

# The Resource Line

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# **November 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Board members Present: Dave Shafer, Tricia Kitzmann, Linda Davenport, Chris Formanek, Scott Alt, Andy Harrison.

Also at the meeting: Jay Mc Attee and Newsletter Layout Editor Kendy Wazac.

#### Web Site.

Scott Alt reported that the web site will be directly billed and will no longer have to be billed to a board member's credit card. Dave Shafer agreed to stay behind the scenes and assist with website when needed.

#### Secretary's Report:

Minutes were approved from the October Meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report: (Not available)

Beginning Balance 11/01/01: \$

Income: \$
Expenses: \$

Ending Balance 11/30/01: \$

#### **Programs:**

Both Men's and Women's Groups are still active. This month's programming is an Educational Meeting on the benefits of quitting smoking, scheduled for Nov. 15, the day of the Gay American Smoke Out.

#### **Grants:**

Tricia reported that grants will be written so that grant monies awarded to the GLRC will be disbursed throughout the year. This differs from past years, where the grants all ended at the same time. GLRC is also applying for a grant to assist with lesbian education.

#### **Town Meeting:**

The board is ready for the first town meeting at Club Basix, to be held December 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Board members will provide snacks. Andy will facilitate the meeting. Scott also shared results of surveys that have been turned in to the GLRC and the online surveys.

#### World AIDS Day Benefit:

Tricia asked the board if the GLRC was going to purchase a table at the WAD benefit, as we have in the past. Linda moved that the center purchase a table. Motion was approved. It was decided that board members would sit at the table.

#### Other Business:

- A motion was made to accept Jay Mc Attee to the board of directors.
- Next meeting will be Dec. 9 at 1:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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# The QUIRE

#### Eastern Iowa's G/L/B/T Chorus

After harvest, amid the encroaching days of cold and darkness, human cultures almost universally have developed rituals and festivals dedicated to light and to the return of warmth and the growing season. What better presents than the return of the sign and life's reawakening? It is no accident then that human festivals at this time honor light, hope, redemption, renewal, and other gifts.

These traditions will be celebrated in music by The Quire, Eastern Iowa's GLBT Chorus, with its annual winter concert, this year entitled "Gifts of the Season."

Two concerts will be presented. The first will be on Saturday, December 8 at 8 PM at Zion Lutheran Church (310 N. Johnson Street) in Iowa City. The second will be Sunday, December 9 at 8 PM at CSPS (1103 Third Street SE) in Cedar Rapids. Both concerts are free. Goodwill donations will be accepted.

The concert will have three themes. There will be performances of classical composers Mendelssohn, Rutter, and Thompson. There will be holiday songs celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah,

Kwanzaa, and Solstice. The concert will close with "Good Times, Good Friends, Good Fun," a series of festive and humorous songs such as "Tomorrow shall be my shopping day" and "I'll be a homo for Christmas."

The Quire is in its seventh season, led by co-directors Dr. Marlys Boote and Linda Kroon. It is a 40-voice SATB community chorus with straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender person members singing to an ever-growing straight and gay audience. The Quire is a member of GALA Choruses; an international association of 180 gay and lesbian choirs numbering 10,000 voices.



# Gifts of the Season

Singing Words Like Presdom

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#### **Concert Preview by Patrick Muller**

The Quire's mission, according to Dr. Boote, is to promote "a positive image of communities through excellence in choral music." The organization's goals are "to entertain, inspire, unite, uplift, and educate while fostering community pride and spirit; to make programs available to an increasing and diverse audience in eastern lowa; and to feature and provide opportunities for outstanding musicians of the area.

The Quire performs at many community events and fundraisers, including the annual UI Rainbow Graduation

and at the recent "Bring in the harvest: A celebration of Thanksgiving" concert for hunger relief in the Quad Cities. In 2000 it participated in the GALA international, Festival 2000, in San Jose, California. It will perform this Independence Day at GALA's regional festival in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Quire has also been a frequent performer in Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre productions including "Rigoletto" and "Die Fledermaus." This summer it released its first CD – a "best of" compilation – available at Alternatives in Iowa City. As notable as anything else, The Quire has

commissioned two musical selections for its own repertoire.

If you have never been to CSPS – the most vibrant presenter of LGBT visual and performing arts in eastern lowa – or to a Quire concert, or if it has been a while, why not give yourself a present this year and make plans to attend?

For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:thequire@hotmail.com">thequire@hotmail.com</a> or visit the group's web site at <a href="http://listen.to/thequire">http://listen.to/thequire</a>.

