



The Resource Line

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

Cedar Rapids Pride Fest 2000

Cedar Rapids' 3rd Annual Pride Fest is shaping up and promises to be the best one ever. Plans are being finalized and the Committee is now in the final stages before implementation.

Taking place in downtown's Greene Square Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 10, this milestone event will bring together people from all walks of life to celebrate the contributions made to our community by gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals and to take a stand in favor of equal rights.



Youthful Prideflag-bearer at Pride Fest 1999

A stage will feature music and entertainment throughout the afternoon, as well as statements from citizens who believe that discrimination have no place in Iowa. Booths lining the park will offer information, food, drinks, books, music, art and more.

Pride Fest 2000 has been organized and planned by a Planning Committee composed of individuals from the Cedar Rapids area who are intent on making this event one of Cedar Rapids' best Pride celebrations of the 3 year history of Gay Pride Festivals. Weekly planning meetings have been held every Monday

night at 7 p.m. at CSPS, 1103 Third Street SE

If you, your business, or organization would like to rent a booth at Pride Fest, call Barb at the Resource Center, 319-366-2055. The Center office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon until 3 p.m. Suggested contribution is \$20 for an informational booth, \$40 for commercial. Booth space is limited, but still available, so reserve yours today.

If someone from your group would like to speak or perform at Pride Fest, contact Barb at 319-366-2055. Time on the stage is also limited, but the organizers hope to accommodate a wide range of speakers and entertainment.

To provide support to Pride Fest as a "Friend of Pride" with a tax-deductible contribution, mail your check to the GLRC and designate it Pride Fest 2000.

Whatever you do, mark your calendars now (Saturday, June 10th) and plan to attend this event.

New GLRC Open House Hours

The GLRC open house hours are changing. Currently the GLRC hosts open house gatherings eight times a month. The GLRC board of directors at the last board meeting decided to change the open house dates. The new dates are:

Mondays from 7 - 9 PM as usual
2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7 - 9 PM
(The 2nd Thursday of each month will tentatively have a speaker. The 4th Thursday is Movie night, and potluck.)

These changes have been made on our calendar so be sure to make the changes on yours. Hope to see you soon. Come check out the **NEW** center.

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Thursday, June 22nd Movie Night & Potluck Featuring "To Wong Foo"

Bring your favorite dish to share and a hearty appetite on June 22nd, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please remember the GLRC is now located at 305 2nd Street SE Suite 324 take 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, also to check out the new larger office space, and better yet it is FREE. Don't want to come to the GLRC alone? Bring a friend — this event is an open event, and all ages are welcome to come to movie night. See you at the GLRC.

Movie Review from Amazon.com: This was one of the most uplifting movies I've ever seen. After seeing the movie Seven, I went to see To Wong Foo and laughed from the beginning to the end. The outfits were just wonderful. I especially loved Patrick Swayze's clothes. John Leguizamo was just sassy as Miss Chi Chi. Wesley Snipes had it going on as Noxema Jackson.

I've seen this movie so many times I can recite the whole script. Director Beeban Kidron did an excellent job. Stockard Channing's performance was excellent as Caroline.

This is the perfect movie for depression. Im still hoping for a sequel. If it doesn't happen, I will never get tired of re-watching To Wong Foo Thanks for everything Julie Newmar

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting?

The GLRC has had some inquiries about gay/lesbian/transgendered AA meetings. Currently the closest AA meeting is in Iowa City. The GLRC would like to bring a meeting to Cedar Rapids. If you or you know of someone who would like to facilitate an AA meeting at the Center please contact Barb Osborn at the GLRC Center during office hours 319 366-2055. This could be an open or closed meeting. We are hoping to have this started by July. Keep watching the Resource Line for further updates.

Fundraising Items Needed

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 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 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!

GLRC of Cedar Rapids

General and Board Meeting Minutes May 2, 2000

Attending: There were 12 members in attendance.

Chris Taylor opened the meeting at 7 p.m. in the new GLRC offices at 305 2nd St SE.

Reports:

Kris distributed the April minutes, which were accepted into the record. Dave S. presented the quarterly treasurer's report which will appear in the next newsletter. Barb reviewed the office report of attendance and phone calls. Anniversary open house was a big success with over 75 attending.

Old Location: Barb requested volunteers to clean the old center. Traci volunteered and a sign-up was distributed for additional volunteers. The city will pick up remaining items from the curb for a charge. As soon as the GLRC is completely out, Barb will call for utility shut-off and request a deposit refund.

