



The Newsletter

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Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays, Inc.

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May General Meeting

AIDS and Chinese Medicine

The members of the AIDS Intervention Team are pleased to announce that the featured speaker at the May General Meeting will be Dr. Quincai Zhang. Dr. Zhang will be speaking about the role of Chinese medicine in the fight against HIV infectious diseases and the active partnership it is beginning to develop with western medicine.

Dr. Zhang received his M.D. in 1962 at the Shanghai Second Medical University, receiving education in both Western and Chinese medicine. Later he became an associate professor at the University. He subsequently received a World Health Organization scholarship to study for two years at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. He has been a research fellow at the Wakai Pain Clinic in Nagoya, Japan, and a Visiting Professor at the University of California at Davis.

Dr. Zhang began to study AIDS several years ago with the purpose of applying the centuries-tried principles of Chinese medicine to the management of the primary infection and opportunistic infections that have affected Persons Living with HIV. His first book, *AIDS and Chinese Medicine - Application of the Oldest Medicine to the Newest Disease*, documents his research and details formulas that are immune-enhancing as well as attacking specific opportunistic infections. The book also tries to relate Chinese medicine and Western medicine and opens the way for more effective treatment using both systems.

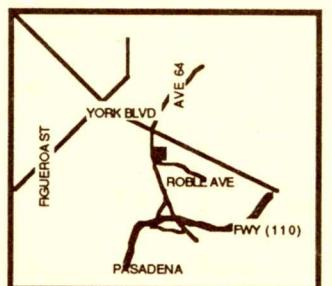
Of late, Dr. Zhang has been involved with a second book dealing specifically with Compound Q. The book deals with the background information about this herbal ingredient and its uses, particularly in HIV infections. It is interesting

to read all of the current research that is occurring on herbs and formulas which have been in use for centuries but only recently are being proven extremely effective through Western style clinical trials.

Accompanying Dr. Zhang will be a panel of members from the AIT HIV Positive Support Group. They will relate their personal experiences in the use of Chinese and Western medicine and their reasons why they have chosen their unique treatment strategies. Good health and the restoration of immune function figure strongly in their stories. Following the formal portion of the meeting there will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

The General Meeting will be held at Dignity, Los Angeles, and light refreshments will be served during the social hour after the meeting.

-Herb Dreiwitz



LOCATION OF DIGNITY LOS ANGELES
126 SOUTH AVENUE 64
HIGHLAND PARK

FantAsia '91

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Secrets of Our Garden

In the last issue of *The Newsletter* we told you about FantAsia '91, A/PLG's yearly extravaganza. Since then, everyone on the Steering Committee has been working very hard to produce a stylish and entertaining show.

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From the President



Hi guys, it's me ... Augie. Yes, I'm back from a two month business trip/vacation in Indonesia. Indeed, it sure is nice to be back home again and to find that everything is moving along. Thanks to the members of my steering committee, especially our out-spoken Veep, Peter Corpus, who has been working very hard to keep the ball rolling during my absence.

My two months trip to Indonesia was a real eye opening experience for me as a gay man. Boy, do I have a lot of stories to tell about gay life in Indonesia; however, since I am still recovering from jet-lag, you will just have to keep your pants on (pardon the expression) until the next issue of our newsletter. In the mean time, I would like to once again express how happy I am to be back with my friends and to a country that grants each one of us the freedom to express one's self.

-Augie Jusran

Plus English High Tea

Tour of Huntington Gardens

The renowned Huntington Gardens in San Marino will be toured by a special group from A/PLG on Sunday, May 19, 1991, starting at 1:00pm. This exceptional excursion, sponsored by the Cultural/Education Committee, will journey through an impressive Desert Garden featuring thousands of species of cacti presented in a natural habitat, then along a Subtropical Path to the Rose Garden. The trek will continue on to a five acre landscaped Japanese Garden with an 18th century temple bell,

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To provide a support system for lesbians and gays of Asian/Pacific descent in their relations with their families and communities so as to understand and accept each other with caring and pride

To provide opportunities for members of Asian/Pacific descent to develop leadership skills and function in leadership positions

To inform individuals and the community at large on the experience of the Asian/Pacific lesbians and gays