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### Rapids AIDS Project Hosts World AIDS Day Benefit November 30, 2001

World AIDS Day has a special place in the history of the AIDS pandemic. Since 1988, the day has brought a message of compassion, hope, and understanding about AIDs to every country in the world. Iowa is not immune to the impact of HIV and AIDS. Linn County is one of the top three counties in Iowa with the largest number of reported HIV or AIDS cases.

In observance of the 14th Annual World AIDS Day, the Rapids AIDS Project, a program of the American Red Cross Grant Wood Area Chapter, hosted its fourth annual World AIDS Day Benefit on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. A record number of tickets were sold to this year's event.

The evening began with live music and the opportunity to bid on items in the Silent Auction. Available items included gift certificates to local restaurants, stained glass artwork, a Tiffany lamp, a martini set, and much more.

Following an elegant dinner of baked chicken, green beans, new potatoes, tossed salad, rolls, and cheesecake, local celebrity Andy Shaw from KCRG-TV 9 took the stage as Master of Ceremonies. Tricia Kitzmann, HIV/AIDS Program Director for the Rapids AIDS Project, gave a moving speech on the fight to help people to understand the virus, to encourage its prevention, and to foster a feeling of compassion toward those affected by the disease. Following Tricia's speech, a somber yet touching presentation was made of two quilt panels for the *Names Project*. A guest speaker from ICAP accepted the panels. These panels will be added to a 12 x 12 panel made entirely of local panels. The audience took a moment of silence to remember those lost to HIV/AIDS.

Celebrity Auctioneers Dave Bolt and Don Zeller auctioned off a variety of items donated by local sponsors. Live auction items included original artwork by a RAP client (\$2000); a week stay in a London Flat (\$1100); cleaning supplies, complete with the RAP Staff to clean your home for two hours (\$550); and a favorite of the crowd (not to mention

Auctioneer Don Zeller!), a fire station visit and ride-a-long, CRPD ride-a-long, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts (\$650).

This evening was a great time, while raising much-needed funds for the Rapids AIDS Project. The event was sponsored by KCRG-TV Show You Care Sponsors – Hardee's, Alliant Energy, St. Luke's Hospital & U.S. Cellular, Marketing and Communications Strategies (MCS), Rockwell, WMT Stations – Mix 96½ and AM 600, Club Basix, Guaranty Bank, Toyota Financial, and Stickle Enterprise. The proceeds from this benefit go to RAP so they can continue to provide educational programs and direct services to individuals in our community and surrounding areas.

by Kathy Towe





The GLRC participated in the first annual **Gay American Smoke Out** on November 15, 2001, by holding an educational meeting for those who were interested in kicking the nicotine habit. The Gay American Smoke Out has been in existence for three years, and this is the first year the campaign went national. The GLRC of Cedar Rapids received national exposure on the campaign's web site (<a href="www.gaysmokeout.net">www.gaysmokeout.net</a>). Also participating in the event were groups from California, Hawaii, Michigan, Washington, Nevada, and other states. Participants attending this year's event received a "Quit Kit," which

provided him or her with literature on how to help kick the habit.

Guest speakers Lana, from the Area Substance Abuse Council, and AI, from the American Lung Association represented The American Cancer Society and American Heart Association. Lana provided the group with a quiz to help participants find out why they smoked, and what triggers the urge to smoke. Lana also showed the group an actual healthy human lung, which was pink in color, and one that was from a smoker, which was charcoal in color. Al provided the group with facts and statistics on the smoking habit and answered questions from the group.

The GLRC has plenty of Quit Kits available. Stop by the GLRC to pick one up. The kits will also be available at the 2002 Pride Fest.

# January Movie Night & Potluck – January 24, 2002 at 7:00 PM

January's Movie Night and Potluck features the movie, Get Real, an intensely heartfelt, entertaining, and well-acted story of a high school boy's relationship with a closeted track star. Fans of touching romance, coming-of-age drama, and gay cinematic fare

of-age drama, shouldn't miss

Pick your Center's movie on Thursday, PM to 9:00 PM Night and get real

favorite movie from the collection and join us January 24<sup>th,</sup> from 7:00 for January's Movie

this one!

Potluck. Please bring a

hearty appetite and your favorite dish to share with the crowd! The GLRC will furnish table service (plates, plastic utensils, and napkins). Soda pop is available for 50 cents each at the Resource Center.

If you haven't been to a movie night, please join us. This is a great chance to socialize and meet new friends. If you have been to a movie night, you know it's a good time, so we expect to see you again!

**Movie Night is FREE.** Bring a friend – this event is an "open event," and all ages are welcome! The GLRC is located at 305 2nd Street SE, Suite 324 (take the elevator to the third floor).



