

RELIGION

Collection drive to help needy kids gear up

You can help 1,000 needy Portland area children, ages 5-17, feel confident and equipped to go back to school this year by donating new clothing and school supplies to The Salvation Army's annual "New Gear for the School Year" program.

New back-to-school items are needed, including clothing, shoes, backpacks, lunch boxes and school supplies.

Specific needs include clothing

for teens in larger sizes as well as gift certificates and monetary donations.

To help, drop by Salvation Army collection locations August 1-24 at the following retail centers:

Beaverton Mall, Clackamas Town Center, Lloyd Center, Mall 205, Pioneer Place Shopping Center, and all Les Schwab Tire Centers in the tri-county area and Vancouver

For more information, call The Salvation Army at (503) 234-0825.

Women for Sobriety group grows to second meeting place

Women for Sobriety, a support group for women recovering from addictions, now has two groups available to women in the Portland area:

At Providence Cedar Hills Plaza, 10300 S.W. Eastridge, Room 3, the meetings are Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m.; and at St. Vincent Hospital, 9205 S.W. Barnes Road, in the main hospital's second floor, the meetings are Saturdays 9-10:15 a.m.

Providing more than 200 groups nationwide, Women for Sobriety has offered weekly meetings in Portland since 1993.

WFS is a non-profit organization which utilizes a discussion format to provide support based on the program's philosophy, which centers on issues of women's self-esteem. In a small-group setting, members learn about the disease of alco-

holism, and how to form healthy life and thinking habits.

Not a twelve-step program, WFS offers a philosophy of 13 Statements, such as (#1): "I have a life-threatening problem that once had me," and (#12): "I am a competent woman and have much to give life."

Emphasis is on growth and on the present: participants learn from the past, plan for tomorrow, and live today.

Meetings are lead by peer moderators who have been certified by Women for Sobriety's national office in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

Women are invited to call for further information or literature (Karen, 235-0647, or Cindy, 524-3282), or simply to attend a meeting. A \$2 donation is requested at each meeting.

Christ Memorial Church to expand

Christ Memorial Church seeks to expand its Drug and Alcohol Outreach Program and build a new Family and Community Center.

Christ Memorial's JADA (Jesus Against Drugs, alcohol & other Forms of Addiction) program seeks to reach more people in North/Northeast. JADA is an outreach ministry of the Christ Memorial Church in its 10th year of existence.

The groundbreaking event for the new Family and Community Center was held on Saturday July 12, 1997 at 11:00am, located at 1552 N. Killingsworth St. In addition, the JADA Ministry has launched a fund raising effort for a half million dollars renovation to the church to accompany a family and community center.

Rev. Tate, JADA executive director, explains how the North/Northeast community faces obstacles such

as broken homes, economic insecurity, crime, gangs and inadequate role models. He says, "We wish to develop a facility where children, youth, adults, seniors and single-parent families can be brought together to teach and learn positive values which can be passed on throughout a struggling community."

Family and individual needs will be met through concurrent experiences such as various educational curriculums, activities, tutoring, child care, mentor programs, racial reconciliation forums, support groups, art drama and other recreational programs.

The vision is for both single and two-parent families to have a place to go together, and have their sociological, educational, spiritual and recreational needs all met while simultaneously enhancing family values.



The Bronx Mass Choir.

A slice of Heaven

The sound is effortless, but the vocal dynamics of this youth-oriented choir that is a force to be reckoned with on New York's choir scene, was no shorage of hard work for director Roger Hambrick. Despite the intricate musical and vocal arrangements, jazz/hip hop-infused contemporary-traditional mix, and trademark mass volume, it is its spirituality that the Bronx Mass Choir prides itself on - its success measured in the life-changing testimonies of those who have been moved by their music.

A young man strung out on crack

who testified that he came to a concert and has been drug free since. A Jewish man who while walking by a record store, saw their poster and being from the Bronx, was drawn to pick it up. Today, he is a "jew for Jesus."

"Changing lives is what the Bronx Mass Choir is all about," reports Hambrick. "A lot of choirs can sing, but those testimonies are what lets us know our ministry is not in vain."

Indeed the 25-member strong choir ranging in age from 14-45 was borne out of ministry. Hambrick teamed up with Eric McDaniel to

form the choir in 1980, with their chance meeting late one Sunday evening on a New York subway. Both had just attended nightly services at the Institutional Church of God In Christ.

"Having shared the same dream of starting a choir in the Bronx and having a workshop for young people of different denominations, we instantly became friends," Hambrick recounts. "Then Eric asked his father, Bishop Allen McDaniel if we could hold an Interdenominational Youth Fellowship Conference at this church and he said yes."

Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored By The Healthy Grandparents Support Group

When: Tuesday July 29, 1997

Where: MCSSC 5325 NE MLK Jr Blvd.

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Menu: Spaghetti, toss salad, garlic bread, punch & dessert
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Obituaries

Elder Frank Martin Sr.

Frank Martin Sr. was born in Tampico, Old Mexico on May 30th 1912. He was the only child of Oscar & Hattie Martin.

Hewas raised in the church. His formal education was received in Old Mexico and Clairmore, Oklahoma.

Frank elected to leave home at the early age of sixteen to pursue a career in professional music. Within a year Frank was employed professionally in a night clubs.

In July 1941 Frank Martin & Ealer LaViolet were joined in Holy matrimony. To that union six children were born.

Frank was in active duty in World War II and advanced to the rank of Corporal before his honorable discharge. After Franks discharge from the Military he enrolled in Kansas City Conservatory of music.

He completed studies in the areas of piano technology music theory and construction of stringed instruments. Which permitted him to build guitars, violins and various types of stringed instruments.

Frank appeared in the original version of "Gone With The Wind."



Frank Martin Sr.

His part was a none speaking cameo appearance and was paid \$5.00 a day. Which he boasted. "Was good money back in those day"! Frank was recognized for his excellence in his music by receiving a recording contract with Capital Records.

In 1957 Frank came to Portland from Kansas City, Mo. Bringing with him the Frank Martin Trio.

He played night clubs such as The Desert Room, The Tropicana Club, King Surf Resort in Depoe

Bay & Top of The Cosmo, just to name a few.

In the early sixties Frank gave his heart to the Lord after becoming ill unto death in his home.

After the Lord delivered him from this illness he moved his B-3 Hammond Organ into Eber Tabernacle Church which is now Open Door House of Prayer. Founded by his wife Ealer Martin.

There he surrendered his musical talents and played

faithfully for the Lord. Frank has been recognized for the past 35 years as a small business proprietor, piano tuner and repair, ministry in Music & the Word.

Frank opened his home to the homeless and outcast of society. His mission provided food for the body & God's word for the soul.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and loved ones.

Leaves to cherish his memory:
Wife Overseer Ealer Martin, Children: Pastor Clarence D. Martin Sr., Apostle Hillary Martin, Patt Martin-Isom, Bishop F. E. Martin, Eugene Martin Sr., Delbert Lee Martin. There are 22 Grandchildren and 31 Great-grandchildren.

Jerry E. Allen

July 12, 1940 - June 29, 1997

Funeral service were held Monday, July 7, 1997 at Good Samaritan Church of God, 1737 NE Alberta, Portland, Oregon.

Born in Lubbock, Texas, he came to Portland in 1942 and was raised and educated here. Interment in Rose City Cemetery.

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