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The Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN) is a coalition of individuals and groups at the local and national levels that serves as a network to empower and support Asian Pacifica Lesbians and Bisexuals (APLBs). We aim to create visibility, build leadership, develop resources and strengthen ties among ourselves. We also work to create alliances with other organizations to draw parallels between our struggles to fight different forms of oppression. We strive to reflect the diversity within the Asian Pacifica communities through outreach and education.

In October 1987, many of us came together to participate in the National March On Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. It was the first time we came together nationally as an APL community. A grant of \$3,000 from the March On Washington Committee provided the seed money to plan a retreat.

In October 1988, 35 APLs from nine major cities around the country met in Washington, D.C. for our first planning meeting. From this meeting emerged a common vision of a long line of women who had struggled for nearly two decades for our right to love whom we choose and declare with pride our presence as APLs. Our efforts culminated in the First National Asian Pacifica Lesbian Retreat in Santa Cruz, California during Labor Day, 1989.

Nearly 200 APLs from the United States, Canada and England attended the retreat. Through collective efforts and bi-coastal cooperation we were able to share our experiences, break the silence and isolation from each other, and celebrate our rich and diverse cultures.

Since 1989, a core group of APLs in San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and New York have kept discussions going about formalizing the APL Network and holding a second national retreat. Updates were sent out to members on our mailing list* encouraging input and participation. Surveys** to APLs around the country are helping us assess needs and priorities. Based on responses to these surveys, a West Coast APL Retreat is being planned for October 22-24, 1993 in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The theme of this regional retreat is "Moving Beyond Visibility-Empowerment, Leadership & Activism in the Asian Pacific Lesbian & Bisexual Community."*** Additionally, on April 24, 1993, we will hold a national APLN Meeting to continue the work that was started in 1989. We will discuss a possible national APL Retreat in 1994 and strategize on APL projects and the APLN structure. This meeting will coincide with the 1993 National March On Washington For Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 1993.

**If you or any other APL you know is interested in being on our mailing list, or if your address has changed, please fill out the form in this brochure.*

***If you have not turned in your survey, please send it in. If you would like a survey, please check the appropriate box on return form.*

- ☐ I would like to be on the APLN mailing list.
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