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# Philanthrofund Grant Update

The GLRC of Cedar Rapids applied for a grant from the Philanthrofund this fall. The Philanthrofund is based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For more information about the organization, visit www.philanthrofund.org.

On November 20, 2001, a letter was addressed to the GLRC of Cedar Rapids from the Philanthrofund Foundations review panel, which consists of four Philanthrofund board members and ten GLBT and allied community members. The letter stated that the panel and the board of directors approved the full amount of the GLRC's grant application. The grant was written for general operating expenses and will be used for items such as rent, web site hosting and maintenance, utility bills, and other miscellaneous needs.

The Philanthrofund has extended an invitation to the GLRC to attend its annual presentation of the Foundations Community Service Awards in February. The GLRC's board of directors will discuss the invitation at the general board meeting on December 9, 2001, to see who is available to attend the awards presentation. Please stop by the center if you wish to view the letter and see what other organizations received Philanthrofund grants.

# First Friday Breakfast Club Scholarship

The GLRC of Cedar Rapids is pleased to announce scholarships available from gay and lesbian organizations in the state.

The First Friday Breakfast Club (FFBC) Scholarship is sponsored by a group of gay men who are dedicated to awarding scholarships to high school seniors who have participated in efforts to reduce homophobia and increase awareness and tolerance of gay and lesbian issues in their school or community.

This scholarship provides at least one award for up to three thousand dollars, with preference given to applicants attending a higher education institution in the state of lowa. In the selection process, there are no restrictions or discriminations based on sex, race, religion, creed, marital status or gender orientation of the prospective recipient or his or her relatives.

# Matthew Shepard Scholarship

The Matthew Shepard Scholarship is sponsored by Lambda Beta Nu, a lesbian breakfast club, by the First Friday Breakfast Club, and underwritten by a generous grant from Rick Eychaner Charitable

Foundation. The scholarship is named in memory of Matthew Shepard, a Wyoming college student who was murdered in 1998 because he was gay.

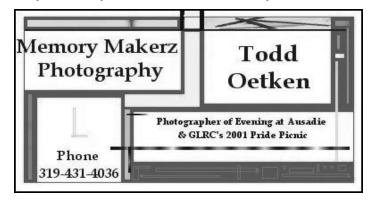
Each year up to three Matthew Shepard scholarships are awarded to high school students attending any of the lowa Board of Regents universities (<u>lowa State University</u>, <u>University of Iowa</u>, and the <u>University of Northern Iowa</u>). The scholarships cover tuition, books, and fees and are renewable for four full years based on academic progress and community service.

The Matthew Shepard Scholarship is awarded to openly gay and lesbian students who show good academic achievement and have a record of community service and/or involvement with the GLBT community. Financial need is also taken into consideration during the selection process. For these scholarships there are no restrictions or limitations in the selection process based on sex, race, religion, or creed, or marital status, or employment status of the prospective recipient or his or her relatives.

Recipients of the FFBC Scholarship and the Matthew Shepard Scholarship must be willing to have the scholarship award and selection criteria announced publicly when the scholarships are awarded.

The GLRC of Cedar Rapids has brochures available for both scholarships, which can be obtained at the GLRC during open house hours. You may also request that information to be sent to you by calling 319-366-2055 and leaving a message stating your interest in information on these scholarships. Leave your name and mailing address and we will get the information out to you via postal mail. Applications forms can be downloaded from the First Friday Breakfast Clubs website at: <a href="https://www.ffbciowa.org">www.ffbciowa.org</a>. The deadline for both scholarship programs is March 31, 2002. This information was furnished to the GLRC via the FFBC of Iowa.





# GLRC Town Meeting



Join the Cedar Rapids
Gay and Lesbian
Resource Center
© Club Basix for our first
Town Meeting
Saturday, December 15 th
7:00 - 8:30 PM

### Town Meeting Agenda:

- ✓ What is the GLRC? What does the GLRC do?
- ✓ Find out what you expect from the Organization.
- ✓ What you would like to see the Organization do in the future?
- ✓ Provide feedback to the Board of Directors.
- ✓ Inform Community on what GLRC has planned for our Tenth Year!

  Andy Harrison aka PrettyBelle will facilitate the Town Meeting being held at Club Basix!

  The 2002 GLRC Board of Directors is working on putting together other Town Meetings throughout the year so everyone's voice can be heard.

Also, please feel free to tell us online @ www.crglrc.org/survey





## Fifth Annual Pride Fest 2002



Planning Committee First Meeting
December 9, 2001 ~ 5:00 - 8:00 PM.

