

# Oxford Grape

The 2014 Oxford House World Convention will be held in  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

*Thursday, September 11 – Sunday, September 14*

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- New Vacancy System
- Send in your Oxford House recovery stories
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**REGISTER NOW**

**FOR THE**

**OXFORD HOUSE**

**2014 CONVENTION**

**IN**

**PORTLAND**

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## **12 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE 2014 OXFORD HOUSE WORLD CONVENTION**

1. You'll have a great time. Just ask prior attendees.
2. You'll learn a lot. The convention will feature nationally-recognized leaders in recovery as well as Oxford House residents. You'll learn more about addiction, about research and about Oxford House living.
3. You'll make a lot of new friends from Oxford Houses all over the country and abroad.
4. You'll get a chance to vote for new Oxford House World Council members. You can only run for membership or vote for candidates if you're present.
5. The food is plentiful and pretty good.
6. There are daily AA and NA meetings.
7. You can take lots of 'selfies' with other attendees and speakers.
8. You'll get the opportunity to attend panel discussions on a wide variety of topics related to recovery and Oxford House living and to participate in question and answer sessions with the panelists.
9. You'll hear an awesome banquet speaker (to be announced)!
10. You'll get to visit the great Northwest.
11. You'll have the opportunity to meet the legendary Gino – and other old-timers.
12. You'll get lots of new information to bring back to your own Oxford House community – and lots of new friends to keep in touch with until the next convention in Washington, DC in 2015.

## **Remember the Hundred-Year Director Awards**

All Oxford Houses that make a voluntary contribution of \$50 a month to OHI for the purpose of expanding the network of Oxford Houses receives the award. The time period that counts for determining which houses have met the requirement of \$600 during the year is July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. If your house does \$50 every month it is on track to receive the award. If not your house can "catch up" and still be eligible for the award. Just go to website and email the OHI central office and let them know you want to "catch up" for the Hundred-Year Award.

**GO TO THE OXFORD HOUSE WEBSITE AND REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION NOW**



## 2013 OXFORD HOUSE, INC. ANNUAL REPORT

The 2013 Oxford House, Inc. Annual Report is on the website. It can currently be accessed from the website home page ([www.oxfordhouse.org](http://www.oxfordhouse.org)).

Take a look at it for a good overview of the past year's activities and finances. The report has a Management Report, a profile of residents, discussions of Oxford House expansion, and an overview of the 2013 convention (with pictures from the breakout sessions, the coffee breaks, the general sessions and the banquet). In addition, you will also learn how Oxford House is reviving an early AA practice.

## Portland, Oregon

Site of the 2014

Oxford World

Convention

September 11 – September 14

## NEW VACANCY REPORTING SYSTEM

Oxford House has begun implementing a new vacancy reporting system that should make reporting vacancies a lot easier for Houses. Tim Diehl of the New Jersey Oxford House network created the system for the New Jersey Oxford Houses but is now working to expand it to cover all Oxford Houses. This won't happen instantly but we're aiming to get all Oxford Houses on and using the system within the next six months (and perhaps sooner).

### *HOW WILL IT WORK?*

- Vacancy updates will be done by texting.
- Each Oxford House will register a cell phone number (contact number) from which texts related to House vacancies will be sent and received.
- Oxford Houses will be able to readily change the contact number when necessary.
- Reminders will be texted to the contact number following scheduled House meetings to ask if the vacancy number has changed. The response will simply be the number of vacancies at that time.
- The system will automatically post the new vacancy information on the web site.

Each House will be given more information about the system before being asked to use it.

The New Jersey Oxford Houses are all using this system and vacancy reporting is quick and accurate. By the time of the 2014 Convention, every Oxford House will be using the new vacancy system.

The roll out has begun. New Jersey already knows the benefits and soon every Oxford House will be able to share in this very effective use of technology.



## STORIES NEEDED FOR 2014 CONVENTION PROGRAM

Every year, the Convention Program contains stories written by Oxford House residents about their recovery and their experience living in Oxford House. Stories are also published on the Oxford House website.

If you would like your story to be featured, write it and send it to [info@oxfordhouse.org](mailto:info@oxfordhouse.org) with "OH Story" in the subject line. Stories from both current Oxford House residents and alumni are welcome.

