

MAP Offers Safe-Sex Parties

Want a party that's totally different?

Get from eight to 15 gay friends together for a party about safe sex instead of Tupperware.

"We need to teach ourselves how to enjoy healthy, hot sex without the fear of contacting the AIDS virus," said Les Kooyman, director of Metrolina AIDS Project.

So MAP has just begun a safe-sex campaign that can be as much fun as it is informative. Two safe-sex trainers from MAP will cater the party for you, supplying the materials and their time . . . for free!

Safe-sex parties are just one of the services MAP has available:

■ **Hotline (333-AIDS).** Staffed 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday with answering machine for messages. This is the number to call to request services from MAP as well as to talk about AIDS and AIDS problems.

■ **Referrals.** MAP lists doctors who are sensitive to gay men's needs as well as knowledgeable about AIDS. Also listed: therapists and contacts with many health care agencies.

■ **Support groups.** MAP can facilitate groups for 1) persons with AIDS-related complex (ARC); 2) persons who have tested positive to the HTLV-III antibody test; and 3) the "worried well" or people who have loved ones they are worried about, or those who want to reduce their fear of AIDS through more knowledge.

■ **Social service advocacy.** MAP will serve as an advocate for a person with AIDS by filling out forms, collecting needed documents and delivering the necessary papers when requesting services or financial aid from social service agencies.

■ **Buddy support.** A "buddy" works directly with a person who has AIDS, ensuring that essentials are taken care of, buying groceries, mowing the lawn, providing transportation, contacting doctors or social service agencies, or just listening and being a friend.

■ **Speakers.** MAP has a roster of people — doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers, MAP volunteers — willing to speak about AIDS to any group.

■ **Information.** A free brochure tells all: symptoms, the tests, safe sex and other topics.



Want to volunteer with MAP? People are needed as hotline workers, safe-sex trainers, buddies, office assistants and, particularly, someone comfortable with corporate fundraising. Call 333-AIDS to assist in any of these areas.

Figuring AIDS

N.C. cases to date:
Residents 115
Nonresidents 66

Mecklenburg to date: 14

N.C. history:

Before 1984	1984	1985	1986
9	17	63	26

NOTE: In each case, the figure is the number of cases confirmed according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control's stringent definitions. Doctors double the figures to calculate the actual number of AIDS cases.

About Spending Your Money ...

Where do we shop for shoes, clothes, groceries? Where do we eat when we go out? What kinds of cars do we drive? Where do we live? Are we newspaper readers, television watchers, radio listeners?

This questionnaire can help us find out more about ourselves and our spending habits, though the survey will not be "scientific" because it is voluntary and the questionnaire is dispersed only in *Q-Notes*. Participate if you like. And notice that there is no place for you to sign your name. It's anonymous except for the gender and age questions, and *Q-Notes* will release the questionnaires to no individual, agency, business or other entity.

1. Your age: _____ 2. Your gender: _____ 3. Your approximate annual income: _____

4. If Charlotte/Mecklenburg, neighborhood where you live: _____

If not Charlotte, municipality or county where you live: _____

5. Your home (circle one): ■ House ■ Duplex ■ Apartment ■ Condominium ■ Mobile home.

6. You live with (circle those applicable): ■ Your parent(s) ■ Your child(ren) ■ Your lover ■ Roommate(s)

■ By yourself ■ Other: _____

7. Each week, how often do you go into a store to buy one or more grocery items? _____

Which grocery store do you go to more than any other? _____

If it's simply the most convenient rather than your favorite, what is your favorite? _____

8. At which bank do you have a checking account? _____

Do you have other accounts, or have you taken out loans, at the same bank? _____

9. About how often do you go into a store to buy one or more pairs of shoes? _____

For shoes, which store do you go to more than any other? _____

If it's simply the most convenient rather than your favorite, what is your favorite? (You may have more than one favorite depending on the type of shoe. If you have more than one favorite, please name them and the kinds of shoes you like them for):

10. About how often do you go into a store to buy one or more clothing items? _____

For clothes, which store do you go to more than any other? _____

If it's simply the most convenient rather than your favorite, what is your favorite? (You may have more than one favorite depending on the type of clothing. If you have more than one favorite, please name them and the kinds of clothes you like them for):

11. About how often do you go to a restaurant to eat an evening meal? _____

For evening meals, which restaurant is your favorite for "dating" or "romantic" situations? _____

For evening meals, which restaurant is your favorite for "just friends" situations? _____

Clear Choices Apparent For

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The gay/lesbian community has clear choices in the Mecklenburg county commission run-offs and Charlotte/Mecklenburg School Board elections on June 3. Thanks to the Charlotte N.O.W. (National Organization of Women), many of the candidates faced issues critical to the rights of men and women, gay and straight.

Candidates in the Districts One and Four county commission run-offs and the school board election were asked four key questions by Charlotte N.O.W. in a questionnaire mailed to each candidate:

1. Do you support pay equity for government employees?
2. Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment?
3. Do you support reproductive choice?
4. Do you support legislation prohibiting discrimination concerning housing and employment based on sexual orientation?

Responses were mixed. Some candidates chose not to respond; others had strong commitments both for and against certain issues.

In the School Board election (it's neither a primary nor a run-off, but rather, the final election), you will be asked to vote for two of the four candidates running for office. The candidates chosen will be guiding policy-making decisions which will impact on the 72,000 students as well as staff of the Charlotte/Mecklenburg School System.



"It is critical that we take hold the right and the power to the community you want you stand on the issues and us"

Arthur Griffin and Karen Gaddy responded "yes" to four issues, thereby supporting them. Sharon Bynum opposed all four. Art Joye did not respond to the questionnaire.

In the District One County Commission race, run-offs will be held for both Republican and Democratic candidates with winners facing off in November's general election. Barbara Lockwood and Audrey Mayhew are seeking