Grant: Kris requested that Board members supply community leader contact information, obtain their permission, and e-mail to her—Barb will ask Harvey Ross, Scott will ask Dale Todd, and Dick will ask Rev. Tom Mohan. Kris will ask Kathy Hall. Dave will write up a budget projection for 2000.

Pridefest: Dick has ordered t-shirts. There are only a few vendors so far. Most of the logistics are in place. The GLRC will staff the Pridefest table.

Youth Pride Alliance: Barb introduced Becky Reynolds from Young Parents Network, who has volunteered to facilitate YPA. Becky is experienced with youth and group facilitation! Sara Connors will co-facilitate. Becky will begin by ordering educational materials with the ICAP grant monies, which must be spent by the end of June.

Women's Voices: Diane has resigned as facilitator. Barb will fill in until a new facilitator is found.

Lives Worth Living Men's Group: Fundraising and HIV awareness events planned for May were announced.

Education and Outreach Reports: Traci distributed an education plan, including a list of topics for monthly programs to be held at the GLRC. A speakers bureau is also planned for outreach education, including staff training on GLBT issues for agencies such as ASAC and Foundation 2. Kris proposed writing a grant to the Chicago Resource Center for the education and outreach programs. Chris presented the outreach plan and two letters to be sent out for new center "open house"



At 8th Anniversary Celebration, GLRC Board members present the Anniversary cake to the general membership. Left to right: Scott Alt, Steve Franks, Kris Davis, Chris Taylor, Tracie Taylor, David Shafer, and Barb Osborn.

events—for the press, building neighbors and collaborating agencies in the community. He also proposed

ads in GLBT media, GLRC presence at local festivals and a booth at Iowa City Pridefest. Volunteers are needed for both committees.

Fundraising Committee Report: Planning needs to be done for the Picnic fundraising event on July 15.

Newsletter: Phil N. has resigned as co-editor. Scott requested help with articles. The prior decision to mail only to GLRC sponsors was reaffirmed. Newsletters are distributed in several locations in Cedar Rapids at no charge.

Open Houses: Dave requested that the Board reconsider the number of open houses, since attendance is low and the Board has many other priorities for the GLRC which involve volunteer time. The Board voted to change open house to the 2nd and 4th Monday. In addition, the center will be open one Thursday night for potluck/movie and one Thursday night for an education/discussion group, beginning in June.

Next Meeting: June 7, 7 p.m.

GLRC Financial Report

for the 3 Months Ending March 31, 2000

Prepared by Dave Shafer

Income:

Advertising	\$ 515.00
Contributions	4,807.00
Grants	2,500.00
Program Fees	310.00
.... Total Income	8,132.00

Expense:

Bank Service Charges.	2.12
Office Supplies	329.11
Postage and Delivery.	244.43
Printing and Reproduction.	529.75
Program Expense	147.46
Rent	850.00
Telephone.	116.34
Gas and Electric	305.41
Water	12.22
.... Total Expense	2,538.84

Other Income 316.00

Net Income 5,909.16

GLRC Education & Outreach Committees

The Education and Outreach Committees of the GLRC are hard at work preparing programs for the summer and fall. A vital part of the GLRC mission is to educate members of the GLBT community and the community at large. Plans are underway to offer regular educational programming, in services to local organizations, and a full-scale outreach program.

If you are interested in serving on either the Committee and/or have a suggestions for educational programs, contact the Education Coordinator Traci Taylor at 319-366-2055 or email traci.taylor@att.net or the Outreach Coordinator Christ Taylor at (319) 366-2055 or email ctaylor@co.johnson.ia.us. This is YOUR community center, make sure you have a voice in its future!

Odetta Concert With a Special Guest Appearance by The Quire

The Quire, Eastern Iowa's GLBT Chorus, will perform as guests during the Odetta Concert on Saturday, June 10th, 8 PM at Theatre Cedar Rapids. This performance immediately follows the Quire's special performance at the Cedar Rapids Pride Fest 2000 in the downtown Greene Square Park that same day.

Odetta is celebrating her 50th year in show business. She is a true master of folk, gospel and blues – a pioneer of American "roots" music. She's shared the stage with Pete Seeger, Harry Belafonte, Marian Anderson, Miriam Makeba and B. B. King, and was an inspiration to Joan Baez, Bob Dylan and Janis Joplin. Her influence can be heard today in the work of such artists as Tracy Chap-

man, Joan Armatrading and Cassandra Wilson.