To increase awareness and understanding of the rich cultural heritage and diversity that exists among Asian/Pacific ethnic groups for members and for the general public

To support the full human rights and civil rights of lesbians and gays



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From March Minutes**Your Steering Committee at Work**

The March meeting of the Steering Committee took place on March 15 at the Chinatown Services Center Annex. In attendance were Vice President Peter C., Treasurer Doug C., Secretary Tak Y., Delegates-at-Large Hai P., and Paul S., AIT Chair Dean G., Cultural/Education Chair Bert E., Membership Outreach Chair Kim S., Orange County Chair James L., Publications Chair Milt O., Fundraising Chair Derick M., FantAsia '91 co-chair Vittorio Racca, and guest Bill P.

Actions taken:

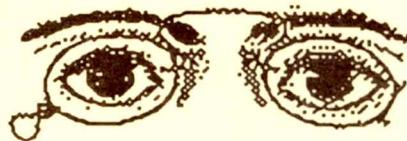
- It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that A/PLG will become a member of Life Lobby – a statewide organization of political action gay organizations who are involved in gay, AIDS, etc. issues. The initial membership fees will be provided by a grant from CSW, and the AIDS Intervention Team will assume responsibility for A/PLG's involvement. Other local groups currently members of Life Lobby include MECLA, APLA, Stonewall Democratic Club, Log Cabin Republican Club and the Homestead Hospice.
- It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that "Morris Kight, as a meaningful force in the formation of Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays", be extended lifetime membership in A/PLG, Inc.
- All future scheduled activities must submit a budget to the Treasurer for approval.
- It was decided that A/PLG would participate in this year's CSW Gay Pride Parade under the broader banner of the Gay Asian Pacific Consortium which includes A/PLG, GAPSN and Barangay.
- In response from Lambda, L.A., A/PLG will review concerns expressed by Lambda, N.Y. and GAPMNY/ALOEC regarding the New York production of *Miss Saigon*.

Announcements:

- Future L.A. raps will be structured and have an announced topic. They will be held every other month.
- Term of membership, which in the recent past has been on a calendar year basis – Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31 – will become cyclical. New members will be sent renewal notices effective 12 months after they initially join.
- A final decision on whether or not A/PLG will rent and occupy space at Chinatown Services Center Annex will be made at the next Steering Committee Meeting, which will be held at that location.

See the calendar for the date of the next Steering Committee Meeting and plan to attend. It is interesting!

-Milt Owens

The Veep Speaks**Visibility is Important**

Spring is in the air and boy, have we sprung forward!

Thanks to the God(s) that be, and whatever airline he flew on from Jakarta, our esteemed President, Augie, has returned and I am healthier for it. Welcome back Augie, now get to work! (Ha, Ha!)

Recently, we have had the opportunity to participate more and more in the greater Gay and Asian/Pacific communities. We had the great fortune of attending the installation dinners of **Dignity, Los Angeles** and the **Stonewall Democratic Club**. We are planning to attend the **Gay and Lesbian Latinos Unidos (GLLU)** phenomenal Cinco de Mayo celebration and a presentation of the **People of Color Caucus of ACT-UP New York** with **ACT-UP Los Angeles**.

We have also worked with the **Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center** in a monthly round-table discussion and other projects.

We are proud to announce the establishment of an official A/PLG liaison to the Board of Directors of the **Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA)** in which I will have the pleasure of serving.

We are also very pleased to be working closely with the **Gay Asian Pacific Support Network (GAPSN)** and **Barangay** – the Gay Filipino Association as the **Gay Asian/Pacific Consortium** in both **IMRU – Gay and Lesbian Radio** and **Christopher Street West** projects.

We hope that you will agree that this flurry of activity will contribute to the desired growing visibility of A/PLG to the greater Los Angeles community.

-Peter Corpus

L.A. Rap - May 3

What is friendship? How can A/PLG facilitate in creating friendships? What part does communications, positive self image and self esteem play in a friendship? Jealousy in friendships. How to keep a friendship from going stale.

Friendship, as facilitated by Martin Block, will be the topic at the next Los Angeles Rap to be held on Friday May 3 at the Silverlake home of Brad M. For directions, call (213)660-4548.

