



The Resource Line

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

HIV Spread Making Local News

There's been a lot of talk about HIV the past several weeks. Unfortunately, the topic was not about prevention, but about a man named Aaron Dahlberg who, allegedly aware that he was HIV positive, was having unprotected sex with other men. How disheartening that anyone could knowingly transmit a disease of such magnitude. However, stop and think about several situations when it comes to sex, where there are no victims, just persons who did not stop to think. The young woman who believes her partner when he says he's sterile, and then she ends up pregnant. The monogamous couple, where one contracts a sexually transmitted in-

fection (STI) and passes it on to the unknowing partner.

There is a danger when it comes to sex. How can anyone be 100% certain, that their partner(s) or lover(s) are truthful? Then ask the question, "Who in the 21st century has unprotected sex with a partner they do not know very well?" Which couples are "safe?" Those who choose to have unprotected sex are only fooling themselves. We need to discuss and be aware of our partner's other sexual partners. We need to discuss HIV and STIs. If we don't, we're playing a deadly game.

Aaron Dahlberg is not that different from several others who go to parties and frequent bars and have sex with partners they do not know, except that he is HIV positive. Whether it is determined that Mr. Dahlberg knew his status when he had sex with the two men in Eastern Iowa still needs to be determined. However, it has made the community start talking about HIV again, and that it could have been me, you, or a friend. HIV has no boundaries. HIV doesn't discriminate. HIV does, however, change a person's life forever. BUT HIV IS 100% PREVENTABLE!!! That is the bottom line. Ask the questions, know your partners, and use condoms!

Pride Picnic 2001

The Annual GLRC Pride Picnic was held Saturday, July 14th at Paliades – Kepler State Park at the Main Lodge from Noon to 6 PM. Thanks to volunteer coordinator Andy Harrison, picnic volunteers began arriving at 11:00 to help set up for this year's picnic. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers: Brian, Joe Wilson, Rick Platte, Robby, Drew, Todd, and Frazier. Your help was greatly appreciated. If we forgot to mention anyone, do realize that without everyone's efforts the picnic wouldn't have been possible. There were a total of three board members present at this year's picnic. A special thank you goes out to Scott Alt, Tricia Kitzmann, and Linda Davenport, who worked hard to make the picnic a great time for everyone.



Approximately 50 people were in attendance when grill master Linda Davenport, GLRC Board Treasurer, began working her magic on the grill. Linda cooked up hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and boneless chicken breasts. There were plenty of side dishes to choose from – so many that most people made several trips through to be able to taste them all.

Side dishes ranged from pasta salad and vegetarian baked beans to fruit pizza.

After a healthy meal, there isn't a better way to relax than with the annual Pride Picnic Auction. Some of the auction items this year were an American Crew gift

basket donated by community members Neil and Donny, two golf umbrellas, a DI:FI hair care product gift basket donated by Matt, Marlboro trench coat and a Pride ring, donated by Jean, Chili's gift certificates from Darren, some Carmike movie gift certificates from Kathy Hall, plus a few other items. This year's auctioneer was none other than your GLRC Volunteer Coordinator Andy Harrison, also known as PrettyBelle. The auction this year was short but sweet, and

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July 2001 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending Board Members: Scott Alt, Linda Davenport, Andy Harrison, Tricia Kitzmann, Dave Shafer, Chris Taylor, and Traci Taylor.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from July meeting were accepted. Also read Kapler resignation from board of directors seat.

Treasurer's report:

Financials:
Beginning Balance: \$6,431.47
Income: \$463.00
Expenses: \$1,235.75
Ending Balance: \$5,658.72

Fundraising Report:

Scott indicated that everything was moving along for the pride picnic, and announced we would need approximately a three hundred dollar budget for the picnic. Picnic is set for July 14th. Scott also reported that Evening at Ausadie is also moving along. Scott requested budget for Ausadie of \$1100.00. Board of directors approved both budgets.

Programs:

Tricia reported on Programs and stated that both Men's Group and Chix Chat are going along fine, and that education programs would be starting back up this fall.

Newsletter:

Scott indicated that Kendy Wazac has agreed to take on duty of newsletter editor in September. Scott will contact Dick Spurlock to see if he can do newsletter again in August.

