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# Odds & Ends Community Newsletter

December 2018



Community  Action Spotlight

## Looking Back at 2018: A Year of Friendship, Fun and Fraternity



Peninsula Odd Fellows had a very fun and fruitful 2018. We have had incredible parties and events to raise money for charity, and we had a blast giving ALL that money away.

There are many things that we have to be thankful for this year. First on the list are the 16 new members

who joined in 2018, bringing their passions, ideas, and talents to the lodge.

So we begin this issue by saying thank you to our new members: Marci Rau, Dionna J'orgensen, Edna Wilson-Hoesch, Renee Greiner, Monica Robles, Pyata Penedo,

Stevland Sonnier, Mark Bennett, Melissa Mena, Katherine Kyte, La Toya Hampton, Deanna Maio, Eric Fredrick, Daniel Schaeffer, Graham O'Brien Johnson, and Eleanor LeClair.

Welcome to the Peninsula Lodge Odd Fellows family!

# January



Peninsula Lodge was extremely fortunate to have Monica Robles join the lodge this year. Monica teaches Zumba® classes in various locations to highly enthusiastic crowds.

Monica became a member of Peninsula Lodge in January, and now teaches at Peninsula Lodge on Saturdays at 9:30 am.

# February



During her year as Grand Master of Oregon, Jody Morris visited all forty-six Odd Fellows lodges in the state. On those visits she raised \$2041 to support the efforts of Northwest Disability Services. The check was presented in a ceremony on February 27, 2018 at Peninsula Lodge.







On March 25, 2018, under the direction of Peninsula Lodge member Ken Yoshikawa, the Oregon Adventure Theatre presented an all-female production of Romeo and Juliette. Ken encouraged the actors "to play beyond the scripted bounds of oppressive gender roles and expectations."

## March



## April



In April we celebrated our annual Odd Ball and Fezfest. Musicians, singers, dancers, and brewers all compete to raise the most money for charity. This year, the Portland Police Crisis Response Team came and taught the audience how to do the Electric Slide. The Odd Balls assembled declared the Portland Police to be the Coolest Cops in the Universe.





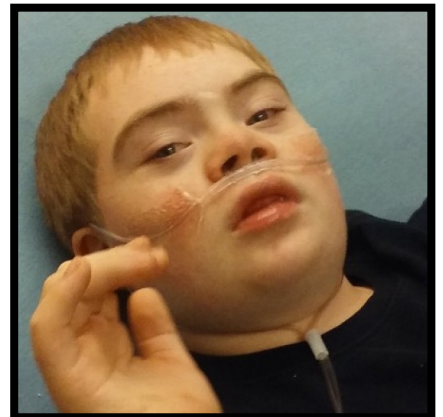


In July, Peninsula Odd Fellows members were treated as honored guests at the Kiribati Independence Day celebration. The Republic of Kiribati in Micronesia was known as the Gilbert Islands until it gained independence from Great Britain in 1979. The Hula students from Peninsula Lodge were the only non-Kiribati dancers invited to perform at the event.

## July



## August



Peninsula held a fundraiser in August to assist Colby, a local boy that requires complicated airway surgery, performed by just a handful of specialists nationwide. The monies raised will help Colby and his grandmother travel to Cincinnati, OH for his surgery.



# September



In September, North Portland youth had the rare opportunity to study from the master of Yoshokai Aikido, worldwide. Akira Kushida-sensei offered three days of classes and clinics, attracting students from as far away as Japan.



# October



The Eighth Annual "All Fun, No Frights" Halloween Carnival was held October 27 at Peninsula Lodge. The carnival included games, toys, candy, crafts, and concessions, as well as photo ops with favorite movie villains. Every cent of this annual fundraiser is donated directly to local parent-teacher organizations.



# November



One of Peninsula Lodge's favorite traditions is setting out crayons and paper for youth who visit our lodge to say thank you to the police officers that they met over the past year. The drawings are used to decorate the officer's break room for Thanksgiving.



The Empire and the Rebels have declared a cease fire, in order to spread intergalactic holiday cheer. Torchsong Entertainment and Peninsula Lodge present the third annual *Christmas in a Galaxy Far, Far Away* on December 15, 2018, from noon to three. Tickets available online or at the door:

<https://tinyurl.com/vaderclaus>

# December







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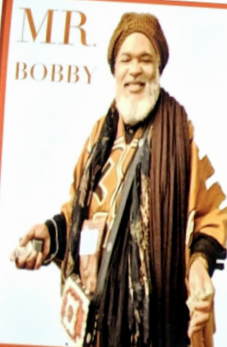


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