



# RESOURCE LINE

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## GLRC Annual Pride Picnic

By **Brian E. Martin**

It was one hot day on July 26, 2003 with the temperatures climbing into the 90's. The heat was hardly a factor if you looked around at all the people at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual GLRC Pride Picnic. Palisades Kepler State Park provided the setting for this year's picnic and the attendance ran close to 60 people. The scenery was peaceful, the friendship was plentiful, and you could grab a friend and walk the paths down to the Cedar River if you wanted to enjoy the park for a few minutes to get some exercise.

Many familiar faces were present and some new people came out to join the festivities and meet each other. **Rita Wall** looked as if she was about to melt grilling the burgers and brats for all of us to enjoy, but kept at it like a trooper till the last one was grilled. Everyone brought a side dish and a buffet was set up inside the pavilion. It was a help yourself to what ever you want kind of picnic.



**Rita Wall—Head Chef**

Door Prizes were given out on a regular basis and it sure seemed that most anyone who stopped by left with a door prize of some sort. The Pride Picnic, which has always served as a summer event for meeting, spending time with old and new friends, also serves as a Gay and Lesbian Resource Center Fund Raiser. This year proved to be one of the more successful, in that about \$1400.00 was raised for the center to cover operational expenses.

Each year at the Picnic, donations are taken and an auction, both silent and live is held. The bidding was great this year and everyone seemed willing to bid on at least one item. Of course you had your usual fun as **Alan Fredricksen** and **Sharon McMullin** displayed their skills in showing off each item to be auctioned off. Watching bidding wars

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## Suzanne Westenhoefer to Appear at Iowa "Women's Music Festival September 12

This year marks the Tenth Anniversary of the Iowa Women's Music Festival, and to celebrate, the festival has invited comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer to kick things off in her first Eastern Iowa appearance. Co-sponsored by the Women's Resource and Action Center, the concert will take place on Friday, September 12, in Macbride Auditorium on the University of Iowa campus. "We wanted to do something special for our community," says organizer Laurie Haag, "and we think Suzanne is pretty special." Tickets for the event are available at the Women's Resource and Action Center, 319-335-1486.

After college, Suzanne Westenhoefer moved to New York City to pursue acting. Suzanne was dared to enter a comedy contest at a cabaret, and though she had never done stand-up before, she won. Suzanne quickly became popular as "the gay girl in straight clubs" performing stand-up between acting assignments.

She came out on national television in an appearance on the Sally Jesse Raphael Show, and has appeared on Comedy Central, and such shows as Evening at the Improv, Caroline's Comedy Hour, Politically Incorrect, and, recently, Late Night with

David Letterman.

After playing at theatres, clubs, and colleges internationally, Suzanne starred in her own HBO comedy special, which was nominated for a Cable ACE award. Suzanne does over 100 live comedy dates a year, in addition to her film and television work.

Her CD NOTHING IN MY CLOSET BUT MY CLOTHES is a best-seller and won the prestigious Gay and Lesbian American Music Award (GLAMA) for Best Comedy CD. She repeated this feat with her new already best-selling CD I'M NOT CINDY BRADY, which also won the GLAMA in April of 2000.

This past year, Suzanne has played to sell-out crowds all over North America. She both hosted and performed at the International Montreal Comedy Festival. Suzanne recently headlined with Eric

McCormack ("Will & Grace") at the famous Improv Club in Hollywood. She is currently shooting a major role in the feature film A FAMILY AFFAIR, and she has just been nominated for the prestigious GLAAD media award for best Los Angeles theatrical production. Suzanne makes her home in Los Angeles, and she is currently developing her new special for HBO entitled TOUR



**Suzanne Westenhoefer**

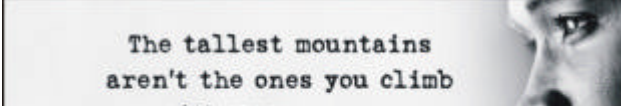


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sure got the crowd laughing as two continued to outbid the other for the same items. **Linda Davenport, GLRC President**, helped by **Duane Foster** kept track of the bids and made sure we all paid for our purchases

The relaxed atmosphere was only enhanced by the sounds of the entertainment provided by **Lojo Russo**, a tremendously gifted songwriter, singer, instrumentalist, producer, and live performer. Her eclectic style was well received and I think we all were a bit fascinated by her very very blue



**Lojo Russo, Performer**

spiked hair! She is known for her repeated outbursts of beatnik jargon and has performed both as a solo artist and with comrades in Twin Cities bands like Cats Laughing, and the eclectic combo Funks Grove.

