



# RESOURCE LINE

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## GLRC February Resource Line

Scott Alt, Kendy Wazac

The **Resource Line** is a monthly publication of the GLRC of Cedar Rapids, IA, a non-profit organization under IRS code 5011. Articles and advertisements are welcome from anyone, and are subject to editing as needed. Mail or e-mail submissions to the attention of the Editor, GLRC **Resource Line**.

## GLRC Awarded Philanthrofund Grant

By John D. Zehms

On February 4, 2003, the Philanthrofund Foundation awarded the Cedar Rapids Gay and Lesbian Resource Center a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for its achievements in reducing isolation in the local gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Linda Davenport, president of the GLRC Board of Directors, describes the Philanthrofund

Community. Twenty organizations were present to accept awards. Besides Davenport from the Cedar Rapids GLRC, there were thirteen representatives from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, five from the other areas of Minnesota, and one from North Dakota.

Presenting the grant award check to Davenport were Kate Lehmann, Grants and Programming Committee Chair, and Jeff Bailey, a Philanthrofund board

member in the area of reducing isolation.

"The purpose of this grant," says Davenport, "is for general operating

support, including publication of a monthly newsletter and a web site serving the information needs of the GLBT people in Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas."

This Grant is supported by the Gill Foundation, a private philanthropic organization based in Denver, Colorado. Its mission is to secure equal opportunity for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

"The Gay and Lesbian Resource Center will continue to provide an information and referral center for the mutual support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons, and their families, allies, and the community at large," Davenport states. "The GLRC and its Board of Directors will continue to be advocates for the civil rights of the GLBT community."



Foundation and its purpose:

"The Philanthrofund is a catalyst in building communities in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest where gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people live free from discrimination, violence, invisibility, and isolation. The Foundation's mission is to be a vital resource and community builder for the GLBT and allied communities by providing grants and scholarships, developing leaders and inspiring giving."

The Philanthrofund Foundation held the 2003 Grantee Celebration Program in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at Patrick's Cabaret. The categories for grant awards are Youth Initiative, Isolation, Cultural Celebrations, Preventing Discrimination, Ending Violence, and Building Capacity within the GLBT

# February Board Meeting Minutes

The January Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Board members present were Linda Davenport, Doug Davidson, Deb Loftsgard, Trish Hyde, Lorma Lang, Gary Van Fleet, Dot Sheldon, and Ryan Wheeler. Absent: Jon Sealy and Nancy Bernardi. Other members of the community were present as well.

**Secretary's Report:** January minutes were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was not available at the meeting due to printing problems.

**Action item:** Linda to send the treasurer's report as an e-mail attachment to the GLRC. Deadline ASAP.

Beginning Balance:	01/01/03	\$4,961.71
Income:		\$1,826.00
Expenses:		\$2,284.50
Ending Balance:	01/31/03	\$4,503.21

The subject of whether or not the PrideFest money should be held in a separate account was discussed at length. The money carries over year to year, but apparently it has not been in a separate account in the past few years. Some thoughts that were shared were what is the expectation of sponsors regarding their donations, and is the money only intended for the event? Is money to remain untouched by the GLRC so that PrideFest can get better each year?

Motion carried to have an account set up at Wells Fargo to separate the PrideFest funds from the overall GLRC account. The account will be set up with \$1000 starting monies and will be added to once the actual carryover amount is known.

## Old Business

**Rainbow Writes** - Had not met again since the last meeting, so there was no news at the board meeting. The group will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Center at 6 PM. Other interested persons are welcome to join at any time. As a note – the group met on the 11th and will be launching their kick-off of Rainbow Writes at PrideFest.

**Pridefest** - Package of our proposal has

been sent to the entertainers organization. Should have answer by the end of the week (the 14th or so). Coe College has been great about providing the venue, including tickets, for the benefit concert. If the proposed entertainer is a "go", the PrideFest Committee will need to meet with city officials. PrideFest Committee meets again on Tuesday, February 18.

**Fundraisers – Chili Supper** raised \$370. Thanks to all who donated chili and time!  
**Valentine's Day dinner** – February 16th at Club Basix. **Pancake Breakfast** will be in April. More information will be available at our next meeting.

**Keys** - Keys will be made for board members who do not currently have them. All meeting/open house facilitators will have both keys, all officers will have both keys, and all other board members will have the Center key only and not the downstairs key.

Action item: Keys need to be made and distributed, unclear as to who has the action

## New Business

**Monday Open House Coverage** - Monday night facilitator/open house volunteer Sue Hickerson stepped down. Dot Sheldon volunteered to take over but will need keys as soon as possible to do this. Discussion also included suggestions to make Mondays or at least one or two Mondays a month, "Youth Nights." Dot contacted the Metro Youth group's advisor and let her know about this. More information will follow once something is firmly established. This will need to be put on the calendar as well.

Action item: Get keys to Dot Sheldon so she can begin to open up on Monday's again.  
Person responsible: Linda? Deadline: ASAP

**Social Events** - Ryan suggested getting a weekly bowling night going. Westdale Bowl has special rates Sunday and Monday nights from 9 until midnight.

**PFLAG Iowa Lobby Day** - On Wednesday, February 26, there will be a PFLAG Iowa Lobby Day in Des Moines. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Wallace Building at 9 AM for registration and training.

**New Volunteers** - There are new people wishing to volunteer to open the Center, but consensus is there needs to be some "OJT" type training (i.e. acquaint the individuals with the resources at the Center, how to answer the phone, etc.). For now, newcomer volunteers will need to attend some other times to learn these things before they would take over a time slot on their own.

**Anniversary Party** - Date/time has not yet been set. In the past, this event has been at the CSPS. Scott Alt will check with them to see what date may be available. Board members need to try and get items donated for auction. Motion carried to provide a budget of \$300. Scott will try for the last Monday in April for the event.

Action item: Scott Alt to secure CSPS for the party and will be the chair for the event.

**Pride Picnic Date** - We need to secure a date for the picnic as soon as possible as the lodge at Palisade-Kepler State Park is booked well in advance. Scott will try for August but will see what is available. Motion carried to have Scott Alt make arrangements for whatever date is available, as close to the August timeframe as possible. Also, as part of the motion, a check will be cut as soon as the date is secured to provide DNR the deposit and cost of the lodge.

Action item: Scott Alt to contact DNR about securing the lodge at Palisade-Kepler for the Pride Picnic ASAP.


**Resource Line Quantities** - More copies of the *Resource Line* are needed for distribution at the Center and at Club Basix. Motion carried to increase printed quantity from 625 to 675.

