



The Resource Line

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE G/L/B/T COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS

Building Community

By Phil Nickerson

The last three months have flown by! So many people have done a fantastic job of helping the GLRC with the Building Community 2000 fundraising campaign. We are nearly at \$7,000! Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the GLRC.

Of course we are continuing our fundraising campaign. If you have not sponsored the GLRC, please do! The tax-free contribution does go towards helping to build a stronger, friendlier, and more knowledgeable community.

In this newsletter, you will find a sponsorship form. If you have not sponsored, you may fill out this form and send it to the GLRC along with your contribution. If you already have sponsored the GLRC, you may give this form to a friend who you think might be interested in sponsoring. Remember, it goes to a good cause.

The GLRC has many functions planned for the upcoming months, including the 8th Anniversary celebration at the CSPS on April 24, 2000, participation in Pride Fest 2000 on June 10, 2000, the annual

summer picnic, plus some fun filled fund-raisers that you will not want to miss!

Also we would like to remind everyone that the GLRC does hold an open house every Monday and Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. Plus check the GLRC events calendar in this issue for other things happening at the GLRC. This is a simple way of getting involved with the GLBT community, and a great way to meet new people and make new friends. We hope to see you soon for a first time visit or a revisit of the Center!

Happy Anniversary GLRC

Celebrate the 8th Anniversary of Your GLRC

Come join us at the CSPS for the GLRC's 8th Anniversary Celebration. April 24, 2000 7PM to 10 p.m. Enjoy Free food and musical talents of a local jazz group. The group will be providing background jazz music for your socializing entertainment.

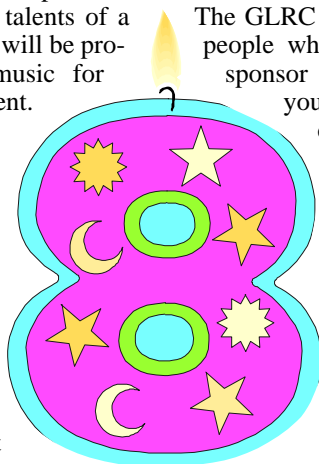
See those people in the community that you haven't seen in awhile, and see what the 2000 Board has in store for the rest of the year.

Bring your ideas of what you would want to see and participate in through out the year, and provide any feedback to your current board members.

Meet some of the people that helped us pass the city ordinance. (Provided they are able to accept our invitation)

CSPS will have an exhibit on display called Puzzle art.

The GLRC will have a table set up for people who would like to become a sponsor of the GLRC. Remember your sponsorships are tax deductible.



The GLRC would like to say "Thank You" to the staff of the CSPS for allowing the GLRC to celebrate our Anniversary at their fine establishment.

The evening should provide you with a great chance to socialize, and meet other members of the community, as well as your current GLRC Board of Directors

Everyone is welcome so we hope to see you April 24th.

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Award To Be Given at Pride Fest

There are many people and organizations that deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the GLBT community. The Pride 2000 Committee has decided to give an award to such an individual and organization.

Spirit of Stonewall Award—Given to an individual or organization who has worked toward decreasing oppression and increasing solidarity by helping the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community connect with the community at large, enabling acceptance and understanding. Nominations should be based on one or more of the following criteria:

Individuals or organizations who have provided outstanding media coverage of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered issues and events.

Individuals (either elected officials or members of the community-at-large) who selflessly gives of their time and energies in support of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community and the community-at-large.

Individuals or organizations who have been instrumental in educating individuals and the public at large on GLBT issues.

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2000. A sub-committee of The Pride 2000 Committee will review and select the Award Winner during May and prior to the Pride Fest.. No one from the Pride 2000 Sub-Committee is eligible for nomination for this award.

Anyone from the Cedar Rapids area that you feel has accomplished the above tasks qualifies for the award. To nominate, please send a letter describing why you think the individual or organization deserves the honor. Please send all nominations to the GLRC, P0 Box 1643, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406. On the outside of the envelope in the lower left hand corner write "Pride 2000 Nomination."

