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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Potluck in the Park

An all-volunteer project serving free meals every Sunday rain or shine, 3 pm, Park Block between SW Main & Salmon, downtown. For more information call 823-5379.

National Coming Out Party

A rally to educate the public about alternative lifestyles in America. Friday, October 11, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, at the Pioneer Courthouse Square. For more info, call 295-9788.

Children's Hunger Day

A rally to support hunger programs. Wednesday, October 16, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, at the Pioneer Courthouse Square. For more info, call 284-7386.

Red Ribbon Celebration

A national campaign addressing alcohol and other drug awareness, education, and prevention. Wednesday, October 23, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, at the Pioneer Courthouse Square. For more info, call 239-7999.

Oregon Symphony Anniversary

A concert to celebrate the anniversary of the Oregon Symphony. 12:00pm, Wednesday, October 30th, at the Pioneer Courthouse Square. For more info, call 228-4249.

Book sale

Multnomah County Library Used Book sale Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13 at Montgomery Park, 9am - 6pm each day. Admission is free on Saturday and Sunday. Montgomery Park is located at NW 27th and Vaughn. For more info, call 248-5439.

Sauerkraut Festival

Eighth annual Steinfield's Scappoose Sauerkraut Festival, Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the city hall grounds in Scappoose, Oregon. For more info, call 295-1922.

Annual salmon migration

The 13th annual Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and 13. For more info, call 797-1850.

Older Women's League Meeting

Midlife and older women are invited to an open meeting and discussion opportunity. At Portland Impact Senior Center, Tabor Building, 4610 SE Belmont. For more info, call 233-1580.

Portland Stamp Fair

The semi-annual Portland Stamp fair will be held the weekend of October 19-20 at the Travelodge Hotel, 1441 NE Second Ave., Portland, Or. The hotel is located just off #5 at Weidler. 10 am - 6 pm on Saturday and 10 am - 4 pm on Sunday. Admission is free and the hotel provides plenty of free parking. For more info, call 1-800-783-7589.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Roberto Clemente, Jr., son of the Hall of Fame baseball player from Puerto Rico, spoke recently of the need for young people to find fulfillment of their baseball dream through education. "Prepare yourself to be a team doctor, or lawyer, or a trainer, or an agent. No one can count on being successful solely as an athlete." Mr. Clemente dedicates much of his time to encouraging youth athletes to believe in themselves and in their future.

Photo by Timothy Collins.

Delegates oppose ballot measure 40

By an almost unanimous vote, the Oregon State Bar House of Delegates has passed a resolution opposing Ballot Measure 40, a measure that would significantly change the Oregon Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The delegates voted at their inaugural meeting in Medford, Ore. on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Also passed were resolutions supporting adequate funding for civil legal services,

adequate funding for indigent defense services and a resolution supporting state bar efforts to evaluate the effects of the mandatory sentences created by 1994's Ballot Measure 11.

The House also approved seven amendments to the Oregon Code of Professional Responsibility, the disciplinary rules that govern lawyers' professional conduct.

Ballot Measure 40, often referred to as the victims' rights measure, would, in part,

change the Oregon Constitution to make its guarantees against improper search and seizure, self-incrimination and double jeopardy no stronger than those of the U.S. Constitution.

Because the Oregon Constitution currently provides greater protections than the U.S. Constitution, the effect of Measure 40 would be to decrease the rights of citizens in criminal proceedings brought by the state, according to the sponsors of the resolution.

"This vote represents the recommendation to the public of Oregon attorneys from both sides of criminal law: prosecution and defense," says Oregon State Bar President Jeff Carter. "We are all concerned about fair treatment of victims in the criminal justice system. But given our collective experience and statutory protections for victims already in place, we don't feel that Ballot Measure 40 is the right way to address the problem."

Meeting with a phenomenon

BY SABBINA SAKATA

Last Friday, three African-American Portlanders were honored with a "Most Phenomenal Women" award at the Sisterhood Luncheon Special in Northeast Portland.

Among them, Bobbi Gary, a long-time and self-proclaimed humanitarian activist, accepted the award with a sense of it being more of the icing on the cake than payment for her efforts.

"I'm just doing what the Lord would have me do," Gary asserts.

After all, just by spending 20 minutes with this sharp, intuitive oratorical master, it's clear she does what she does because she believes it's what god would want, and not for any superficial purpose.

The Sisterhood is an organization that brings women of color from the community,

county, and state, together to exchange ideas and announcements in an informal forum type setting.

