

Gay and Lesbian Resource Center Elects New Board of Directors for 2004!

The General Membership meeting of the Cedar Rapids Gay and Lesbian Resource Center was held at 2:00pm on October 5, 2003 at the current Center located at 305 2nd Street SE, Suite 324 in the Paramount Building!

Although the public turn out was light in comparison to most functions, individuals who wanted to be on the board, or have a say in the elections were present to say what they felt they needed to say. Although the Board of Directors is comprised of 10 individual seats, it is required at any given point to have 6 of the seats to be filled. The election succeeded in filling those 6 seats with the following individuals being nominated and elected into office beginning January 1, 2004:

Brian Childs—1 year term of office
Alan Fredricksen---2 year term of office
Brian Martin---2 year term of office
Sandra Reimer---2 year term of office
Scott Alt---2 year term of office
John Zehms---1 year term of office



The Executive Board, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be determined by a later date by vote of the new board. The remaining 4 seats, which are vacant can be filled by anyone from the public who wishes to be nominated and elected into one of the seats. The board of 2003 and the board-elect all encourage any individual who would like to become part of such a worth-while and necessary organization to please contact one of the above names or call the Center!!! The new board with all their fresh and innovative ideas are going to strive to take the Center into areas which have thus far been untapped and hopefully bring the Center more public with its resources and information. We hope the public welcomes the new board and begins to become more involved in the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center.

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Waterloo CAAP Benefit 2003

The Community AIDS Assistance Project presents CAAP Benefit 2003 Saturday, November 8, 2003, Electric Park Ballroom 310 West Conger Street. Doors open at 6:00pm and the show begins at 6:45 PM. The benefit's MCs will be Jessica Tyler and Ruby James Knight. The annual "Keeper of the Wings Award" will be presented to an individual or group for outstanding work done on behalf of AIDS Support. Contact CAAP at 319-235-7577.

New GLBT AA Meeting started in Cedar Rapids

new meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous has been started for area gay, lesbian, bi and transgendered members of the community. The meeting is being held at Faith United Methodist Church located at 1000 30th St NE.

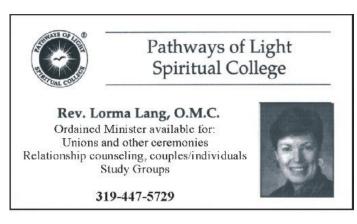
The meeting starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights, has a smoke break in the middle and ends by 8:30 p.m.

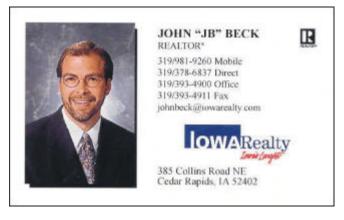
As with many AA meetings, the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. If you think you may have a problem with alcohol, come join us and talk about it in an environment where you can be totally open and honest.

Feel free to call me at 362-1504 if you have any

questions or need directions. Or you can e-mail me at dotsheldon@cs.com.













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Cedar Rapids Gay & Leshian Resource Center Presents SMOKE OUT November 20, 2008





The Gay American Smoke Out is an opportunity for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) individuals to challenge themselves to quit smoking.

Stop Smoking Kits will be available at the Resource Center for all those who are interested in participating in the GAY American Smoke Out.

An educational meeting will be held.

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Check the November issue of the Resource Line or call the GLRC for more information

(319) 366-2055

305 Second St. SE. Suite 324 • Cedar Rapids

3rd Annual Gay American Smoke Out Informational Meeting

November 19th 7:00 PM At The Cedar Rapids GLRC

he Cedar Rapids Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (CRGLRC) is participating in this powerful event for the third year in a row, and this year we are taking new approach. While the actual date for the event is November 20, 2003, this year we are holding an educational meeting the night before the Smoke Out. In this way, you will be educated on all the guintessential points before the actual day you accept the challenge to guit smoking. Please join us at the CRGLRC on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 for refreshments, snacks, and door prizes, along with an educational Stop Smoking discussion with Jacqueline Gilman. Jacqueline is a Tobacco Prevention Specialist from the Area Substance Abuse Council. She will be speaking on the effects of smoking, second-hand smoke, and has some telling visual aids with which to communicate this event's message.

