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GLRC Fundraiser 2003 A Night to Remember

It was a night of fun, comradeship, and community togetherness as many came to join in the festivities of the Gay and Lesbian Fundraiser on November 9, 2003.

Karaoke, Female Impersonation, and sometimes a mixture of both led the entertainment for those who attended and allowed them to sign up, get up, and participate by singing if they chose to. Phil and Kirsten, the Sunday Karaoke hosts were in attendance with their equipment, joined by the female and male impersonation talents of Angela Cavalier (whom fantastically sang most of the songs herself), JD Lesbani, Pretty Belle, Ebony Love. Many attendees/spectators joined them in the fun by choosing their own selections and singing their favorite songs!!! Jim, the DJ at Club Basix where the event took place, did a tremendous job coordinating the music and lights which made all who performed feel special.



The event which was organized by Alan Fredricksen and Linda Davenport, your current Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride Cedar Rapids 2003, was hosted by Alan. The event raised an amazing **\$550.00**, which included money raised from the entertainers tips (in which they graciously donated to the benefit), money raised from a silent auction (items consisting of original artwork,

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Massachusetts First State in Nation to Grant Same-Sex Couples the Right to a Civil Marriage!!!

Washington- The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled November 18, 2003 that same and opposite-sex couples **MUST** be given **EQUAL** civil marriage rights under the state constitution!!

The ruling in Goodridge et al. v. Department of Public Health makes the state the first in the nation to grant same-sex couples the right to a civil **MARRIAGE LICENSE**. Ruling that civil marriage in Massachusetts means "the voluntary union of two persons as spouses, to the exclusion of all others," the Court allowed the Legislature 180 days to change the civil marriage statutes accordingly.

"Today, the Massachusetts Supreme Court made **HISTORY**." Said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign. "This ruling will never interfere with the right of religious institutions—churches, synagogues and mosques—to determine who will be married within the context of their respective religious faiths. This is about whether gay and lesbian couples in long-term committed relationships will be afforded the benefits, rights, and protections afforded

other citizens to best care for their partners and children. This is good for gay couples and it is good for America"

Key results from this ruling:

1. Same sex couples in Massachusetts who choose to obtain a civil marriage license will now be able to:

----visit each other in the hospital, without question

----make important health care and financial decisions for each other

----have mutual obligations to provide support for each other

----file joint state tax returns, and have the burden of advantages of the state tax law for couples, and

----receive hundreds of other protections under the law.

The Boston based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) brought the case on behalf of seven gay and lesbian couples after they were denied civil marriage certificates solely because they were same-sex couples.

"GLAD and Mary Bonauto, its leading lawyer, did an outstanding job arguing this case with professionalism and passion. This tremendous victory would not have been possible without their

exemplary efforts," said Birch

The Human Rights Campaign signed onto a "Friend of the court" brief in Goodridge to support and further explain the case for extending civil marriage rights to same-sex couples under the state constitution. A variety of other civil rights organizations, religious groups, child welfare experts, family and legal historians and others are either signed or filed briefs on their own in favor of extending civil marriage laws to same-sex couples.

For additional informations, please go to web site addresses:

<http://www.hractioncenter.org>

<http://www.hractioncenter.org/millionformarriage/join.html>

Next Month, watch for News Release in the Resource Line:

