



# The Resource Line

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

## 2002 Board Of Directors Elections

This year marks the tenth year the GLRC has been in the community. Do you feel you have what it takes to be a member of the 2002 Board of Directors? The 2002 Board of Directors election will be held in October, at the Annual General Membership Meeting. Nominations will be accepted in writing prior to this meeting and from the floor during the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please feel free to write the GLRC at our P.O Box listed in this newsletter or you can drop us an email at [info@crglrc.org](mailto:info@crglrc.org). You're qualified to become a board member if you hold to the purpose and objectives of the

GLRC. Some of the responsibilities expected of a board member are to attend monthly board meetings, participate in GLRC functions, educate people on the role of the GLRC, assist with GLRC events, and assist with staffing of the GLRC office.

The election process is very simple – written ballots are required if there are more nominees than there are positions to be filled. Nominees receiving the largest number of votes will be elected.

Watch for the October issue of *The Resource Line* to find out when the annual board meeting will be held.

**THE RESOURCE LINE** is the monthly publication of the GLRC of Cedar Rapids, IA, a non-profit organization under IRS code 5011. Articles and advertisements are welcome from anyone. They must be submitted by the date published in the prior month's issue and are subject to editing as needed. Mail or e-mail to attention of the Managing Editor.

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See Calendar for other GLRC events

# August 2001 Board Meeting Minutes

### Attending Members:

Scott Alt, Linda Davenport, Andy Harrison, Tricia Kitzmann, Dave Shafer, Chris Taylor

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes from July meeting were approved. GLRC Mailing list has been updated to reflect changes received from phone line, and via email.

### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance (07/01/01):	\$5,658.72
Income:	\$744.00
Expenses:	\$1,247.41
Ending Balance (07/31/01):	\$5,155.31

### Programs:

Tricia reported on programs. Tricia stated that the men's group is having good attendance, and Roy is still facilitating the group. Tricia also reported that she is working on educational programming that will include the GLRC, Coe Alliance, and Kirkwood's Unity Group.

### Newsletter:

Scott reported that, beginning with the September issue, Kendy Wazac is taking over as Newsletter Editor. The Board decided to give Dick Spurlock a special gift to show the GLRC's appreciation for his assistance with the newsletter in July and August.

### Website:

Dave discussed his future plans for the GLRC website. Dave will (tentatively) write an article discussing the new design for the October issue of *The Resource Line*. The Board also discussed possibly having an outside vendor maintain and update the website. A few companies' names were mentioned for consideration, but the Board made no decision and the issue was tabled.

### Grants:

ICAP Six-Month Report has been turned in. Social Marketing Project is making progress and should be completed soon. The Board decided to write new grants for 2002 to ICAP, and the Philanthrop fund. The Board decided we would write the grants for Educational Programming and General Operating expenses. Tricia reported she will put together a survey for our community will fill out, telling what they would like to see from the CR GLRC.

### Town Meetings:

Andy provided the group a handout on his ideas for a town meeting. The group discussed ideas on date, time, and where the meeting would be held. The Board decided to let Andy set up the first meeting. It was also decided that the town meetings would be a good place to introduce the surveys Trish is working on. Andy is going to work with Club Basix to get a date and time set up for October or November. Andy will report back to the Board at the September meeting.

### Resignations:

Two resignations were turned in to the Board of Directors. Traci Taylor, Education Coordinator, and Chris Taylor, President, have decided to resign due to professional obligations and not having the time to devote to the organization. Both wish the organization well, and will continue to support the organization. Traci's resignation was turned in via email. Chris turned in his resignation in person at the August Board Meeting.

Current Board Of Directors as of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001: Scott Alt, Linda Davenport, Andy Harrison, Tricia Kitzmann, and Dave Shafer.

Scott agreed to create an agenda for the next Board Meeting, which will be held at 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

# Ausadie 2001

Newbies at Ausadie  
by Kendy Wazac

On a warm night in July, the grand Ausadie brownstone at 845 First Avenue revealed its charm to GLRC partygoers. If you've been there a time or two, you knew what to expect, but it was a stroll into Fantasy Land for me and my son, Joel. The swimming pool sparkled with reflected candlelight. Magic bubbles floated on the breeze and tickled my cheek when I crossed their path. The murmur of conversation and the aroma of delicious food teased my senses as I wandered through the gate and absorbed the scene.

Okay, enough mood-setting schmaltz. I paid my money at the gate just like you did. I edged along the lawn looking for a familiar face. I bee-lined to the bar to take advantage of my first "free" drink. If I felt nervous not knowing most of the people there, imagine how my straight son felt when he realized how much attention he was attracting from the gay population.