**Resource Line Ad Billing** - Motion carried to have Scott Alt continue to bill quarterly for *Resource Line* ads.

Meeting adjourned 4 PM. Next board meeting will be Sun., March 9 at 2 PM.



**Faith United Methodist Church**  
1000 30th St NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
319-363-8454



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## Movie Night & Potluck



**March 27, 2003  
7:00 PM**

**Featuring  
Hedwig & the  
Angry Inch**

*Encore Presentation*

Enjoy this camp  
"punk-rock musical,"  
adapted from the hit off-Broadway

play, about a transsexual chanteuse from East Berlin trying to make it big and find true love.

Join the fun! Bring your favorite dish to share and bring a hearty appetite.

The GLRC will furnish plates, utensils, and napkins. Soda is available for 50 cents a can at the Resource Center.

**Movie night is FREE.** Why not bring

a friend? This is an "open event" and all ages are welcome! The GLRC is located at 305 2nd St. SE, Suite 324 (take elevator to 3rd floor).

### 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.

## GLRC Eleventh Anniversary Celebration, Silent Auction

Monday, April 14, 2003  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
CSPS, 1103 3rd Street SE

The GLRC is celebrating its eleventh anniversary and for the fourth year the GLRC will be holding the event at CSPS in Cedar Rapids. **YOU ARE INVITED!** Join the 2003 board of directors for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. The board has some new faces and some familiar faces, so this is a great chance for you to visit and let them know what you'd like to see from the GLRC in 2003. This will also be a great time to make your yearly contribution to the GLRC.

New to this year's event is a silent auction featuring an interesting array of items. Various Eastern Iowa GLBT-welcoming businesses and community members have donated items, so get ready for some friendly bidding.

Entertainment for this year's event is still in the works. The Anniversary Committee is considering a harpist again this year due to a lot of positive feedback from the community regarding last year's entertainment. (*Harpist Gaylord T. Stauffer entertained community members attending the event.*)

The Cedar Rapids PrideFest planning committee will also be at the Anniversary Celebration and hopes to display the 2002 PrideFest Logo. We

will also pre-sell tee shirts, long sleeve tee shirts, and sweatshirts.

Join the GLRC in celebrating its eleventh anniversary Monday,

April 14, 2003 at CSPS from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, where a good time is sure to be had by all!



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## PrideFest News Page

### PrideFest Logo Unveiled

*And the winner is ...*

June 7, 2003 will be here before you know it. The Cedar Rapids PrideFest Planning Committee met Tuesday, February 18, 2003 for their monthly meeting, and on the agenda was to decide on this year's logo for the sixth annual PrideFest. The committee again held a contest for the design of this year's PrideFest 2003 logo. The committee would like to thank all the people who took time to design logos for this year's contest, and it was a tough decision for the committee.

After viewing all four of the logos, the committee chose the one that they felt fit this year's theme, "Pride through Unity." Nancy Bernardi designed the winning logo for PrideFest's sixth year. It aptly depicts six puzzle pieces fitting together in unison, with each piece a different color of the rainbow. Bernardi, currently a member of the GLRC board of directors, stated that she will donate the \$100.00 cash prize back to the organization. Congratulations, Nancy Bernardi, and thank you for your generosity.

### PrideFest Chili Supper a Spicy Success

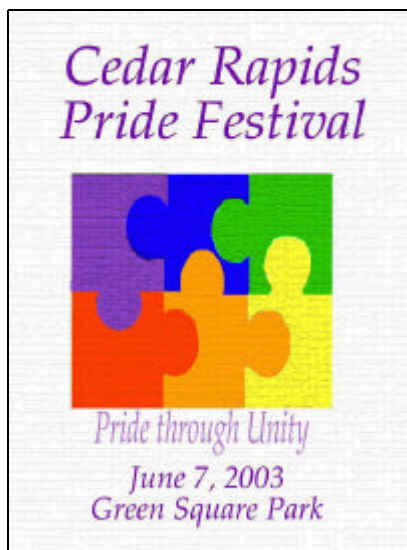
*By Trish Hyde*

PrideFest kicked off its 2003 Fundraising efforts on January 31, 2003 with a Chili Supper. The supper netted \$350.00 for this year's PrideFest. We'd like to thank the following folks for their Chili donations: Dot Sheldon, Nancy Bernardi, Scott Alt, Normandy, Ryan Wheeler and Trish Hyde. Also, Tom Varnum whipped up a couple of cakes to top off the evening! Thanks to all those wonderful folks!

Panera Bakery of Coralville donated five loaves of bread to go with the chili as well as the door prize, a gift basket valued at \$47. A HUGE thank you goes to Panera! Dustin Thorne was the winner of the door prize when 2½ year old Tori Thorne drew her daddy's name! That provided a great ending to a wonderful evening! Thanks to everyone who sold tickets and/or

attended. It's you who made this a success, and on behalf of the PrideFest Committee, we'd like to thank you!

Don't forget about other upcoming PrideFest Fundraisers like the Road Rally coming on March 16th. Hope to see you there!



### PrideFest Budget 2002

This is the budget report from the 2002 PrideFest. This does not include monies that have been raised this year. Should you have any questions please send them to: [info@crglrc.org](mailto:info@crglrc.org)

Carry over balance from 2001 account:

**\$1628.26**

#### Income:

Corporate Sponsorships	\$3700.00
T-Shirts	\$ 779.78
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 395.00
Vendor Booth Fees	\$ 844.00
Ads	\$ 30.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$7377.04</b>

#### Expenses:

T-shirts	\$1497.73
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 94.95
Logo Winner	\$ 50.00
Office Supplies	\$ 66.09
Port-a-potties	\$ 135.00
Entertainment	\$ 500.00
Sound system	\$ 500.00
Stage/ 20 tables	\$ 701.72
Parking meters (3 hooded)	\$ 27.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3572.49</b>
Ending balance:	<b>\$3804.55</b>

## PrideFest Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, April 13, 2003**  
**Faith United Methodist Church**  
**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Tickets Cost: \$5.00 Per Person**  
**Available @ GLRC, From PrideFest**  
**Board Members or**  
**GLRC Board Members**



**Menu:**  
**All You CAN Eat Pancakes!**  
**Link Sausages**  
**Fresh Fruit**  
**Beverage of your choice!**

## Resource Center Launches Trial Youth Drop-in Night

Starting in March, the first Monday of the month will be "Youth Drop In Night". The GLRC Board agreed a special night would be a great way to encourage facility and resource usage by area youth. The Center is a safe place and offers a great deal of information on many issues. There are books and movies that can be signed out for personal use. The Center has much to offer, so come down on Monday, March 3, 2003 and get Youth Drop In Night off to a good start!

