

POTLUCK IN THE PARK



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November (Late) 2015 Newsletter



22nd Annual

POTLUCK in the PARK CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Day 2015

12pm to 3pm

Portland Art Museum

**Volunteer Sign Up is now
OPEN**

Join us for our annual holiday tradition. This year, we are thrilled to announce that Potluck's Christmas Dinner will be held again at the Portland Art Museum in the Fields Sunken Ballroom. We are anticipating serving dinner and passing out gifts to up to 1200 attendees.

As is our tradition, we will serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings accompanied by live music from some of Portland's finest jazz musicians. Guests can have their photo taken with Santa and receive a stocking, actually a pair of warm socks, stuffed with goodies by Cathedral Elementary School students. They will also get warm clothing collected by Fred Meyer employees and they can make free phone calls to loved ones.

**Registration is Required for all Volunteers through
Hands On Greater Portland**

You **MUST REGISTER** with Hands on Greater Portland to volunteer on Christmas Day. No Walk-Ins Please! **Please note: there is only ONE shift of meal service volunteers this year instead of two** so be sure to sign up early given the limited



number of volunteer opportunities. Volunteer spots fill up fast so please read the information below and sign up through Hands On Greater Portland. Again, there will be no same day registration.

We hope to see you on Christmas Day!

Christmas Day jobs include:

Buffet Line, Bussing, Cell Phone Room Monitors, Coffee/ Pastry Servers, Clean Up, Dining Room Runners, Dishwashing & Recycling, Greeters & Line Monitors, Guest Transportation, Pet Food Distribution & Pet Kennel Watch, Pie Cutters, Photos with Santa and Table Waiters.

Christmas Eve Opportunities:

Christmas Eve is when all the fun starts. If you can't help Christmas Day, come help us get ready the day before. We'll be Loading In, Setting Up and Decorating all day. See Hands On Greater Portland for shift times.

Families must **register** the names of everyone in your party for your shift. Please have these names available when you sign up with Hands On.

Remember, there is only ONE Serving Shift on Christmas Day! You are welcome to sign up for an additional clean up/move out shift.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

HOLIDAY GOODIES NEEDED

Potluck in the Park welcomes donations of homemade or commercial non-perishable pies and cakes for our Christmas Day Dinner and cookies and pastries for our Sidewalk Coffee & Pastry Cafe out front. You can bake yourself, purchase, or maybe ask your local coffee shop or bakery for a donation of their Christmas Eve leftovers.



We also need No-Sugar, Low Sugar and Gluten Free desserts and fresh bananas for our diabetic and "dentally challenged" guests.

If you can help, please confirm via email to xmasbakedgoods@potluckinthepark.org. We aren't able to do this signup through the Hands On process. If you are bringing pies or cakes, please indicate how many.

IMPORTANT DELIVERY INFO! In order to reduce confusion on Christmas Day we ask that all baked goods be delivered the day before, on the 24th between 10am and 5pm when we will be setting up and decorating. Please bring them directly to the Art

Museum.

If necessary, arrangements can be made to take delivery at our kitchen earlier in the week. Please [email us](#) first.



GIVE! TODAY!

Thanks to the Willamette Week for selecting Potluck in the Park for the Annual Give! Guide - a virtual listing of Portland's most impactful nonprofits. Our Annual Christmas Day Dinner is a shining example of what caring citizens can do to enrich their community. Over

400 volunteers will be giving selflessly to create a special day for those less fortunate.

Much of what we need for Christmas Dinner is donated, but not everything. Our cost for this meal alone will be over \$10,000! You can help offset the costs of food, serving supplies and other expenses by Donating to Potluck in the Park through the Willamette Week Give!Guide. [Donate Today!](#)

There are still two Big Give Days left in December. Donate \$10 or more for a chance to win the following gifts:

- Dec. 10: An 80 person Salt & Straw ice cream party at Pip's & Bounce.
- Dec. 17: Spirits from Rogue Distillery. This prize is sponsored by the Rogue Foundation.

[DONATE at Give!Guide.com](#)

PIANO MADNESS - BEST EVER

A very special THANKS to the fantastic artistic talent, the Potluck in the Park Piano Madness Committee, our volunteers and our guests who made our annual fundraiser a fantastic success. Our gross income for this event was just over \$47,000, almost a 50% increase over last year!!



Tom Grant helped us start this concert eight years ago and is our Musical Director. It was his idea. Tom was joined on stage this year by Micheal Allen Harrison, Mac Potts, Hailey Rowden, Valerie Day and Haley Johnson. What a lineup!



Two original Potluckers. Founder Sharon Darcy (right)
and sister Mary Lou Haas

A very special thanks to a Portland favorite, Margie Boule, who acted as our emcee this year.

Thanks, also, to our sponsors. They include: Vigor Industrial, K103-FM, Consolidated Community Credit Union, Rafati's Catering, DeAngelo's Catering, Peter Corvallis Productions, B&B Print Source, Pacific Seafood, and Oregon Culinary Institute.

And a big thanks to all who attended and volunteered at Piano Madness.

See whats happening on our social sites.



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