Alongside her musical achievements, Odetta is an outstanding civil and human rights activist. In 1999 President and Mrs. Clinton

awarded her the National Medal of the Arts.

Tickets are \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door. Presented by CSPS, 1103 Third St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA.



GLBT History Project

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be GLBT in Cedar Rapids five years ago? What about 10 years or 25 years ago? What about 50 or more years ago?

Believe it or not, Cedar Rapids has a long GLBT history. Plans are in the works for a GLBT History Project.

There is a committee being formed to develop the Cedar Rapids GLBT History Encyclopedia for future reference and more permanently record our long history in the

Eastern Iowa book of records.

If you have an interest in the GLBT history of Cedar Rapids, have been a part of GLBT history of Cedar Rapids, or know someone who could contribute to this project, please contact GLRC Board Member Chris Taylor, 319-366-2055 or email: ctaylor@co.johnson.ia.us.



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Youth Pride Alliance (YPA) Investigates Ways to Meet Other GLBT Youth.

At one of their recent meetings, the YPA group put together a list of places and ways to meet other GLBT youth. A lot of these would apply to all of us.

- CSPA events
- ICON personals
- Barnes & Noble coffee shop
- Panera Bread (seems pretty open minded)
- AOL; search in the people profiles section under "gay, Cedar Rapids" or something similar
- GLRC events see www.crglrc.org
- friends
- using gay jewelry, key chains, bumper stickers, pins, belts, dog collars & leashes, T-shirts, etc. Many of these items are available at the Alternatives store in Iowa City or the Lambda Rising book store online.
- conferences
- political events
- Journey's End store in Marion
- PFLAG meetings
- Churches including Faith United Methodist and People's Unitarian
- Flavorable Reviews coffee shop, 10-2 M-F and 6-midnight Fri & Sat
- College groups at local schools: Coe, Cornell, Kirkwood, University of Iowa,
- Women's Resource & Action Center in Iowa City
- Happy Chef on Blairs Ferry Rd

It is one of the ways that the youth group may explore ways to extend their circle of friends as teen-agers, since they are not of legal age and are prohibited from attending other underage businesses.

YPA Members Attend Iowa City Youth Dinner

On May 13, three members of the GLRC youth group trekked down to Iowa City to hear Gina Russell speak. Gina is a senior at Ames High School. She is also the founder of SPECTRUM, the gay – straight student alliance at her school. The event was sponsored by the Iowa Civil Liberty Union, which offered scholarships to GLBT youth who wanted to attend. A total of 18 youth from across Iowa attended the event. The evening included a wonderful dinner and an opportunity for Cedar Rapids, Ames and Iowa City youth to meet.

Gina's speech was uplifting, humorous and empowering. Gina came out in eighth grade. She remembers that first year as being both traumatic and important. During that year she endured daily harassment, name calling and even threats of violence. One afternoon, she was followed home from the bus stop by several male classmates who taunted her and threw rocks. The school administration didn't offer any support.

In high school, life was much easier. The administration was supportive and the name

calling became infrequent. Gina even took another girl to the prom. "It was fantastic" she said. There were some strange looks, but also a lot of support. She formed SPECTRUM during her freshman year at Ames High.

Gina was lucky to receive strong support from her family. But she is quick to point out that not all GLBT youth are as lucky. She reminded us that 30% or all GLBT youth attempt suicide. One of her older classmates was badly beaten during his freshman year at college, and required hospitalization. Another one of her friends attempted suicide. Others have been kicked out of their homes. Gina has tried to help by being a "beacon" for other GLBT youth. "I try to be as out as possible....I'm very vocal" she said.

Gina will be attending Smith College in the fall. When asked if she would return to Iowa after graduation, she hinted that Vermont might be her final landing spot.



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Ellen Hart, Hallowed Murder

P231 (Ballantine Books 1989) \$5.99

This month, not only do we bring you another Lambda Award-winning author, but we also take you to Minneapolis. Ellen Hart, author of this month's Lesbian mystery Hallowed Murder, is also a two-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award for Best Mystery/Detective Fiction. Hallowed Murder is the first book in the Jane Lawless mystery series. So, if you like Hallowed Murder, you can choose from seven other Jane Lawless mysteries. The Jane Lawless series is down to earth, intelligent and engrossing, and reminiscent of the British classic-cozy detective style.

Jane Lawless is not a private investigator like the last two series characters we read. She is a restaurateur, who has worked hard to make her south Minneapolis lakeside restaurant a huge success. Her Father is the famous Raymond Lawless, a St. Paul Defense Attorney, and her brother Peter Lawless is a cameraman for a local television station. Jane sometimes helps her Father with his cases and has earned herself the reputation of amateur sleuth. This series is written

in the much revered English cozy style with crisp, elegant prose and scintillating atmosphere.