## PrideFest Road Rally Fundraiser

By Trish Hyde

Get your wheels ready for the PrideFest Road Rally! Better bring your brainpower too; you're going to need it! The starting point will be the GLRC. Each Road Rally entry will be given a set of directions to get from Point A to Point B, but there's a catch to it. The directions will be in the form of clues that you'll have to decode in order to determine which way to go! You'll be directed to different locations throughout the city where you'll obtain answers to questions that are available only at those locations. You'll be able to get help with clues throughout the contest, too. The completed entry with the highest number of correct entries will be judged the winner. In the event of a tie, the entry with the fastest time will be judged the winner.

Entry fee is \$10.00 per team with a prize award to the winner. A complete list of rules and instructions will be available at the Starting Line. You won't want to be late; it'll be a great time! For more information, e-mail [thyde@crglrc.org](mailto:thyde@crglrc.org).

### *Start Your Engines!*



**PrideFest Fundraiser – March 16, 2003**

**Decipher Clues to get to the  
Final Destination!**

**Starts at the GLRC at 2:00pm**

**Entry Fee: \$10 per 2-person team**

**Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> Place Finish**

**Are you up to the challenge?**

**See you on the 16<sup>th</sup>!**

**[www.crglrc.org](http://www.crglrc.org)**

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.

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**

### Sponsorship Levels:

Less than \$50	Red Swirl	\$200 to \$349	Green Swirl
\$50 to \$119	Orange Swirl	\$350 to \$599	Blue Swirl
\$120 to \$199	Yellow Swirl	\$600 and above	Violet Swirl

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# In the Spotlight: 2003 Women's Festival Fundraisers

In the spring of 2003, the city of Cedar Rapids and surrounding Eastern Iowa communities will be treated to two major fundraising events featuring several nationally recognized entertainers from the women's festival, folk music, and comedy circuits. The fundraisers will benefit organizations that produce regional festivals for the promotion and support of women in the arts.

**National Women's Music Festival (NWMF)**, scheduled for June 5-8 in Indiana, and **Iowa Women's Music Festival (IWMF)**, tentatively scheduled for September 13 in Iowa City, will hold spring fundraisers in Cedar Rapids to support production of their 2003 festivals. Women In The Arts, Inc., producer of NWMF, and Prairie Voices Productions, producer of IWMF, both rely on financial support from the community, as well as participation from an army of volunteers, to keep their festivals alive and affordable to attend.

## Comedy Benefit for March 15 NWMF

**Coe College**, under the sponsorship of Coe Alliance and the Student Activities Committee (SAC), will host a night of comedy starring national comedienne Vickie Shaw and Iowa's own professional musical theater/performance art troupe, Graffiti Theatre. Proceeds from the comedy show, scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 8 PM in Cherry Auditorium of Coe College's Peterson Hall, will benefit the 29th Annual National Women's Music Festival.

**Comedienne Vickie Shaw** looks like the woman next door, an all-American with blonde hair, lipstick, and polished nails. Born and raised in Texas (yes, she's got the accent), Vickie Shaw's hilarious brand of comedy addresses the triumphs and trials of being a woman, a mother, and gay in America. Shaw's own life provides the best material for her show. She's a recovering SOB (Southern Baptist), raising three kids (as an out lesbian mother), and learning to date. This show is part of Shaw's new "Sick and Wrong Tour." Merely hearing her explain what that means will crack you up, and you'll never stop laughing!

Shaw has performed in almost every state in the US over the last five years. In addition to headlining at numerous big-name comedy clubs, she has performed at the Michigan Women's Music Festival, National Women's Music Festival, Monterrey Beach Women's Festival, the Dinah & Lina Shore Golf Tournament in Southern California, on several Olivia Cruises, and at Club Med Resorts. Learn more about Vickie Shaw at [www.vickieshaw.com](http://www.vickieshaw.com).

**Graffiti Theatre**, which will open the March 15 comedy show, is a professional theater

company based in Iowa City. Established in 1997, Graffiti Theatre formed with the purpose of giving life to words and stories that are otherwise untold and unheard. The troupe's mission is to "engage audiences with innovative theatre, sparking dialogue that creates lasting transformative movement." Graffiti Theatre presents a regular season of touring productions that combine quick-witted comedy, live music, and high energy. Performance themes are drawn from insights into common social conditions, with topics ranging from gender to race to s-e-x.

Graffiti Theatre has performed across the country, from Chicago to St. Louis to New Orleans, and in a variety of venues that includes festivals, businesses, conferences, universities, schools, shelters, and theatres. The company has been featured on Iowa Public Television and "Smart Women," a television news series that has aired in 90 major cities across the United States. Read more [www.graffiti-theatre.com](http://www.graffiti-theatre.com).

Tickets for the comedy benefit on March 15 at Coe College are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door (day of show). Advance tickets are available in person or by phone. Visit the Coe College Box Office in Gage Memorial Union, open Monday through Friday, noon to 7 PM, and one-hour prior to the performance. Call the Box Office at 319-399-8600 for directions, more information, or to charge tickets by phone.

**Women In The Arts, Inc.**, pioneering producer of NWMF, relies on donations from the community (and fundraising income from a show like this!) to largely supplement festival ticket sales. The four-day festival, which will be held on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, June 5-8, features national musical and comedy acts and provides a forum for women in the arts via four full days of performances and workshops. More information about the festival, a list of performers, and registration details are available by calling 317-927-9355 or going to [www.wiaonline.org](http://www.wiaonline.org).

## Concert Benefit April 5 for IWMF

**CSPS (Legion Arts, Inc.)**, a trail-blazing arts venue in Cedar Rapids, will host the spring benefit concert for the Iowa Women's Music Festival on Saturday, April 5, at 8 PM. This event will spotlight a diverse mix of women's music, musical comedy, and amazing musicianship. The show features national singer-songwriters Wishing Chair, singer-songwriter-belly-dancer-baton-twirler-comedian-parking-lot-attendant Jamie Anderson, and beloved local performer, BeJae Fleming.

Kentucky-based **Wishing Chair** is the award-winning duo of singer-songwriters and

multi-instrumentalists Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood. The duo is an acoustic lover's dream, combining masterful musicianship, unforgettable songwriting, engaging storytelling, beautiful harmonies, and musical energy akin to crossing the sass of Alison Krauss with the down-home charisma of the Indigo Girls. Wishing Chair has released four recordings of original music. Its music defies categorization as a mix of roots and soul folk, memorable pop, plus a healthy dose of rockabilly, with just the right amount of bluegrass-tinged country thrown in, performed deftly on acoustic guitars, percussion, and accordions. For more insight, go to [www.terrakin.com](http://www.terrakin.com).