As in all fun events, about 4pm the crowd started dispersing and the park cleared out but everyone was full, hot, sunburnt, but I am sure we all left with a great feeling in our hearts that we could be a part of the Gay and Lesbian Community of Cedar Rapids and surrounding communities.

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# In Memory of Charlie Howard

by Alan Fredricksen

The mission statement embraced by all of us at the GLRC is that we exist in order 'to provide an information and referral center for the mutual support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons, their families, friends, allies, and the community at large and to be an advocate for civil rights'. On Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> I had the incredibly rewarding experience of upholding that statement in a way that made me appreciate that mission in a whole new way.

On that evening, I came into the center for the Thursday Night Open House, and I found a note from Linda Davenport stating that there may be some students coming in to get information about local GLBT issues, problems, successes and general questions about GLBT life in Cedar Rapids. I was here for about fifteen minutes when a couple of young ladies walked into the center. I did not recognize them, so I approached, introduced myself and asked if they had ever been to the GLRC before. They said "no" and introduced themselves. Jill and Amber were taking a social issues class at Mt. Mercy College and had chosen GLBT issues to be their focus. HOORAY!

Well, to say that we had a lively conversation would be an understatement. Thanks to some other visitors that night, well for the purpose of anonymity we will call them 'Ryan Wheeler' and 'John Zehms' (yeah, that should work), the flow of honest and thought-provoking ideas, questions, and answers was a pleasure to be a part of. At the center, we often have visitors who are well acquainted with GLBT life and issues, so it was a real inspiration and pleasure to spend time with

people who although not gay were so respectful, thoughtful, and open to new ideas. It was especially nice to get their reaction to the idea of the 'geography of desire'.

At the end of the discussion they asked if we could come to speak to their class. Both 'Ryan' and 'John' had work conflicts, but I was available at the time that they were making their presentation so I agreed to help out.

I met again with Jill, Amber and the third member of their group, Steve, on the following Monday evening at the GLRC to discuss the plan, what topics needed to be covered, and exactly what points that they wanted to make during their presentation. They mentioned that the class was made up of students who were majoring in education; most being elementary level educators and a couple of secondary level education students. They thought it would be best to focus on how a teacher could be affected by GLBT issues in their prospective assignments. For example, how to deal with a student who is being ridiculed or abused for being gay; how to deal with parents who may either be gay themselves or opposed to students in their school who identify as being gay; and so on.

They wanted to tie it in with the catalyst for the presentation, which was an article they had read about a man named Charlie Howard. He was a gay man who lived in New York City in 80's. While refusing to be pushed back into the proverbial closet, Charlie stood his ground and the men who were offended by his pride threw him over a bridge into the

river underneath. Charlie died. The article was entitled "A Rose for Charlie" because every year since his death there has been a memorial to him on that bridge, and each person in attendance drops a rose from the guardrail to the water below.

It soon became clear that the 15-20 minutes allotted for each presentation was not going to be enough to cover all of the aspects of either Charlie Howard's story or GLBT issues in the school system. So Jill, Amber and Steve approached their professor and he gave them permission to use as much time as they needed to give adequate attention to all the areas being considered.

As the class began, we were all a bit nervous. Until now our conversations had taken place in the protective environment of the GLRC of Cedar Rapids, and now we were in a classroom of Mt. Mercy College.

Jill began the presentation with an overview of the article "A Rose for Charlie", and then began to relate the issue of bigotry in society at large to the bigotry in the school system. She also designed, printed and distributed a tri-fold reference guide to all of the students and the professor. It was entitled "A Guide for Teachers", was emblazoned with the rainbow, listed various references for Cedar Rapids GLBT issues including support groups, churches, and health resources. The back section of the pamphlet was used to display the poem "Scarecrow" which is about the death of Matthew Sheppard.

Amber continued the presentation by highlighting additional re-

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sources for teachers to be able to turn to when faced with troubling situations as well as ideas where they could direct students, parent and/or faculty who may have questions regarding these issues. She also highlighted some major questions and assumptions that many people have about GLBT persons.