Hallowed Murder opens with Jane and her best friend, Cordelia Thorn, finding the body of a young woman under a foot bridge, during their early morning walk around Lake of the Isles. Jane soon discovers that the dead woman is a member of the Kappa Alpha Sigma sorority at the University of Minnesota, where Jane is an alumni advisor to her old sorority. The police rule the death a suicide, but the sorority housemates insist that it's murder. That's when Jane steps in to find out the truth. And does she find the truth!! It seems, the murdered sorority sister was a Lesbian, and was possibly being blackmailed. This tidbit of information, of course, sends Kappa Alpha Sigma into a tisey. The investigation heats up when Jane's home is broken into and the only things stolen are Jane's and the dead woman's diaries.

Of course, a great murder mystery is not all Ellen Hart serves up. Jane Lawless is recovering from the death of her long-time lover, Christine, and right now is living

vicariously through her best friend's love antics. During a party at Cordelia's home, Cordelia's ex-lover shows up wearing a lampshade on her head, enough to make Jane glad that right now she has chosen to be single. However, as you work your way through the Jane Lawless series, the author writes in some terrific women for Jane to grapple with personally, along with finding the killers.

So, we've been to New York City with Sandra Scoppettone's Private Investigator, Lauren Laurano, to San Francisco with Mary Wings' P.I. Emma Victor, and we've been to Minneapolis with Ellen Hart's restaurateur, Jane Lawless. Stop by next month when we'll be in

New Orleans with J.M. Redmann's P.I. Micky Knight, in Deaths of Jocasta.

For more Jane Lawless compelling whodunit's, pick up Stage Fright, A Small Sacrifice, Robber's Wine, or Wicked Games, at your local booksellers. Have fun reading another great Lesbian mystery novel and stay tuned to this space for more great book reviews in the mystery genre. If you would like to know where to find the books reviewed in this column, have questions, or just want to start a dialogue about Lesbian mystery books, you can email me at LesMysteryBook@AOL.COM.

Written by Carmela F. Alfonso

The Body Shoppe



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Tour a New Drug Trial Tool

by Gregory Rowe
For Gay.com Network

So you've heard a lot about drug trials and never really participated in one? Or maybe you have, but it's been years. Today there are several good reasons why it might be in your best interest to join a drug trial.

The first of course is that you're running out of treatment options. A trial might allow you timely access to drugs that haven't been put on the market yet. Another reason might be lack of health care coverage. If you don't have medical insurance and don't carry around a pot of gold, you may be able to get free access to drugs by participating in a study. Another good reason is simply to help science make progress. Who knows you may have a certain number of characteristics that make you the perfect model for observation with a magnifying glass.

But finding trials and navigating this complex world can be a real pain in the neck. To make things a little simpler, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the grande dame of epidemiology in Atlanta, Ga., has come up with a new tool, a clinical trials Web site. Clive Aspin, of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organizations, thinks clients will "find the database extremely helpful."

A guided tour

If your computer has enough capacity to run two windows, make your Gay.com screen smaller and double click on this: . This will bring up a new window on your screen. Make that screen smaller and

format it (usually by using the little corner tab on the bottom right) so that you can put the two windows side by side on your screen. Now you're ready for a tour with your favorite Positive Living guide.

In the very first paragraph, you see the words *clinical trials*. Click on this link. Now don't be scared. This is their "How to" section. It's supposed to reassure you. It's actually quite helpful, easily worded so as not to be too techy and the questions are pretty close to a real patient's reality. The first question on this list: "What is a clinical trial?" Gives an excellent overview of the whole clinical trial process. The second question: "What questions should you ask?" brings up a rather funky drawing with tacky colors but the list of questions to ask your provider are quite pertinent. You may want to print these out and take them with you if you decide to go see a doctor participating in a trial. Back on the list of questions, you'll also find the third question links to a pretty cool Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section for women. The first question starts with "I don't want to be a guinea pig..."

A focused search

The best feature on this new database is by far the "focused search" function. Go up to the bar along the top and click on "search." Then click on "focused search" beneath the empty search field. Don't bother to lose time on a normal search. This database covers trials for several illnesses, thus a focused search allows you to hone in on only the HIV studies. The

titles of each category on the search form to the left of the fields are in fact links that offer you a handy-dandy pop-up box explaining what can and can't go in that field.