This mail will be passed to the Pride 2000 Sub-Committee (Dick S. and Jimmy Q.) for their final selection and decision. The members of the sub-committee are not eligible for the nomination.

Friends of Pride Fest

Your contribution will help to make this the greatest Pride Celebration in Iowa.

You might ask why you should support Cedar Rapids Pride, especially since so many other organizations are also asking for your help. Here's why:

The Pride Gathering:

The grand collection of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and allies gathering together to demonstrate our pride for who we are and to rejoice and enjoy one another in a friendly and supportive environment - all with a free admission.

The Pride Marketplace:

The large assembly of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and allies businesses, social organizations, political action groups, and service organizations gathered together in one place providing information, support, merchandise and support

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of our prideful community - all with a free admission.

The Pride Stage:

The great collection of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and allies performance artists and speakers providing entertainment and information for all the community - all with a free admission.

The Pride Greene Square:

The great collection of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and allies gathered to celebrate our common bonds and our

common differences - all with a free admission.

It takes lots of time and money to make all of this happen. We are asking you to become a Friend of Pride now. Take a few minutes to review the levels of participation, then call or write us. Checks should be made payable to Cedar Rapids GLRC/Pride Fest.

Membership Levels:

Purple-\$10
Blue-\$20
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Your contribution is tax-deductible!

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GLRC General and Board Meetings

3/5/00

Attendees: Eight members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Kris D. read February minutes as appearing in Resource Line

Treasurer's Report

Not available.

Office Report:

Barb reported attendance of 42 at open house—35 men and 7 women. 15 attended men's group, 5 Women's Voices, 19 walk-ins, and 15 Youth Pride Alliance. Phone calls totalled 25.

Old Business:

Credit accounts for office supplies—tabled. The anniversary party will be held at the GLRC on April 24, 7-9 p.m. Pridefest committee meets next on March 13.

New Business:

Barb proposed that the GLRC have its own **Internet service**. Unlimited access should not be required. Dave S. will price out some providers. Barb requested that

the GLRC order a **first-aid kit** from Red Cross, since the old one is lacking in needed supplies. The Board approved the expense.

Barb may need knee surgery, so is looking for a **office replacement** during her absence. A **Wednesday night women's group** is being organized.

Grant Opportunities: Kris reported on the Gill Foundation grants. The next deadline is May 15. Normally grants for general operations are limited to 10-15% of the total budget—about \$2000 in our case, and first time grants are \$15,000 or less. Kris proposed asking for a three year grant, asking enough for the first year to meet our budget goal for the year when combined with monies raised so far, then asking for matching funds the next two years. Gill Foundation would also be asked to provide training in leadership and fundraising. If we could obtain this type of funding, the Board would be able to work on programs instead of just struggling to keep the center open. The membership and Board agreed with this approach for the grant. Kris and Chris will work on a proposal.

Discussion followed on the need for more **volunteers** for the GLRC. Chris and Traci

will coordinate efforts to seek more volunteers.

Office keys:

There has been a need during evening meetings to open the office. The Board voted to issue keys to Board members.

YPA: Attendance has been sporadic in the YPA group. Dave S. suggested a new moderator be found since he and Barb cannot consistently attend and new ideas for the youth program are needed.

The YPA attendees have been asked to consider what they want.

Steve will try to find a new moderator. Tracy will attend the next YPA meeting in two weeks to facilitate planning by the group.

Board resignations:

Kate H. and Billy S. have resigned. Nominations will be solicited at the next general meeting.

The meetings were adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

April Movie Night & Potluck

Trick

The movie that was chosen for April is **Trick**. Please come join us at the GLRC for April's movie night. on April 27th, 2000 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If you haven't been to movie night yet please join us. It's a fun time, and a chance for one to be social, and better yet it is FREE.