Jamie Anderson, hailing from North Carolina, is the consummate touring musician. Anderson has entertained in hundreds of coffeehouses, concert halls, and festivals all over the U.S. She has performed on the main stage at the National Women's Music Festival, the Kerrville Folk Festival, at colleges, pride events, folk festivals, and at numerous women's music festivals. She has seven recordings, including the recently released *Listen*. Her songs have been featured on the Dr. Demento radio show, Car Talk, and many stations all over the world. To become more acquainted with Anderson, go to [www.jamieanderson.com](http://www.jamieanderson.com).

BeJae Fleming, a local favorite from the Des Moines area, is an energetic and entertaining performer of traditional southern blues and finely-crafted original material. With passionate singing, innovative guitar playing, and charming storytelling, she celebrates the lives of women in songs that range from gentle to gritty, from heartfelt to humorous. Touring since 1977, BeJae has performed in over twenty states at clubs, colleges, and festivals, including Texas' renowned Kerrville Folk Festival. She frequently performs in Iowa's acclaimed women's variety show, *Wild Women*. Fleming has released two solo CDs, produced by Iowa-based company Trailer Records. More information can be obtained by going to [www.trailer-records.com/artists/fleming.shtml](http://www.trailer-records.com/artists/fleming.shtml).

Tickets for the April 5 benefit concert at CSPS are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door (day of show). Advance tickets can be purchased at CSPS, 1103 3rd St. SE, or charged by phone at 319-364-1580. Beginning in March, tickets will also be available at several ticket outlets in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and Mount Vernon. Information about ticket outlets or purchase of low-income and student tickets is available by calling CSPS at 319-364-1580.

**Prairie Voices Productions**, the non-profit organization that produces IWMF, relies mostly on local business support,

*In the Spotlight - (Continued on next page)*



## Rainbow Writes Launches at PrideFest

*Rainbow Writes* is still taking submissions for its first publication. A small group of writing enthusiasts in Cedar Rapids has decided that this year's PrideFest will be the kickoff of what has been needed and wanted for sometime - a forum for writers in our community. The group's mission statement is as follows:

**The purpose of *Rainbow Writes* is to provide an outlet for the creative writings and artistic expressions of the GLBT Community.**

Pick up the pen and send in your creative lines! *Rainbow Writes* will provide an opportunity for all writers to share their blood, sweat, tears and heart. Meetings are at the GLRC on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6 PM. You can contact Dot Sheldon via e-mail (dsheldon@crglrc.org) if you have any questions.

### Safer Sex Party Draws Small Crowd

On Thursday February 13, the GLRC and the Rapids AIDS Project (RAP) hosted a safer sex party to honor National Condom Week and Valentines Day. A small group of people attended the party and enjoyed pizza and tips on how to stay safe when it comes to sex. The group played games and was treated to a demonstration on how to properly put on a condom. A jar of condoms was displayed with a sign saying, "Guess How Many Condoms?" and a tee shirt was given to the person who guessed the closest. Condoms are always free at the GLRC, so if you need any please stop by and pick some up!

*In the Spotlight - (Continued from page 6)*  
sponsorship by the Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC) of the University of Iowa, and donations from individuals in the community to present

#### Writers Guidelines:

You may submit original ideas in the following categories: short stories, poems, essays, or editorials. All materials submitted for publication must be accompanied by the author's name, address, and contact number (or e-mail address). No materials will be returned. At this time all short stories, essays, and editorials are limited to 1500 words. Poetry is limited to 900 words. All material will be published at the discretion of the editors. The editors reserve the right to reject for publication any material submitted, and to edit any material submitted for clarity, length, spelling, grammar, and without permission of the author.

Share your writing spirit with the community. Send submissions to: RainbowWrites@crglrc.org. Submit

e-mail copies as the body of the message. No attachments will be accepted. Snail mail (postal mail) will also be accepted at:

GLRC

Attn: Rainbow Writes

P.O. BOX 1634

Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

If you want to receive the *Rainbow Writes* publication four times a year, please fill out and return the sign-up sheet below to the GLRC address above. You must fill this out and return it, respond via e-mail requesting to be a recipient, or call 319-366-2055 leaving your name, address, and request to receive this publication. (This mailing list is separate from the *Resource Line* publication.)

We are looking forward to what "our" community has to say!

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If you would like to receive the erotica portion of this publication, check here ☐



IWMF each year as a free-admission public event. Prairie Voices Productions, in association with WRAC and other community organizations, also presents various events during the week leading up to the festival. IWMF will be

celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2003! More information about the festival will be available in the spring by going to [www.prairievoices.net](http://www.prairievoices.net) or by e-mailing [iwmfest@prairievoices.net](mailto:iwmfest@prairievoices.net).

## CSPS Calendar of Events ~ March 2003

1103 Third Street SE ~ Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-2305 ~ 319-364-1580

All events at CSPS unless otherwise noted.

<b>Monday, March 3</b>	In concert, broadcast on KUNI's live from Studio One, Scottish folk band <i>Old Blind Dogs</i> , 7 PM
<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>	In concert, Scottish folk band <i>Old Blind Dogs</i> , 8 PM
<b>Friday, March 7</b>	Opening of the exhibit <i>Art Across Borders: Works from Palestine and Iraq</i>
<b>Sunday, March 9</b>	Opening reception for the exhibit <i>Art Across Borders</i> , 3 - 6 PM
<b>Tuesday, March 11</b>	Legion Arts Board of Directors meets, 5:30 to 7 PM
<b>Friday, March 14</b>	Mel Andringa in a benefit performance of <i>The Man Who Discovered Iowa</i> , 8 PM
<b>Saturday, March 15</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 22</b>	In concert, acclaimed blues & gospel trio <i>The Holmes Brothers</i> , 8 PM (tentative)
<b>Wednesday, March 26</b>	In concert, singer-songwriter <i>Cliff Eberhardt</i> , with guest artist <i>Bob Hillman</i> , 8 PM
<b>Friday, March 28</b>	In concert, singer-songwriter <i>Catie Curtis</i> , 8 PM



## Sweetheart Dinner & Show

Sunday, February 16 2003 was a festive and romantic night at Club Basix as Cedar Rapids Pride Fest members served a flawless dinner and presented a show.

Dinner was served to approximately 40 patrons and friends of the community. Dinner included a choice of steak, grilled chicken breast, or vegetarian lasagna, with salad, beverage and cheesecake with various topping for dessert. Servers for dinner were Jodi Swarthout better know as JD Lesbiani, Nancy Bernardi, and Mac (a/k/a Blade Richards), while Dot manned the bar. They made this evening even more special as they treated everyone as though they were in a restaurant. A special thanks to the servers and bartender for donating all of their tips for the evening to Pride Fest 2003.