Then Steve presented a packet of information to the class which contained information about the history of the rainbow flag, the pink triangle, suggestions of how to react if someone does 'come out' to you, suggestions on what to say and not to say, statistics regarding suicide, school drop-out rate, violence, homelessness, depression as they relate to a teenager who may be struggling with sexual orientation and/or the possibility that they may be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

In order to show the importance of never making assumptions about someone's sexual identity, he recited some cases where some straight people acted violently toward people whom they thought were gay but were actually straight. One case involved a man who was standing in the back of a bar holding a purse. Only after he was beaten up did his abusers find out that he was simply holding the purse for his wife while she used the restroom. Another incident involved the SNL alum Norm MacDonald. He was walking in New York City when some men who, because he was 'stylishly dressed' and groomed, thought he was gay and beat him up so badly that he received a concussion.

Steve finished his part of the presentation by displaying an overhead projection of a list of

"reasons" that many feel are responsible for people being GLBT. They included the usual suspects; genetic, environment, hormonal, and neurological. Now, the words themselves have generated much debate among the scientific and GLBT communities, but what we found most troubling were the definitions given to these terms. For example, the term genetic was defined as an "inherited defect" and a "mutation in gene positions", the neurological aspect was defined as a "chemical imbalance", hormonal as one having a "lack or surplus of male or female hormones, and the term environmental was defined as one who had the infamous "unresolved conflict in the psychosocial stage of development". YIKES!!!

I began my part of the presentation by giving a brief history of my own coming out experience. I tried my best to keep the focus, not on changing anybody's mind as to how they felt or what they believed about homosexuality, but rather, how they as teachers would be in a unique position to deal with this issue in a special and unique way.

During the discussion section of the presentation, we discussed ways to deal with students the pride they experience during the coming out process, how to approach students a teacher may suspect is having difficulty dealing with sexual identity, how to deal with GLBT parents, and how to draw the line between expressing gay pride and simply disobeying the rules of behavior that all students need to adhere to. At one point one of the students made a comment that they did not see the need for a gay student display their 'sexuality' by wearing rainbows, triangles and t-shirts displaying gay symbols. I responded

that wearing rainbows is not a display of what type of sex a person would want to have. I suggested that "if I was to ask you (pointing to one of the students) what you find sexually attractive you would say one thing, but if I asked you (pointing to the next student) you would have a different opinion, in fact everyone in this class would have a unique as to what makes a person physically attractive, but if I were to ask all of you what you wanted out of that relationship 20 years down the road, our answers would all be the same.... love, honesty, respect, trust, devotion, strength, support and humor."

I went on to explain that when a student wears pride rainbows or pink triangles, or buttons reflecting a positive view of homosexuality, they are responding to years of messages from their families, churches, governments and society that have told them that their love is somehow dirty, bad or a sin. Rather, these students are in fact displaying their pride in the newfound ability to love themselves and others. They are stating that the love they have for themselves and/or others is good. They are proclaiming that those they love as well as the way that they love are pure, healthy, normal and deserving of respect.

Since class time was running out, we continued to the next part of the presentation, which brought the class back to Charlie Howard. Jill, Amber and Steve handed a rose to each student in the class. Attached to each rose was a name. The name identified someone who had been killed by persons who had a hatred for GLBT people. Each name was accompanied with a brief story of their life and death. Needless to

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say, as each student read their name aloud and gave a synopsis of the individual's story, there were few dry eyes in the classroom.

Steve concluded the presentation by reading a poem entitled "Does It Matter" which was written by an anonymous student...

My father asked me if I am gay  
I asked Does it matter?  
He said No not really  
I said Yes.  
He said get out of my life  
I guessed it mattered.

My boss asked if I am gay  
I asked Does it matter?  
He said No not really  
I told him Yes.  
He said you're fired faggot

I guess it mattered.  
My friend asked if I am gay  
I said Does it matter?  
He said No not really  
I told him Yes.  
He said Don't call me your friend  
I guess it mattered.

My lover asked Do you love me?  
I asked Does it matter?  
He said Yes.  
I told him I love you  
He said Let me hold you in my arms  
For the first time in my life something matters.

My God asked me Do you love yourself?  
I said Does it matter?  
He said YES  
I said How can I love myself? I am gay  
He said That is the way I made

you  
Nothing will ever matter again.

As an update to this experience, I have since kept in contact with Jill. She told me that for the rest of that week, each presentation, regardless of the topic, turned to the issues facing GLBT persons in the school system.

I would like to formally thank Jill Brockschink, Amber Knecht and Steve Vanderhei for their willingness to question their own opinions as well as taking the time to listen to our opinions while honestly expressing their own. It is only by this kind of communication that we will be able to build bridges of understanding to our families, churches, politicians and society at large.

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## Annual October GLRC Board Elections

**T**his year marks the twelfth year the GLRC has been in the community. Would you like to help shape the future of the GLRC? Do you have what it takes to be a member of the 2004 Board of Directors?

