State of Affairs

Letter from the President of the GLRC Linda Davenport

uring this time when the situation around the world is very unsure, so is the future of the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center. Sponsorships and support decreased substantially in 2002 and grant monies were reduced. Although, you have seen growth in the publication of the GLRC's newsletter and our mailing list is quickly approaching 600 names, the costs have also gone up.

Last year the total cost of the newsletter printing and mailings was approximately \$4100. You may ask the question, "What about the monies from the advertisers?" After looking over the budget report from last year, the income from advertising in the Resource Line was only \$1400, which clearly isn't enough to cover the cost.

As president, I have made the executive decision to cut back on the cost of the newsletter for the next couple of months. The community will still receive a short version of the present newsletter with information of upcoming events in the area and a couple of articles of interest. I will be asking for volunteers to help the Board of Directors collate, staple, and address the newsletters. While the copier does a fine job for small projects, a large job such as a newsletter with printing on both sides would not work because our copy machine is also in desperate need for repair, which would cost nearly \$400. So, do we spend the money on printing cost or do we spend the money on fixing the copier? Right now, neither is possible.

The purpose of my letter is to make you aware that we need your help to keep the doors of the Center open. Please support an organization that will continue to uphold the mission statement, which is to provide an information and referral center for the mutual support primarily of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered, and our families and friends, and to be an advocate for our rights. This mission statement has guided the activities of the GLRC of Cedar Rapids, Inc. for eleven years of its existence. The new Board is dedicated to upholding this mission statement with your support.

Please support the GLRC by filling out the form that is included on Page 5 of this newsletter and sending your sponsorship.

It would be much appreciated!

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Cedar Rapids Pride Fest 2003 Entertainment Update

The Cedar Rapids Pride Fest 2003 planning committee is working hard to ensure that YOU have a great Pride Festival. The committee has confirmed performances by both Paul Lekakis and Kristie Stremel

Paul's Feature Film Debut in the motion picture CIRCUIT premiered across the nation and in several foreign countries beginning in April 2002. His newest recording "Assume The Position" is on the Soundtrack for the feature film. An international recording artist. Mr Lekakis is best known for his top ten dance hit, "Boom Boom Boom Let's Go Back to My Room" which was number one on the Billboard Charts in Australia and Japan and was granted the Grand Prix Award for Single of the Year in Japan.

Mr. Lekakis will be featured in the Regent Entertainment release "Just Can't Get Enough (The Chippendale Story)".

Other recent appearances on film include "Sex, Politics and Cocktails" on television - "The Man Show" and in theatre: "Boys in the Band" and "Christopher's Yard".

Mr. Lekakis has done extensive touring both internationally and across the U.S. Paul is a native New Yorker, and currently lives in Los Angeles.

Kristie appeared on stage during last year's Pride Festival and is returning for an encore performance in the 2003 Festival. Since picking up her first electric guitar at age 12 and forming her first band at 15, Stremel's musical and performance experience has been vast. At 21, as a member of popular Missouri band Frogpond, she was part of a recording contract with Columbia Tri-Star. While touring with Frogpond, Stremel came to be known for her charismatic enthusiasm and stage antics - sometimes literally climbing the rafters as the set reached its climax.

When Exit 159 broke up in 2000, Kristie immediately went back into the studio to record as a solo artist. Stremel released her new record, "All I Really Want' in September 2001. This album draws on unusually soulful and personal sound. Stremel's gifted songwriting covers a wide range of personal, but universal topics; love, ambition, disappointment, and triumph.



Movie and Potluck Nights

May 22, 2003 and June 26, 2003 - 7 PM

Bring your favorite movie to the May and June potlucks and the group will pick one movie to watch from the collection. The GLRC will furnish plates, utensils, and napkins. A variety of pop is available for 50 cents. Movie Night is free. This is an "open event" to all ages. Please come and enjoy the fun at the GLRC











In the Spotlight: Rainbow Writes Launches at PrideFest

small group of writing enthusiasts in Cedar Rapids has decided that this year's PrideFest will be the kickoff. The group's mission statement is as follows: The purpose of Rainbow Writes is to provide an outlet for the creative writings and artistic expression of the LGBT Community. Meetings are held at the GLRC on the second Ttuesday of each month from 8 -7:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact trhe GLRC at 319-3669-2055 and leave a brief message, your name and phone number OR email RainbowWrites@crglrc.org.