Illinois Governor Gives Equality Bill Priority Push as it Goes to Senate

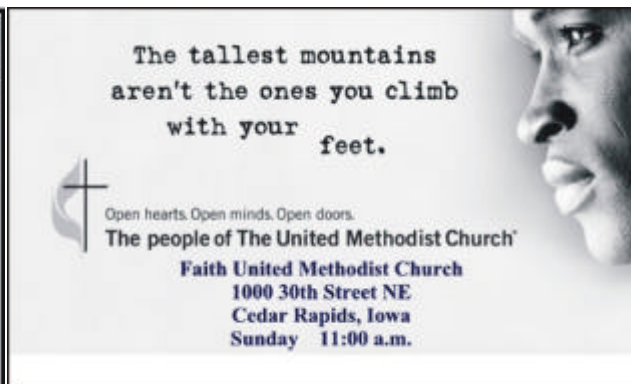


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GLRC Fundraiser 2003

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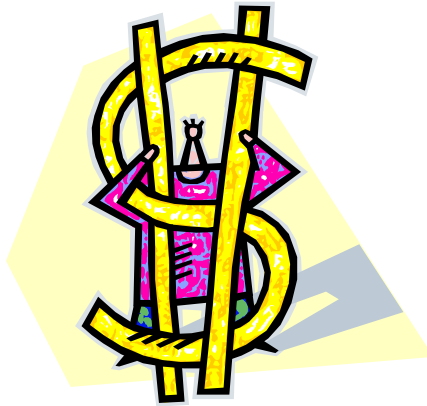
jewelry, and gay pride items which were donated so generously by Sandra Reimer and her partner, Jen), and \$127.00, collected from a raffle organized by Brian, a member of the KC Pioneers who so graciously agreed to assist Alan on one days notice with this fundraiser. The raffle total was to be split between the winner and the Center equally, but when Kathy Dronbarger was announced as the winner, she donated her prize to the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center without a second thought.

On a personal note, in Alan's own words he would like to say: "This is the first time I have ever attempted to organize any kind of fundraiser, so I would like to personally thank

everyone who was involved. Each of us has our own personalities and opinions, and in turn we can strive through these differences to new heights of awareness, community involvement, and make our existence shine in a positive visual way!!!

A special thanks to Russ Harwick, who pushed as usual to keep me organized and striving for perfection, and to Rita Wall, who allowed us to hold this event at Club Basix. It is true that a few of us can make a huge difference in the community and with more involvement, the changes to be made can only become more profound and substantial. Thank you"

(More photos on Page 8)



Love Animals" We Sure Do!
Cedar Valley Humane Society Benefit
Sunday, January 18, 2004

Listen Up! Perk Up your ears!
The 3rd Annual Cedar Valley Humane Society is drawing near and we want you to be a part of it!

The Cedar Valley Humane Society located at 7411 Mt. Vernon Road SE is a place many of us have chosen our family pets and given them a loving home to live in. Some of us have even bought burial plots in the pet cemetery there to lay our loved family pets to rest.

Like anything else in this world, the Humane Society relies on all of us, and the

community to survive and pay the costs to operate, since they do not receive any federal or state funding. Last year we raised over \$750.00 for them in addition to collars, food, and general pet supplies during our fundraiser.

The GLBT community is one community who always seems to step up, probably due to their outgoing love for animals in their homes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! The Benefit will be hosted by your current Mr. Gay Pride Cedar Rapids, Alan Fredricksen with the event taking place at Club Basix, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The animals need help to survive and a chance to be loved, and we as a community CAN and WILL offer them that option!!



**Cedar Rapids
Men's Social Network**

On November 21, 2003, the first event for the Cedar Rapids Men's Social Network kicked off to great start with 14 attendees.

The night, which took place at the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center allowed for some good conversation, great potluck food, and some activities. It is the intention of the Network, which plans to meet monthly at different venues, to allow men who wish to attend the chance to get to know one another personally and to allow for professional contacts within the Gay working community.

There will not be a function during the month of December due to holiday schedules, but look in the January Newsletter for the location in January!!

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Tell the community about your service or business by placing your advertisement in *The Resource Line*. Out rates are reasonable.

Ad deadlines are the 15th of the previous month without the expressed permission of the Resource Line editor.