The 2004 Board of Directors election will be held at the Annual General Meeting on October 5th, 2 PM at the GLRC which is located at 305 2nd Street SE, Suite 324 (take the elevator to the third floor). Nominations will be accepted in writing prior to this meeting and from the floor during the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please write the GLRC at our PO Box 1643, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1643 or you can drop us an email at [info@crglrc.org](mailto:info@crglrc.org). You're qualified to become a board member if you hold to the purpose and objectives of the GLRC. Some of the responsibilities expected of a board member are to attend monthly board meetings, participate in GLRC functions, educate people on the role of the GLRC, assist with GLRC events, and assist with staffing of the GLRC office.

The election process is very simple—written ballots are required if there are more nominees than there are positions to be filled. Nominees receiving the largest number of votes will be elected.

We hope to see you at this year's GLRC General Membership Meeting.



## GLRC Sponsorship Form

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 dered persons, their families, friend, and allies, and the commu-  
 nity at large.



## The Quire Eastern Iowa's GLBT Chorus Welcomes New Members

**T**he Quire: Eastern Iowa's GLBT Chorus would like to welcome back past members and invite new members as we begin our 9th season. The Quire is a non-auditioned chorus of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered and straight singers of all ages. If you sang in a chorus in high school or college and miss making beautiful music with a group of great people then The Quire is for you. Even if you have never sung with a chorus before, but have had that on your list of things to do, this is the group for you.

Regardless of your skill level, there is a place for you with The Quire. We only ask that you attend rehearsals and affirm the mission statement of the organization. Since we are an all volunteer organization, there is also ample opportunity for non-singing support, such as working on planning committees, publicity, and with occasional mailings.

We will be presenting two major concerts this year, as usual. The first, on December 6th (yet to be titled) will feature a major Bach

choral work, accompanied by a small chamber ensemble. The second will be on June 26, our Pride concert, entitled "We Are Family".

In addition, the Quire has several other programs and activities planned for the upcoming season. Most notable is our participation in GALA Festival VII in Montreal, Canada, July 17-24, 2004. GALA is the international association of gay and lesbian choruses. Every four years GALA holds an international festival of choruses. Imagine being part of event that includes over 150 choruses from all over the world and over 6,000 individual participants. The feeling of being part of the week long event is almost indescribable.

One of the other events we have planned for this season is a cabaret which will be a fundraising event for our trip to Montreal. This will give all you Divas out there a chance to strut your stuff in an evening of song and sumptuous desserts -- yet another opportunity for solo and small groups to seduce the audience

with sultry torch songs or dazzle them campy humor.

Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 7, 2003, and continue weekly from 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm at Faith United Church of Christ, 1609 Deforest St, Iowa City. Please contact any of us listed on for additional information.

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### NOTICE

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### \*\*NOTICE\*\*

**Interested in running for the GLRC  
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Elections will be held on October 5,  
2003 at the General Meeting 2:00 PM  
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If you do not wish to run, you are encouraged to come and vote for community members that will best represent you on the GLRC Board of Directors.

## Lives Worth Living

### Retreat for Gay Men

The Rapids AIDS Project (a program of the American Red Cross) and Johnson County Public Health are sponsoring a one-day retreat called "Lives Worth Living," an event for gay and bisexual men. The retreat will be held Saturday, October 4, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Co-sponsors for this year's event include Legion Arts, the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, Linn County Public Health, First Friday Breakfast Club in the Corridor (FFBC2) and Outlowa.com.

This year's retreat will feature the overall theme of men's sexual health. It will involve workshops focusing on the physical, spiritual and medical aspects of gay and bisexual men's health and well-being.

This event is also a great way to meet many new friends in a relaxing atmosphere. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the day. Come and take advantage of the array of social, cultural, political and spiritual resources that will be available all day. We also hope that by the end of the day you will be connected to other opportunities for learning and social supports, such as the Rapids AIDS Project new small group entitled "Lives Worth Living" - a 4-week group focusing on HIV prevention and relationship skills.

The retreat will be held in beautiful Lake MacBride State Park, located off Interstate 380 past Shueyville (between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City). The MacBride Lodge was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936 and

was renovated in 1998. This facility is located within walking distance from the Beach to Dam Trail. This pedestrian trail is 1.5 miles long and winds along the lakeshore. Its scenery and beauty make it one of Lake MacBride's most popular trails. This lodge, nestled amongst trees and other beautiful landscapes, will make for a gorgeous October setting. Is there a better place to spend your day?