Pot luck will begin at 7:30pm (please bring a dish to share) and the rap will commence at 8:30pm.

-Mike Fuller

Where to Go

Get Cultured!

The Cultural/Education Committee is pleased to provide this list of current cultural, educational, and entertainment events of interest, some with an Asian/Pacific Islander and/or gay/lesbian connection.



Canton Jazz Club - A scandalous murder threatens the secrets and hidden pasts of those who's lives are so deeply a part of the hippest of nightclubs, featuring the appealing good looks and talent of an all Asian American review.

Thru June 2 at East West Players.
Call (213) 660-0360

Grand Hotel - Winner of 5 Tony awards. June 8 thru July 13 at the Pantages Theatre.

Dance

The Joffrey Ballet - Highlights of the spring program includes *Romeo and Juliet*, *Cotillion*, and the company's new ballets, *Postcards* and *Tarantella*. May 7 thru June 2 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.
Call (213) 972-7642.

Film

Absolutely Positive - In a remarkable and personal story, director Peter Adair gives us an inspiring, unflinching account of life after testing positive. The challenge of HIV is seen through the eyes of eleven men and women who are living with the virus. Presented by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the Gay and Lesbian Media Colaltion.
May 4, 7:00pm and 9:30pm

Poison - Three separate but interrelated and intercut stories inspired by the works of Jean Genet. *Herd* gives a mother's odd account of her seven-year-old son's disappearance after he has killed his father. In *Horror*, a classic black and white "B" melodrama, a scientist's experiment to discover the source of the sex drive leads to his own contagious

decay. And in *Homo*, a prisoner falls in love with a fellow inmate and is drowned in obsession, fantasy, and violence.
May 5, 7:00pm and 9:30pm.
Both films at the Pacific Design Center in the Center Green Theater.
Call (213) 462-2291 for additional information and ticket reservations.

Concerts

The Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Seiji Ozawa.
May 1 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.
Call (213) 972-7211

Art

Norton Simon Museum of Art - Kabuki theatrical portraits from the 18th century.
Call (818) 449-6840.

Los Angeles Center for Photographic Studies - Who's Caring? Resources for and responses to women with HIV/AIDS. Videos and photographic works.
Call (213) 482-3566.

Huntington Gardens

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a moon bridge, a furnished Japanese house, a Zen Garden, and a Bonsai Court.

The tour, which will last for an hour and a half, will be conducted by a museum docent. A personal docent will be assigned to our group if we reach twenty-five participants.

The Sunday afternoon experience will be highlighted by a traditional English high tea. A buffet will consist of tea and scones, five types of finger sandwiches, strawberries and cream, fruit tarts, and chocolate tarts. The total cost is only \$11.25, which includes the gratuity. After tea, we will be free to tour the other museum facilities.

This experience is limited to 25 people. Please make your reservations as early as possible. Contact Bert Estrada at (213) 343-1981. If you would like to car pool, arrangements will be made to meet at a designated place in order to travel together.

This definately promises to be a great cultural event!

-Bert Estrada

A/PLG People

New Members

We would like to welcome new member Mark O. who recently joined our growing family.

Renewals

We would also like to welcome back to the fold Tom E. who renewed at the last General Meeting.

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members celebrating May Birthdays: on the 1st - Howard C., & Glen Y., on the 2nd - Jim S., on the 3rd - Herb L., on the 9th - Joseph L. & Joel M., on the 10th - George S., on the 11th - Bruce McP., on the 12th - James U., on the 14th - Erick R., on the 15th - Ed U. & David W., on the 16th - Robert G., on the 19th - Priyadi D. & Jay E., on the 24th - Bernie C., on the 25th - Chuck S., on the 26th - Guy T., and on the 27th - Tony P.

Condolences

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Gabe Ulanday, whose father passed away, and to Frank Miller, who lost his mother.

Gay & Lesbian Pride Month

Consortium to Participate in IMRU Gay & Lesbian Radio Marathon

A/PLG is proud to announce that we will once again join forces with the Gay Asian Pacific Support Network (GAPSN) and Barangay - the Gay Filipino Association, as the Gay Asian Pacific Consortium, to participate in the IMRU Gay and Lesbian Radio's marathon broadcast in honor of gay and lesbian pride month.