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Rates (per month)

Business Card (3.5 X 2)	\$15
1/4 Page (3.5 X 5)	\$30
1/2 Page (5 X 7 or 3.5 X 10)	\$50
Full Page (7 X 10)	\$75
Design and Layout Fee	\$25

"Join us at the GLRC's 2nd Annual Free Holiday Dinner at Faith United Methodist Church on Christmas Day, December 25th at 5:00 pm"

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Please make checks payable to GLRC of Cedar Rapids
You may send your completed form
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GLRC of Cedar Rapids
P.O. Box 1643
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1643

Sponsorship Levels:

Less than \$50	Red Swirl	\$200 to \$349	Green Swirl
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Mail Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

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Sponsorship Amount: _____

As Syphilis Cases Rise, So Do AIDS Fears

Washington Post (11.21.03) - Friday, November 21, 2003

Rob Stein

Yesterday, federal health officials reported an increase in the number of Americans infected with syphilis for the second year in a row, reversing a decade-long decline in its incidence. Experts fear the rise in syphilis portends an increase in HIV/AIDS cases, because syphilis is transmitted in the same way, and the outbreak is primarily among gay and bisexual men.

"We are extremely concerned about that possibility," said Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri, deputy director of the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention at CDC, which released the new figures. "We're dealing with issues of prevention burnout and skepticism." Syphilis-infected people are more susceptible to HIV, more likely to develop AIDS, and more likely to spread HIV to others.

From 2001 to 2002, the national syphilis rate increased from 2.2 cases per 100,000 people to 2.4 per 100,000, a 9.1 percent rise. The total number of cases increased from 6,103 to 6,862, a 12.4 percent jump. Cases among men increased from 4,134 to 5,267, up 27.4 percent. Cases among women declined by 19 percent. Officials estimate that more than 40 percent of 2002 cases occurred among gay and bisexual men.

Syphilis incidence increased even though syphilis has been dropping among African American men and women, a decrease attributed to intensive public health campaigns. Increased syphilis rates

have prompted a call by the National Association of People with AIDS for more syphilis testing.

"I hear far too often from folks living with HIV or AIDS that our doctors don't ask if we need STD testing," said Eric Ciasullo of the association. "Since it can be hard for some of us to ask for this essential health care service, I think health care providers should ask us."

The report, "Primary and Secondary Syphilis - **United States**, 2002," appeared in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (2003;52(46):1117-1120.)



WORLD AIDS DAY BENEFIT

Thursday, December 4, 2003

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Collins Plaza Hotel

New Venue!

Cedar Rapids

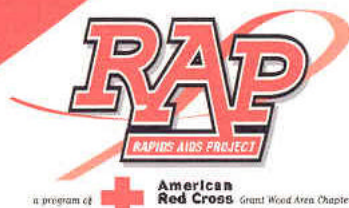
Dinner and Music

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of items.

Quilt panels from
the Names
Project

Recognize
those fighting HIV
and AIDS, and honor
those who have lost their fight.

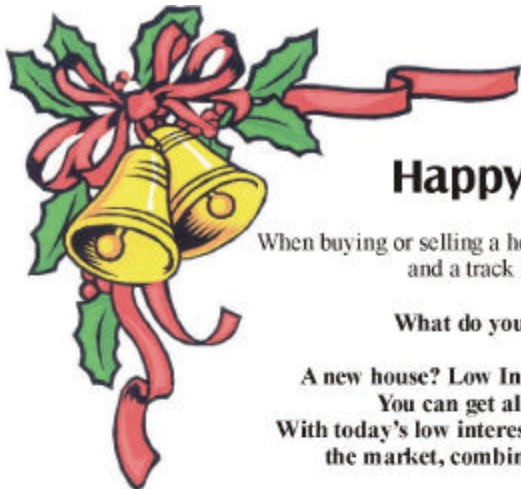
Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased
in advance. For tickets call the Rapids AIDS
Project, a program of the American Red Cross 393-3500.





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GLRC Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide an information and referral center for the mutual support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons, their families, friends, and allies, and the community at large



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Christmas Day, December 25,
2003
Faith United Methodist Church
1000 30th St NE, Cedar Rapids

Doors Open 4:30
Dinner 5:00 p.m.