But we both learned something great that night. I found out how easy it is to make new friends with just a smile and a hello. Joel discovered he can be admired for the cute guy he is without being barraged with come-ons and unwanted invitations. And we both had a blast.

We talked local politics and plays. We lounged and mingled and posed for Todd, photographer supreme. We ate, we drank, we met new faces and put faces to names we'd only heard before. We caught up with old friends and slipped smokes on the sly to the relapsing reformed. For a few hours we forgot we were at a fundraiser and just had fun. I even remember forgetting it was hot. I'm looking forward to new faces next year.

Scott Alt asked me to include his thanks and the thanks of the entire GLRC board to the following folks, so the rest of this article is his. Look for your name below and know that your time, efforts, and contributions were greatly appreciated.

Tim and Richard for allowing us to host the event,  
Neil and Donny,  
Drew Mc Donald,  
Rita and Terry from Club Basix,  
Todd Oetken from Memory Makerz Photography,  
Jeff and John for the beautiful centerpiece and table arrangements,  
Patti Thacker,  
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Jimmy Quick, Rob Caraway,  
Teresa Mally, Phil Nickerson,  
Chris Taylor, Traci Taylor,  
Tricia Kitzmann, Rick Platte,  
Linda Davenport, Andy Harrison,  
and the Community for making Ausadie a success. We look forward to Ausadie 2002 to be every bit as spectacular.

## Final notes:

- ❖ This year's event raised approximately \$1400.00 for your GLRC!
- ❖ Pictures from Ausadie are available for viewing at the GLRC.

## September Movie Night & Potluck

Pick your favorite movie from the Center's movie collection and join us on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the September Movie Night and Potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share with the crowd and bring a hearty appetite! The GLRC will furnish table service (plates, plastic utensils, and napkins). Sodas are available for 50 cents each.



If you haven't been to a movie night, please join us. If you've been to a movie night, you know it's a good time, so we expect to see you again! This is a great chance to socialize and check out the GLRC office space.

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Featured presenters at this year's retreat are Kevin Sitter and David DeBleck. Kevin is a coordinator for Clinic 42 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Kevin has directed a variety of community programs serving gay men, high school students, health care workers and people living with HIV/AIDS. He has published over 50 articles on such topics as coming out, men's health issues and caring for people with AIDS. David is a performer. His one-man show features cheerleader choreography,

## Watch for Upcoming Details on the Third Annual Men's Retreat

confessional narratives, '70s pop songs, and a faux *Charlie's Angels* episode. David takes audiences from his earliest crossing-dressing efforts, to his first sexual encounter, to his experiences with religion, and concludes with where he is today.

Come take advantage of the array of social, cultural, political and spiritual resources that will be available all day. Cost for the retreat is only \$10.00, which covers all materials and lunch. Pre-registration is required, so sign up now!

Retreat sponsors include the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, Legion Arts/CSPS, Linn County Health Department, Planned Parenthood, and the Rapids AIDS Project (RAP), a program of the American Red Cross Grant Wood Area Chapter. For more information or registration materials, call the Rapids AIDS Project at (319) 393-9579.

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-- Kendy --

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## AIDS Deaths No Longer in Rapid Decline

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**ATLANTA -- Dramatic declines over the past several years in the number of Americans developing AIDS and dying from the disease appears to be coming to an end, The Washington Post quotes federal health officials as saying this week.**

After steady declines in the mid-1990s, the number of U.S. AIDS cases and deaths reported each quarter leveled off between mid-1998 and mid-2000, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Coupled with new findings that indicate high rates of risky behavior and HIV infection in some population groups, especially young gay men and low-income African American women, officials are concerned this is the calm before a new storm of rising infection rates.

The development of highly effective drugs to keep the replication of the virus low and slow its assault on the immune system have helped bring about the long period of decline. But

the plateau in reported cases and deaths suggests that the treatments have already reached most Americans who know they are infected and who have good access to medical care. Helene Gayle, director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB prevention told The Post further progress depends on expanding HIV testing and access to care, as well as finding new treatments for people whose bodies have grown resistant to current treatments.

"There are a number of signs indicating that our progress in fighting the disease is in serious jeopardy," she said. "If treatment failures become more of a problem, if resistance becomes more of a problem, we could see increases in deaths as well as in AIDS cases," she said.

Through December 2000, 774,467 Americans had been reported with AIDS and 448,060 had died of the disease, according to the CDC. Because reporting for last year is still incomplete, the new information on AIDS incidence and trends extends only through June, 2000, and the 2000 data is considered preliminary.

