

News

St. Andrew MLK Awards

St. Andrew Catholic church presented awards on Jan. 15, to parishioners and community organizations who live out the values of Martin Luther King Jr. Parishioners receiving the award are Catherine Bax and Ann Turner, M.D. The community organization award was given to Veterans For Peace, Chapter 72 in Portland.

The members of Veterans For Peace, Chapter 72 in Portland Oregon live and work in the spirit of that sermon by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The national organization of VFP was founded in 1985 by U.S. Veterans in response to the global nuclear arms race and U.S. military interventions in Central America.

The local chapter in Portland was founded in 2003. The Portland

chapter consist of veterans from WWII up and through most recent engagements in the Middle East. The VFP’s mission is to “serve and advance the cause of world peace.” Local Chapter 72 works, both nationally and abroad in many countries across the globe, to increase awareness of the causes and costs of war.

Catherine Bax was born in Portland. After graduating from Holy Child Academy in 1966, she entered the Holy Child order. While a nun in California in the early 70’s she began volunteering on weekends with the United Farmworkers Union. In 1976 she left the convent and shortly after that, the UFW clinic, and moved back to the LA area where she joined the Los Angeles Catholic Worker community



FRONT ROW: From left, Keinya Kohlbecker, Mike Hastie, VFP, S. Jenika, Pres. VFP, Tedine Roos, Trish Bradley, Catherine Clark. BACK ROW: Korinna Wolfe, John Wolfe, Rev. Dave Zegar, Paul Maresh, James Toler, Tony Jones, Patrick Elijah.

and worked as a full time volunteer in the Catholic Worker skid row free clinic.

Ann was born in Joplin, Missouri. She completed Medical School and an Internal Medicine Residency at University of Southern California Medical School in 1975 and in 1977 a Hematology/Oncology Fellowship. Her goal in medical school was to work with underserved popula-

tions. That goal led her to Thailand in 1979 where she spent three months working with Cambodian refugees, who were ill and severely malnourished in the aftermath of the brutalities of the Pol Pot regime. Her goal to work with the underserved also led her to volunteer at the L.A. Catholic Worker Clinic. It is at this free clinic on LA skid row that Ann and Catherine met.



FRONT ROW: From left, Keinya Kohlbecker, Catherine Bax, Ann Turner, Gil Munoz, Trish Bradley. BACK ROW: Korinna Wolfe, John Wolfe, Rev. Dave Zegar, Tony Jones and Patrick Elijah.

In the early 1990s, Ann and Catherine moved to Portland and began working at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, Ann as a physician and medical director and Catherine as a physician assistant. They have seen the center grow, under the leadership of Gil Munoz, from 7000 patients and a staff of 50 to 45,00 patients and a staff of more than 500. With five primary care sites and 6six school-based health

centers, it is the major source of health care for the under-served in Washington and Yamhill Counties.

Ann & Catherine have been partners for 35 yrs. They came to the parish because of its social justice mission, its support of LGBTQ rights, its community organizing work with MACG, and the St. Andrew community that they have grown to love more and more each year.

Pioneering Black Journalist William Hilliard Has Died at 89

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — William A. Hilliard, who became the first Black reporter at *The Oregonian* newspaper and later its editor in a pioneering 42-year career, died Jan. 16 at 89. Hilliard was one of the first African-American newsroom leaders at a major U.S. newspaper.

He was once denied a paper-route at *The Oregonian* because managers said Whites did not want Blacks delivering their paper. But after serving in the Navy and graduating from college,

he was hired as a copy boy at age 25. Through talent and hard work he made his way up from there, becoming executive editor in 1982.

In 1993 he served as president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the first African American to hold the post. He retired in 1994.

“Every day was exciting,” he said in a 2010 interview. “It was a heck of a job.”

He was always aware that he was being judged twice, he said: once as a journalist and again as a Black man in a White world.

Hilliard’s family moved from Arkan-

sas to Portland when he was 8. A neighbor, Stephen Wright, was a black businessman who ran the only hotel in the city that allowed blacks. He became a mentor to Hilliard.

“I cut Mr. Wright’s grass and he took a liking to me,” Hilliard recalled. “At his hotel I met Black entertainers and businessmen. Mr. Wright told me, showed me, that there were blacks doing things with their lives. He told me to do what I wanted to do. Get good grades in school, go to college and don’t pay attention to what anyone else says.”

Hilliard became a sports reporter at the *Oregonian* — the only full-time sports reporter never sent outside the office to cover a story — and also had religion and general assignment beats



In this 1994, William A. Hilliard poses for a photo. Hilliard, a former editor of *The Oregonian* and a national pioneer who paved the way for minorities in journalism, has died. He was 89.

before being named an assistant city editor in 1965. He became city editor six years later and editor in 1982.

No funeral is planned, but the family has scheduled a celebration of his life for Feb. 25.

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