

Urban League Dinner, Auction Scheduled at Hilton

The Urban League of Portland Annual Dinner, which this year honors Sen. Margaret Carter, is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8.

"Opportunity + Equality = One America" is the theme for the dinner and silent auction, which begins at 5:45 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. at the Portland Hilton Hotel, 921 S.W. Sixth Ave.

As the Urban League's president for the past two years, Margaret Carter has accomplished the goal of revitalizing the organization's programs and community support. The Urban League is appreciative of her efforts and is taking this opportunity to salute her commitment to the mission of the organization.

In addition, this year's event is pleased to have internationally recognized author Mark Mathabane as the keynote speaker.

Born of destitute parents in 1960 in Alexandra, South Africa, Mathabane made the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* bestseller lists with his first book "Kaffir Boy." This autobiographical telling of his early years as the eldest of seven children, their poverty, brutal police raids and relentless humiliation was overcome through his love of learning and books, as well as dreams of tennis stardom.

Mathabane has written several other works including "Love in Black and White," a collabora-



Sen. Margaret Carter

tion with his wife, Gail; "African Women: Three Generations," which follows the struggles of the three heroines in his first book; and "Miriam's Song: A Memoir." He has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Today," CNN's "Sonya Live," "Nightwatch," "Larry King," and lectured extensively across the country.

The 2002 Annual Dinner's Master of Ceremonies is Matt Hennessee, president and CEO of Quiktrak, Inc.

Hennessee is an active public speaker, both nationally and internationally on topics from business management to social responsibility.

The dinner is co-chaired by OHSU President Peter O. Kohler, MD and Qwest Vice President of

Oregon Judy Peppler.

"We are very excited about this year's event," said Baruti ArthBaree, Urban League Board of Director's Chair and Deputy Executive Director of Portland Development Commission.

"The special guests and community business partners who are supporting our annual fundraising event attest to the strength and need for the Urban League of Portland programs and services. With its long-standing reputation for advocating individual rights to both opportunity and equality, it seemed fitting to highlight this theme during a time when Americans of all races are uniting to make our communities and country stronger."

Local musicians will entertain guests while a large silent auction is held during the reception. Over 50 items will be available, including: tickets to B.B. King, both Portland Trail Blazer and Seattle Seahawks autographed memorabilia, wine from Domaine Drouhin, and much more.

The dinner is strongly supported by Portland's corporate community through sponsorships. Proceeds from the dinner and auction will directly benefit the programs of the Urban League of Portland, and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

For more information on tickets, please call 503-280-2600.



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For the first time in two years, area residents can apply for Section 8 rent subsidies from the Housing Authority of Portland.

The agency will accept applications over the next few days. Under terms of the program, low-income individuals and families would pay from 30 percent to 70 percent of their income toward monthly rent with the Housing

Authority paying the difference.

Applications will be accepted in Multnomah County for five days, only from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Photo ID is required.

The dates and locations to drop off applications are Sept. 30 at St. Johns Family Center, 6443 N. Lombard St.; TriMet Route 75; Oct. 1 at Northeast Police Precinct, Community Room, 449

N.E. Emerson St., TriMet Routes 6, 72; Oct. 2 at Gresham City Hall, Oregon Trail Room, 1333 N.W. Eastman Parkway, TriMet Routes 4, 12, 82 and Max Light Rail; Oct. 3 at Southeast Multicultural Senior Center, 4610 S.E. Belmont St.; TriMet Route 15; Oct. 4 at First Baptist Church, 909 S.W. 11th Ave. For more information, call 503-802-8472.



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Expo Fair to Host 250 Colleges

Over 250 colleges from across the United States will be represented at the 20th Portland National College Fair, held Friday, Oct. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive.

The event will allow students and parents to ask questions and gather college information at no cost.

In addition, the following information sessions will be offered: College Admission and Financial Aid, How to Search, Apply, and Compete for Scholarships, Writing Essays for College Admission, and I'm the First in My Family to Attend College.

The fair is sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (both non-profit organizations).

For more information, call Julia Surtshin at 503-968-2544.

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