Rep. Fromhold named legislator of the year

For the second consecutive year, the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education has named 49th District State Representative Bill Fromhold of Vancouver as Legislator of the Year. Fromhold, who retires from his seat at the end of the year, received the award at a dinner held at the Clark County Skills Center.

Fromhold, former superintendent of Educational Service District 112 in Vancouver, was chosen for his work on the state’s capital budget that procured millions of dollars for state skills centers.

Fromhold was also honored for longtime support of career and technical education throughout his career as legislator. In addition, Fromhold was recognized for being instrumental in funding feasibility studies for new skills centers and the expansion and upgrading of existing centers.

Clark professor honored for international performances

For the third time in his career, Clark College music professor Donald Appert has been honored with the ASCAPLUS Award, presented by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). Appert received ASCAP awards in 2005 and 2006.

Appert, who resides in Vancouver, is currently in his nineteenth season as Music Director/Conductor of the Clark College Orchestra. He was honored for international performances of three of his works: Nara Variations in Japan and Spain, Elegy for Strings in Italy, and Prism in Romania.

News of the award comes as Appert celebrates his 30th year as a member of ASCAP. He was accepted into membership in 1978. Appert said, “It’s always a pleasure to have one’s work recognized, especially by such a prestigious organization as ASCAP. My busy schedule teaching and conducting rarely allows me time to compose, so this award is all the more meaningful to me.” Appert said that he is currently composing his first work for a large symphony orchestra.

ASCAPLUS is an awards program that provides cash and recognition to active writers in the early and middle stages of their careers and to established writers whose main activity is outside of broadcast media.

Emil Fries Piano Hospital auction raises $21,000

Supporters of the Emil Fries Piano Hospital and Training Center, also known as The School of Piano Technology for the Blind, raised more than $21,000 at its fourth annual dinner and silent auction on October 23. Bank of Clark County sponsored the event. The live auction raised $10,745 to be used specifically for the purchase of a replacement vehicle to support student transportation needs and piano tuning operations. Kim J. Capeloto, president of the Board of Trustees and president & CEO of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, was emcee for the evening.

Since 1949, the Piano Hospital has tuned and replaced pianos in homes throughout the Clark County area. The School is a private, post-secondary, vocational school that and does not receive any state or federal funding. For more information about the School of Piano Technology for the Blind and to learn more about how to support this special training program for the blind, please call Len Leger at (360) 693-1511 or visit www.pianotuningschool.org.

People

MacKay & Sposito, Inc. announced Chris Sherby, PLS recently passed his professional land surveyor exam. Sherby, located in the Vancouver office, has been with the company since 1988. He began work as an office aid, worked on field crews, and then attended Oregon Institute of Technology where he earned a bachelor’s degree in geomatics.

Thursday on the air

49th Legislative District Representative, Position 2 candidates—5:15 p.m. CVTV
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Vancouver Planning Commission (LIVE) —9:30 p.m., CVTV
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