Rainbow Writes is still taking submissions for its first publication. Here are the writing guidelines. You may submit original material in the following categories: short stories, poems, essays, or editorials. Please include the author's name, address, and contact number (email address) with all materials submitted for publication. At this time all short stories, essays, and editorials are limited to 1,500 words. Poetry is limited to 900 words. All materials will be published at the discretion of the editors. The editors reserve the right to reject and/or edit (clarity, length, spelling, and grammar) any material submitted for publication without the permission of the author. Any submissions to:
RainbowWrites@crglrc.org
should be submitted as the body of the message (no attachments) or mailed to the address below.

If you want to receive the *Rainbow Writes* publication four times a year, please fill out and return the sheet below. (This mailing list will be separate from the Resource Line publication.) You must fill this request form in order to receive Rainbow Writes.

GLRC

Attn: Rainbow Writes

PO Box 1643

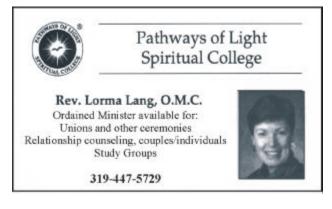
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1647

Please mail a copy of Rainbow Writes to:

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City, State, ZIP:

O Check if you are 18 years or older and would like to receive the erotic portion of the Rainbow Writes





Announcing First Friday Breakfast Club Organization in Cedar Rapids/Iowa City

On Friday March 28, 2003 a small group of friends and acquaintances met for breakfast to discuss the possibilities and interest in forming a professional gay men's group in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City area. The opportunities to meet other gay professionals in a quiet, smoke free environment seemed limited. Several members of this group desired a venue to network with other gay men and create educational and social options.

A similar group called the First Friday Breakfast Club (FFBC) started in 1996 in Des Moines and just recently a "chapter" of the breakfast club began in Kansas City. The Des Moines FFBC was created after a small group of friends met and discovered a strong need for a men's club that was totally different from any other organization already offering events and services to gay men.

The main of goal of the FFBC is to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against all people based on disclosed or perceived sexual orientation. They achieve this goal by educating themselves on issues important to every gay person, which in turn educates the public and creates a more positive image of gay men in the eyes of the community. This education also helps gay men network with one another to improve communication and cohesiveness.

The Des Moines FFBC attracts an average of 75-85 men, and sometimes over 100 will attend for a well-known speaker. Each monthly meeting includes a guest speaker. Speakers range from elected officials and corporate officers to authors and religious leaders. They have become the largest breakfast club in Iowa, a major advance from their first meeting goal of 20 attendees. The group also administers the Matthew Shepard Scholarship as well as provides funds for scholarships to several lowa students each year.

The group here in Cedar Rapids

is hoping for the same effect. After several meetings and researching many options, we have decided to also become a free standing "chapter" of the FFBC and use the two existing FFBC groups as a guide and mentor for the same success. Members have decided to capitalize on the popular rise in the term "corridor" to describe the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids area and call the new group, First Friday Breakfast Club in the Corridor, or FFBC2. The "2" symbolizes the two "C's" in the name and represent we are the second FFBC group in Iowa.

The first official breakfast club meeting is planned for 7:00 a.m. Friday, August 1, 2003. The speaker for this first event will be announced at a later date..Watch for more info in next month's Newsletter. If you would like to attend and see what FFBC2 is about, please email Jacob Wittrock at ffbc2@hotmail.com.

The excitement is building in the Corridor!

Mark Your Calendars!!!

New Support Group "Religion and Homosexuality". What does the Bible really say? Monthly meetings to discuss the issues revolving around the Bible, religious beliefs, and the Gay lifestyle. If you have questions about your relationship with God, please come and join the discussions. When: Wednesday, May 21, 7-8:30 PM. Where: Faith United Methodist Church, 1000 30th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA Facilitator: Lorma Lang

The Gay and Lesbian Resource Center of Cedar Rapids is a 501(c3) non-profit organization. As a sponsor of the GLRC, you can help us to continue providing information, referral, and support services to Cedar Rapids and surrounding communities. Become a part of the GLRC by sending your tax-deductible sponsorship donation today. In return, you will receive the GLRC's community newsletter, the Resource Line, delivered to your home or office each month to keep you informed of the latest community news.					
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Please make checks payable to: GLRC of Cedar Rapids You may send your completed form and sponsorship donation (check or money order) to: GLRC of Cedar Rapids P.O. Box 1643 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1643	Name:				

Area Resource List See our Rainbow Pages (http://www.crglrc.org/rainbow) for more listings

BUSINESS SERVICES

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

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Club Basix]

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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 The Metro