@ the Cedar Rapids GLRC
Pride Fest is a GLRC Event

### **Planning Committee Members Needed!**

#### Location: Cedar Rapids GLRC 305 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S.E. in The Paramount Building, Suite 324

- This year's Pride Fest promises to be the biggest and best yet.
- If you want to be a part of this year's Pride Planning committee and you work well with others, bring your open mind and join us December 9, 2001.
- At the first meeting we will map out our plan and develop committees.
- If you are interested in attending the meetings please call



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#### **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 Metro

GLBT Bar 510 Mulberry (Between 4th & Park) Waterloo, IA

319-232-2239

#### The Alley Cat

GLBT Bar 13 S. Linn St (in the alley between Linn & Dubuque) Iowa City, IA 319- 356-6969

#### 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

321 E. First St. lowa City, IA 52244 (319) 356-338-2135 voice www,ucare-ua.irg nfo@icare-ia.org

#### **Linn County Health Dept.**

Free Anonymous HIV Testing 501 13th St. NW Cedar Rapids, IA 319-892-6000

#### **Iowa City Free Medical Clinic**

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

### Planned Parenthood of East Central

Confidential STD Testing & Treatment for Men and Women Full Gynecological Exams for Women 1500 2nd Ave SE Suite 100 Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 319-363-572 www.plannedparenthood.org

#### 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**

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Info@crglrc.org

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#### SOCIAL/SUPPORT

#### Coe Alliance

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

#### **OWLs**

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

#### **GLRC of Cedar Rapids**

Open House Every Mon & Thurs Night 305 2nd St. SE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 319-366-2055 info@crglrc.org www.crglrc.org

#### GraDykes

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

#### SpiritHill Women's Retreat

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

#### UNITY

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

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

#### **SUPPORT**

#### **Men's Support Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month 6:30-8:30 p.m. at GLRC 305 2nd St SE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 319-366-2055

#### **Women's Chat Support Group**

1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at GLRC 305 2nd St SE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 319-366-2055

#### **Clare House Catholic Worker**

Independent Living for people with HIV/AIDS PO Box 1183 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1183

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
4th Tuesday of every month

Faith United Methodist Church

1000 30th St NE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 PFlagcr@yahoo.com

319-399-2543

#### **lowa Artistry**

Transgender Support
PO Box 11093
Cedar Rapids, IA 52410
lowaArtistry@tgforum.com
www.transgender.org/ioar/index.html

#### SPIRITUAL / WORSHIP

#### **Faith United Methodist Church**

A Reconciling Congregation Worship Service at 11:00 am 1000 30th St NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-363-8454 http://soli.inav.net/~faithumc

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#### **Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist**

A Welcoming Congregation Forum at 10:00 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM 600 3rd Ave. SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 319-362-9827 www.peoples.cedarrapids.uus.org

#### **Unity Center of Cedar Rapids**

Rev. Thelma Hembroff Sunday Service 10:00 am 3791 Blairs Ferry Road NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-393-5422 or 319-393-6837 (dial-a-prayer) www.unitycr.org

# Tell us what you think! The GLRC wants to hear from you!

Please circle all that apply. You can also fill out this survey online at <a href="http://www.crglrc.org/survey">http://www.crglrc.org/survey</a>.

1.	WI	nat do you feel the GLRC does?							
	A.	Community Awareness	C.	Prevention Education					
	B.	Fundraising	D.	Advocacy					
2.	2. What do you feel is the most important thing the GLRC does for the GLBT community								
	A.	Community Awareness	C.	Prevention Education					
	B.	Fundraising	D.	Advocacy					
3.	WI	nat GLRC events/programs have you participa	ated	l in?					
	A.	HIV Programs	E.	AA / NA Groups					
	B.	Men's Group	F.	Stop Smoking					
	C.	Women's Group	G.	None					
	D.	Special Monthly Education Programs							
4.	WI	nat types of events/programs would you like t	he (	GLRC to host?					
	A.	National Speakers on a variety of topics	E.	AA / NA					
	B.	Laws for the GLBT Community	F.	Stop Smoking					
	C.	Health Concerns for GLBT Community	G.	None					
	D.	Community Building	Н.	Other (Please specify					
5.	WI	nat types of events would you attend if the GL	.RC	were to have one?					
	A.	National Speakers	E.	Potlucks					
	B.	Political Speakers	F.	Movie Nights					
	C.	Health Forums	G.	None					
	D.	Fundraising Events							
6.	WI	nat would like to see the GLRC do in the futur	e?						
7.	Wo	ould you consider volunteering at the GLRC?							
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8.	W	ould you consider joining the GLRC's Board o	of D	irectors?					
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Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

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