RSVP by calling the GLRC at
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See our Rainbow Pages (<http://www.crglrc.org/rainbow>) for more listings

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Iowa Realty
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319-981-9260 (Mobile)
- David J. Cleary, Realtor**
Iowa Realty
319-366-2394 X14 (Business)
319-298-1872 (Home)
- Kathy Hall, Realtor**
Marion Arens & Associates
319-362-9111 (Business)
319-269-0024 (Home)
- Brian E. Martin, Realtor**
WHY USA - Advantage Realty
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319-364-3777 (Home)
- Hanna B. Weston, Attorney at Law**
305 2nd St. SE Suite 420
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-7796

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 52401
319-364-1580
- One Flight Up**
44-48 Main St.
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-582-8357
- Studio 13**
13 S Linn
Iowa City, IA
- The Metro**
GLBT Bar
510 Mulberry (between 4th & Park)
Waterloo, IA 50703
319-232-2239

HEALTH

- AIDS Interfaith Network of Eastern IA**
162 East 4th St.
Waterloo, IA 50703
- Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women**
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
319-390-4342
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321 East First St.
Iowa City, IA 52240
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<http://www.icare-ia.org>
- Iowa City Free Medical Clinic**
Fine Confidential HIV Testing
120 North Dubuque St.
Iowa City, IA 52245
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This Week in Eastern Iowa

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/glbtiissues_easterniowa
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SOCIAL / SUPPORT

Coe Alliance

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

GLRC of Cedar Rapids

Drop-In Thursdays 7 - 9 PM
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Spirit Hill Women's Retreat

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The Quire (Eastern Iowa's GLBT Chorus)

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Faith UCC, 1609 Forest St
Iowa City, IA
<http://www.thequire.org>

UNITY

GLBT Club for Students at Kirkwood Community College in CR
Julia Haseleu
Jhasele@kirkwood.cc.ia.us

SPIRITUAL / WORSHIP

Faith United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation
Worship Service at 11AM
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-363-8454
<http://www.crfaihtumc.org>

Pathways of Light Spiritual College

Rev. Lorna Lang, O.M.C.
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319-447-5729

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

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Forum at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM
600 3rd Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-362-9827
<http://www.peoples.cedarrrapids.uus.org>

Unity Center of Cedar Rapids

Rev. Thelma Hembroff
Sunday Service 10 AM
3791 Blairs Ferry Road NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-393-5422 or
319-393-6837 (dial-a-prayer)

SUPPORT

First Friday Breakfast Club in the Corridor

Meets First Friday of each month at 7 AM at the Clarion Hotel on 33rd St SW
Email Jacob Wittrock for more information
ffb2@hotmail.com

GLBT AA

Wednesday nights at 7 PM
Faith United Methodist Church
1000 30 St NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Iowa Artistry

Transgender Support
PO Box 11093
Cedar Rapids, IA 52410
IowaArtistry@igforum.com
www.transgender.org/iaor/index.html

National AIDS Hotline

Call 319-393-9579 for information

PFLAG

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
4th Tuesday, Faith United Methodist Church
1000 30th St. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-399-2543 or Pflagcr@yahoo.com
<http://www.geocities.com/pflagcr>

Women's Chat Support Group

2nd Wednesday of every month
6:30-8:30 PM at GLRC
305 2nd St SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-2055

DECEMBER 2003

GLRC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

All Calendar events are held at the GLRC (305 2nd St SE, Suite 324)
Unless otherwise specified (Tel: 319-366-2055)

See the area resource list for other location address

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	2	3 Women's Group 6:30—8:30 PM GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	4 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	5 FFBC2 7:00AM Clarion Hotel	6 Holiday Concert The Quire 8:00 PM Zion Lutheran Church Iowa City, IA
7 GLRC Board Meeting 2 PM	8 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	9	10 GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	11 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	12 Open Door Coffee House 7:00PM	13
14 Holiday Concert The Quire 3:00 PM Faith UMC Cedar Rapids, IA	15 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	16	17 GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	18 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	19 Movie Night 7 PM Faith UMC	20
21	22 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	23 PFLAG Meeting Faith UMC 7 PM	24	25 GLRC Xmas Din- ner 5:00PM Faith UMC	26	27
28	29 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	30	31			

EVENTS COMING UP!! Mark your calendars

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Cedar Valley Humane Society Benefit Club Basix

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