We are presently searching and calling for writers and performers in A/PLG to help produce this Asian/Pacific contribu-

tion to IMRU's annual broadcast on KPFK radio 90.7FM, sometime in early July.

A committee of representatives from the three groups has met and is in the process of soliciting written fictional stories, poetry, skits and personal reflections to be combined into a program yet-to-be-named at press time.

We are thankful to GAPSIN for joining with A/PLG and Barangay in this year's edition. In the previous two years, GAPSIN has produced *Dragonseed*, in 1989, and *Silk Dreams* in 1990, both of which they also presented at A/PLG General Meetings.

So, all you talented writers and performers, contact Peter Corpus at (213) 460-4622 to volunteer your skills.

-Peter Corpus

FantAsia '91

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Here are a few items of update. This year we will be rearranging the seating in the auditorium to allow us to increase capacity and provide everybody with a better view of the stage.

Bert Estrada continues to create a magnificent lay-out for the show. In addition to the five gardens that will be located throughout the auditorium, Bert is diligently working to carry the theme of the event in all aspects of the evening.

The entertainment this year will be a mix of dance and comedy. Most of the numbers will probably be new to most of you who have attended previous FantAsias, but we will also include something old. (Now, who could that be?)

What would a show of this type be without an M.C.? Probably not much. Well this year we are very pleased and proud to have lined-up a special master of ceremonies. At this point we can't even announce who it is. Let's just hope there aren't any movie projects that will keep him from attending.

The tickets are presently on sale. Remember, if you are a current A/PLG member, it is only \$25.00; non-members pay \$30.00 and preferred

seating is \$50.00. You may be asking why a preferred seating price? Due to the continuing increase in budget expenditures, and the increase in services needed, especially surrounding the HIV crisis, A/PLG needs more funds to successfully meet its obligation to the Asian/Pacific lesbian and gay communities. This is a great way to give a little extra to a worthy organization and at the same time, get a better seat for the best show in town.

You can purchase tickets from any Steering Committee member and at the Different Light Bookstores. Call Augie, Peter, or Vittorio for more information.

We are always looking for additional help with the overall production of FantAsia '91. Anyone who would like to volunteer is encouraged to attend any of our planning meetings which are usually held every other Sunday at 11:00am. (See the calendar for May dates.) We particularly need help with setting up the auditorium, food preparation and entertainment.

Auditions for the show will be held the first part of May. Anyone who would like to perform in the show needs to attend the audition. If you are interested, please contact Vittorio.

So, don't wait until the last minute! FantAsia '91 will sell out and tickets will not be sold at the door.

Once again, all of us on the FantAsia '91 committee welcome you to come and support A/PLG on June 9, 1991.

-Vittorio Racca

THE NIGHT OF A THOUSAND CRANES

Fundraising Campaign

Please send in your coupons and dedications as soon as possible.

Donations are needed to fund A/PLG's cultural, educational, and AIDS-related activities.

Many Thanks!



Now That We Have Your Attention!

A/PLG is holding a yard sale on May 11th and 12th. You will find this event at 1644 South Hayworth Avenue (2 1/2 blocks south of Pico, 1 block west of Fairfax). This is a fundraising event to generate much needed funds for cultural/educational events throughout the year. Money is also needed for such things as this professionally constructed newsletter. (*Flattery is always much appreciated, Ed.*) Projects with the AIDS Intervention Team are also partially funded.

Spring is the time to clear out the old and make room for the new. Have you checked your closets lately? Research has shown that anything not used within the last two hundred thirty-nine days will probably never be used again. A/PLG could use those dormant treasures. Fred Bradford is coordination incoming merchandise. Call (213) 935-1546 to make arrangements.

So, what are you doing the weekend of May 11th and 12th? Are you looking for some excitement and adventure? Call (213) 665-9607 to volunteer for one or more of the following shifts: Saturday and Sunday 8 - 11, 11 - 3, 3 - 6. Nothing compares to seeing that satisfied look of a customer once they have purchased a piece of A/PLG's recycled merchandise. You are invited and encouraged to join in the fun of Project Spring Yard Sale '91. I hope to hear from you!