Bring your favorite dish to share and a hearty appetite. The GLRC will furnish table service (plates, plastic spoons, knives and forks, and napkins). Soda pops in several flavors are available for 50 cents each at the Resource Center.

If you have any idea of a movie that you would like to see please call The GLRC @ 319-366-2055 and leave a message with the movie name, your name, whether you want to provide the copy of the movie or where we can find it. Your ideas are important and we would like to hear from you regarding movies that might be shown during the coming months.

Thanks, and hope to see you on April 27th for Movie Night, and Potluck. The "more, the merrier" so please join us for an evening of good food and great entertainment!

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Sparkling romantic comedy is a sure-fire hit

Gay romantic comedies seem to fall into two different categories: either they deal with AIDS specifically, or they don't

TRICK falls into the latter category. Films in the former category tend to be too heavy-handed to be good (save JEFFREY and LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION!).

Here, screenwriter Jason Schafer focuses not on AIDS whatsoever. In fact, it is never mentioned once. Instead, we watch as two men (wonderfully played by Christian Campbell and John Paul Pitoc) try to have a one-night stand.

The only problem: they have no place to go. As these two men desperately try to find a room, fate interferes, allowing them to get to know each other before consummating the relationship. Tori Spelling is terrific in a supporting role, but it is the two leads who must manage this film, and they do with astonishing realism.



It's a modern-day, gay fairy tale.

It's the type of film that makes you laugh, cry, and feel good in the end. Hollywood could learn something from this small independent feature.

Cast overview:

Christian Campbell – Gabriel; John Paul Pitoc – Mark; Tori Spelling – Katherine; Steve Hayes (III) – Perry; Lorri Bagley – Judy; Clinton Leupp – Miss Coco Peru; Kevin Chamberlin – Perry's Ex; Brad Beyer – Rich; Missi Pyle – Actress with Tons of Flowers; Michele Brilliant – Little Dyke; Helen Hanft – Greasy Spoon Waitress; Will Keenan – Dude; Eric Bernat – Funky Stage Manager.

High School Students Interact With PFLAG Members

Two members of the Cedar Rapids PFLAG chapter met with about forty high school students and faculty in two sessions at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids.

The meeting was arranged by Sandy Vopalka, PFLAG chair, with SPECTRUM, a diversity group at the high school. This was a major breakthrough as attempts to link with any of the high schools or middle schools in Cedar Rapids over a two year period have been unsuccessful.

With bagels and cream cheese provided as an enticement by SPECTRUM leadership, students were free to attend during their lunch hours as they chose. Sandy spoke of her efforts to regenerate a defunct PFLAG group and how valuable she considered the experience for her personally as well as for the community. She

described the two very successful Gay Pride Days in Cedar Rapids. She distributed a handout that gave students telephone contact numbers for a PFLAG member and the GLRC organization in Cedar Rapids.



Mary Lou McGrew, who accompanied Sandy, spoke of her experiences as the mother of a gay son who acknowledged his homosexuality in 1969 with a failed attempt at suicide. Having struggled through the social stigma of being a gay male, her son now lives happily in New York City with his partner and five kitties. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

The students at both sessions were very attentive and asked good questions. It is hoped this will be a productive contact for both students and PFLAG leadership.

PFLAG Offers Hope to Many

PFLAG chapters throughout the state of Iowa and the world as here as a place for people to feel safe and express themselves as they go through the process of coming out. Yes, everyone who has a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered person in their life has to go through a coming out process.

This piece written by a gay father in the Phoenix PFLAG Chapter shows his struggle and coming out process. Not at twelve when I was suicidal, or 18 when I went off to college; or at 21 when I got married; or at 25, when my daughter was born. Homosexuality was not my first choice at 28 when I accepted it.

Years of starting each day by telling myself, "Today I will conquer this" and ending each day knowing I had failed, had taken its toll. I had tried everything and nothing had worked. I couldn't even keep a lid on the feelings: they kept seeping out of the edges. I was trying so hard to be there for everybody else while at the same time trying so hard to ignore the turmoil going on inside of me.

