courtyard located between N.E. 7th and N.E. 9th on Holladay Street, at the Max stop. There'll be the usual good music and dancing, a special 7:30 p.m. performance by Body & Soul (formerly Salmon Dave), ethnic dancers, country fare and barbeque,beer garden, blackberry treats, blackberry bake-off and the hilarious children's pie-eating contest.In addition, to add to the fun and festivities,there're the magical, musical carousel and The Carousel Company: Theater for Children.

This summer there is another and special reason for celebration. Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association is ten years old. Our abundant natural resource, the tenacious blackberry with its fruit, flowers and thorns is an appropriate symbol for our charming and resilient neighborhood. A unique commemorative poster, printed from a watrercolor by Stephan Soihl, a member of the Blackfish Gallery, and designed by Ann Hughes will be on sale to mark the decade of neighbors working with neighbors to develop and maintain the liveability of this special area of our city.

COMMUNITY SEMINAR ON HIV/AIDS OFFERED

The Coalition for AIDS Education (CAE) will be offering a community seminar on HIV disease on Wednesday, August 23, 6 to 9pm in the Board Room of the American Red Cross, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland. Topics will include basic AIDS information, risk reduction guidelines, living with HIV and community resources.

CAE, a coalition of approximately 30 local and Oregon AIDS and health organizations, offers the training as a public service with a special need to recruit potential volunteer speakers. For more information contact Wendy Rankin, Multnomah County Health Department at 248-3030, Randy Ponce, Cascade AIDS Project at 223-5907 or Ronnie Meyers, American Red Cross at 284-0011 ext. 179.

CANCER SCREENING

Early detection and prevention of oral cancer is the goal of a free screening offered by the Comprehensive Cancer Program at good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center and co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The Screening will be held Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 2-6 p.m., at the Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1130 N.W. 22nd Ave. Free parking is available in parking structure 3, between N.W. 21st and N.W. 22nd Avenue of N.W. Marshall St.

Wesley Lewis,M.D., Otolaryngologist and James Yanney, M.D., Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon, will conduct and oral screening, teach oral self-exam techniques and provide information on risks and prevention.

Screening appointments, which take approximately 10 minutes, are limited so preregistration is required. For more information or to preregister, please call **Good Samaritan Cancer Screening Services at 229-7424.**

PORTLAND MORRIS DANCERS TO PERFORMS AT PORTLAND SATURDAY MARKET SATURDAY AUGUST 26 2-3PM

Bring your bells and license to frolic to Portland Saturday Market on August 26th, as the Portland Morris Dancers descend on our part of town with their unique form of revels.

Morris dancing, which is believed to have originated in the British Isles, is a celebration of life and good will. The dancers adorn themselves with bells, ribbons, bright sashes and belts, and weave intricate patterns intersperced with capers, leaps and turns. A joyous and exhilarating experience, Morris dancing must be seen to believed!

The Portland Morris Dancers will also be gathering for their mass dance from 5-7pm at the Salmon Springs Fountain in Waterfront Park.

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