-Derick Mitchell

Letters to the Editor**OG Seeks Contributors**

Dear Editor,

As Editor of *OG* (Oriental Guys) magazine, I am always on the lookout for gay writers, poets and artists to contribute to the feature pages of each issue. I believe *OG* to be a unique forum for these talented people to have their work showcased for the appreciation of like-minded people. I have a number of regular writers, most of whom are Caucasian. And while their contributions are always welcome, I am particularly keen to build up a group of Asian writers who, hopefully, can present a different perspective on being gay and Asian.

All writers are free to write about whatever they choose, whether fiction, personal experiences or non-fiction although I would ask potential feature writers to contact me first to discuss your ideas. For those interested in writing works of fiction, please bear in mind that while I have no objection to you depicting sexual encounters, I am more interested in love making that is an integral part of the plot and not just pages and pages of pornographic detail, which is, more often than not, poorly written and boring to read. Let's get away from treating people as mere sex objects. And please remember our desire to promote safe sex.

Artists can send me samples of their work, wherever possible, knowing that it will be returned. Poets are also welcome to contribute, but if the work is extremely short, perhaps several poems would help to fill up space? And I'd be interested in hearing from professional photographers who can do nude shots of potential *OG* models.

If further details are required, please don't hesitate to write to me below.

*- Ian Withers
Editor OG Magazine
PO Box C232 Clarence St.
Sydney, Australia 2001*

Bartenders Wanted !
for
FantAsia '91

Call Mike Fuller at (818) 708-3516

Props Needed

In keeping with FantAsia's theme - The Secrets of Our Gardens - five garden settings (Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, English and Roman) will be recreated inside Friendship Hall. The Decorations Committee is in need of the following items:

- Roman Statues • Roman Columns
- Self-contained fountains
- Japanese stone lanterns
- Chinese Lions • Arbors
- 2 Wicker chairs • Wicker table
- Large bird cage • Parrot
- Smooth pebble stones
- Orchid plants • Bamboo torches
- Large potted plants (bamboo, ficus, cypress, etc)
- Unusual rock formations
- Large terra cotta/ceramic urns & jars

If you have any of the above items and would be willing to donate them for one or more of the gardens, I am in desperate need. I will also urgently need help the Sunday of FantAsia to assist in setting up these five gardens within the three hours allotted by the Hall. Please call me as soon as possible at (213) 343-1981.

-Bert Estrada

Gay Asian Organizations**The More the Merrier**

As newsletter editor, I receive a goodly number of newsletters from many other organizations. I read these newsletters and sometimes reprint articles I think might be of interest to you. Obviously my judgement is subjective and there could be other articles you might want to read.

Receiving all this mail I am astounded at the number of other gay Asian/Pacific

organizations that have been formed since we, A/PLG, took our first steps over ten years ago. Since many of you travel, and since members of our sister organizations seem to be a very friendly bunch, I have decided to list these other groups so that you might write them or look them up on your next trip.

APLG - Pacific Northwest
1218 3rd Ave. #2010
Seattle, WA 98101-3016
(216) 937-7140

APLG - Portland
c/o Kalim Winata
P.O. Box 1615
Portland, OR 97207

Asians & Friends - Chicago
P.O. Box 11313
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 237-7944 (312) 283-1248

Asians & Friends - Dallas
c/o John Christopher Pielsticker
P.O. Box 9142, TX 75209

Asians & Friends - Florida
c/o Chris Wong
16866 97th Way
Jupiter, FL 33478

Asians & Friends - New York
c/o Bradley Frome
59 Pineapple Street #3C
Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201
(212) 674-5064 (718) 852-1848

Asians & Friends Pittsburgh
P.O. Box 426
Evans City, PA 16033
(412) 538-9656

Asians & Friends - Sydney
c/o Arnel Landicho
P.O. Box 350 Darlinghurst, NSW
Australia
(02) 283-3222

Asians & Friends - Washington
P.O. Box 18974
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 287-2742

GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance)
P.O. Box 421884
San Francisco, CA 94142-1884
(415) 387-0466 (415) 282-5269

Gay Asians of Vancouver
c/o Patrick Vong
3126 East 28th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5R 157 Canada
(604) 433-1835

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AIT Happenings

Asian Pacific Island Support Groups

AIT has started three support groups for increasing the awareness of HIV/AIDS infection/disease among gay and bisexual Chinese (Mandarin), Japanese, and Filipino (Tagalog/English) speaking men. This is a Los Angeles County AIDS Programs funded project that AIT/A/PLG was granted from a Gay People of Color, L.A. County proposal. Anyone interested in attending one of these support/rap group meetings, please give Dean a call at (213) 468-8635, during the day, or (213) 664-4356 evenings. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY TO APPLY. We will train.