Website:

Board approved to renew website domain name for another year at the cost of thirty five dollars. Board also approved Dave to begin new design of website beginning in September/October. The new site will be more interactive, and will utilize more of the features that we have access to. Dave showed the board screen captures of the new interface. It will also allow multiple users to add information to the website.

Beginning in September the board will meet on Sundays throughout the rest of 2001.

Town Meetings:

Andy suggested that the GLRC go out into the Community and conduct town meetings early on at Club Basix. Andy is going to check with Club Basix to find out when a good date will work. These meetings will be to educate the Community on what the GLRC is and to find out what people expect from the GLRC.

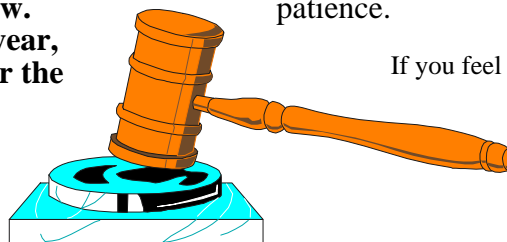
Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

2002 Board Of Directors Elections

The 2002 Board of Directors election is coming up in October, just two months from now. This will be a historical year, as it marks the tenth year the GLRC has been in the Community.

The GLRC needs you. Some of the things 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 practice patience.



If you feel you have what it takes to be a member of the 2002 Board of Directors, watch for the September issue of the Resource Line to find out when the annual board meeting will be held. In the meantime, think about it. Do you have what it takes to be a board member?

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brought in nearly three hundred and fifty dollars.

After the auction, attention turned to this year's new attraction: the Drag Races!! A course was set up to accommodate two opponents at a time, with four teams signed up for the races this year. Contestants started at a pile of clothes. They selected a dress, chose a wig, necklace, purse, and fitted themselves into an uncomfortable pair of high heels. After contestants were in full drag, they raced down the hill to a tree planted in Marc Beuter's memory. They raced around the tree and back up to their waiting partner, who helped them get out of drag and began getting themselves in drag. Once the partners were fully dressed, they began their journey down the hill, and back up. The first person to cross the finish line won. The first two teams raced, and the team of Chris and Chris was the winner.

The second two teams raced, and Robby and Scott's team won. The two winning teams raced for the first prize package of a crowned Barbie in a pink high-heeled shoe, \$25.00 in Chili's gift certificates, and a large basket of LUBE from ID Lube. With this at stake, the two teams faced off, racing down the hill, throwing grass in the air and leaving behind a trail of dust. The Chris's took this year's first place prize package. Congratulations, guys

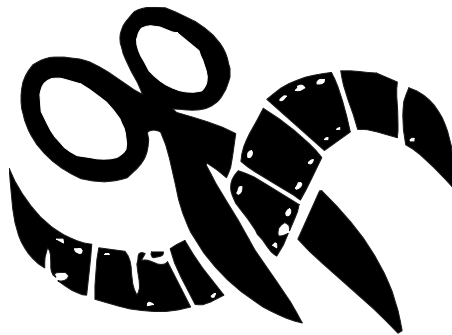
This year's picnic is now a memory, and a good time was had by all in attendance. The Board of Directors thanks you, the Community, for all your support. Next year's picnic will be one to remember, as it will be the GLRC's 10th Annual Pride Picnic. Hope to see you then.

August Movie Night & Potluck

Thursday, August 23rd from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Pick out your Favorite Movie from the Center's Movie Collection

Come down to the Center for Movie Night. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share and a hearty appetite on August 23rd, from 7 PM to 9 PM. The GLRC is located at 305 2nd Street SE. Take the elevator to third floor, and we are in Suite 324. 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 haven't been to movie night yet please join us. It's a fun time, and a chance for one to be social and check out the GLRC office space.

Movie night is FREE.

Don't want to come to the GLRC alone?

Bring a friend! This is an open event, and all ages are welcome to come to Movie Night.

Office Hours and Open House

Every Monday is GLRC Open House. The Center is open from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This gives you a chance to be social and meet new people and see what the GLRC is all about. The Center is also open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday nights. The center has pop available for 50 cents. The center has a great library filled with books and movies that are available for check out. The GLRC Center is located in the Paramount Building at 305 Second Street SE in Cedar Rapids, Suite 324. The building's elevator is back in working order again, so please feel free to swing by and visit us during the Open House times listed above. Don't want to come alone? Feel free to bring a friend along and see exactly what the GLRC is all about. There are photo albums featuring many of the annual events sponsored by the GLRC. Come on down and visit us soon.