I remember the day I realized I was heading for some kind of nervous breakdown. That day I was in so much pain. I was sitting in the closet, in the dark, trying to shut everything out. All of a sudden, the door opened, and there stood my three-year-old. She thought I was playing a game and started to giggle. I couldn't stand the noise: I screamed at her. I saw her fear, her face crumbled into tears. As I held her, I realized

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I had become the person who was driving himself crazy.

The new knowledge sent me into crisis. For years, I had believed my marriage would over come my homosexuality. Now I knew if I continued efforts in overcoming my homosexuality, I would end up in a padded cell with a straight jacket on. Either way, I would end up losing my family.

I saw three options: continue on as I had been and have a nervous breakdown, accept my homosexuality and either remain married or get a divorce. I did not like any of the options, but today I have come to terms with my homosexuality and I am still married. I felt this option allows me to care for my family, and for however long my marriage lasts, I can still be with them.

Homosexuality is not a choice. I just assumed it was. After all, everybody I knew was heterosexual. Or so I thought until I came out. One last thing, I am a good father. I only wish I could have been a better husband. Please find a PFLAG chapter close to you. Tell your families and friends, to find one as well

Sandy Vopalka

Fundraising Items Needed

By Scott E. Alt

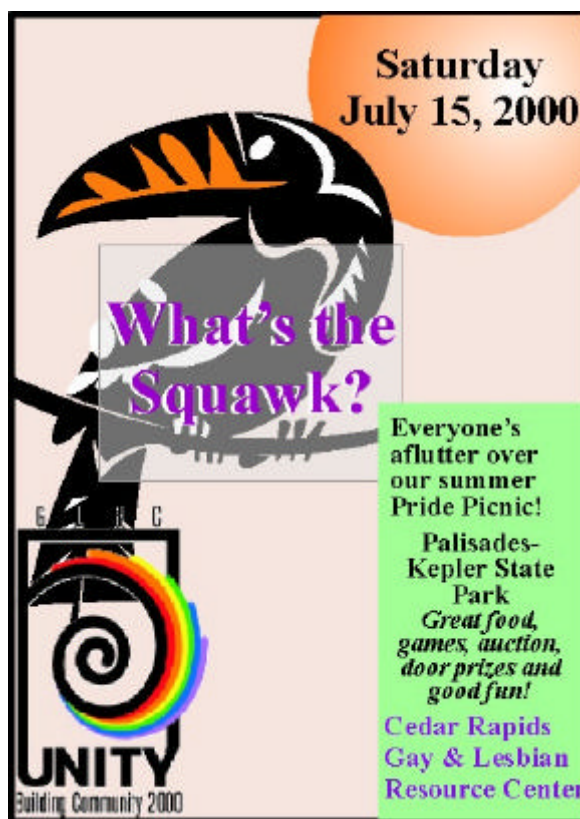
Every year the GLRC has an auction/raffle at our Summer Pride Picnic.

If you have something that you can contribute that you think would be great for our Raffle/Auction please call the GLRC and leave a message and someone will get back in touch with you.

Also if you have a business that you know that would donate a gift to our Auction please also call the center.

We do have a list of prior donors. We can always use more donations so we can raise more money for YOUR GLRC.

Again if you have any questions or you would like to donate something for the auction/raffle please call the GLRC at 319-366-2055 to arrange for pick-up or visit the center and bring your auction donation. You are always welcome!



Mary Wings, "She Came By the Book"

P252 (Berkley Prime Crime Books 1996) \$5.99

Last month we were in New York City with Sandra Scoppettone's Private Investigator, Lauren Laurano. This month we will travel to San Francisco with Mary Wings' P.I. Emma Victor, where you'll get a great view of the Castro, as well as a great murder mystery. Have you thought about why these Lesbian mysteries are so appealing? Of course, it's because there is a really good mystery between the covers, but I would venture to say that it's the singular appeal of the Lesbian detective. We are just like the rest of society when it comes to good books. We like to identify with the characters and be able to imagine ourselves

doing the very same things. And Lesbian mysteries are written with that in mind. The Lesbian detectives are very real to us and we can easily see ourselves walking along side P.I. Emma Victor, past "that plaster movie palace, the Castro Theater..."