Cost for the retreat is \$15, which covers all materials and lunch. Pre-registration is required, so sign up now. We will be accepting registration for this event through Friday, September 26. For more information or registration materials, call the Rapids AIDS Project at (319) 393-9579.

## Women's Self Defense Seminar

I am writing to let you know about a fun, practical, hands on self-defense seminar for **women** of all ages that will be held in Cedar Rapids on OCTOBER 11th.

Unlike many traditional martial arts courses that take years to learn, this course gives tools that can be used in everyday situations such as rape attempts and other forms of violence against women and their families, and can be utilized immediately with maximum result. This course is very empowering for women of ALL ages and is much needed in our area!

The Waypoint Community Center (formerly the YWCA) has been kind enough to sponsor this one

of its kind event and we really appreciate them for that and all they do. Here are the details...

**DATE:** October 11th, 2003

**TIME:** 9:30 am to 5:30 pm with a one hour break for lunch.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jennifer Adkins (2nd-degree Bujinkan black belt, Female Fightback Director/Instructor) with the assistance of Tim Pinnow (Bujinkan black belt). Both Tim and Jennifer have many years of experience and martial arts training

**WHERE:** THE WAYPOINT COMMUNITY CENTER in downtown Cedar Rapids ( that's the old YWCA building near Greene Square Park for those familiar

with the area ).

**THE COST:** \$65, with the possibility of discounts for larger groups.

Here's a link for a bit more info : <http://www.warriorschool.com/courses/fightback.htm>

If you would like printed information or registration forms, contact me at 319/366-8358 or 319/270-0975 or at this email [FLYING-MONKEYSCR@aol.com](mailto:FLYING-MONKEYSCR@aol.com) , or by snail mail :

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## Many Gays With HIV Don't Know It!

**BARCELONA, Spain, July 8—More than three fourths of young urban gays are infected with HIV don't know it—and may unwittingly transmit the deadly virus to their partners, a major U.S. study suggests. Among young black homosexuals, the findings are even more alarming. More than nine in ten were unaware they carried the Aids virus, the study found.**

THE FINDINGS, released here Monday at the International AIDS Conference, signal a need to revive the passion with which the United States once tackled the epidemic or face a possible resurgence, said Dr. Ron Valdiserri, deputy director of HIV, STD and TB at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. "The study may help explain why many young gay and bisexual men in the United States are becoming infected" said the CDC's Duncan MacKellar, who let the work. Hundreds of thousands of gays are going untreated for HIV and may be spreading it unknowingly and to unknowing persons through unsafe sex, he said.

Another CDC study, also released Monday, showed that the rate of new HIV infections among gay and bisexual men is nine times higher than among women and heterosexual men.

For his study, MacKellar interviewed and tested nearly 6,000 gay men aged 15 to 29 at local hangouts, dance clubs, bars and health clubs in Baltimore, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, New

York and Seattle from 1994 to 2000.

Of the 573 who tested HIV positive, 440 or 77 percent did not know they were infected with the virus. Nearly half said they didn't use condoms during anal sex because they perceived themselves to be at low risk for HIV infection, MacKellar said.

When broken down by race:

91 percent of infected black men didn't know they were HIV positive;

70 percent of infected Latino men were unaware of their status, and 60 percent of the infected white men didn't know it, MacKellar said.

Ignorance of AIDS status among infected gay and bisexual men is three times higher than previous studies estimated, MacKellar said. Those studies, which were based on interviews with men entering the military or other jobs that require HIV screenings, showed that one in four infected people don't know it.

### REVERSING THE TREND

To help reverse the trend, the

CDC has launched several new campaigns. One, designed to halve new infections among all Americans by the year 2005, largely targets Americans who are infected with HIV but do not know it.

We're encouraging people to recognize high risk behavior, encouraging testing of at-risk groups such as homosexual and IV drug users, and encouraging health care providers to do more to increase HIV testing among their patients," said the CDC's Dr. Patricia Fleming. She noted that testing of pregnant women ballooned about a decade ago after that group was targeted by their ob-gyns.

Additionally, she said, rapid testing that allows people to get their results on the spot are needed. Currently, there is only one government-approved test in the United States, and that test requires the sample to be sent to an outside lab for results which means patients must return to find out if they tested positive.

