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On April 18th, we will observe the 2nd Annual National
HIV Transgender Testing Day

A number of organizations and community members have been
planning an event in Portland that will include rapid testing,
workshops, resources, solidarity spaces and panel discussions.

Please save the date! Tuesday, April 18th 3-6 p.m. QCenter
[RSVP on Facebook](#)

[Go here](#) to get information about the day and other events
around the country

Next Meeting

April 11th

Medical Update

**Maria
Kosmetatos,
FNP**

**Multnomah
County HIV
Clinic**



**KNOW YOUR
STATUS**

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 18TH, 2017
3p-6p
Q Center
4115 N. Mississippi Ave
Portland, OR 97217

DINING OUT FOR LIFE



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 From 8 AM to 10 PM. Cash or credit card payment only.
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Participating Restaurants

B=breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

- 3 Doors Down (D)
- Bazi Bierbrasserie (D)
- Bison Coffeehouse (B, L)
- Bridges Cafe & Catering (B, L)
- Doug Fir (D)
- Extracto Coffeehouse (B, L)
- Extracto Roastery & Coffeehouse (B, L)
- Ford Food & Drink (B, L, D)
- Garden Bar SE Division (L, D)
- Gracie's Restaurant (B, L, D)
- Las Primas (L, D)
- Madrona Hill Cafe (B, L)
- The Original (B, L, D)
- Oven and Shaker (L)
- P & Q's Market (L, D)
- Peter's Bar & Grill (L, D)
- Red Sauce Pizza (D)
- Red Star Tavern (L, D)
- Rose and Thistle (L, D)

Visit Voodoo Doughnut all April to buy a doughnut toward Dining Out

McMenamins locations

(Dinner only):

- Backstage Bar ■ Bagdad Theater Pub ■ Barley Mill Pub ■ Blue Moon Tavern & Grill ■ Broadway Pub ■ Cedar Hills Pub ■ Chapel Pub ■ Fulton Pub & Brewery ■ Greater Trumps ■ Hillsdale Brewery & Public House ■ Kennedy School ■ Market Street ■ Rams Head ■ Pub Ringleers Pub ■ Tavern & Pool ■ White Eagle Saloon ■ Zeus Cafe

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Proceeds benefit
 EMO's HIV Day Center
 & Partnership Project

DINE OUT FIGHT AIDS THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

Dine out at participating restaurants and a portion of your bill will be donated to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's HIV Day Center and Partnership Project to support people living with HIV/AIDS in the Portland metro area.

www.DiningOutForLife.com/Portland



Easily Get Replacement Social Security Tax Forms Online

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs



Tax time is fast approaching. Preparing your documents can seem overwhelming. Some forms and paperwork might be difficult to track down. Social Security has made it easy to track down your annual Benefit Statement.

An SSA-1099, or your annual Benefit Statement, is a tax form Social Security mails each year in January to people who receive Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits received from Social Security in the previous year so people know how much Social Security income to report to the IRS on their tax return. You should receive your SSA-1099 by January 31, 2017.

For noncitizens who live outside of the United States and received or repaid Social Security benefits last year, we'll send form SSA-1042S instead. The forms SSA-1099 and SSA-1042S are not available for people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If you currently live in the United States and need a replacement form SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S, we have a way for you to get an instant replacement quickly and easily. Go online and request an instant replacement form with a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. The online replacement form is available beginning February 1, 2017. Every working person in the U.S. should create a my Social Security account. The secure and personalized features of my Social Security are invaluable in securing a comfortable retirement — for today and tomorrow.

Receiving HOUSING benefits? A trip to Social Security may not be necessary

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs



Social Security is constantly evolving to make your life easier. If you are currently receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and are reapplying for benefits, or are assisting someone with their application, a trip to the Social Security office is probably not necessary even if verification of Social Security benefits is needed.

Because of a data exchange established between Social Security and HUD, most people do not need to contact Social Security for a benefit verification letter. HUD administrators processing a Recertification Application for Housing Assistance can use their Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System to verify Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Public housing agencies, private owners, and management agents administering HUD rental assistance programs may get registration information about EIV by logging onto the following websites: go.usa.gov/x97mH or go.usa.gov/x97m6

If you are a new applicant for housing assistance, you can provide your HUD administrator with your Social Security award letter, Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) notice, SSA-1099, or other SSA benefit document you should have received at the beginning of the calendar year or when you began receiving benefits, whichever is later.

We created these data exchange agreements to help you get the support you need at the first point of contact, even if that's not with Social Security. If you need to provide proof of Social Security or SSI benefits to programs such as energy assistance or other services, we have another way to save you a trip to Social Security: You can get an instant benefit verification letter with a personal my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Helping Veterans and Active Duty Military Members

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs



For veterans and active duty members of the military who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application. The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

Social Security is proud to support the veterans and active duty members of the military. Let these heroes know they can count on us when they need to take advantage of their earned benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors

AIDSWATCH 2017

Many of us are becoming more politically active . Last week we were fortunate to have 2 Oregonians represent us in DC at AIDSWATCH– Kurt Hunter from Partnership Project and Peter Parisot for CAP. They met with Representative Earl Blumenauer pictured below and staffers from Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley’s office as well as other Oregon and Washington Members of Congress. We are thankful that we have a friendly delegation but there is still work to be done!



Advocacy Corner

H.R 1739 Bill to Repeal HIV Discrimination

Last week, [US Rep Barbara Lee](#) and [Rep Ileana Ros-Lehtien](#) introduced the REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act 2017. This act would modernize laws and policies to ELIMATE discrimination against those living with HIV. Today, 33 states and 2 US territories have criminal statutes based on outdated information regarding HIV. This legislation would allow federal and state officials and community stakeholders to work together to repeal laws that target people living with HIV. If passed, the act will be a key step toward ending unjust HIV criminalization laws.

To see how your representative voted [go here](#). So far only Rep Earl Blumenauer has signed on!

To keep up to date on the fight after HIV criminalization visit [Sero Project](#)

The latest with the ACA

What is the GOP doing now that the American Health Care Act was defeated? Stay up to date with the details with [Health Care In Motion](#)

Section 1557 at Risk

Section 1557 in the nondiscrimination provision of the ACA. This law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in certain health programs or activities. On December 31, 2016 the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas issued an injunction which prohibits 1557's regulations against discrimination on the basis of gender identity and termination of pregnancy on a nationwide basis. So basically the Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights will not enforce those specific protections while there is injunction in place. For more information about Section 1557 [go here](#).

And now for SELF CARE
because we can't do this work if
we don't take care of ourselves!!

A co-worker shared this reading with me. I found it powerful and supportive. Please take the time to read it.

[Despair is Not a Strategy: 15 principles of hope](#)

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