Mary Wings is a Lambda Award-winning author. She Came By the Book is Mary Wings second Emma Victor Mystery. The Emma Victor series is fast-paced, wickedly witty, and downright fun. She Came By the Book opens with a prologue where, at a huge benefit gala, Emma

watches Tracy Port convulse in death at her feet. Wings then takes us to chapter one and begins to tell us a tale full of messy public affairs and decades old private secrets.

Emma has been entrusted with important personal papers that once belonged to a prominent gay politician assassinated decades earlier. (Sound familiar?) But of course, the papers which must be kept sealed for sixty years, appear to be even more important to someone else. Here is where the intrigue starts and Emma is soon on the trail of deep dark secrets that

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Local Female Impersonator Brings Miss Gay Iowa USofA Crown To Cedar Rapids

By Phil Nickerson

Local Cedar Rapidian and female impersonator, Clarissa Cavalier was crowned Miss Gay Iowa USofA on Sunday, March 12, 2000, in Des Moines. The Garden Dance Club and Show Bar, of Des Moines, hosted the Miss Gay Iowa USofA Pageant on March 10, 11, and 12, 2000.

Seventeen contestants participated in the pageant, who qualified in preliminary pageants throughout the past 12 months. The competition was tough. On Friday, March 10, the contestants performed their talent numbers, then had interviews on Saturday. On Sunday, the evening gown competition was held, then the top 12 contestants were picked and the final competition began. The 12 contestants had to again perform a talent number, and then model evening gowns. Throughout the three nights, there were many special guest performers.

Several other area contestants participated in the pageant: Prettybelle Arieagus Knight (finished as 2nd runner up), Diva De Paris (finished as 3rd runner up), and Miss India Black.



**Miss Gay Iowa USofA
Clarissa Cavalier**

Clarissa Cavalier started the art of female impersonating at the age of 17. Now at the age of 26, Clarissa is known at a national level for her excellence as a female impersonator. Last fall she ended her reign as Miss. National at Large 1998 & 1999.

In May, Clarissa will be heading to Dallas, Texas, as the qualifier from Iowa to compete for the Miss. Gay USofA crown.

When asked how the title of Miss Gay Iowa USofA would benefit the community, Clarissa responded, "Well first off, as being Miss Gay Iowa USofA, I would feel it would be my job to be a part of the gay community in doing whatever I could to be a backbone supporter to any and all parties, that are willing to help in fundraising in the Iowa community.

I feel I have a following of people who are supportive of the art form in which I practice, and when it comes to lending a helping hand, I am known for being a person who can and is willing to help!

There are so many areas I can be helpful in, and the year has so much ahead, and so much to cross, that I am sure there will be a need for me to lend a helping hand to any and to all who will be in need of assistance."

Congratulations Clarissa on your accomplishments!

Congratulations to the Best of CR

By Phil Nickerson

The March 2, 2000 edition of the *ICON* presented it's 6th annual "Best of Iowa City & Cedar Rapids" poll.

It was wonderful to see that many members and friends of the GLBT community of Cedar Rapids were picked as some of Cedar Rapids' finest! It goes to show that we are getting stronger and more proud of our community! KEEP IT UP!

Congratulations to the following who were picked as the "Best of Cedar Rapids:"

FLAVORABLE REVIEWS for the best COFFEE category;



MEL ANDRINGA, the artistic director of the CSPS (Legion Arts) for the best LOCAL ARTIST/NON MUSICAL PERFORMER;

The CSPS (LEGION ARTS) for receiving two awards: LIVE MUSIC VENUE and ART SPACE/GALLERY;

DRAG QUEEN went to CLARISSA CAVALIER (a cast member at Club Basix);

"MAC" for the best BARTENDER (bartender at Club Basix);

And CLUB BASIX for the best BAR, PLACE TO DANCE, and PLACE TO PICK UP THE SAME SEX.