Note to Resource Line Advertisers

A member of the GLRC Board will be calling you during the month of August regarding your ad, size, cost and renewal. If you choose to renew your ad, a bill will be generated for the Sept. Issue and sent to you. Should you decide not to renew, your ad will not appear in the Sept. issue of the Resource Line.

Thank you,

GLRC Board of Directors

Court upholds conviction for unsafe sex

by Randy Dotinga
Gay.com / PlanetOut.com Network

Have unsafe sex, go to prison. That's a remote possibility for people living with HIV in more than 20 states, and a recent court decision means that Iowa will remain one of them.

In a ruling released last week, the Iowa Supreme Court rejected arguments challenging the constitutionality of a state law that bans knowingly exposing someone to AIDS.

"What they're really doing in Iowa and a lot of other states is [criminalizing] sexual activity by people with HIV," said attorney Catherine Hanssens, director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's AIDS Project.

The case in question involved an Iowa man named Justin Keene who had unprotected consensual sex in 1998 with a mentally ill fast-food worker. He did not disclose that he was HIV positive, and he was charged with knowingly exposing her to the virus.

Keene was sentenced to 25 years in prison, but the sentence was suspended and reduced to probation.

In his appeal, Keene's attorneys argued that the Iowa law was vague because it makes a crime out of engaging in activities that "could" spread HIV.

But the court said there's no question about how AIDS is spread: "Any reasonably intelligent person is aware it is possible to transmit HIV during sexual intercourse, especially when it is unprotected."

The court also said it didn't matter that there was a dispute over whether intercourse actually occurred.

States have a variety of laws about the transmission of AIDS, according to a Lambda Legal Defense.

In California, for example, knowingly exposing another person to AIDS is a crime, but only if the victim is unaware of the exposure and the act is committed with "specific intent." Also, criminals may receive harsher penalties if they commit illegal sex acts while they know they are HIV positive.

In Colorado, it's illegal for HIV-positive people to patronize prostitutes if they know they have the virus.

In Illinois, it's a crime for an HIV-positive person who knows about the infection to have sex with another, unless the second person is aware of all risks and agrees to face them.

And in Alabama, it's a misdemeanor to engage in "activities" that are likely to transmit a venereal disease.

The laws are "very popular," Hanssens said, although it's hard to know how often prosecutors invoke the laws.

Lambda Legal Defense opposes the laws for a variety of reasons, she said. They don't focus on the responsibilities of the people who are exposed to HIV, and they address the "non-problem" of intentional HIV transmission, she said.

Also, the laws open up the door to "swearing contests" between HIV-positive defendants and their accusers. "I can assure you that the person with HIV is assumed to be less credible," she said. "It's very difficult to prove that you told someone you had HIV."



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Dade Scouts and Gay Advocates Compromise

MIAMI — One year after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of the Boy Scouts of America to discriminate against gays and ban them as members and troop leaders, the Dade County BSA has reached a compromise solution that it hopes addresses the needs of gay teens while not compromising its principles, the Miami Herald reports.

The agreement, one of the first of its kind nationally, came after months of dialogue between the South Florida Council of Boy Scouts, the gay civil rights group Safeguarding American Values for Everyone (SAVE) Dade and the United Way of Miami-Dade.

The agreement calls for the BSA's South Florida Council to give up public funding, stop recruiting at public schools, and develop a training program to help its leaders to deal more sensitively with gay youth.

The training plan, still in development, would be crafted with the help of Miami's Project Yes — a local group that educates groups and individuals about how to deal with the needs of young people who identify as gay or lesbian.

The agreement was introduced as a modest yet key step in addressing the way the local Scouting troops deal with gay youth and may eventually serve as a national model. Still, there is strong opposition to compromise coming from both sides of the issue. For gay rights advocates it does nothing to challenge a discriminatory ban, and for anti-gay campaigners, it acknowledges that gay people can claim any rights at all.

