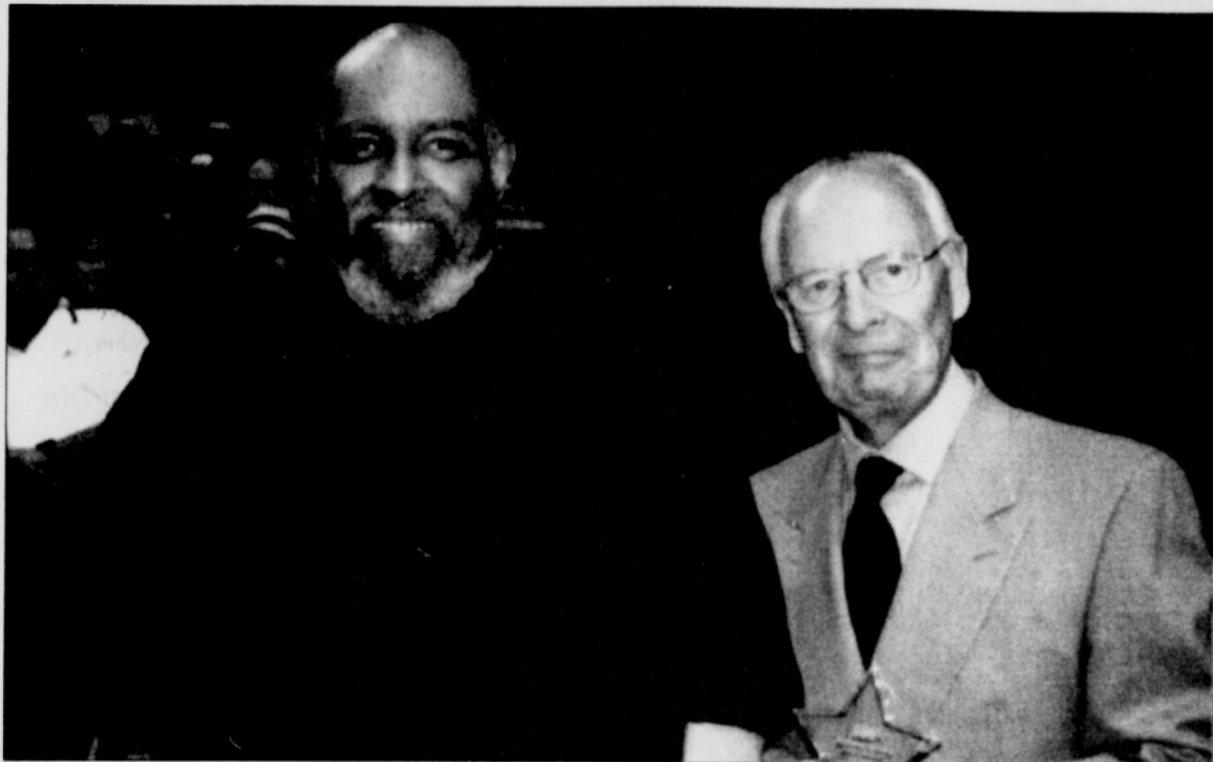


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DePreist wins humanitarian award



Oregon Symphony Instructor James DePreist is presented the Bill Schonely Humanitarian Award last week during a Trail Blazer game.

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The first Bill Schonely Humanitarian Award from the National Kidney Foundation of Oregon & Washington (NKF-OW) was presented to Oregon Symphony Conductor James DePreist.

The ceremony took place at the Blazer game on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at the Rose Garden.

This is the first presentation of the award presented by Bill Schonely with the NKF-OW to honor an outstanding individual who has helped on a special program or project of the Foundation.

"Bill Schonely has been a terrific supporter of the National Kidney Foundation over the years," said Executive Director Fred Bachofner. "We honor his participation with us by dedicating an award that he can present to other individuals who have stepped forward to help in the fight against kidney disease."

James DePreist, who himself suffers from kidney disease and currently received dialysis treatments, came to the assistance of a family in crisis during the past holiday season. He heard about a young boy who has been on dialysis since birth that lost his father to a sudden death just before Christmas. The mother has four other children, in addition to the almost daily visits to OHSU for dialysis treatments of her 2-1/2 year old son.

Mr. DePreist donated funds and enlisted support from the Oregon Symphony members to help this

family through an emotionally and financially difficult period. Emergency financial assistance is one of the many services that the National Kidney Foundation provides individuals and their families with kidney disease.

"Mr. DePreist came forward, unasked, to offer his support," said NKF-OW board president Margaret Allee. "It's people like Mr. DePreist

that this Humanitarian Award plans to honor. It's because of Bill Schonely's example of voluntary service that the Humanitarian Award is named. We appreciate and are honored that both these men are willing to help us in making lives better."

For information about kidney disease or how to become a volunteer, call 1-888-3KIDNEY.

"Family of One Special Event"

Family of One is a coalition of Oregon Donor Program, National Kidney Foundation of Oregon and Washington and Marrow Donor Program of the American Red Cross. Kick-off press conference for new coalition to launch a major public education campaign within Portland's African American community focusing primarily on men's health.

Oregon Donor Programs, the National Kidney Foundation of Oregon and Washington and the Marrow Donor Program of the American Red cross have joined together, along with co-chairs of the event - Portland Parks and Recreation Director, Charles Jordan and Portland Development Commission's Director Of Housing, Baruti Artharee to increase community education and awareness of the need for organ, tissue and marrow donations and of the crisis in the African American community regarding Kidney disease due to hypertension and diabetes.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 22, 2000 7:30-9:30 am RSVP 494-7888

WHERE: Kaiser Permanente Town Hall Ballroom 3704 N. Interstate (free parking available)

Join us for a complimentary continental breakfast hosted by Kaiser Permanente, with a keynote address by Maestro James DePreist of the Oregon Symphony.

If you would like more information about attending the event, sponsorship, volunteering, or the follow up event in May, please call the Oregon Donor Program at 494-7888.

We encourage community participation in developing a speaker's bureau, distribution of flyers and dissemination of information to families, businesses and churches.

Together we can build a healthy community. Saving a life is a precious gift. You can take the first step by becoming a member of our "Family of One"!

Children and Remarriages

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The Family wedding is an idea whose time has come. Now that the Stepfamily is fast becoming the Dominant Family Form in the U.S. I'm going to marry Robin.

Those five words spoken by Pignatti sent a wave of anxiety through 11-year-old Corina Pignatti and her seven-year-old brother, Nicky like other children of divorce confronted with the remarriage of a parent, the youngsters were plagued by real and imagined fears. It didn't matter that they liked Robin Landers, a vivacious, affectionate woman who showered them with attention. "I was afraid that when dad married Robin, I might not be considered part of the family anymore," Corina confided. Nicky was more blunt. "I figured if they had a baby, they wouldn't have time for me."

These and other misgivings - some spoken, some only implied - worried Jim and Robin. Although they didn't realize it at the time, they were grappling with a problems experienced by most of the nearly one million single parents who remarry in the U.S. each year: What can be done to ease the concerns of young children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent.

The Syracuse, New York, couple found a simple and emotionally satisfying answer to their dilemma in the form of a family-oriented wedding

service that gives children a meaningful role in the wedding nuptials. This five-minute ceremony - known as the Family Medallion service - can easily be integrated into

any religious or civil wedding ceremony. It differs from the traditional wedding in only one respect: after exchanging rings, their children join them for a special service.

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