Tid Bits From Around The U.S.

*Excerpts from Datalounge.com***Newsweek Gay Acceptance Poll**

NEW YORK — The March 20 Newsweek cover story, "Gay Today," features a poll conducted by the magazine which reports to show that a majority of Americans, for the first time, no longer see homosexuality as a sin.

The feature article says that much of the acceptance comes from increased contact with gay men and women. Two thirds of those surveyed reported having regular contact with gay people, which many explain why those considering same-sex sexual orientation a sin has fallen from 54 percent in 1998 to 46 percent today.

Vermont "Civil Union" Bill

MONTPELIER, Vt. — By a vote of 76-to-69, the Vermont House of Representatives gave final approval on Thursday to a "civil union" bill which, if passed by the Senate and signed by the governor as expected, would create the most sweeping set of rights for same-sex couples in the United States.

The bill, which gives gay and lesbian couples virtually all the same spousal rights and privileges the state grants to married couples, is expected in the Senate next month. Gov. Howard Dean has already said he will sign the bill.

2000 Census

WASHINGTON — The first stage in getting the 2000 Census to the more than 100 million households in the United States got underway Monday. With an estimated 4 million people missed in 1990, state and local governments are spending millions to make sure the 2000 count is as accurate as possible.

The Washington Post reports the leaders of several national gay and lesbian organizations have a related goal — making the 2000 Census the most accurate headcount of gay and lesbian households ever conducted in the United States.

Some gay civil rights groups introduced the "unmarried partner" box in 1990 but is only now receiving a major push. Gay civil rights groups are putting ads in gay-oriented newspapers and magazines and sending e-mail urging gays and lesbians to check the "unmarried partner" category if they qualify.

Dr. Laura Controversy

LOS ANGELES — In the latest twist to a fight that shows no signs of cooling, conservative radio talk show host Laura Schlessinger on Wednesday recanted a recent public apology delivered to members of the gay and lesbian community.

The Boston Herald reports Schlessinger said a statement released March 10 was a "clarification" of her message and should not be construed as an apology or a retraction. Her March 10 statement read: "Regrettably, some of the words I've used have hurt some people, and I am sorry for that."

Retracting her apology was the last straw for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) which has been involved in attempting to broker a compromise with Paramount Television in the hopes of keeping Dr. Laura's anti gay rhetoric off the air.

And Here In Iowa.....

DES MOINES — Republican lawmakers abruptly postponed their plan to repeal the gay civil rights order signed by Gov. Tom Vilsack, the Des Moines Register reports. The proposal was on the verge of dying Tuesday before the House Judiciary Committee and was pulled in the hopes it can be resubmitted later.

Rep. Chuck Larson, a Cedar Rapids Republican who leads the committee, called discussions on the bill to an immediate halt after it was clear the bill would be voted down. "Because of the lateness of the hour, we will defer on the bill until Thursday," Larson said shortly after 9 p.m.

Conservative Republicans in the Iowa Senate, ignoring charges they were pandering to anti-gay prejudice and bigotry, voted on March 3 to repeal a gay rights executive order issued by Gov. Tom Vilsack.

The Senate voted 28-21 to nullify the non-discrimination in state employment order issued by the Democratic governor last year. The bill moved to the Iowa House but has had difficulty making it out of committee.

Vilsack's order banning discrimination in the hiring of state workers on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity caused a storm last year in the legislature. It applies not only to gay men and lesbians but also to pre-operative and post-operative transsexuals.

Republicans charge Gov. Vilsack overstepped his authority when he ordered that gay and transgendered people be covered by the state's anti-bias laws. The governor argues that amendments to guidelines governing state employees, which is as far as his executive order went, is an administrative matter. The legislation must be moved out of committee this week if it is to stay alive in the current session.

