

# METRO *Life*

The Portland Observer

**SECTION B**

## Community Calendar

### See The Light

Metro Washington Park Zoo is hosting its annual ZooLights Festival. There will be a nightly puppet show along with music, dance troupes, and artwork. ZooLights runs until Dec. 31. Hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and 5 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The festival is closed on Dec. 24th and 25th.

### Kwanzaa Celebration

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is offering a workshop focusing on the seven principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Call 823-2000 for tickets or information.

### Free Haircut

Boys and Girls ages 16 and under can get a free, Christmas haircut done professionally on Monday, Dec. 22. Times are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. First come, first served. The event is sponsored by the Salvation Army Moore St. Corps Community Center. Call 239-1241 for information.

### Nutcracker Revised

OMSI takes a holiday classic to a new level with Laser Nutcracker Fantasy, a laser light show. A show for all ages. Matinee shows are Tuesday through Friday at 3 p.m.; and Saturday, Sunday and holidays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., through January 1, 1998. Shows are free with OMSI general admission or OMSI membership, or \$2 for the show only. Tickets are available at the museum. For more information, call 797-4646.

### Kwanzaa Event

Learn ways to celebrate the 7 basic principles of Kwanzaa. There will be a fashion show, drumming presentation, Kwanzaa stories and a presentation on African village. An event for families and children. The program starts on Saturday, Dec. 20 from noon to 3 p.m. at Community AME Zion Church. Call AME Zion Church at 693-2846 or 695-5961.

### Holiday Music

The Portland Baroque Orchestra presents Handel's Messiah. The concert takes place on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Performances will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in northwest Portland. Call the PBO office at 222-6000.

### Tuna on stage

Portland Center Stage presents A Tuna Christmas, a wildly successful hit of last year. The performance will run until Jan. 3 at the Intermediate Theatre of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are from \$10-\$36, with special discounts for groups. For tickets and information, call 274-6588.

### Santa in concert

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus are the stars in the all-new Oregon Symphony Kids Holiday concert. Santa will be narrating. The entire audience will be invited to sing along on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Joy to the World".

Tickets may be purchased at Oregon Symphony Ticket Office (719 SW Alder) or charged by phone at 228-1353.

### Happy Hanukkah!

Celebrate Hanukkah at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. There will be Klezmer music, singing and dancing. Potato latkes and hot dogs will be available for purchase. Call 244-0111 for information.

### A Gathering, Dec 22nd

A gathering -- people coming together to relax, enjoy the company of friends, meet new friends, view the city landscape and lights, enjoy music (Roger Hart, SUNY 9.10 radio), no host bar, raffle tickets, and door prizes. Monday, December 22nd, 5:30 TO 9:30 AT Shenanigan's.

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



## Troop 700 helps out for the holidays

Haley Wolters (left), and Emily Egan, both 8 1/2 and Madeline School students, were part of Brownie Troop 700, helping St. Vincent dePaul pack Christmas food packages. The Northwest Portland troop includes girls from Madeleine, Alameda and Laurelhurst schools.

## Energy Program Warms Low Income Residents

Low income households in need of financial aid to pay for winter heating bills will be able to apply for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), a federal program managed by Multnomah County's Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS), beginning Monday, December 1, 1997. This program is intended to assist low income residents with their household heat costs. This year, unlike previous years, applicants must call a participating agency to receive an application. The application needs to be completed and returned to the agency in the provided envelope to be processed. To qualify for energy assistance, applicants must be at or below 125% of the Federal poverty level (Examples: a household of one with a yearly income of \$9,863.00 or less; or a household of four with a yearly income that does not exceed \$20,063.00)

Locations in Multnomah County  
 North Area: St. John's YWCA, 721-6762  
 Northeast Area: Albina Ministerial Alliance, 240-0828  
 Northeast Area: Friendly House, 228-4335  
 Downtown Area: Transition Projects, 823-4930  
 Southwest Area: Neighborhood House, 246-1663  
 Inner Southeast Area: Portland Impact, 736-6000  
 Outer East Area: Human Solutions, 248-3662  
 Outer East Area: Human Solutions - Rockwood, 248-5215  
 Contacts: Gina Mattioda, Public Affairs Coordinator (503) 248-3691 ext. 26474  
 Tom Brodbeck, Energy Coordinator (503) 248-3999 ext. 26057

## 40th Annual Children's Holiday Party

Targeting Portland's Inner City Youth

Saturday, December 20, 1997 the Jimmy Bang-Bang Walker Youth Foundation will hold its 40th Annual Children's Holiday Party for children in North and Northeast Portland. The annual event which started out as a holiday giveaway by the Clarion Defender Newspaper has endured as the longest holiday tradition targeting inner city youth in the City. In the past forty years there have been only two stand-ins for Walker who appeared as Portland's first Black Santa Claus well before it became politically correct. Walker stated "Having five children of my own, I felt it important to portray Santa as someone who looked like their father as well as the other Black children in my community."

This year's party will be held in the cafeteria at Jefferson High School from 12 noon to 2:00pm. Santa is expected to arrive at 1:00pm.

For information contact Freda Walker at 282-7436.

## Scratch For Charities



Media groups from Oregon were invited to Lloyd Center Mall to scratch Oregon Lottery tickets and donate the winnings to their favorite charities. Chuck Washington and Gary Ann Taylor of the Portland Observer Newspaper, scratched a whopping \$182.00.

Shown in the above photo are Gary Ann Taylor of the Portland Observer, Shelly M. Lurse of KINK Radio, Chuck Washington of the Portland Observer and Anita Garlock of KINK Radio.

(Photo by M. Washington)

## National Grant for Service on King Holiday

Urban League of Portland awarded \$3,650

In his weekly radio address, President Clinton announced 73 grants for communities to organize service events on Martin Luther King Day. The grants from the Corporation for National Service were awarded to organizations to implement service activities that honor Dr. King's legacy and further his teachings by bringing people together to solve community problems.

The Urban League of Portland received a \$3,650 grant to implement its "Beloved Community Campaign." The campaign will enlist a cadre of college and high school age students to teach elementary school children

about national and local leaders who have worked for greater civil rights and social and economic justice in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. The student volunteers will also engage in three direct community service activities between the King Holiday and June 30, 1998. The campaign will be conducted in partnership with the Bridge Builders and the Epsilon Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

"We are proud that President Clinton and the Corporation for National Service have recognized the Urban League of Portland and our Beloved Community Campaign which will help our community understand its proud

tradition of social activism and service," said Lawrence J. Dark, President and CEO of the Urban League of Portland. "I am also very appreciative to governor Kitzhaber for appointing me as a State Delegate to the President's summit on America's Future where I was able to discuss community service concepts with leaders from all over the nation. The Beloved Community Campaign is an opportunity to implement locally many of the things I observed and discussed at the summit."

Working closely with the King Commission and the Points of Light Foundation, this is the fourth year that the Corporation for

National Service has spearheaded efforts to fulfill the King Holiday and Service Act of 1994, which seeks to transform the observance of King's birthday into a day of service that reflects his life and teaching.

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit, community-based human service, economic and social justice agency serving youth and families, students, job seekers, and seniors in the metro area. The Urban League is home to the Multnomah County Northeast Family Center, the Multnomah County Northeast District Senior Service Center and the Northeast one Stop Career Center.