"At this last meeting I got a chance to meet with many sisters from the southwest districts, and it was like a breathe of fresh air. I told them, 'Where've you sisters been?'"

said Gary with a heartfelt smile. "It's good we have a common ground to come together on."

The other recipients of the award were artists Ruby Rueben and Roselyn Heald.

"Most of the time, helping people doesn't take money," said Gary, her delicate hands leading her words with conviction, "it just takes a smile."

"Many people I visit at various homes tell me, 'Oh, thank you so much,'" Gary continues, "but I turn back and tell them, 'No, thank YOU--when I smile and you smile back, I get immediate gratification.'"

Ms. Gary has been blessing the city of Portland since 1941.

A long time activist with the Rainbow Coalition, Ms. Gary started piercing her words through the heart of good since studying oratory with the Thespian Society in high school. That local foundation has since built a lifetime of powerfully spoken words.

As co-chairperson of the Portland Gray Panthers, Ms. Gary continues to guide the local African-American community to high-

er planes. She is the former vice president for organizations such as Church Women United and the Older Women's League.

She has sat on numerous boards and is presently on leave from the Black United Fund of Oregon, a charitable organization that provides assistance to more than 300 agencies addressing critical issues such as unemployment, poverty, illiteracy, teen pregnancies and crime.

Besides all the progress she has been a part of, Gary has managed to raise four talented and motivated daughters. One of them, Sharon Gary-Smith currently resides as Vice President for the Urban League location in Austin, Texas.

Ms. Gary also wanted it known that last week Friday, October 4th, was the 100th Anniversary for the National Association of Women's Clubs. "It's amazing to think we've been around, going strong, for that long," Gary said.

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Local hunters donate meat for hungry

Upwards of 10 tons of choice meat from Oregon game may feed hungry Oregonians as sportsmen take to the forests and fields in the first full season of Hunters Against Hunger.

The organization, an offshoot of the Oregon Hunters Association, is the brainchild of Gerry Rondo, President of the Hoodview Chapter. He proposes Oregon hunters donate a portion of their take, or whole carcasses if they like, to Oregon Food Bank and its state statewide network of Regional Coordinating Agencies.

The meat from deer, elk and bear would be a rich addition to the 17 million pounds of food that go to feed more than 400,000 persons in Oregon and Southwest Washington who must rely on emergency rations at least once a year.

Norman Clavette, whose Sportsmen's Meat Cutting in Carver provides the collection point and processing for game in the Portland Metro Area, estimates that 15,000 to 20,000 pounds may be given this year if hunters learn of the opportunity to contribute.

"We should triple it next year," he predicts.

The State Department of Fish and Wildlife also provides confiscated animals, Clavette notes, emphasizing that road kill is not involved.

Rachel Bristol Little, Executive Director of Oregon Food Bank, welcomes the help of Hunters Against Hunger. The Oregon Food Bank Network seeks a healthy balance in the emergency food boxes that prevent needy Oregonians from being hungry. Meats often are especially wanted for both protein for good nutrition and pleasure for the palate.

School savings program

State Treasurer Jim Hill, in an effort to teach strong savings habits to children, will hold a statewide ED-NET broadcast, Thursday, October 3 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the State Treasury's new elementary school savings program with teachers and school administrators throughout the state.

The SAVE FOR AMERICA program teaches K - 6th graders, through innovative banking software, the value of saving money and the importance of financial security. "The SAVE FOR AMERICA program is a fun and effective tool all educators can use to teach Oregon school children the value of financial responsibility and allow them to benefit from their greatest financial asset--time," Hill said.

"There is no greater gift that we can give our children than the gift of financial security. I am convinced that the children who develop strong savings habits today will have the

freedom to achieve more of their goals in the future. With the cooperation of Oregon's elementary schools, parents, local banks and teachers, we can give our children the knowledge and encouragement they need to become financially secure."

The SAVE FOR AMERICA School Savings program is currently implemented in 4000 schools in 44 states, with the cooperation of 200 banks.

This program marks the first time in 25 years that U.S. Savings Bonds will be available to children at school.

Once a week, elementary students can bring their money to school on BANK DAY and make a deposit to their account using the school's computer equipped with SAVE FOR AMERICA software.

The deposit is then entered into the student's bank account and may be purchase U.S. Savings Bonds. Each deposit comes with a computer-generated receipt and a sticker reminding them to save again.