The figures show that during each quarter since July 1998, roughly 10,000 AIDS cases were diagnosed and 4,000

AIDS deaths were reported. At the peak of the epidemic during the first half of the 1990s, more than 15,000 AIDS cases and more than 10,000 deaths were reported each quarter. Stabilization of cases and deaths has occurred in all races, but African Americans continue to have much higher rates of AIDS cases and deaths than whites or Hispanics.

CDC officials also estimate the number of Americans who become newly infected with HIV each year has remained stable at about 40,000 annually - for most of the last 10 years, Gayle said. The CDC estimates that between 800,000 and 900,000 Americans are currently infected with HIV.

Although the 40,000 number has remained stable, "the populations that are encompassed in those numbers are different," Gayle told The Post. HIV "is reaching younger people, it's reaching more women, it's reaching more communities of color."

Forty-two percent of new infections are occurring in gay men, 33 percent in heterosexuals infected during sex, and 25 percent in injecting drug users, she said. Infections in heterosexual women are increasing more rapidly than any other group.



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# Study: Many PWAs are delaying getting tested

Randy Dotinga, Gay.com / PlanetOut.com Network

**W**hile medical officials have spent years hammering home the importance of regular HIV tests for gay men, the message doesn't seem to be getting through. In two studies released today, researchers found that more than 40 percent of patients who tested positive for HIV already had full-blown AIDS or developed it within a year.

That means many of the patients could have been carrying HIV for as long as a decade without being tested. Patients who don't know they're infected miss out on early treatment and are more likely to engage in unsafe sex, experts said.

"There's so much stigma attached to HIV that people don't comfortably consider getting tested for it. If HIV were regarded in the same light as hypertension (high blood pressure), we'd have people lining up in shopping malls to get tested," said Leo Hurley, who supervised a Kaiser Permanente Health Plan study.

Kaiser Permanente and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention both examined the records of patients who were diagnosed as HIV-positive. They released their findings at the National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta.

The CDC looked at 25 states from 1994 to 1999 and found that 41 percent of patients diagnosed had already developed full-blown AIDS when they got their first positive HIV test or went on to do so within a year. In a more intensive study of 18,850 patients in 12 states from the same time period, researchers found that men and women were equally likely to get tested late; blacks and Hispanics were more likely to do so than whites.

When people develop AIDS, their immune systems deteriorate to a low level at which they are prone to

Kaiser Permanente researchers looked at individual medical records with names attached. But the researchers had to sign confidentiality agreements, Hurley said.

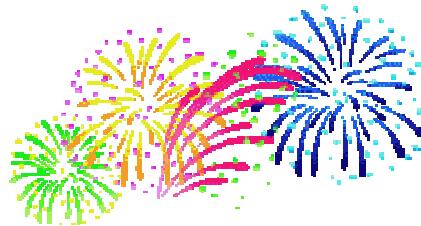
Researchers also found that Kaiser Permanente doctors were aware that many of these patients had risk factors for HIV well before they were tested. Forty percent of the medical records showed that the patients were members of one or more high-risk group -- men who had

sex with men, injection drug users, people who had previous sexually transmitted diseases or some combination of the above.

"This is a signal we need more testing, we need more awareness of risk factors and more open communication between providers and patients about the presence of risk factors," Hurley said.

Marty Algaze, spokesman for Gay Men's Health Crisis, agreed. "People very often don't want to get testing because they're afraid, so they don't really know what their HIV status is until they get sick with something," he said. "But there are options now, and it's not smart to bury your head in the sand."

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As for employer-granted the Human Rights the state if the workplace for that "life is getting better all employers offering domestic increased 25 percent since Education Department "meteoric." As of August, universities, and governments were offering or planned to offer domestic partnership benefits. This includes 100 of the Fortune 500.

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domestic partnership benefits, Campaign's [annual report](#) on GLBT people, the bottom line is the time." The number of partnership health benefits has last year -- a rise HRC Director Kim Mills termed 3,572 companies, colleges,

Two of the most notable additions of domestic partnership benefits in the past year came in June. Coca-Cola announced that it would begin providing health care benefits to same-sex domestic partners of its U.S. employees. The decision came only weeks after the "Big Three" automakers announced that they would extend [spousal health care benefits](#) to gay and lesbian partners. The two announcements were hailed by the HRC as "yet another sign that domestic partner benefits are becoming a standard component of benefits packages at forward-thinking companies."

In Vermont, California, and a few other states, DP has legal significance. In California, registered couples are granted hospital visitation rights. Vermont's law -- which took effect July 1 -- goes much farther, granting same-sex "civil unions" almost all of the same benefits and burdens of marriage.

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### **GLRC Mission Statement:**

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