Six-Week AIDS Awareness Seminar

The six-Week AIDS Awareness Seminar is looking for a "few good men". This seminar has been designed by AIT to provide a *safe place* where gay men, especially gay Asian/Pacific Islander men, can gather to discuss all of the many issues related to HIV infection. Basic information about HIV infection, safer-sex, stress reduction, nutrition, and various Asian/Pacific cultural issues are discussed. The seminars are facilitated by two AIT members. If you are interested in attending these seminar sessions, please see Ed G. or give Dean a call.

Many Thanks

AIT would like to thank all of you who attended our April 13 fundraiser at the East-West Player's production of

Canton Jazz Club. The night was another sell-out and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. AIT would like to give special thanks to SAFARI Concrete Coring for absorbing the cost of designing and printing the tickets for us; Ed Y., for preparing and bringing the *goodies* tray; and the threesome - Tak Y., Charles J., and Dean G. - for providing the drinks. Also, a BIG thanks to those of you who donated back tickets for AIT's special distribution.

Script Writer Wanted

Our video project is in need of someone who can "script write". If you know of someone or if you yourself can "script write", please contact Ed or Bob at (213) 664-4356 and leave a message. Their (your) donated help will be greatly appreciated.

AIT Monthly Meeting

The May monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 1991, at our new quarters at the Chinatown Service Center Annex, 300 No. Broadway, in Chinatown. The meeting will start at 8:00pm preceded by an executive committee meeting starting at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend both meetings.

The guest speaker for the monthly meeting will be announced in our regular mailing. If you would like to get involved with AIT, please come and join us. WE DON'T BITE!

Free and Anonymous Testing Sites:

Call for appointment first.

Valley Community Clinic

(Saturdays only)
5648 Vineland Ave.,
North Hollywood
(818) 763-5963

Edelman Health Center

(Tue - Sat mornings)
1213 N. Highland Ave.,
Hollywood,
(213) 464-7276

The Center Long Beach

(Tue & Wed)
2017 E. 4th St.,
Long Beach,
(213) 434-4455

AIDS Response Program

(alt Sat)

128832A Garden Grove Blvd., Gdn Grv.,
(714) 534-0961

Gay & Lesbian Literature

A DIFFERENT LIGHT

4014 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, 90029 (213) 668-0629
8853 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, 90029 (213) 854-6601

Writers Series at Silver Lake Store

Saturday, May 11 — 8:00 p.m.

Eloise Klein Healy

Saturday, May 18 — 8:00 p.m.

Jewelle L. Gomez ♦ Terri de la Pena

Sunday, May 19 — 7:00 p.m.

Tim Donnelly ♦ Guillermo Reyes ♦ Vince Sales

Asians and Friends - Chicago

1991 International Friendship Weekend

The second annual International Friendship Weekend, bringing together gay Asians and their non-Asian friends from all over North America, will be held over the coming Labor Day weekend (Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, 1991), with Asians & Friends – Chicago as host organization.

The tremendous success of last year's International Friendship Weekend, which took place in Washington, D.C., under the co-sponsorship of Asians & Friends – Washington and Asian & Friends – New York, led to widespread enthusiasm for making the event an annual one. This year, individuals and organizations involved in cross-cultural relations between Asians and others are invited to Chicago to meet old and new friends, discuss issues and ideas, and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Windy City.

The Weekend will kick off on Friday evening with a Welcome Reception for all participants at the Chicago Academy of Sciences. On Saturday, activities will begin with a continental breakfast at the Rodde Center (Chicago's gay and Lesbian community center), followed by discussion groups dealing with issues of importance to the gay and Asian communities. Several sessions will be held, allowing participants to join in discussion of more than one topic. Special workshops will be offered for organizational officers and newsletter editors.