Scouts executive Jeffrie Herrmann told the Miami Herald that the compromise solution addressed the most important constituency, the young Scouts themselves. "We have no intention of changing our policy at this time," said Herrmann, "But we have an obligation to help kids deal with this issue."

The agreement represents a concerted effort by all parties to help redefine their relationship, tone down some of the rhetoric and attempt, where possible, to resist outside pressure to encourage friction, said Jorge Mursuli, executive director of SAVE Dade.

"We acknowledge the court's decision and wish it were different, but our strategy was to figure out how to take care of all kids in our community, not fight over something we couldn't change," he said.

Herrmann said the dialogue was effective because it helped all parties focus on helping the community's children, "without pushing their own agenda."

In addition to the chief outlines of the agreement, the Scouts have also pledged to sue other groups who use the organization's name to further their anti-gay agendas. Broward's Equal Rights Not Special Rights, for example, has linked the Scouting issue to its attempt to repeal Broward's gay-rights ordinance.

Scott Cozza, president of Scouting for All, based in San Francisco, welcomed the Boy Scouts' effort to educate and sensitize their leaders but said the Dade agreement fell short. "This is a step in realizing that we have more similarities than differences. But while education helps, you cannot compromise human rights."



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

Dutch Study Finds Changing HIV Risk Patterns

AMSTERDAM — Results from an extensive 17-year study into HIV transmission patterns in the gay community suggest that risk behaviors — sexual activities or habits that increase one's risk of infection — have changed significantly since the early years of the epidemic.

Researchers in the Netherlands report that young gay men under 30 may now be more likely to contract HIV from a steady partner than through anonymous sex and speculate that a higher rate of unprotected sex among young men in long term relationships is to blame.

For gay men older than 30, casual sex continues to remain the prime source of HIV infection, according to findings published in the July 6th issue of the journal AIDS.

Udi Davidovich of the Department of Public Health and Environment in Amsterdam confirms gay men are more likely to

have unprotected sex with a regular partner than with a casual contact. Gay men in long-term relationships often forgo condoms when both partners have the same HIV status and "reach agreements regarding sexual practice outside the relationship."

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Sydney May Lose 2002 Gay Games

SYDNEY — The 2002 Gay Games, the largest international event planned for Sydney since the World Cup rugby tournament, may be pulled out of the city owing to a loss of sponsorship commitments, the Sydney Morning Herald reports.

A leaked memo from the San Francisco-based Federation of Gay Games claims there may be a "total forfeiture" by Sydney for the event, which planners expect to attract more participants than the Olympics. "The serious nature of the present circumstances, with regard to Sydney 2002 Ltd. and the Gay Games, cannot be overestimated," the Herald quotes the memo.

The Gay Games has struggled to secure paying sponsors. The New South Wales Government has refused to provide financial support for the event despite the millions of dollars an event its size would generate, and this has greatly impacted its ability to secure wider sponsorship commitments.

The Herald strongly insinuates it is the fault of the NSW government and not Gay Games organizers in Sydney. The moratorium on large event sponsorship, it says, is also threatening Sydney's ability to host the 2003 World Cup rugby final and other big events.

The federation's co-president, Bill Wassmer, has condemned the circulation of the memo. Despite being only two weeks old, he called the memo outdated. The concerns it expressed, he said, were made in advance of a federation delegation visit to Sydney.

Wassmer said that, contrary to the sentiments contained in the memo, he had spoken to the Sydney organizers and was confident that "things had changed."

The Herald notes that Sydney 2002 is still unable to announce a principal sponsor.

Geoffrey Williams, who was named chief executive of Sydney 2002 on June 1, said on Monday the Gay Games Federation should not have issued the "inaccurate" memo. He said it did not reflect the improved prospects for Sydney 2002 in terms of sponsorship and fund-raising.

Williams freely conceded the memo had the potential to damage perceptions about the strength of the event. "It's fair to say we're pretty unhappy with it. But it was more a feeling by [the federation] about the past situation," he said. "We're very confident that when they see our budget and preparations they will be very happy. We have no doubt we can deliver games that will exceed the expectations of the FGG."

The Herald says relations between Sydney 2002 and the federation have been poor, given Sydney's failure to deliver on promises made during the bidding process. Sydney 2002's cash flow problems have been so acute it has been paying a

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