The exchange grew particularly heated moments before the bill was withdrawn. "If this was about heterosexuals, would we even be discussing this?" said Democrat Rep. Minnette Doderer of Iowa City.

Republican Rep. Steve Sukup, replied, "It's about the separation of powers. The governor has exceeded them."

"The governors have exceeded their authority for the 26 years I've been here," Doderer shot back, "Now we care for some reason? Come on. Let's talk about the real issue here," Doderer continued.

"Somebody has a problem with the executive order. You can fancy it up all you want

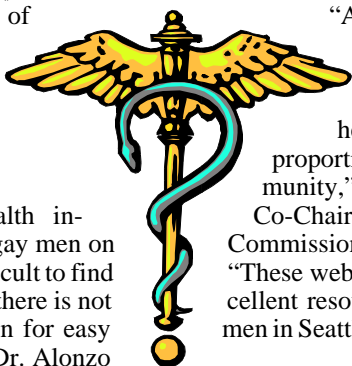
Public Health - Seattle & King County Selected to Produce Landmark Health Web Pages for Lesbians and Gay Men

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON - Public Health - Seattle & King County will soon become the first public health agency in the United States to publish wide-ranging, general health information for lesbians and gay men on its website (www.phsh.seattlekingcounty.gov). Development and publication of these online materials is made possible by a \$10,000 grant from the National Library of Medicine.

"Culturally-appropriate health information for lesbians and gay men on topics other than HIV is difficult to find on the Internet, and what is there is not indexed in a central location for easy review and retrieval," said Dr. Alonzo Plough, Director of Public Health - Seattle & King County. "This grant permits us to address this disparity, and assure that appropriate and accurate health information for sexual minorities is available and easy-to-find online."

"Despite the increasing amount of medical information available on the World Wide Web, no resource targeting the unique needs of the lesbian and gay community currently exists," said Dr. Donald

Abrams, President of the national Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. "The efforts of Public Health - Seattle & King County will definitely fill a void and be a service to our entire community."



"Access to reliable information is a first step in getting care and preventing the many health problems that disproportionately affect our community," added Kathleen Stine, Co-Chair of the City of Seattle's Commission for Sexual Minorities. "These webpages will serve as an excellent resource for lesbians and gay men in Seattle and around the world."

The \$10,000 award from the National Library of Medicine will fund development and promotion of webpages for lesbians and gay men about a broad range of general health issues. It also funds development and promotion of webpages that link researchers and health care providers serving sexual minorities to relevant studies, data, and other information available online from the National Library of Medicine (www.nlm.nih.gov).

Due largely to social issues (such as bias and discrimination), lesbians and gay men have increased risk for some health problems, and they are more likely than heterosexuals to receive sub-standard medical care or to remain silent about important health problems. For example, lesbians and gay men are nearly twice as likely as others are to smoke heavily. Lesbians have greater risk for various cancers and cardio-vascular disease than other women do, and rates of syphilis and gonorrhea among gay men have increased dramatically in many urban areas of the United States. In addition, sexual minorities are at increased risk of hate crime victimization and suicide because of societal stigma and discrimination.

Content for these webpages will ultimately be determined by interviews and focus groups with lesbians and gay men as well as a rigorous review of available scientific literature. Local and national medical experts will review the materials developed for accuracy. Completed materials will be placed online by July of year 2000 at www.phsh.seattlekingcounty.gov.

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lead her through a cloverleaf of clues right to the duct-tape sealed box of private papers. Emma is physically attacked and she knows she's getting nearer to bringing a killer out into the light of day.

Of course, a great murder mystery is not all Mary Wings brings us. Emma Victor has a lover, Frances Cohen, a physician and researcher, who must leave town unexpectedly on the night of the benefit gala. Emma is greatly upset by this turn of events, but goes to the gala alone, while Frances goes to present a research paper at a Seattle conference. Throughout the story, Emma tries to contact Frances at her hotel to no avail. With teeth on edge, in the middle of a case, and with grating

suspicion, Emma tries to sort out her relationship.