If you would like to quit smoking, this is the perfect time! Come down to the CRGLRC on November 19, 2003 at 7:00 PM to find out how! If you are in the proc-

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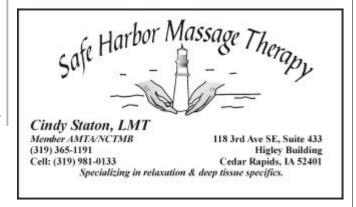
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ess of quitting and would like some additional inspiration, or even if you have successfully quit and would like to provide inspiration for others, we would love to see you at the meeting as well. Please note that if enough people show interest, Jacqueline would be happy to provide a complete stop smoking program through the CRGLRC. For more information, please email salt@crglrc.org or call the CRGLRC 319-366-2055. The CRGLRC is located at 305 Second Street S.E. in Downtown Cedar Rapids. The center is on the third floor of the Paramount Building in Suite 323.







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GLRC Sponsorship Form

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 in Cedar Rapids and surrounding communities. Become a part of the GLRC by sending your tax-deductible sponsorship donation today. In return, you will receive the GLRC's community newsletter, the Resource Line, delivered to your home or office each month to keep you informed of the latest community news.

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The Gay and Lesbian Community of Cedar Rapids and surrounding communities is growing stronger by the year and I am proud to play a part in that community!

You too, can take advantage of today's low interest rates and Low Down payment loan programs and become homeowners!

Call Me! The GLBT Realtor with ALL your OPTIONS!



The QUIRE"s Holiday Concert

The December 6th holiday concert will be held on Saturday at 8:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson St in Iowa City. The December 14th concert will be held on Sunday at 3:00 PM at Faith United Methodist Church, 100- 30th St NE in Cedar Rapids.]

This year's program includes a diverse selection:

- ?? Winter Solstice Moon by David Frank Long,
- ?? Ruth Huber's Sacred Circle, a variety of carol arrangements
- ?? Antonio Vlivaldi's Magnificat (with orchestra)
- ?? Cold & Fugue Season by J. S. Bach / arranged Foncannon
- ?? And Steve Allen's Cool Yule to launch release of our latest C.D. "Cool Yule"

Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be taken during intermission of the concert!

WORLD AIDS DAY BENEFIT

Thursday, December 4, 2003 Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Collins Plaza Hotel New Venue!

Cedar Rapids

Dinner and Music Live and Silent Auctions showcasing hundreds of items.

Quilt panels from the Names Project

Recognize those fighting HIV and AIDS, and honor those who have lost their fight. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. For tickets call the Rapids AIDS Project, a program of the American Red Cross 393-3500.

















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Smoking, HIV Infection, and Gay Men in the United States

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n 13 August 1992 the Wall Street Journal announced, "The tobacco industry, after being beaten back in its controversial efforts to woo blacks and women, may be turning its marketing muscle on another minority. homosexuals". Philip Morris Inc reportedly planned to unveil its new Benson & Hedges Special Kings brand using advertisements in the national gay press.

Homosexual men in the US have been devastated by the epidemic of human immune-deficiency virus (HIV) infection. Niche marketing of tobacco products to homosexuals may be particularly invidious if smoking enhances the morbidity or mortality of HIV infection. Three questions bear on this possibility. Is cigarette smoking more prevalent among homosexual men than it is among heterosexual men? Does smoking increase the risk of acquiring HIV infection? Does smoking enhance the progression of HIV disease? Unfortunately, little conclusive research has been reported in any of these areas.

Smoking prevalence among gay men

Although the prevalence of smoking has declined in recent years, data from several sources suggest that the prevalence of smoking among gay men is at least as great and probably somewhat greater than among men in the total population. Among a cohort of 202 Washington, DC, and New York City homosexual men (mean age: 34 years) enrolled in a prospective study of risk factors for HIV infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), 46% (93) reported they were active cigarette smokers at enrollment in 1982.3 By comparison, National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) data showed that 35.1% of US adult men over the age of 18 smoked in 1983.2

In the 1984 population-based San Francisco Men's Health Study (998 men aged 24-55 years) the smoking prevalence was 41.8% among homosexual/bisexual enrollees, compared with 27.9% among heterosexual enrollees. The prevalence of heavy smoking (>2 packs per day) was higher among homosexual and bisexual men (8.3%) than among heterosexual men (2.5%), and it was highest among HIV-seropositive men (9.4%).

