



Rhonda Cabine-Purifoy, owner of Mrs. C's Wigs

Calendar of Events

Empowerment 2000

Follow the leaders to Empowerment 2000, the first annual Business Expo and Conference for Women presented by Astra Society International (ASTRA) and The Empowerment Group. It's a full day of information for women business owners, executives and managers. Listen to national experts. Then hear about some real success stories: the outstanding Oregon business women who make up the winners of the Fifth Annual Astra Society International Awards. Don't miss it. The event will be on Friday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Call to register at 1-877-9464 or to exhibit, call 282-0193.

"Business After Hours"

At the Oregon Association of Minority Enterprises (OAME), every three months, they have regular "Business After Hours" networking where you will have the opportunity to meet with minorities, women, emerging small businesses, purchasers, buyers, lenders, key contacts from government agencies and private businesses. A \$5 donation is usually requested from OAME members and \$10 from non-members. The

events are usually attended by approximately 100-200 businesses.

Governor's Year 2000 Marketplace

This is a networking event you won't want to miss! Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon will be having the Governor's 2000 Marketplace for Minority and Women-owned Businesses. They will provide workshops on "How to do Business with the State," preparing bids, State Certification, and VIP system. Contracting and purchasing staff from several state agencies will be on-site for one-on-one appointments.

Coffee and Issues Forum

"Coffee and Issues" forums are held to maintain communications between ethnic minority owned business in Oregon and the general business community. "Coffee and Issues" forums are usually held at 7 a.m. on the last Friday of the month and attended by approximately 90-140 businesses.

Portland Chamber TechConnect

A talk will be provided by Ninpro Data Inc. and Software Technology

Group Inc. on "Alternative routes to increase your web site traffic." The event will be held on Oct. 17, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Portland Chamber Board Room, 221 NW. Second Ave. Cost is \$10 if an OAME member and \$15 for retail businesses. Call Donna Palmat 503/552-5642.

The Forum

The Portland Chamber regularly holds "The Forum" which is the oldest, most successful and well-attended business meeting of its kind in the region. Programs are non-partisan and consistently represent a broad spectrum of thought and opinion. The next session will be held at the Governor Hotel, Third Floor Ballroom, 611 SW Tenth at Alder on Oct. 18 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. Call Susan Domagalski at 503/552-5627.

"BAG Ladies"

The Business Action Group (BAG) hold monthly luncheons every 2nd Tuesday of every month. This is a women in business support group for mentoring, referrals, introductions, social interaction and motivation. Meetings begin at 11 a.m. and are held at the Mallory Hotel located at 729 SW. 5th. To attend, contact Candice Johnson at 503/246-0205.



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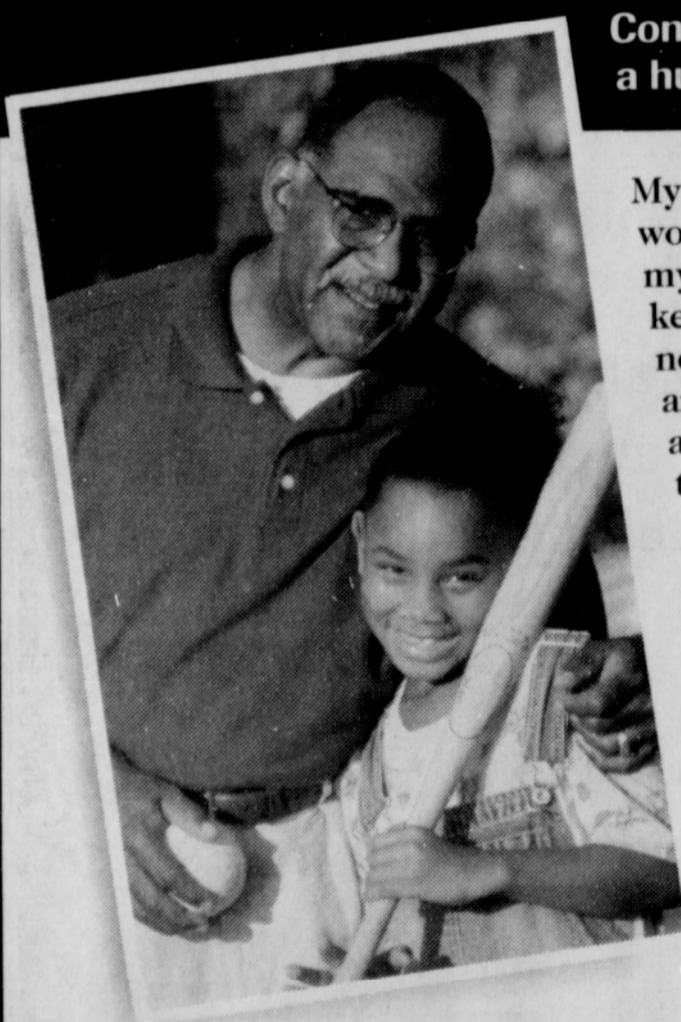


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