Saturday afternoon will allow opportunities for shopping or sightseeing, including a visit to the world-renowned Chicago Jazz Festival, held that same weekend in Grant Park, on Chicago's lakeshore. The landmark Ann Sather's Restaurant in the heart of Chicago's gay community will be the site for a gala dinner-dance on Saturday evening. For fans of night life, many of the city's biggest and best-known gay bars and discos are within walking distance of the restaurant.

A special attraction is scheduled for Sunday afternoon: a two-hour cruise on Lake Michigan, with music and refreshments, as well as spectacular views of one of the world's most impressive skylines. By popular demand, the Weekend will close with a Dim Sum Brunch (optional, at extra cost) in Chicago's New Chinatown on the North Side.

Chicago's ethnic diversity is reflected in its Asian residents of many backgrounds, and in the membership of Asians & Friends – Chicago as well. International Friendship Weekend 1991 will celebrate that diversity as gay Asians and their non-Asian friends gather for a weekend of intense interaction and networking.

Registration for the Weekend is \$60.00 per person, payable in advance; this covers all scheduled activities except the optional Dim Sum Brunch, for which an additional \$12.00 is charged. The deadline for registration is July 15th, 1991; late registration may be permitted at extra cost, but only if space is available.

A limited number of accommodations for out-of-town participants will be provided, at no charge (on a first-come, first-served basis) in the homes of Asians & Friends – Chicago members. Discount rates will also be available at nearby hotels.

Information and forms for registration and accommodations may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to

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We also have the names and addresses of some organizations in Tokyo, Inodnesia and London. Let me know if you will be visiting there and I will give you those

If you do visit one of our sister groups, be sure to say "hello" from all of us.

-Milt Owens

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A/PLG Calendar of May Events

Fri	3 rd	7:30pm	L.A. Rap and Pot Luck Dinner The topic will be <i>Friendships</i> and will be facilitated by Martin Block	At Brad's and Moto's 1989 Lucile Call (213) 660-4548 for directions
Sat	4 th	6:00pm	GAPSN Monthly Rap	Call David at (213) 650-8014 for details
Sun	5 th	1:00pm	A/PLG May General Meeting Dr. Quincai Zhang on AIDS and Chinese medicine	At Dignity, LA, 126 South Avenue 64 (at Roble) Highland Park Call Dean for details
Wed	8 th	7:00pm 8:00pm	AIT Executive Meeting AIT Committee Meeting	At CSC Annex, 300 N. Broadway, Chinatown Call AIT at (213) 664-4356 for details
Fri	10 th	8:00pm	Orange County Rap	At Stan's and Anthony's 1399 McKensie Dr., Placentia Call (714) 528-9304
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Sat	11 th	9:00am	A/PLG Spring Yard Sale Call Derick at (213) 665-9607 to volunteer Call Derick or Fred to arrange pick up of donations	At Fred's, 1644 So. Hayworth, L.A. Call (213) 935-1546 for directions
			BARANGAY General Meeting	Call José Atil at (818) 584-5936 for details
Sun	12 th	9:00am	A/PLG Spring Yard Sale continues	
			Mother's Day	Call your Mother!
		11:00am	FantAsia '91 Committee Meeting	At Fred's, Brunch provided
Tue	14 th	7:00pm	A/PLG HIV+ Support Group	Call AIT at (213) 664-4356 for deditals
Fri - Sun	17 th - 19 th		Palm Springs Weekend	Call Mac at (714) 964-9619
Fri	17 th	7:30pm	Steering Committee Meeting (Everyone is welcome, please come)	Chinatown Services Center Annex Call Augie at (213) 258-0188 for details
Sat	18 th		Long Beach Gay Pride Festival	Shoreline Aquatic Park
Sun	19 th	1:00pm	Huntington Gardens Tour & English High Tea	Call Bert at (213) 343-1981 to make required reservations
Sun	26 th	11:00am	FantAsia '91 Committee Meeting	At Bert's, brunch provided
Tue	28 th	7:00pm	A/PLG HIV+ Support Group	Call AIT at (213) 664-4356 for deditails

Please notify the editor of any dates/events you think will be of interest to our members.