In a 1991 San Francisco convenience sample survey of alcohol and other drug use among 416 gay and bisexual men (mean age: 35 years; age range: 18-76 years; 79% white; 88% with 13 or more vears of education), 37.3% (155) reported they were current cigarette smokers (J Kelly, EMT Associates, Sacramento, CA, unpublished report, 1991). By comparison, the 1990 NHIS smoking prevalence among all US men over the age of 18 was 28.4%, and among all US white men over the age of 25 with 13 to 15 years of education it was 25.4%. The 1989 smoking prevalence among all men over the age of 18 in San Francisco was 25.5%, according to a study by the State of California.

Smoking and the risk of HIV infection

Whether smoking affects the risk of acquiring HIV infection is uncertain. Several research teams 3.4.6 have reported a higher risk of sexually acquired HIV infection among cigarette smokers, but

these studies have been limited in their ability to control for the behavior most likely to be the strongest risk factor for HIV acquisition unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected partner. Smoking was clearly associated with riskier sexual practices in all these studies. In one study of Haitian women, however, the association between smoking and HIV infection among a sub-group of women living in houses with concrete floors (a marker for higher socioeconomic status) remained after the data were adjusted for the number of sexual partners.

Smoking and immune function

Numerous clinical studies have shown alterations in immune function and inflammatory response among cigarette smokers, including elevated leukocyte counts, alterations in T-lymphocyte subsets, and changes in immuno-globulin levels. Normal T -cell function plays an essential part in the defense against the development of both infection and neoplasia. Analysis of T-lymphocyte subsets in smokers have generally shown increases in total T-cell and CD4+ (T -helper) cell counts in light and moderate smokers, but a relative decrease in the CD4+ subset and an increase in the CD8+ (Tsuppressor) subset in heavy smokers, though these changes are generally reversible with smoking cessation. In addition, smokers have a significantly lower proportion of circulating natural killer cells, a decrease that persists despite smoking cessation.

Cigarette smoking effects on CD4+ cells have been recently

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studied in both healthy and HIV infected individuals. Smoking increases CD4+ cell counts in healthy whites, though the reverse may be true in blacks. CD4+ cell counts have been noted to fall in smokers who guit and to increase in non-smokers, compared with non-smokers, in studies of men and with recent HIV infection; but these counts initially fall faster in smokers, and the difference between the counts for smokers and non-smokers is markedly reduced within 2 years after seroconversion. Such effects may require clinicians and researchers who measure CD4+ T -lymphocyte counts in HIV-infected individuals to consider smoking status when interpreting CD4+ cell levels in recently infected persons.

Smoking and the course of HIV disease

Despite their initially higher CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts, smokers with HIV infection do not fare better than non-smokers, and they may do worse. Two recent prospective studies have examined the effects of smoking status on dates of HIV seroconversion. In a study of male sexual contacts of men with AIDS, smoking status at enrollment was not associated with the contacts later progression to AIDS. The subjects were not stratified by amount of cigarette consumption, however, so an effect limited to heavy smokers might not have been detected. In a more detailed analysis, Burns similarly reported that smoking was not associated with a subsequent increased risk of either Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) or other AIDS-defining conditions. A number of these subjects reduced or discontinued their smoking during the study, however, and the study may not have had enough power to control for this and identify a meaningful dose effect.

In two other analyses, smoking was associated with an increased

risk of AIDS or PCp. These studies controlled for CD4+ T -lymphocyte cell counts rather than time of seroconversion, and the findings might have resulted from higher CD4+ cell counts in smokers at seroconversion rather than faster progression to AIDS. In a third analysis, researchers found no association after adjusting for duration of HIV infection.

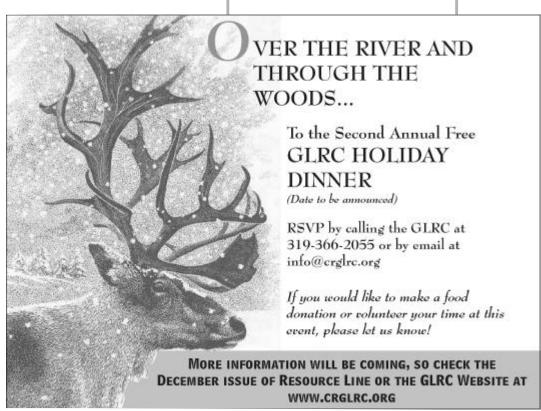
Conclusions

In summary, homosexual men do appear to have a higher prevalence of smoking than do men in the general population, though no firm conclusions can be drawn about the association between smoking and HIV-associated morbidity. Clearly, any increase in smoking would be expected to be harmful to the gay population.

