

Oregon/SW Washington PRIDE Newsletter

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April 2017

Welcome to this month's newsletter. We have some important chapter updates and exciting things to share!



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All-Member Call

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017

Time: 12:30 – 1:30

Locations: Conference Call
888-549-3557
Code: 5766329

Beaverton: Laramie Room(1st floor)

Downtown (WF Tower): Passadore Room, 10th floor

Salem Call Center: Conf. Room 1035

Montgomery Park: Room 5E

Suggestions for events, stories, or general feedback? We'd love to hear from you! Email us at [\[redacted\]](#).

Together we'll go far



A Message From Pam, Chapter Chair

Hello Oregon / SW Washington PRIDE TMN members. This is our first newsletter of 2017. We have been in a transition period over the last few months, so it took us a while to get this first newsletter out to all of you. We are in the process of onboarding some new board members and you will get to read about them later in this newsletter. At this time of course, I want to say welcome to Tyler, Derrick and Kizzy. Thank you for raising your hand and joining our team.

Sometimes with hellos, we also have goodbyes. I want to take this time to say a fond farewell to our former Communications/Technology Chair, Cory. Cory served faithfully in this position for the last 2 years. He was instrumental in many activities and events during his tenure, but he was mostly the driving force behind our monthly news letter. Cory made sure to seek feedback from the board members in order to assure all voices were heard each month.

In Cory's day time job, he is currently an Instructional Design Associate Consultant. His manager, Barbara, stated that "Wells Fargo is so lucky to have Cory as a team member! He is very skilled and creative and he provides great partnership to his team members and others."

Cory is celebrating his 10 year anniversary with Wells Fargo this year. I know personally that he has done so much while sharing his skills and knowledge to help others. He has been an informal mentor to so many in our Salem call center. He was always willing to help any one who asked. I know we miss him here in the call center and I know we will miss him as a member of our PRIDE TMN board as well.

Best of Luck to Cory in his future endeavors with Wells Fargo. Hope to continue to see your smiling face at some of our TMN functions.

-Pam



Cory, left, with his partner Mike and fur babies

Meet the New Board Members

Tyler Chere



Tyler is a Mortgage Closer and recent arrival to Portland—it's the third city he's lived in in as many years (each 1,500 miles apart). Originally from Minneapolis, he moved to escape the air-that-hurts-your-face of the Midwest. Besides moving, his other interests include: gaming, writing, hiking, cooking, nature, squirrels, and glittery things—he actually has a *glittery squirrel* that rocks his world. He's excited to join the board in the Communications Chair capacity and connect you to the network happenings. He hopes to see everyone at our events!

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Derrick is a Financial Crimes Specialist on the RCDV (Remote Channel Deposit Verification) team. He looks at images of check deposits made via ATM or Mobile methods to help find checks that may be fraud. When not working Derrick can be found gaming. He enjoys all types of gaming, whether it be video games (Madden NFL, Rock band, BioShock, IRacing) board games (Ticket to Ride, Pandemic, Agricola, Flash Point) or fantasy baseball and football. If not gaming, he can be found spending time with his cats (2 of them) or walking through parks around town.



Kizzy is the Supervisor of Closed Loop. They provide Quality Assurance reviews for other groups within Risk Operations Fraud Prevention. She also serves as a Co-Event Chair in the Women's Network as well as the Event Committee of the Remote Team Member Community of Practice. Kizzy loves volunteering with Junior Achievement at the high school level. When not working, she does 2-D artwork and costuming in the local comic convention scene. Kizzy is also part of a local performing belly dance group, and gets back to her hometown of Palm Springs, CA to visit family and go to Disneyland whenever she can.

Network Raises Money for Salem, Portland Communities

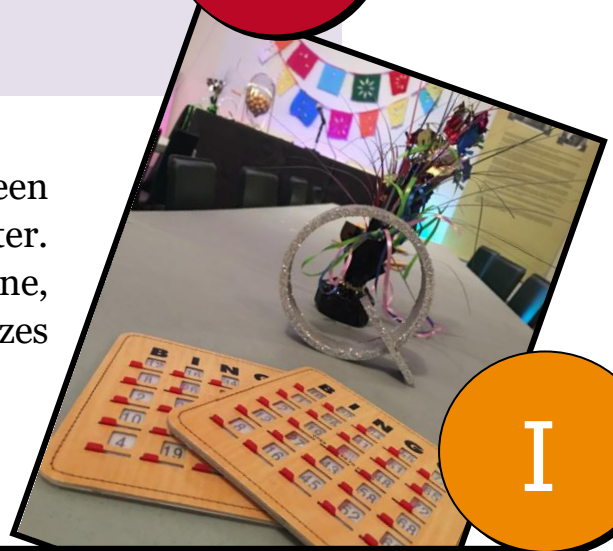
In February we held a bingo event hosted by drag queen Candi Wrapper, with proceeds benefitting the Q Center. The event was well-received and tickets went fast. Wine, food, and snacks were provided—as well as some prizes to those lucky enough to score the elusive bingo.

We were able to raise \$904 total for Q Center, which is about a 30% increase from last year!

We will be bringing this event to the Salem area next, tentatively scheduled for June. Details are still being finalized, so stay tuned for updates!

In other news, we're pleased to announce that **Wells Fargo provided a grant of \$2,000 for the Rainbow Youth's Gay Prom in Salem** after our chair Pam brought their hardship to the company's attention.

The donation helped them greatly with decorations, food, etc. We are grateful for Wells Fargo's support in furthering the network's mission of supporting our communities.



This month, we ask...

“What does being an ally mean to you?”

“To be an ally means a few different things to me. It means that you support a cause or person because you believe in the same fundamental ideas. To spread knowledge and understanding about these ideas to people who may not have been taught or shown other points of view. And, to listen and learn in order to gain a better understanding about things to support someone or something. I am an ally to the PRIDE/ LGBTQ community because I have family and friends who are Lesbian and Gay. I feel it is important to support my friends, family, and any group of people who fight for equal rights.”

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Mortgage Closer



“Equality and tolerance in every form is at the core my beliefs, from poverty, war and famine to social acceptance. Right now I cannot change foreign policy or join the Peace Corps but I can work to make things better in my home, office and personal circles. It has to start somewhere.”

-[redacted]
Financial Crimes Sup.

Know an ally who should be recognized?

Ally certificates have been revised with new language and our new President and VP signatures. Please print out the new certificate for your work space, and share it with the allies in your line of business. Simply click the orange button link on the right side, and the certificate will come up. [\[redacted\]](#)

There will be an Enterprise PRIDE signature event in May around understanding gender expression and identity. Watch for the details and registration links in the Enterprise April PRIDE Post.

Want to be featured in our next issue? Email us at [\[redacted\]](#) and answer the following for our May newsletter:



“Who has inspired you within the LGBT community?”

Please have your submissions in by 4/21 to be considered.

Wells Fargo Resources for LGBT

[Wells Fargo Employee Assistance Program](#)

[Wells Fargo LGBT Homepage](#)

[Wells Fargo Accredited Domestic Partnership Advisor Program](#)

[Self-Identify Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)

[Gender Transitioning in the Workplace](#)