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319-366-7796

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
319-363-3194
- CSPS (Community Arts Center)**  
1103 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> & Park)  
Waterloo, IA 50703  
319-232-2239

### HEALTH

- AIDS Interfaith Network of Eastern IA**  
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Waterloo, IA 50703
- Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women**  
Health care services by women, for women. Gynecological exams, STD testing and treatment. All Services confidential  
4089 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SW, Suite 211  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
319-390-4342
- Iowa Center for AIDS Resources & Education (ICARE)**  
321 East First St.  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
319-338-2135 or [info@icare-ia.org](mailto:info@icare-ia.org)  
<http://www.icare-ia.org>
- Iowa City Free Medical Clinic**  
Fine Confidential HIV Testing  
120 North Dubuque St.  
Iowa City, IA 52245  
319-337-4459

### Linn County Health Department

Free Confidential HIV Testing  
501 13<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
319-892-6000

### Planned Parenthood East Central Iowa

Confidential STD Testing & Treatment for Men and Women  
Full Gynecological Exams for Women  
1500 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Suite 100  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
319-363-8572  
<http://www.plannedparenthood.org>

### Rapids AIDS Project

6300 Rockwell Dr. NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
319-393-9579 or [rap@crossnet.org](mailto:rap@crossnet.org)  
<http://www.redcross.org/ia/cedarrap/rap.html>

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Access Line

Iowa's Newspaper for LGBT  
PO Box 1682  
Waterloo, IA 50704  
319-232-6805 or [Accessline@mchsi.com](mailto:Accessline@mchsi.com)

#### Resource Line

GLRC Monthly Newsletter  
PO Box 1643  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1643  
319-366-2055 or [info@crglrc.org](mailto:info@crglrc.org)

#### This Week in Eastern Iowa

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/glbtiissues-easterniowa>  
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### SOCIAL / SUPPORT

#### Coe Alliance

Weekly Meetings & Events  
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319-399-8594 or [jchaimov@coe.edu](mailto:jchaimov@coe.edu)

#### GLRC of Cedar Rapids

Drop-In Thursdays 7 - 9 PM  
305 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, Suite 324  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
319-366-2055 or [info@crglrc.org](mailto:info@crglrc.org)  
<http://www.crglrc.org>

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month  
319-643-2613

#### The Quire (Eastern Iowa's GLBT Chorus)

Rehearsals 6:15—8:30 PM  
Faith UCC, 1609 Forest St  
Iowa City, IA  
<http://www.thequire.org>

### UNITY

GLBT Club for Students at Kirkwood Community College in CR  
Julia Haseleu  
[Jhasele@kirkwood.cc.ia.us](mailto:Jhasele@kirkwood.cc.ia.us)

### SPIRITUAL / WORSHIP

#### Faith United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation  
Worship Service at 11AM  
1000 30<sup>th</sup> St. NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
319-363-8454  
<http://www.crfathumc.org>

#### Pathways 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 AM  
600 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
319-362-9827  
<http://www.peoples.cedarrapids.uus.org>

#### Unity Center of Cedar Rapids

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

### SUPPORT

#### First Friday Breakfast Club in the Corridor

Meets First Friday of each month at 7 AM at the Clarion Hotel on 33<sup>rd</sup> St SW  
Email Jacob Wittrock for more information  
[ffb2@hotmail.com](mailto:ffb2@hotmail.com)

#### Iowa Artistry

Transgender Support  
PO Box 11093  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52410  
[IowaArtistry@tgforum.com](mailto:IowaArtistry@tgforum.com)  
[www.transgender.org/iaar/index.html](http://www.transgender.org/iaar/index.html)

#### National AIDS Hotline

Call 319-393-9579 for information

#### PFLAG

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

#### Women's Chat Support Group

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



# SEPTEMBER 2003

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	5 FFBC2 7:00AM Clarion Hotel	6 Gay Day at Adventureland 9:30AM
7 GLRC Board Meeting 2 PM DramaFest 6:45PM	8 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	9	10 Women's Group Hosted by Lorma Lang 6:30—8:30 PM	11 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	12 Open Door Coffee House 7:00PM Faith UMC	13 Iowa Women's Music Festival Noon—5 PM Iowa City
14 GLRC Golf 9:00 AM Mt. Vernon IA DramaFest 6:45PM	15 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	16	17	18 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	19 Movie Night 7 PM Faith UMC	20
21 DramaFest 6:45PM	22 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	23 PFLAG Meeting Faith UMC 7 PM	24	25 Movie Night & Potluck 7-9 PM	26	27
28 DramaFest 6:45PM	29 Drop-in night 7-9 PM	30				

GLRC Office will be open from 2- 4 PM Monday, Weds. And Friday (except Holidays).  
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