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Community Calendar

April Is National Community College Month!

Entrepreneur Kurt Widmer Speaks At MHCC Current History Forum
Entrepreneur Kurt Widmer, owner of one of Oregon's leading microbreweries, will be the guest facilitator at an open forum April 28, noon-1:30 p.m., in the Town and Gown room at Mt. Hood Community College.

For more information call Thom Armstrong, associate dean of Social Sciences, at 667-7481.

Pacific University Jazz Nite

Featuring the jazz groups of PU; Friday, May 6, 1994 8 p.m.; Pacific University, McCready Hall in Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center. Free Admission. Form more information, please contact: Chris Bruya, Director of Bands, Pacific University, 357-6151, ex 2297

Amtrak Changes Departure Time

For The Northbound "Mount Rainier" Amtrak's train #796, the northbound Mount Rainier between Portland and Seattle, will begin operating on a revised schedule. Effective May 1, 1994 the train will depart Portland at 7:35 a.m., 20 minutes earlier than the current schedule, and all arrival/departure times north of Portland will be 20 minutes earlier. Arrival in Seattle will be 11:30 a.m.

Tygh Valley All Indian Rodeo

The 45th Annual Tygh Valley All Indian Rodeo will be held at the Tywama Saddle Club grounds in Tygh Valley on May 21st and 22nd. The event will kick off on Friday night with a Western Dance at the Club Hall at 9:00pm. Saturday Night, weather permitting a dance will be held in the arena at 6:30pm.

Artist Laurie Balmuth's Works Featured In MHCC Gallery Exhibit

"It's Not My Story," an exhibit of works by artist Laurie L. Balmuth, will be on display May 2-30 in the College Center Fireplace Gallery at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S. E. Stark St. in Gresham. A reception for Balmuth is scheduled for May 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the gallery. The public is invited to attend the exhibit and reception free of charge.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, and 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday. For more information call the College Center at 667-7260.

"Coaching The African American Athlete"

The Oregon Black Coaches Association (OBCA), will conduct a four hour clinic on how to coach the African American Athlete. An Oregon first, the clinic will attempt to educate coaches and athletes about issues that affect the African American Athlete as it relates to coaching.

Ed Whalen, KOIN Sports Anchor, will be featured as the keynote speaker. Clinicians and facilitator will be accomplished local African American coaches who are presently coaching at the high school, middle school and or club levels.

Sponsored by Avia, an Oregon based athlete shoe and apparel company, the clinic will be held Saturday, May 14, 1994, 9:00AM-1:00PM at Whitaker Middle School. The clinic is free of charge and is open to coaches, athletes, and the general public. Registration begins at 8:00 AM.

Questions regarding the OBCA clinic should be directed at Mitch Whitehurst (503) 282-1290.

OBCA is a non-profit organization.

Volunteers Make A Difference



Arthur May

MAY IS ONE OF 63 INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVE AS VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS. THIS DIVERSE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS DO SUCH THINGS AS GREET PEOPLE, GIVE DIRECTIONS, AND READ TO CHILDREN.

Arthur May sports a big friendly grin as he welcomes people entering through the west doors of Kaiser Permanente's East Interstate Medical Office. His information desk is positioned where he's sure to capture a patient's eye to say, "Hello, may I help you?"

"I've found that every time I come in it's nice to have a happy smiling face to greet you and that the volunteers are readily available to give directions," says Kenneth Clark, a

patient at the medical office. "It's just nice to have people like that who can get you to your destination."

Volunteers choose the days and hours they'd like to work. May, who is a retired engineer and a former minister of the Union Avenue Baptist Church, is heavily involved in community activities but manages to squeeze in seven hours a week to volunteer at the medical office. He balances this with his involvement in the Vernon School Safe Committee, the Foster Parents Association, African American Clergy, and church activities. He and his wife have a daughter at home and three foster children. "It's just rewarding," says May. "I think it cheers people up and it makes a difference when you can give them a

little TLC."

May joined the Volunteer Ambassadors last fall after responding to a brochure he received in the mail. He says he spreads the word to friends and others that volunteering is gratifying work and if they have free time, come join. "I'm here to build a bridge that others can cross," says May. "I'm encouraging others to join because it's a blessed feeling when you can help someone."

The Volunteer Ambassador Program provides a vital link between patients and the medical office. To become a part of the team, contact Program Coordinator Sheryl DuCette at (503) 249-5539.

Students honored

The Portland Teachers Program is holding its 1994 "Celebration of Students" event to acknowledge nearly 150 aspiring minority educators--50 at the post-secondary and graduate level, and 100 from middle and high schools in the Grand and Jefferson clusters. The event will be held on "Cinco de Mayo"--Thursday, May 5, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Student Center Cafeteria at Portland Community College Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth. The formal program begins at 5:30, and the student recognition at 5:45 pm.