Share your story about your recovery in an Oxford House. Everyone has a slightly different story and yours may be the one that resonates with someone new to recovery and gives them strength and hope.

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### YOU CAN STILL BUY 2013 OXFORD HOUSE WORLD CONVENTION CDS

**Consider getting a set for your chapter library and lend them to Houses.**

Convention CDs can be bought from Roughhouse Productions. A complete set costs \$80.00 (free shipping). You can get 3 CDs for \$10.00 or 6 CDs for \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping. The full set of 26 CDs includes each of the 4 General Sessions, each of the 20 Breakout Sessions. There's also a CD of the Women's Conference, and one of the Banquet Speaker. Order CDs by the title of particular General Sessions (First, Second, Third or Closing) or the title of the individual Breakout Session. They follow the titles as found in the Convention Program. A copy is on the Oxford House website if you don't have one.

Orders may be sent to Rob Williams at: [rob117williams@gmail.com](mailto:rob117williams@gmail.com). You should include your telephone number in your email and Rob will return the call. Alternatively, you may call Roughhouse Productions, 717-503-0108 directly. Credit or debit cards will be accepted for payment.

## MOLLOY APPOINTED TO THE CSAT NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

HHS Secretary Katherine Sibelius has appointed Paul Molloy, Oxford House CEO to a 3-year term on the National Advisory Council for the Federal Center on Substance Abuse Treatment. In 1975, Molloy cofounded Oxford House™ in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The CSAT National Advisory Council meets several times a year to provide advice to Dr. Westley Clark, Director of CSAT, and his colleagues about how to improve treatment for alcoholics, drug addicts and those with co-occurring mental illness.

In response to the appointment, Molloy said:

"I am honored by the appointment and consider it a tribute to the work of thousands of Oxford House residents and alumni who have made the national network of Oxford Houses so effective."

## CONVENTION THEME: BUILDING COMMUNITY

The Convention theme serves the purpose of moving Oxford House as an organization forward. The first national convention was in 1999 and used the theme “If Not Us, Who?” The table below lists the various themes used in our earlier conventions.

Year	Theme	Location
2013	“Oxford House: Meeting the Need”	Washington, DC
2012	“Oxford House: Good Neighbors-Good Citizens”	Oklahoma City, OK
2011	“Oxford House – Saving Money-Saving Lives	Washington DC
2010	“Oxford House – Celebrating 35 Years”	Chicago, IL
2009	“Oxford House - Together We Can”	Washington DC
2008	“Oxford House - Time for Recovery”	New Orleans, LA
2007	“Oxford House What If?”	Washington DC
2006	“Oxford House Comes of Age”	Wichita, Kansas
2005	“Family, Fellowship and Freedom”	Washington DC
2004	“Back to Basics”	San Antonio, Texas
2003	“Recovery, Responsibility, and Replication”	Washington DC
2002	“Changing the Culture of Recovery”	Seattle, Washington
2001	“If not Now, When?”	Washington DC
2000	“Recovery Without Relapse”	Kansas City, Missouri
1999	“If Not Us, Who?”	Washington DC

### All Houses Should Get Email Address

Oxford House, Inc. has made arrangements for every individual Oxford House to have its own unique email address. If your house has an email address that includes the name of the house and ends “@oxfordhouse.us” your house already has the new email. However, if your house does not have a “@oxfordhouse.us” email address you should get one so that your house can get the latest newsletters and other important Oxford House information.

Email Mollie at: [Mollie.Brown@oxfordhouse.org](mailto:Mollie.Brown@oxfordhouse.org) and ask for an email address for your house. She will help you get set up.

“Oxford House – Building Community” is something that Oxford House residents do every day – in their Houses, their Chapters, their State Associations and their neighborhoods. The time-tested concept and system of operation is geared toward transforming addicts into sober productive citizens benefitting themselves and society at large.

**Register soon and remember that you also have to get your hotel room reserved. Hotels fill up fast so don't delay. We hope all of you will plan to attend. It's going to be a great event!**



Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, Portland, Oregon



Looking across the Willamette River to the Marriott

**Go to Oxford House website: [www.oxfordhouse.org](http://www.oxfordhouse.org) to register today**

**The 2014 Oxford House Convention: “Oxford House – Building Community”**

***The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention... Make it the Biggest and Best Yet***