This database is composed of studies of several medical conditions, so for the condition you want to put HIV. Then indicate that you are looking for trials that are recruiting by clicking the "enrollment status" field. If you don't do this, you will get a whole lot of trials that are completed or no longer recruiting. Check the box that refers to your age group. Then you have several possibilities:

- You can search by geographic site (trial location).
- You can search by a drug name, if you're interested in a specific one (experimental treatment).
- You can search by a specific side effect (additional terms).

Reading the studies

Now, don't be scared by the titles. Some of them can be very off-putting; others may appear really user-friendly and aren't. What's really important is to read the inclusion and exclusion criteria right off the bat. These will tell you if you can participate and whether it's worth your time reading the study design.

You will need to know the names of your drugs for many of them. Don't forget: Most drugs have three names so the one you know may not be the one referred to in the study. To make things even

more complicated the three letter abbreviations also refer to these drugs (IDV for Indinavir, RTV for Ritonavir, etc.). The links at the top of this article to Project Inform and AIDS Map will take you to good glossaries for getting information on each drug. Browse through these studies to see if any meet your criteria. The phone numbers are indicated, if you wish to call to get more information.

Another thing you might want to pay attention to is possible side effects. As veteran's of HIV drugs know, they don't all hit but when they do you know it. Sometimes it's good to set some low-key time aside just in case starting new meds brings on new side effects.

Some database downfalls

Even if this service is a great cut above the old printed versions that were cumbersome and never up-to-date, this database presents a few disadvantages. The first is that it does not include many international links. Granted the CDC is a national entity mainly funded by U.S. taxpayers but its resources, particularly on the Internet, are consulted the world over. This site could be a good place to present more trials being conducted in other countries. According to representatives of the National Library of Medicine, this isn't likely to change. Another downfall is that the site only includes the "conventional" and doesn't recognize the more "marginal" drugs.

The last thing to remember, no matter what, is to talk this over with your favorite doctor. There may be some good reasons not to go into a study.

Methodist Losses Only Embolden Soulforce

CLEVELAND — Religious gay and lesbian rights protestors may have lost every vote at the United Methodist General Conference, but participants in the Soulforce demonstrations in Cleveland last week came away with a powerful feeling of empowerment and accomplishment.

"It may take 100 years, but we're not giving up," the Rev. Don Fado, who faced a church trial for officiating gay unions, told the Denver Post.



These somewhat sanguine views contrasted sharply with the turbulent close of the conference itself. Final votes on the ordination of non-celibate gay people was 640 to 317, a 67 percent opposing majority. The vote reaffirming that the Bible clearly teaches against homosexuality was 628 to 337, a 65 percent majority. A resolution opposing same-sex unions passed 646 to 294, a 69 percent majority.

"This body is lacerated," the Rev. Linda Campbell-Marshall told reporters. "There is going to be a profound need for pastoral care, for damage control. We had a two-thirds, one-third vote. One-third of our people are bleeding tonight, and they are not going to stop bleeding

because the issue is legislatively resolved."

"We were raised in your Sunday schools and confirmed as adults, and told that we are second-class citizens of God's kingdom," said protestor Randy Miller of San Francisco. He said the 30 or so protestors would have to be forcibly removed from the Assembly chambers "to symbolize the broken covenant that has occurred here today," he said.

As they were led away, an anguished Bishop Daniel Solomon who chaired the meeting, hid his face in his hands after announcing he had no choice but to allow the arrests. "I bury my head in prayer. I cannot witness what is about to occur."

While the dramatic confrontations in the end still led to disappointing results at the Methodist meeting, Soulforce, which organized the faith-based gay rights protests, is surging into a new stage of national activism. The next two targets for the group are the Presbyterian General Assembly in Long Beach in June and the Episcopal General Convention in Denver in July.

The faith-based gay movement "is like the civil rights movement," said Fado,

pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento. "It's not a protest but an act of fidelity" to push the church toward being gay-friendly, he said.

Most of the Methodist votes on gay issues were 2-to-1 against the gay proposals presented, but many protestors see value in the protests in presenting a different point of view. "I think too many delegates worry about what the folks back home will say,"

said the Rev. Gil Caldwell. "When you're a delegate to a church convention, you're supposed to be open to change, to seeing things in a new light..."

Caldwell said he has seen the church apologize for its complicity in slavery and for its discrimination against women. "Sometime the church will admit it's been wrong about excluding gays," he said Friday.