Another Mary Wings book that you may be interested in, is the Lambda-Award winning, She Came to the Castro. Two other books are also available in the Emma Victor series, She Came Too Late and She Came In a Flash, all of which you can purchase at your local book seller. Have fun reading another great mystery novel and stay tuned to this space for more reviews of the Lesbian mystery genre. An email address will be included next month for specific questions regarding this up and coming prominent genre.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Club Basix

3916 1st Ave NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-363-3194

CSPS (Community Arts Center)

1103 3rd St SE
Cedar Rapids, IA
319-364-1580

The AlleyCat

GLBT Bar
13 S. Linn St (in the alley between
Linn and Dubuque)
Iowa City, IA

One Flight Up

44-48 Main St
Dubuque, IA
319-582-8357

HEALTH

AIDS Interfaith Network of Eastern IA

1621 E 4th St.
Waterloo, IA 50703

Iowa Center for AIDS Resources & Education

c/o Laura Hill, Executive Director
321 E. First St.
Iowa City, IA 52244
(319) 356-338-2135 voice
ICAREIC@aol.com

Linn County Health Dept.

Free Anonymous HIV Testing
501 13th St. NW
319-398-3551

Iowa City Free Medical Clinic

Free Anonymous HIV Testing
120 N. Dubuque
Iowa City, IA
319-377-4459

Rapid AIDS Project Lives Worth Living Program Women's Voices Program

3601 42nd St. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-393-9579
E-mail: rap@crossnet.org
www.redcross.org/ia/cedarrap/rap.html

PUBLICATIONS

ACCESSLine

Iowa's Statewide Newspaper for
Lesbians & Friends
c/o ACCESS in Northeast Iowa
PO Box 1282
Waterloo, IA 50704
319-232-5805
access@forbin.com

Resource Line

GLRC Monthly Newsletter
PO Box 1643
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1463
319-366-2055
theglrc@geocities.com
www.geocities.com/~theglrc

SOCIAL

OWL's

Older & Wiser Lesbians
Monthly Potluck & Social
319-366-2055

GLRC Open House

Every Monday Night
1056 5th Ave. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-366-2055

SOCIAL/SUPPORT

Coe Alliance

Weekly Meetings & Events
www.coe.edu/organizations/alliance
ce
jchaimov@coe.edu
319-399-8594

GLRC of Cedar Rapids

1056 5th Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-366-2055
crglrc@crglrc.org
www.crglrc.org

SpiritHill Women's Retreat

Info, counseling, Women's Dance
on 1st Sat each month
319-643-2613

Youth Pride Alliance

Info, education
1056 5th Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-366-2055

SUPPORT

Clare House Catholic Worker

A Community offering roommate
services to people living with
HIV/AIDS
514 McKinley St. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-364-4101

PFLAG

Parents & Friends of Lesbians &
Gays
4th Tuesday of every month
Faith United Methodist Church
1000 30th St NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Men's Support Group

2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month
6:30-8:30 p.m.
GLRC Resource Center
1056 5th Ave. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-366-2055

Women's Voices

1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
GLRC Resource Center
1056 5th Ave. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-366-2055

SPIRITUAL / WORSHIP

Faith United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation
Worship Service at 10:30 am
1000 30th St NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Pastor Tom Mohan
319-363-8454
http://soli.inav.net/~faithumc

Pathways of Light Spiritual College

Rev. Lorma Lang, O.M.C.
Ordained Ministerial Counselor
Self Awakening Spiritual Counselor
Certified Course and Group
Facilitator
Weddings & Other Ceremonies
319-396-5415

Peoples Church Unitarian

A Welcoming Congregation
Forum at 9:30 am
Worship Service at 11 am
600 3rd Ave. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-362-9827