Attending the Celebration will be program participants, family members, teachers, and leaders from ethnic communities, business and education. Rosalind Curry, who started the program at PCC in 1989 and graduated this year, will speak. The event is being sponsored by Washington Mutual Bank and the Portland Association of Teachers.

The Portland Teachers Program is a partnership effort between Portland Public Schools, Portland Community College and Portland State University to increase the number of minority teachers in Portland Public Schools. Implemented in 1989 as a response to the critical shortage of minority teachers, this unique tri-institutional collaboration is designed to attract, prepare and retain talented African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics and Asian Americans in the teaching profession so that all young people will be better prepared to join an increasingly multicultural workforce.

The "Celebration" is an excellent opportunity for the press and the general public to see a culturally diverse group of students, primarily from Northeast Portland, who have made positive career choices that will benefit themselves, their communities and society as a whole. This event honors them not only for their choices, but for the effort and sacrifice that many of them are making to achieve their goal.

"Big Sisters" Needed For At Risk Teenage Girls

Volunteers of America is in need of volunteers for the Chere Amie Big Sister program to provide friendship, support and caring to young girls in crisis.

Volunteers spend approximately ten hours per month participating in activities and spending time with the at-risk girls. All volunteers are trained by qualified staff members.

Involving yourself in this program is very rewarding says Louise Langley, Chere Amie Big Sister Coordinator. "By

volunteering you are providing friendship and a positive role model for these girls which is very important." To register for this program please call VOA'S Kletzer Hall at 234-9211.

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KOIN-TV Announces 1994 Jefferson Award Winners

KOIN-TV IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE 1994 JEFFERSON AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE OREGON-SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGION.

The five individuals, chosen by a panel of independent community leaders, are Hildah Highbe, Benita Harris, Kathy Philpott, Beverly Maxcy, and Diane Wehage. Following is a description of the work for which each recipient will be honored.

Hildah Highbe

Hildah Highbe has always been active in her community. Hildah has been involved as a 4-H leader for the past 62 years, providing Washington County youth with an activity that helps build self-esteem, confidence and achieve their personal goals. Hildah was also instrumental in the establishment of the Tualatin Valley Workshop, a company that provides work opportunities for the physically challenged. She has received the "First Citizen of Beaverton" award and



has been described by her associates as a "spark plug" and the "glue" for the many organizations and projects she has been involved with through the years.

Benita Harris

Benita Harris is a member of the American Red Cross regional blood services Board of Directors. She is also Board of Directors President for the Portland Area Council of Camp Fire. Her work with ARC has stimulated minority awareness of the need for blood donors and bone marrow registrants. Through her efforts, the 1994 Martin Luther King blood drive saw a 61% increase in donations over the previous year. During the past three years, Benita has been instrumental in developing several Camp Fire programs for youth such as the Gang Peace and Hispanic programs, which enhance self-esteem and address the issue of peer pressure.



Kathy Philpott

Local actress and comedian Kathy Philpott, looks for the real meaning in life; volunteering her time to an AIDS hospice

house in east Milwaukie. When she's not dusting cleaning or doing a lunch run, Kathy's talking with anyone who needs to talk, holding hands, or giving a much needed hug. She has also donated proceeds from her one person show, "Two by four By Philpott", to help those stricken with the AIDS virus. Quoting Kathy, "There is destiny that makes us brothers. None of us goes our way alone. All of what we give to the lives of others comes back to our own".

Beverly Maxcy

Beverly Maxcy works as a volunteer for the Lutheran Refugee Program, helping former Soviet Republic Pentacostals make the cultural adjustment to life in the United States. Her activities range from chauffeuring to taking families into her own home. Social services for refugees usually focus on the first eight months because of budget restraints, but Beverly has worked with many of the families for three and four years, and the relationship between them continues to grow.



Diane Wehage

Clackamas County's Victim's Assistance Program would not be possible without volunteers like Diane Wehage. Diane has been and advocate in this program for 13 years. Her role is to follow a person through the criminal justice system, giving emotional support, information about the status of their case, and accompanying the victim to court. Besides working as a registered nurse, Diane also does the training for new advocates in hospital procedures and does all of the program's public speaking to schools on the subjects of date rape and sexual abuse.

KOIN-TV has sponsored the Jefferson Awards for Public Service for fifteen years. The competition is sponsored nationally by the prestigious American Institute for Public Service located in Washington, D.C. and locally by Subway. The Jefferson Awards were created to give public recognition to individuals who have made tremendous personal commitments to the communities in which they live.

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