

The 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast



At the head table sat: Neil McFarlane, General Manager, Trimet; Roger Thompson, V.P. For Enrollment Management, University of Oregon; Dan Saltzman, City Council Member; Patrick Quinton, Executive Director, Portland Development Corp.; Charlie Hales, Mayor of Portland; Bruce Goldberg, M.D., Exec. Dir., Cover Oregon; Bobbie Dore-Foster, Editor, The Skanner News Group; Ben Basom, Director of Communication, Pacific N.W. Regional Council of Carpenters; Steve Frisby, Pres., N.W. Safeway Division; Jack Roberts, Oregon Lottery; Gary Oxley, EO, Oxley and Associates; Pastor Emmett Wheatfall, Remember The Hope Christian Fellowship Church



Drum Major for Justice Award honoree: Joyce Braden Harris



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Keynote Address by Dr. Bruce Goldberg, later Director of Cover Oregon.

Live from The Breakfast

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This Live Blog is from The Skanner Foundation's Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast held on Jan 20, 2014 at the Orgeon Convention Center, Portland, OR.

7:40 a.m. Staff and crew here. First guest to arrive? Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

7:59 a.m. Commissioner Smith, Mary Nolan, Roy Jay all arrive.

8:37 a.m. Event Emcee Bobbie Dore Foster, Editor of The Skanner News Group welcomes the guests and introduces the head table.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to welcome you to The Skanner Foundation's 28th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast. I am Bobbie Dore Foster, editor and vice president of The Skanner News Group.

For the first time this event is being broadcast live on Portland Community Media television, Channel 30. And our multi-media editor, Helen Silvis, is live-blogging the breakfast, as well.

Thank you for being with us this morning at the Oregon Convention Center. You are a part of the national recognition of the great American hero, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who gave his life for equal rights for all people.

What an awesome legacy Dr. King left us. He left us a challenge to live a life of service, a life of generosity and love toward all people, a life that brings hope to those

who want to give up because they just don't see a reason to go on. Dr. King called upon us to lead, question, inspire and hold people and institutions accountable for doing what is right and just.

Dr. King stood for food, shelter, employment, education and health care, were not privileges but rights. Remember when he led the poor people's march? He had many critics, but he persevered. We must continue Dr. King's work. As a Baptist minister he sought guidance from God; his faith was deep-rooted and unshakable. Let us continue his legacy. There is still much work to be

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Maybe some people consider this just another holiday, but some people decided to make this a day on, not a day off. You are part of that group.

Thank you all for being here this morning to celebrate America's greatest civil rights leader. You all are a reflection of Dr. King's loved community" and we are grateful that you choose to begin this special holiday in his honor by being here this morning.

8:40 a.m. Singer Jeanne Wiggins leads the audience in the Black National Anthem: "Lift Ev'ry Voice."

8:43 a.m. Pastor Emmett Wheatfall of Remember the Hope Christian Fellowship Church.

"Martin, This morning we hear you. Martin, We see you. Martin, We feel you. We sit at the table of your sacrifice, therewith we praise this new morning. ... We praise this new morning. We give thanks for this new day. We celebrate you Martin, you, on this the Martin Luther King day."

8:45 a.m. Breakfast is served. Emcee Bobbie Dore Foster introduces guests at the head table:

Neil MacFarlane, general manager of TriMet; Roger Thompson, vice president for enrollment management at the University of Oregon; Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman; Patrick Quinton, executive director of the Portland Development Commission; Portland Mayor Charlie Hales; Dr. Bruce Goldberg, keynote speaker and interim executive director of Cover Oregon; Bobbie Dore Foster; Ben Basom, director of communications for the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters; Steve Frisby, president of Portland Division of Safeway; Gary Oxley, president of Oxley and Associates; Jack Roberts, executive director of the Oregon Lottery; and Pastor Emmett Wheatfall.

8:47 a.m. Mayor Hales gives proclamation and welcomes all the elected officials in the audience, says the Skanner breakfast is now a central event in the life of the city and reads the proclamation about Dr. King. "Dr. King helped us understand equal rights is not a destination, but a journey."

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