

Diners will hear performance by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus

Kaleidoscope: A Winter Gala will be held January 26, 2002, by Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity at Buccini Hall, St. Frederic Catholic Church, St. Helens. Following the dinner will be a performance by the popular Portland Gay Men's Chorus.

Tickets at \$25 per person will be on sale at St. Helens Book Shop and, in Scappoose, at All About Mail in Chinook Plaza and the Rural Organizing Project office, 33421 S. W. Maple Street. Tickets are also

available from Kaleidoscope committee members: Nancy Federici, Pat Todd, Abby Dawson, Glenda Boehler, Pam Powell, Pam Knaack, Ellen Lager, Norma Olson, Marcy Westerling and Joanne Pence. The purchase of eight tickets will reserve a table for the event.

The dinner is the fourth of its kind to be held over the past five years. Past events were sponsored by the AIDS Prevention Team with strong support from CCCHD. Powell, co-chair of the AIDS Prevention

Team, is pleased CCCHD is continuing the dinner. "The AIDS Prevention Team no longer has the grant support that we had in the past. We're delighted that CCCHD is willing to take on the job of organizing the dinner," Powell said. Money raised will be used for CCCHD programs and education.

This year's dinner, with an Italian theme, will be prepared by groups of volunteers from Scappoose and St. Helens high schools and CCCHD. The Scappoose catering class will prepare the antipasto, Gary Heide, Leslie Ramsdell and Pam Curnutt will prepare a rigatoni vegetable salad and a main dish of Chicken Marsala with roasted vegetables, as well as a mixed green salad with Italian dressing. To top off the menu, the Lion Catering group of St. Helens High School will prepare a Rainbow Torte.

There will also be a no-host espresso/Italian soda cart, run by the St. Helens High School Youth Transition Program and a no host bar. Both the Lion Catering group and the Scappoose Catering Class will

act as servers for the event.

For more information on becoming a sponsor or volunteering for the dinner, call Marcy Westerling, Rural Organizing Project, 503-543-8417 or email marcy@rop.org

Coronation festivities scheduled for County Fair and Rodeo Court

The 2002 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court (Queen Nicole Still, Princess Samantha Klein and Princess Ashley Swanson) will hold coronation ceremonies on Sunday, January 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds

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In addition to the coronation, there will be refreshments and a silent auction. Cover charge donation is \$2.00 single, \$3.00 couple, \$4.00 family.

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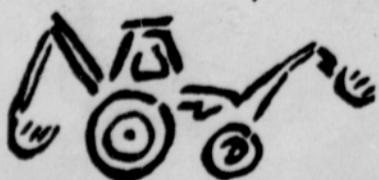
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