The QUILT in DC: "Standing for an AIDS-Free Future"

On Saturday, April 29, under sunny skies, we held a new panel dedication ceremony during the weekend of the Millennium March on Washington, DC. More than 1,000 new Quilt panels were dedicated on the National Mall. Hundreds of panel makers and visitors gathered as the new panels were unfolded, while Quilt founder Cleve Jones, Sandra Thurman, Director of the White House Of-

fice of National AIDS Policy, and others read the names of the people memorialized on the Quilt

Many thanks to all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making the event a success!

Visit our website (<http://www.aidsquilt.org>) to see photographs from the event

Clinton Declares AIDS A National Security Threat

Just a day after the new Quilt panels were laid out on the National Mall in DC, an article ran on the front page of the Newspaper - Washington Post (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A40503-2000Apr29.html>) noting that the Clinton administration had formally designated AIDS as a U.S. national security threat.



Considering the global spread of AIDS has reached "catastrophic dimensions," the White House fears that the disease could play a significant role in dismantling or crippling foreign governments and free-market economies.

And added that it may spark ethnic conflict or war.

Laura Schlessinger Losing Sponsors

Excerpted from GLAADAlert (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation)

This week, Procter & Gamble, one of the nation's largest advertisers, announced it will not be making ad buys for the upcoming Laura Schlessinger television show. P&G said it was originally making the buys based on information that the Paramount Domestic Television-syndicated show's focus would be reasonable parenting. P&G reversed that position, issuing a statement saying, "As we've studied it more closely, we've decided it isn't possible to separate the broad range of Dr. Laura's opinions from the specific focus of this program." The company also said it would not renew its ad contracts for Schlessinger's radio program.

P&G, an industry trendsetter, passing on supporting Schlessinger's brand of defamation sends an important message that will reverberate throughout the ad industry.

GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry said: "Make no mistake, this is huge. Other advertisers will follow Procter &

Gamble's lead and will think twice about being connected with Schlessinger and her messages of intolerance."

P&G's reversal comes after several weeks of GLAAD working with P&G, including contacting its stockholders directly and working on a daily basis with members of its gay, bisexual and lesbian employee group in its efforts internally. GLAAD also reached out to community organizations, asking them to send e-mail alerts encouraging their constituents to write P&G and express concerns.

GLAAD now urges everyone to contact P&G and thank the company for its decision. As is to be expected, Schlessinger supporters are actively bombarding the company with negative comments. P&G needs to hear how much it is appreciated that it made the right choice.

Contact: Procter & Gamble, P.O. Box 599, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45201; telephone: 1-800-331-3774; e-mail: www.pg.com/about/contact1.htm

GLRC ANNUAL PRIDE PICNIC

Saturday, July 15th from 1 - 6 p.m.
 Palisades-Kepler State Park

Grilled Chicken, Hamburger and Hot Dogs provided
 Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share
 Pop and blended drinks available thru Flavorable Reviews
 Suggested Donation: \$10

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.ht
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PUBLICATIONS

ACCESSLine

Iowa's Newspaper for LGBT
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
crglrc@crglrc.org

BUSINESS SERVICES

Flavorable Reviews

*Sandwiches, Soup, Coffee, Espresso,
European Desserts and Chocolates*
M-F 10-2 p.m. Fri & Sat 6 p.m. -
midnight
321 Second St SE
319-247-5085

Happy Chef North

*Menu: Includes burgers, salad bar,
sandwiches, soups, salads and
breakfast is served all day.*
Open 24 hours each day
1906 Blairs Ferry Rd NE
319-395-7793

Hanna B. Weston (Atty-at-Law)

305 2nd St. SE, Suite 420
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-7796

SOCIAL

OWL's

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

GLRC Open House

Every Monday Night
305 2nd St SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-2055

Women's Book Discussion Grp

Meets every 3 Weds at 7 p.m.
Barnes & Noble Book Store in Cedar
Rapids

Women's Family Brunch

Meets every 2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Bishops Cafeteria at Lindale Mall in
Cedar Rapids

SOCIAL/SUPPORT

Coe Alliance

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

GLRC of Cedar Rapids

305 2nd St SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
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
305 2nd St SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-366-2055

GraDykes

Iowa City, IA
For bi/les/queer/dyke identified
women in Grad School
319-337-7661

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
305 2nd St SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-366-2055

Women's Voices

1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
GLRC Resource Center
305 2nd St SE, Suite 324
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
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. Lorna 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

Please visit our "Rainbow Pages" at www.crglrc.org/rainbow for a more complete listing