GLBT Bar 510 Mulberry (between 4th & Park) Waterloo, IA 50703 319-232-2239

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162 East 4th St. Waterloo, IA 50703

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Health care services by women, for women. Serving Cedar Rapids and Eastern Iowa since 1976. Gynecological exams, STD testing and treatment. All Services confidential 4089 21st Ave SW, Suite 211 Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

319-390-4342

lowa Center for AIDS Resources & **Education (ICARE)**

321 East First St. Iowa City, IA 52240

319-338-2135 or info@icare-ia.org

www.icare-ia.org

Iowa City Free Medical Clinic

Fine Confidential HIV Testing 120 North Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA 52245 319-377-4459

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Men and Women Full Gynecological Exams for Women

1500 2nd Ave Se. Suite 100

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

319-363-8572

www.plannedparenthood.org

Rapids AIDS Project

Lives Worth Living Programs Women's Voices Program 3601 42nd St. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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Weekly Meetings & Events

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GLRC of Cedar Rapids

Open House every Mon & Thurs night 305 2nd St NE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 319-366-2055 or info@crqlrc.org

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GraDykes

Iowa City, IA

For bi/les/queer/dyke identified women in Grad School

319-377-7661

OWLs

Older & Wiser Lesbians Monthly Potluck & Social

319-366-2529

Spirit-hill Women's Retreat

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

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 1000 30th St. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-363-8454 www.crfaithumc.org

Pathdays of Light Spiritual College

Rev. Lorma Lang, O.M.C.

Ordained Minister available for Unions & other ceremonies. Relationship

Counseling for Couples & individuals, and Study Groups.

319-447-5729

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

A Welcoming Congregation

Forum at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11

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 AM 3791 Blairs Ferry Road NE

Cedar Rapids, IÁ 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 a local hotel

First Meeting on Friday, August 1

Email Jacob Wittrock for more information

ffbc2@hotmail.com LGBT AA Meeting

Fridays 7:30 - 9 PM at GLRC 305 2rd St. SE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA **lowa Artistry**

Transgender Support PO Box 11093

Cedar Rapids, IA 52410

lowaArtistry@tgforum.com

www.transgender.org/ioar/index.html

National AIDS Hotline

Call 319-393-9579 for information

PFLAG

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays

4th Tuesday, Faith UMC 1000 30th St. NE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

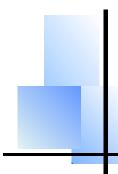
319-399-2543 or Pflagcr@yahoo.com

www.geocities.com/pflager
Women's Chat Support Group

1st Wednesday of every month 6:30-8:30 PM at GLRC

305 2nd St SE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

319-366-2055[°]



JUNE 2003

GLRC and Community Events

All calendar events are held at the GLRC unless otherwise specified. See the Area Resource List for other location addresses.

Sun	Mon	Tue	W e d	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Drop-In night 7-9 PM		Women's Group Hosted by Lorma Lang 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Drop-In night 7-9 PM	LGBT AA Meeting 7:30 - 9 PM	Pride Fest 11 AM-6PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
GLRC Board]Meeting 2 PM	Drop-In night 7-9 PM	Rainbow Writes Meeting 6 PM		Drop-In night 7-9 PM	LGBT AA Meeting 7:30 - 9 PM	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Drop-In night 7-9 PM			Drop-In night 7-9 PM	LGBT AA Meeting 7:30 - 9 PM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Adopt a Highway Meet at Perkins Parking Lot SW	Drop-In night 7-9 PM	PFLAG Meeting Faith UMC 7 PM		Movie Night And Potluck 7-9 PM	LGBT AA Meeting 7:30 - 9 PM	
29	30					
	Drop-In night 7-9 PM					

May 2003 Dates to Remember

Theatre Cedar Rapids Auditions for "La Cage" May 18th & 19th - 7 PM
Drop-in Nights at the Center Every Monday & Thursday - 7 - 9 PM
PFLAG Meeting at Faith UMC on Tuesday, May 27 - 7 PM
Religion & Homosexuality Workshop on Weds, May 21 - 7 PMatFaith
UMC
Movie Night and Special Processing S

Movie Night and Potluck at GLRC on Thursday, May 22, 7 - 9 PM

OWLs Call for info at 319-339-4604

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Adopt a Highway - Volunteers Needed

The GLRC has adopted part of I-380 Northbound between 13th Avenue and Wilson Avenue. Our sign is up and the first cleanup date has been set for June 22 at 1:00 PM. We will meet at the Perkins Restaurant parking lot. Hope to see you there.