The chef for the evening was none other than the Pride Fest chairwoman, Rita Wall, who stood outside all evening cooking orders to request. Assisting the chef was Jeff Frommelt and Doug Davidson. Doug added to the evening by providing music and DJ-ing the show. Many thanks also to Deb Loftsgard who came in early to clean, vacuum and wash windows so the bar had a polished appearance. Again all donated their time and efforts, and it was greatly appreciated.

The highlight of the evening was a show presented by Mr. & Miss Gay Pride 2002, JD Lesbiani and Madison Cavalier, with special guest Anjila Cavalier - Miss Gay Pride 2001. They gave a superb show and made a perfect closing to a wonderful evening. All entertainers donated all their time and tips to the cause as well. Without the entertainers, our fund raiser would not have been as exciting or as lucrative. As you can tell, the 1st Annual Sweetheart Dinner & Show was a huge success. Thanks to so many who participated in the evening. All involved appreciated the wonderful words of encouragement and praise on the function. The efforts of all were greatly rewarded when ticket monies, tips and donations were tallied for a grand total of **\$803.00**, an awesome fund-raising effort for Pride Fest 2003!

Gary Van Fleet  
VP GLRC & Dinner coordinator



## Catie Curtis Returns to CSPS

One of the best-known talents in contemporary women's music makes a rare Iowa appearance this month, as Catie Curtis returns to CSPS in Cedar Rapids on Friday, March 28.

Curtis has been dubbed "a folk-rock goddess" by *The New Yorker*, with a voice described by the *Washington Post* as "...so pure in pitch and so rich in tone, it seems to glow." Based in Boston, Curtis is noted for her exquisitely powerful voice (often compared to Karla Bonoff) and for writing gentle songs with poignant humanist and feminist messages -- always powerful, often personal statements that rarely drift into preaching. She usually performs with an acoustic guitar, backed by bass and drums.

Curtis' recording debut was 1989's cassette-only *Dandelion* for the independent Mongoose label. Since then she has released *From Years to Hours* (1991), *Truth from*

*Lies* (1995), and *Crash Course in Roses* (1999). Now, with four acclaimed albums to her credit (including last year's *My Shirt Looks Good On You*, her second release for Rykodisc), Catie Curtis is fast becoming one of the most successful singer-songwriters of our time. She has toured nationally with Mary Chapin Carpenter, Tracy Chapman, Dar Williams and Lilith Fair. With her sense of humor, charm and good looks, she remains a favorite on the folk club and festival circuits.

For local fans, the March 28 concert is a homecoming of sorts. Though Curtis performed several times at CSPS early in her career, this is her first Iowa appearance in over five years. Tickets for the 8 pm show are \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the show. CSPS, a nonprofit contemporary arts center, is located at 1103 3rd Street SE near downtown Cedar Rapids. For more information, see [www.legionarts.org](http://www.legionarts.org) or call CSPS at 319-364-1580.



### GLBT & Friends A.A. Support Group

Here is an A.A. group that meets the special needs of our community.

#### Where:

305 2nd Street SE, Suite 324  
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#### When:

Every Friday, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Let's Stay Sober Together

### Meeting Outline:

1. Meeting begins at 7:30 PM.
2. Moment of silence.
3. Announcements.
4. A.A. Preamble read.
5. Read from the A.A. "Big Book."
6. Smoke break at 8:15 PM.
7. Open discussion (no crosstalk).
8. Inspirational reading or A.A. twelve steps and traditions.
9. Group ends at 9:00 PM.
10. Serenity Prayer.



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## Saturday Morning Athletic and Recreation Team!

Tired? Bored? Sick of the winter blues?

Want to shed that spare tire you gained over the holidays? Well, get up, get out, and get SMART! The Saturday Morning Athletic and Recreational Team (SMART) is an association dedicated to the health and well being of Eastern Iowan Gays and Lesbians.

This informal group will initially meet in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City on opposing Saturday mornings. Depending on feedback from participants, we

could expand/alter day and time to include Sunday mornings or weeknights.

The first meeting will be March 29, 2003 at 9:00 AM, on the south end of Green Square Park in downtown Cedar Rapids. The second meeting will be April 5, 2003 at 9:00 AM, at the boathouse, just south of Hancher Auditorium in Iowa City.

Participants are encouraged to use the park and nearby trails to run, walk, bike, rollerblade, or engage in any sport they enjoy.

The group is open to all ages and all levels of athleticism. So, if you want to run 10 miles or walk 10 blocks - stop by, have fun, and make some new friends.

For questions or more information, contact Marty in Iowa City at 319-321-1219, or Matthew in Cedar Rapids at 319-551-3565. You can also e-mail them at SMART\_CRIC@yahoo.com.

*Editor's Note: This event is not a GLRC Sponsored Event!*

## Rare Female-to-Female Sexual HIV Transmission Documented

*From "L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center Newsletter"*

Medical investigators reported the "first reported case of female-to-female sexual transmission of HIV supported by identification of similar HIV genotypes in the source patient and the recipient." This rare case of female-to-female HIV transmission was reported online and in the February edition of Clinical Infectious Diseases.

A young lesbian woman became HIV-positive after previously testing negative six months prior. The woman had reported being in a monogamous lesbian relationship for two years with no prior sexual contacts, and no other reported risk factors. Doctors attribute the HIV transmission to the sharing of sex toys, including vigorous activity. The couple reported engaging in oral sex and the sharing of sex toys, and didn't present with any other risk factor. Doctors ruled out oral transmission as the likely cause since the woman had good oral health, and also ruled out other forms of transmission such as injection drug use, receiving blood products, tattoos or body piercings. The woman's bisexual partner was identified as HIV-positive, and the two had genotypically-similar strains of the virus.

For more information on the transmission of HIV and other STDs and safer sexual practices, go to the Gay & Lesbian Center's Sexual Health Program website:  
<http://www.laglc.org/std/index.html>

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The American Red Cross banners hanging proudly in both Cedar Rapids' and Iowa City's downtown areas are just one sign of the Grant Wood Area Chapter's excitement in celebrating March as Red Cross Month. The Red Cross uses this opportunity to promote its services and to ask the public for their continued financial support.

How did this tradition come about? When Clara Barton created the organization in 1881, it depended upon spontaneous support of people who learned of the Red Cross'

response to catastrophic events. This rather haphazard manner of operating changed in 1917 when the United States entered World War I and President Wilson ordered the American Red Cross to raise funds to support its aid to the military and civilians affected by war.

