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Filling the Coffers

Yard Sale

After more than a year, A/PLG is once again holding a much-needed Yard Sale on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23. Sale hours will be from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

This event has, in recent years, been the main avenue for raising the day-to-day funds needed to operate an organization such as A/PLG. Because of the Northridge Earthquake and the damage done to our prime location (Fred's) we didn't have even one yard sale last year. If it hadn't been for the two FUNdraisers produced by Augie, we would be seriously in the red. As it is, we are solvent for the moment but have no cushion to sit on. We need for this two-day event (and hopefully another in the Fall) to continue providing our growing list of members with as many benefits of membership as possible.

So, you may ask, where does this money go? Well, you are looking at a very large chunk. *The A/P Newsletter* costs a lot to produce and distribute every month. One of our Treasurers figured out several years ago that the cost of membership (dues) probably only pays for 4 or 5 newsletters a year. In addition to the newsletter, fundraisers such as the yard sales bring in revenue which allows us to rent a mail drop, buys stationery items such as this envelopes the newsletter came in, pays the rent on storage facilities where we keep our flags, past records of the organization, and various other "clutter"; it allows A/PLG to provide a Fourth of July Picnic and the Thanksgiving Dinner each year and to subsidize attendance by members at seminars and conventions throughout the year. It pays for workshops like the one on Inter-Racial Relationships described in the next column.

Without the fundraisers we would
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A Cultural/Educational Workshop

Inter-Racial Couples Relationship



Sunday, April 2, 1995

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Location:

L.A. Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center (1st floor)

1625 N. Schrader Blvd.,
Hollywood
(2 blocks west of Cahuenga)

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Ric Pimental-Habib

Everyone is welcome

Refreshments will be provided

Free

for current A/PLG members
[\$3.00 for non-members
if space permits]

Call

(213) 665-4628 or (310) 839-5239
for more information and to
make your reservations.

Sponsored by

A/PLG's
Culture & Education Committee

A Must

Day Trips Return!



Let's Try Again

Fires, earthquakes, rains and floods canceled all of last year's day trips and once again in March Mother Nature reared her ugly head to rain-out our scheduled first day trip of 1995. Well, lets hope she is done fooling around with us, we've rescheduled the first day trip for Saturday, April 1 (No wisecracks about the date; we don't need another jinx!) With the additional rain in March, we're confident that the hill-sides will still be green (if there are any hillsides left), and there's a chance that some early wildflowers will have made an appearance.

(Editor: I know this doesn't give you much lead time but I was away celebrating my mother's 75th birthday. Cancel whatever you had planned and join us. Last minute ventures are the best.)

While we're waiting for the main wildflower displays, though, let's enjoy the greenery (and snow!) along some of the backroads of northern Los Angeles County. The day trip will begin with a drive north from the San Fernando Valley, over two of the reconstructed sections of the I-5 freeway, to Castaic. After a brief pit stop, we'll proceed past Castaic Lake and then north on Lake Hughes Road to the Leona Valley. Heading west through Pine Canyon, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch, travel briefly on a section of the old Ridge Route, and then drive through Peace Valley to Frazier Park. From Frazier Park, we'll journey up Mount Piños (where, as of mid-March, the road was open but there was still several feet of snow on the ground). We'll make a final stop at the Vista del Lago Visitor Center at Pyramid Lake before returning to the city. Of course, this itinerary is subject to change due to road closures if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate and gives us more rain and snow.

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A/PLG Calendar of Coming Events

Apr				
Sat	1 st	9:30am	Second (First?) Day Trip (See article on page 1)	Call Bruce (805) 296-9494 for additional information
			April Fool's Day	Be a fool – Fall in love
			GAPSN Monthly Rap	Call Vincent (213) 389-4285 for info
Sun	2 nd	2:00am	Daylight Savings Time Begins	Set clocks/watches forward
			Inter-Racial Couples Relationship A Workshop on Making It Work (See page 1)	At GLCSC in Hollywood CallDamon at (213) 665-4628 for info/resv
Sun	9 th	5:00pm	A/PLG Steering Committee Meeting Please Join Us – <u>Everyone</u> Is Welcomed and encouraged to attend!	At Michael's, 1274 N. Crescent Hgts Blvd Call Ken for info; Michale for directions
Mon	10 th		<u>Deadline for articles/ads/etc. for May newsletter</u>	Call Milt for extension/add'l info
Tue	11 th	7:00pm	A/PLG HIV+ Support Group	Call (213) 660-2131 for details
Fri	14 th	7:30pm	A/PLG Los Angeles Potluck Rap Night "Shall we or should we go mainstr3am?" Passover begins at sundown	At Ron G.'s, 11126 Sunshine Ter., Studio City. Call (818) 762-6290 for directions Call Damon for info and direction
Sun	16 th		Easter Sunday	
Sat	22 nd	9:00am	A/PLG Yard Sale	Call Fred at (213) 935-1546 to donate
Sun	23 rd		Starting at 9:00am (Set-up beginning at 7:00am)	Call Milt at (818) 508-9961 to volunteer Come to buy
Sat	22 nd		Membership Mixer????????????	Call Glen
Tue	25 th	7:30pm	A/PLG HIV+ Support Group Theatre Night - Miss Saigon	Call (213) 660-2131 for details ?? 1 ticket available ??- call (310)289-9588
Sat	29 th	7:30	A/PLG Los Angeles Potluck Video Night	At Ron N.'s, 1134 N. Ogden Dr. WH Call (213) 654-6911 for directions
May				
Sat	6 th	9:30am	Day Trip #2	
Sat	27 th		FantAsia '95	

The gay rights movement is not a party. It is not a lifestyle. It is not a hair style. It is not a fad or a fringe or a sickness. It is not about sin or salvation. The gay rights movement is an integral part of the American promise of freedom.

-Urvashi Vaid