As early as 1985, Newell called for smoking cessation as a possible means of reducing the risk of homosexual men acquiring AIDS. While it is not clear that smoking increases the risk of acquiring HIV

infection, given the high smoking prevalence among gay men, smoking cessation efforts targeted to this population are certainly needed for a variety of health reasons. With AIDS ravaging gay communities in the USI niche marketing of tobacco products to gays only adds further insult to a population already at risk

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

BUSINESS SERVICES

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lowa Realty 319-393-4900 (Business) 319-981-9260 (Mobile)

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ENTERTAINMENT

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3916 1st Ave NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-363-3194

CSPS (Community Arts Center) 1103 3rd St. SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 319-364-1580

One Flight Up

44-48 Main St Dubuque, IA 52001 563-582-8357

Studio 13

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The Metro

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

HEALTH

AIDS Interfaith Networrk of Eastern IA

162 East 4th St. 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 21st Ave SW, Suite 211 Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-390-4342

Iowa Center for AIDS Resources & Education (ICARE)

321 East First St. / lowa City, IA 52240 319-338-2135 or info@icare-ia.org http://www.icare-ia.or

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 13th 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 2nd 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 http://www.redcross.org/ia/cedarrap/ rap.html

PUBLICATIONS

Access Line

lowa's Newspaper for LGBT PO Box 1682 Waterloo, IA 50704 319-232-6805 or Accessline@mchsi.com

Resource Line

GLRC Monthly Newsletter PO Box 1643 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1643 319-366-2055 or info@crglrc.org

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ Edited/Operated by Tony Hasen

SOCIAL / SUPPORT

Coe Alliance

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

GLRC of Cedar Rapids Drop-In Thursdays 7 - 9 PM 305 2nd St SE, Suite 324 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 319-366-2055 or 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 319-339-4604 & katharn@avalonl;net

Spirit Hill Women's Retreat

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

The Quire (Eastern lowa's GLBT Chorus)
Rehearsals 6:15—8:30 PM
Faith UCC, 1609 Forest St Iowa City, ÍA http://www.thequire.org

UNITY

GLBT Club for Students at Kirkwood Community College in CR Julia Haseleu

SPIRITUAL / WORSHIP

Faith United Methodist Church

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

Pathdays of Light Spiritual College Rev. Lorma Lang, O.M.C. Ordained Minister available for Unions & other ceremonies. Relationship Counseling for Couples & individuals, and Study Groups 319-447-5729

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

A Welcoming Congregation Forum at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 600 3rd Ave SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 319-362-9827 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 33rd St SW Email Jacob Wittrock for more information ffbc2@hotmail.com

GLBT AA

Wednesday nights at 7 PM Faith United Methodist Church 1000 30 St NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Iowa Artistry

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

National AIDS Hotline

Call 319-393-9579 for information

PFI AG

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays 4th Tuesday, Faith United Methodist Church 1000 30th St. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-399-2543 or Pflager@yahoo.com http://www.geocities.com/pflager

Women's Chat Support Group

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



GLRC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

All Calendar events are held at the GLRC (305 2nd St SE, Suite 324) Unless otherwise specified (Tel: 319-366-2055)

See the area resource list for other location address

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GLRC Board Meeting 2 PM	Drop-in night 7-9 PM		GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	Drop-in night 7-9 PM	FFBC2 7:00AM Clarion Hotel	CAAP Benefit 2003 Waterloo IA 6 PM
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GLRC 2003 Fundraiser Club Basix 9 PM	Drop-in night 7-9 PM		Women's Group 6:30—8:30 PM GLBT AA 7 pm Faith UMC	Drop-in night 7-9 PM	Open Door Coffee House 7:00PM Faith UMC	
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			Gay Smoke Out Info Meeting 7 PM		Faith UMC Dad's Group 7pm	
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EVENTS COMING UP!! Mark your calendars

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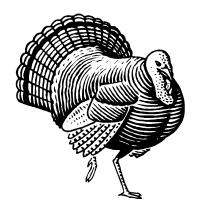
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