After the war, the Red Cross conducted special appeals from time to time in response to major disasters. These sporadic appeals continued for years. Following World War II and another successful War Fund drive, President Roosevelt declared March

1943 as "Red Cross Month." This distinction also accompanied an American Red Cross fundraising goal of \$125 million. Again, the response was overwhelming. It took less than six weeks to reach the target and by June 1943 donations totaled nearly \$146 million. Roosevelt called it "the greatest single crusade of mercy in all of history."

Help the Grant Wood Area Chapter celebrate Red Cross Month 2002 by showing your support to the organization.

## RAP Part-time Positions Available

The Rapids AIDS Project is looking for candidates for two part-time positions working with the GLBT community.

### 1. HIV/AIDS Outreach Prevention Educator

**POSITION PURPOSE:** Provides HIV/AIDS one-on-one prevention education to targeted populations in the community.

### 2. HIV/AIDS Prevention Group Facilitator

**POSITION PURPOSE:** Provides HIV/AIDS group level interventions to targeted populations in the community.

If you are interested, please send cover letter indicating which position you are interested in and resume to American Red Cross / Rapids AIDS Project, PO Box 10357, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-0375, or [rap@grantwood-redcross.org](mailto:rap@grantwood-redcross.org) by March 14, 2003.



## Volunteering for Smallpox Vaccination: Information for Health Care Workers

### ***A Joint Statement from Lambda Legal, amfAR, and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association***

As you may know, the federal government is planning to offer smallpox vaccinations to half a million health care workers over the next few months. The smallpox vaccine contains a live virus called *vaccinia*, which can cause life-threatening conditions in a small portion of the people who receive it. Because the risk of complications is greater for people with impaired immune systems, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised people living with HIV or AIDS (or who live with people who are HIV-positive) **not** to be vaccinated unless there is a terrorist attack.

If you are a health care worker and you or someone you live with is HIV-positive, or if you think you or they might be HIV-positive, you should consider how best to protect yourself and them - both medically and legally -

during the vaccination campaign. The decisions that you make, including whether or not to be vaccinated and whether or not to disclose your or their HIV status to your employer, are deeply personal, and do not lend themselves to easy answers. When making these decisions, it is best to consult with your treating physician and an attorney. With that in mind, here is some general information to assist you in dealing with issues raised by vaccination.

### **If you do not know your HIV status, you should get tested.**

Due to the potential dangers, you probably don't want to receive the smallpox vaccination if you or someone you live with is HIV-positive. It may save your life and theirs if you both learn your statuses before you volunteer to be vaccinated. **Do not get tested at your place of work, however. Go to an anonymous or confidential testing center.**

**Remember: Vaccination is voluntary.**

Although the government is asking many "front line" health care workers to volunteer for vaccination, no one is being forced to receive the vaccine. It's up to you. Even if you may feel pressured by your employer or coworkers to volunteer, you have the right to say no. In fact, if you or someone you live with is HIV-positive or has an otherwise compromised immune system, you **should** say no because that is what medical authorities recommend.

**If you decline to volunteer for vaccination, you do not have to disclose your HIV status or the HIV status of the people with whom you live. In fact, disclosure of HIV status may not be a good idea.**

Because many of your coworkers may be volunteering for vaccination, you might feel that you have to reveal your HIV status in order to justify your unwillingness to volunteer. That's not

*Smallpox Vaccination - (Continued on page 14)*

## L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center Lauds President Bush's Proposals on Global and Domestic HIV/AIDS Programs



***Advocates Praise Administration's Focus on AIDS, Express Concern About Insufficient Budget Increases in Domestic HIV***

**Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 31, 2003 –**

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center today lauded President Bush's new global AIDS initiative, the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, mentioned in his State of the Union address in compelling language.

President Bush proposed \$15 billion (\$10 billion in new money) to be spent on AIDS prevention, testing, treatment, care and healthcare infrastructure over the next five years in 14 of the most heavily impacted countries of Africa and the Caribbean. Bush's proposal includes \$2 billion for global AIDS efforts in 2004. Only \$1 billion of these funds for next year would be geared to the Global

Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, even though advocates have urged the U.S. to contribute \$3.5 billion. The rest of the funds will be distributed through current U.S. international aid efforts. The new funds will be used to prevent 7 million new infections and to treat at least 2 million people over the next decade.

Rebecca Isaacs, interim executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Center, praised the President's strong words and recognition of the global challenge that HIV presents. "We're encouraged that this Administration, with the backing of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist in Congress, is showing more leadership on global HIV," Isaacs said. "We hope his words will be followed by swift action in Congress, including following through on funding increases for domestic HIV programs."

The President held a Friday morning press conference with the Presidential

Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) and community leaders to announce that he will propose a seven percent increase in funding for domestic HIV/AIDS programs. His 2004 budget to be released next week will include a total of \$16 billion for domestic HIV prevention, care and treatment, with \$93 million more for AIDS research and \$100 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

With one million Americans living with HIV and 40,000 new infections every year in the U.S., this proposal still falls short of meeting domestic needs. People with HIV are living longer and the need for prevention, care and treatment has grown significantly. "In view of the President's flat-funding proposals over the past two years, however, this proposed increase suggests that the Administration now is getting the message that domestic HIV programs must also be a priority issue," Isaacs

*HIV/AIDS Programs - (Continued on page 14)*

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The GLRC was created in 1992 by a small group of committed individuals meeting in homes and discussing the needs of the community. Within a few months, the GLRC had its name, a mission statement and officers. Bylaws, IRS non-profit status, office space, and a monthly newsletter soon followed. The GLRC grew to include support groups, an informational phone line and resource library, and a state-of-the-art Web page.

# Resistant Skin Malady Hits L.A. Gay Men

By Christopher Lisotta  
Gay.com / PlanetOut.com Network

A virulent antibiotic-resistant form of the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria, better known as staph, is rapidly spreading among Los Angeles gay men, baffling local physicians.

Since the fall of 2002, the number of gay men in Los Angeles County suffering from boils, inflammation and abscesses on their hands, legs and genitals has risen sharply, the Los Angeles Times reports. Worrying doctors is the fact that the new strain of staph thwarts drugs like penicillin and other commonly used oral antibiotics, including the more powerful fluoroquinolones.

"The concern is this organism could spread to and cause disease in the community at large," infectious disease specialist Dr. Peter Ruane told the Times. "It seems to be able to attack normal skin in healthy people."

