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Community Calendar

Art On Alberta

The Art on Alberta celebrates its 20th monthly 'Last Thursday' art walk on December 26. For questions, call Reggie Petry at "Our Dream" Gallery at 288-3024.

Concert-at-Christmas

The annual Concert-at-Christmas of the 75 year old Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP) will have an operatic flair this year and feature a guest appearance by the Portland Symphonic Gilchoir which celebrates its 10th anniversary this season. The Concert-at-Christmas is at 7:30 PM, Saturday, December 26 in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Women In Communications

How can your business tap into the power of the World Wide Web? How will people find you in cyberspace? How can you best reach your target audience using electronic media? For answers, don't miss the Assn. For Women in Communication's January luncheon guest speaker Jan Calvert, to be held from 11:30-1 PM, Wednesday, January 13, at Shenanigan's, 4575 N. Channel Ave., in Portland.

School Conference

The Board of Education Instructional Improvement Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 16 at 9:30 AM, in the "New" Superintendent's Conference Room at the Robert Blanchard Education Service Center (501 N. Dixon Street). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss PPS Strategic Plan for Student Achievement. Call 503/916-3741. The Board of Education Budget/Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 17 at 2:30 PM and at 4pm at the same site.

Parents Support Center

Your 10 year old grieving the loss of a friend? Perhaps your 12 year old thinks she's ugly and it's all your fault? Come and talk to someone who knows, in a place that's full of people, books and materials designed to help you - The Resource Room, newly opened at A Teacher's Space on the corner of NE 28th and Broadway. COFFEE'S ON from 11-1 PM every Thursday! Drop-in, come as you are, casual time for gathering information. Call 288-3577.

Women's Open Mic

It's the latest buzz in the women's writing community: the last Friday of every month In Other Words Bookstore hosts an open mic for women to read their original writings. Hosted by local author Meg Daly, the series was an overnight success in 1998. Refreshments are served, and the evening is free and open to the public. The Last Word happens the last Friday of every month at 9 PM at In Other Words. Call 503/232-6003.

Vocolot

Congregation Neveh Shalom and the Mittleman Jewish Community Center are proud to present the first Portland concert by the Bay Area acapella group Vocolot. The concert will be held on Saturday, January 9 at 8 PM at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane in Portland. Vocolot's repertoire mixes folk, jazz and classical music, creating an innovative sound for the coming century.

Health Technologies

Learn in just 1 hour as RDH & Associates demonstrate a non-medical way to recharge your energy, fight stress, gain relief from aches and discomforts, sleep more deeply and feel more fit by using nature's tools.

These non-medical, breakthrough health technologies have actually given people their lives back. The FREE workshop will be on Tuesday, December 29 from 7-8 PM at the Central Branch of the Multnomah County Library (801 SW 10th St.). Call 503/283-1972.

Over \$11,000 Raised In Portland "Holiday Scratch-It For Charity" Event

Over \$11,000 was raised by 41 area charities during the fourth and final "Holiday Scratch-It for Charity" event Dec. 11 at the Lloyd Center in Portland. Local non-profit groups as well as news media celebrities representing their designated charities participated in the Oregon Lottery-sponsored event. A total of \$11,374 was raised by the local charities and news media representing charities.

The individual funds raised are as follows:

- Oregon Children's Foundation-SMART \$278
- Helping Hands \$143
- Wilsonville Skate Park Project \$455
- Crisis Pregnancy Center \$181
- Interfaith Caregivers \$314
- Oregon Lions Sight and hearing Foundation \$113
- Children's Museum \$220
- William Temple House \$203
- Assistance League of Portland \$211
- Cares NW \$160
- Women's Resource Center \$159
- Community Action Organization \$131
- Opening Doors \$119
- Friends of Vista House \$134
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society \$243
- American Heart Association \$552
- Kids N' Cancer-Camp Agape \$197
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Portland \$228
- Doernbecher Foundation \$79
- Jefferson Youth Football Program \$308
- Found. Fighting Blindness-KWBV \$445
- Oregon Partnership-KBNP \$127
- Children's Dental Center \$348
- Arts Alive-KXL AM \$255
- Arts Alive-95.5FM \$184
- Toy and Joy Makers-KPTV \$185
- Toys for Kids-KOIN \$656
- Humane Society-Z100 \$176
- Humane Society-KATU \$440
- Susan Komen Found.-KJZ \$163
- Waverly Home-KLFO \$924
- Bradley-Angle House-KBBT \$205
- Amie Ross House-KUPL \$294
- SIDS-KWJZ \$287
- B. Miller Needy Kids-KEX \$129
- Juvenile Diabetes-KISN \$153
- Humane Society-KPDX \$147
- J. Washington Memorial-Portland Observer \$221
- Morrison Center-KGW \$291
- Community Action-KUIK \$167
- Oregon Food Bank-KINK \$290
- Skanner Foundation-Skanner \$162
- American Cancer Soc-KCKX \$270
- March of Dimes-KBNP \$127
- CASA-KRSK \$299



Everyone's a winner with Scratch It for Charity.

(Photo by R.Washington)

The "Holiday Scratch-It for Charity" program raised over \$52,000 this year, which was the most ever for the annual event,

and far surpassed the over \$38,000 raised last year. This was the ninth year of the program. ■

The Salvation Army Christmas Clearing Bureau Adds Staff And Expands Hours

The Salvation Army Christmas Clearing Bureau has added extra staff members to handle the large volume off calls to the telephone bank. "We are receiving up to 900 calls a day, 400 calls per day over our anticipated 500, from families and individuals in Multnomah and Clackamas counties. They are referred by social service agencies, government entities,

schools and service providers," reports Bobi Magill, assistant director of the NE Sandy office of The Salvation Army Family Services.

The Salvation Army Christmas Clearing Bureau makes it easier for social service agencies throughout the Portland-metropolitan area to track and boost the distribution of food, clothing, gifts and services to nearly

42,000 people in need.

This holiday season people in need of assistance call one number: 231-HELP. They are asked a few questions and their responses are entered into a central computer system. The Salvation Army and other participating agencies then determine how best to meet the needs of each family or individual.

Staffed by volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, the Clearing Bureau is accepting applications for assistance through Monday, Dec. 21. Distribution of food, clothing, gifts and services will begin on Friday, December 18. ■

WCBPA 15th Annual Convention

➤ John Holoman, publisher L.A. Herald Dispatch holds award he received at president's reception in which he was recognized as an outstanding and stalwart member of WCBPA. Next to him is representative from Kaiser Permanente which was the corporate sponsor for the president's Reception; next is Brian Townsend, publisher of the San Bernardino Precinct Reporter and president of WCBPA; and, Webster Guillory, newly elected Assessor of Orange County who received the President's Award of Recognition for his work in politics.