At this point doctors aren't exactly sure how the infection is contracted, but some say the rising rate of infection among gay men indicates it may be passed by skin-to-skin contact at clubs or gyms, and during sex.

"It's serious because there seems to be a preponderance of cases in gay men," Dr. Robert Bolan, medical director at the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "It has a lot of similarities to other epidemic infections in our community -- HIV, syphilis, hepatitis; it's the same old broken record story."

The county, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is trying to figure out how exactly the infection is spread in order to find a way to better combat it. Bolan and other front-line medical providers are being asked to track the number and severity

of cases they see in their practices.

The exact number of infections for the city has not yet been determined. At the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's clinic, there were six cases in December 2002, compared with none for the month of November. (January statistics were not available.)

Bolan said the majority of cases he has seen involve patients who also have HIV, but he added "I don't know if this problem is exclusively in the HIV-positive population, or across the board. Either way, the boils and ulcers that form on the skin are severe."

"They are nasty, and can be vigorous and persistent," he added, encouraging anyone who exhibits the symptoms of a skin staph infection to seek medical attention immediately.

*HIV/AIDS Programs - (Continued from page 12)* said.

The President also announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved a Clinical Laboratories Improvement Act (CLIA) Waiver for the OraQuick Rapid HIV Test, which provides HIV testing results in about 20 minutes. The granting of this waiver allows greater access for use of the rapid test by outreach workers and other trained personnel in community-based sites. The Gay & Lesbian Center has been conducting rapid testing as

part of research protocols for the last few years and urged the Administration to approve the CLIA Waiver.

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center—the world's largest gay and lesbian organization—provides the broadest array of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender services available anywhere and welcomes nearly a quarter-million client visits from ethnically diverse youth and adults each year. Through its Jeffrey Goodman Special Care Clinic, on-site pharmacy, and many other programs designed

specifically for the community, the Gay & Lesbian Center is home to a spectrum of free and low-cost health, mental health, HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, advocacy, legal, social, cultural, and educational services—and provides unique programs for youth and seniors. Information about the Gay & Lesbian Center and its programs and services is available on the Web at [www.laglc.org](http://www.laglc.org).

**Contact:** Bonnie Osborn  
323-860-7364  
[bosborn@laglc.org](mailto:bosborn@laglc.org)

*Smallpox Vaccination - (Continued from page 12)* true. You do not need to disclose your HIV status. You don't need to give **any** reason for declining to participate in the vaccination program. If you want say something, you can honestly say - as many health care workers are expected to say - that you don't want to take the risks involved in vaccination. No further explanation is necessary.

If you do disclose your HIV status to your employer, you may be protected from discrimination and improper breaches of confidentiality by certain state and federal laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

However, you should not assume that your employer is bound by, or will comply with these laws. Additionally, even if you are covered by these laws, HIV-positive health care workers do not always prevail in discrimination lawsuits.

In short, revealing your HIV status is a step you may not want to take. And it's one you don't have to take in order to decline participation in the smallpox vaccination program.

**If you are HIV-positive, you may need to take additional steps to protect yourself, both medically and legally.**

Even if they do not themselves get

vaccinated, it may be wise for HIV-positive healthcare workers to take additional precautions, including avoiding close contact with coworkers who have been recently vaccinated during the brief period (usually about 14 days) during which a vaccinated individual may be contagious. You should consult your doctor and an attorney to determine what is best in your particular situation.

**For more information:**  
Visit the CDC's web site at [www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/index.asp)



## Oil Giant Drops Non Discrimination Policy

Doreen Brandt, 365Gay.com

The merger of Conoco and Phillips Petroleum into a oil industry superpower has resulted in the removal of civil rights protections for gay and lesbian workers.

Conoco and Phillips Petroleum merged last August, creating the third largest oil and gas company in America. Prior to the merger Conoco had included gays in its written nondiscrimination policy. The removal of the protections was only revealed this week.

A company official said Conoco Phillips will follow current federal law, which does not include sexual orientation, and that there is no plan to change its policy unless the federal law changes.

"At a time when more and more

companies are demonstrating how much they value the diversity of their employees, Conoco Phillips has delivered a slap in the face to its lesbian and gay workers," said Human Rights Campaign Education Director Kim I. Mills.

"This decision places Conoco Phillips outside the corporate mainstream, even in its own, conservative market sector," she said.

Conoco Phillips is the second oil company merger to result in the removal of written protections for gays. In 1999, when Exxon merged with Mobil, it obliterated Mobil's nondiscrimination policy covering sexual orientation and closed Mobil's domestic partner benefits program to any future employees.

The HRC is one of a number of groups, which has filed a

shareholder resolution this year asking Exxon Mobil to add sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy. This will be the fifth time that such a resolution has gone to Exxon Mobil shareholders.

A total of 307 of the Fortune 500 have nondiscrimination policies that include sexual orientation, according to the HRC. Oil companies with sexual orientation nondiscrimination policies include Amerada Hess, Shell Oil Co., BP, Chevron Texaco Corp., Marathon Oil Corp., Occidental Petroleum, Sunoco Inc. and Valero Energy Corp.

**Editor's Note:** HandiMart in Cedar Rapids sells Phillip's Gasoline. Thanks to PFLAG President Kate Varnum for passing this article on to us at the GLRC.

### 2nd Annual PrideFest Pancake Breakfast Mark Your Calendars

The date has been set – Sunday, April 13, 2003  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Faith United Methodist Church.

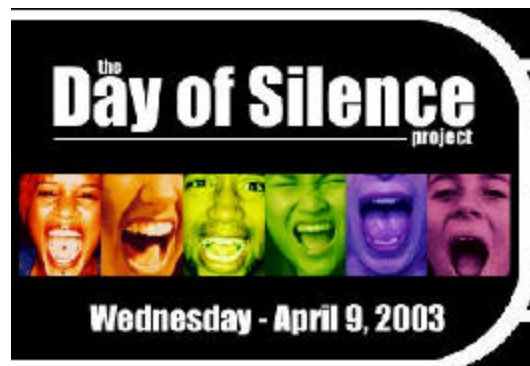
Volunteers from the PrideFest committee will serve pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, and your choice of beverage. Ticket donations are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the GLRC, from a PrideFest Committee member, or at the door.

All proceeds will go to PrideFest 2003.

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April 4th Chicago Beef

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Comedy Improv Group

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March 22nd

Dena Cass (Former Miss USofA @ Large)  
March 29th

Pretty Belle (Miss Iowa USofA)  
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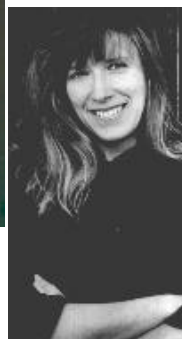


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# MARCH 2003

## GLRC and Community Events

All calendar events are held at the GLRC unless otherwise specified.  
See the Area Resource List for other location addresses.  
CSPS events are listed on Page 8.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>GLRC Fun Night is postponed until further notice.</b>  <b>Access the <i>Resource Line</i> on the web at <a href="http://www.crglrc.org">www.crglrc.org</a></b>  <b>The GLRC Board would like to thank Sue Hickerson for staffing the Center on Monday nights for the past few months. Your efforts were greatly appreciated, Sue!</b>						1
2 <b>This Way Out</b> AM 910 WSUI 10 PM	3 <b>Youth Drop-In Night</b> 7:00 PM	4 <b>PrideFest Planning Meeting</b> 7 PM	5 <b>Women's Group</b> hosted by Lorma Lang 6:30 - 8:30 PM	6 <b>Open House</b> hosted by Alan Fredericksen 7- 9 PM	7 <b>GLBT AA Meeting</b> 7:30 - 9 PM	8 <b>OWLs in Iowa City</b> 319-339-4604
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# Area Resource List

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Gynecological exams, STD testing and treatment. All services <b>confidential</b>. 4089 21st Ave. SW Suite 211 Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-390-4342</p> <p><b>Iowa Center for AIDS Resources &amp; Education (ICARE)</b> 321 East First St. Iowa City, IA 52240 (319) 338-2135 or <a href="mailto:info@icare-ia.org">info@icare-ia.org</a> <a href="http://www.icare-ia.org">www.icare-ia.org</a></p> <p><b>Iowa City Free Medical Clinic</b> Free Confidential HIV Testing 120 North Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA 52245 319-377-4459</p> <p><b>Linn County Health Department</b> Free Confidential HIV Testing 501 13th St. NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 319-892-6000</p>	<p><b>HEALTH</b></p> <p><b>Planned Parenthood East Central Iowa</b> Confidential STD Testing &amp; Treatment for Men and Women Full Gynecological Exams for Women 1500 2nd Ave. SE Suite 100 Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 319-363-8572 <a href="http://www.plannedparenthood.org">www.plannedparenthood.org</a></p> <p><b>Rapid AIDS Project</b> <b>Lives Worth Living Program</b> <b>Women's Voices Program</b> 3601 42nd St. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-393-9579 or <a href="mailto:rap@crossnet.org">rap@crossnet.org</a> <a href="http://www.redcross.org/ia/cedarrap/rap.html">www.redcross.org/ia/cedarrap/rap.html</a></p> <p><b>PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>ACCESSLine</b> Iowa's Newspaper for LGBT c/o ACCESS in Northeast Iowa PO Box 1682 Waterloo, IA 50704 319-232-6805 or <a href="mailto:access@forbin.net">access@forbin.net</a></p> <p><b>Resource Line</b> GLRC Monthly Newsletter PO Box 1643 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1643 319-366-2055 or <a href="mailto:info@crglrc.org">info@crglrc.org</a></p> <p><b>This Week in Eastern Iowa</b> <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/glbtiissues_easterniowa">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/glbtiissues_easterniowa</a> Edited/Operated by Tony Hansen <a href="mailto:thansen@crglrc.org">thansen@crglrc.org</a></p> <p><b>SOCIAL/SUPPORT</b></p> <p><b>Coe Alliance</b> Weekly Meetings &amp; Events <a href="http://www.public.coe.edu/organizations/alliance">www.public.coe.edu/organizations/alliance</a> 319-399-8594 or <a href="mailto:jchaimov@coe.edu">jchaimov@coe.edu</a></p> <p><b>GLRC of Cedar Rapids</b> Open House Every Mon &amp; Thurs Night 305 2nd St. SE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 319-366-2055 or <a href="mailto:info@crglrc.org">info@crglrc.org</a> <a href="http://www.crglrc.org">www.crglrc.org</a></p> <p><b>GraDykes</b> Iowa City, IA For bi/les/queer/dyke identified women in Grad School 319-337-7661</p> <p><b>OWLS</b> Older &amp; Wiser Lesbians Monthly Potluck &amp; Social 319-366-2529</p> <p><b>SpiritHill Women's Retreat</b> Info, counseling, Women's Dance on 1st Saturday of each month 319-643-2613</p> <p><b>UNITY</b> GLBT Club for Students at Kirkwood Community College in CR Julia Haseleu <a href="mailto:Jhasele@kirkwood.cc.ia.us">Jhasele@kirkwood.cc.ia.us</a></p>	<p><b>SPIRITUAL / WORSHIP</b></p> <p><b>Faith United Methodist Church</b> A Reconciling Congregation Worship Service at 11 AM 1000 30th St. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-363-8454 <a href="http://www.crfaithumc.org">www.crfaithumc.org</a></p> <p><b>Pathways of Light Spiritual College</b> Rev. Lorma Lang, O.M.C. Ordained Minister available for Unions &amp; other ceremonies Relationship Counseling for Couples &amp; Individuals, and Study Groups 319-447-5729</p> <p><b>Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist</b> A Welcoming Congregation Forum at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM 600 3rd Ave. SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 319-362-9827 <a href="http://www.peoples.cedarrapids.uus.org">www.peoples.cedarrapids.uus.org</a></p> <p><b>Unity Center of Cedar Rapids</b> Rev. Thelma Hembroff Sunday Service 10 AM 3791 Blairs Ferry Road NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-393-5422 or 319-393-6837 (<i>dial-a-prayer</i>) <a href="http://www.unitycr.org">www.unitycr.org</a></p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p><b>Clare House</b> Independent Living for people with HIV/AIDS PO Box 1183 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1183 319-364-4101</p> <p><b>GLBT AA Meeting</b> Fridays 7:30 - 9 PM at GLRC 305 2nd St. SE, Suite 324</p> <p><b>Iowa Artistry</b> Transgender Support PO Box 11093 Cedar Rapids, IA 52410 <a href="mailto:IowaArtistry@tgforum.com">IowaArtistry@tgforum.com</a> <a href="http://www.transgender.org/iaar/index.html">www.transgender.org/iaar/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Men's Support Group</b> Call 319-393-9579 for information.</p> <p><b>National AIDS Hotline</b> 1-800-342-2437</p> <p><b>PFLAG</b> Parents &amp; Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gays 4th Tuesday, Faith UMC 1000 30th St. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-399-2543 or <a href="mailto:PFlagcr@yahoo.com">PFlagcr@yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.geocities.com/pflagcr">www.geocities.com/pflagcr</a></p> <p><b>Women's Chat Support Group</b> 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</p>
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