

# QCQ, MAP, Switchboard Seeking Volunteers

QCQ, MAP and the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard are all inviting volunteers.

MAP — Metrolina AIDS Project — begins volunteer training this month. Orientation is for Thursday, July 10. Call at 333-AIDS for more information.

The Switchboard, which operates a peer counseling and information service 7-11 p.m. nightly, is planning its next training session and will announce class times soon. Call 525-6128 to let them know you're interested.

QCQ needs people for a massive schedule in the next 12 months.

Volunteers are needed to help plan and carry out a women's cultural festival next winter; Carolina Drummer '87; a 1987 softball league; gay/lesbian skate parties; Pride Week '87; movie receptions; November's QCQ Cabaret; October's Brass Rail Auction and other events.

Attend the 7:30 p.m. monthly meeting on July 3 at the Carolina Community Project house, 7th and Laurel streets; or write P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte 28222. State which events you want to help with and your areas of expertise.

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<b>JULY, 1986</b>		1 8 p.m. Acceptance	2 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte	3 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. QCQ Board	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	5
6 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 5 p.m. Tradesmen meet at Brass Rail 7 p.m. New Life MCC	7	8 8 p.m. Acceptance	9 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte MAP Benefit at Scorpio	10 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. PFLAG 7:30 p.m. MAP volunteer orientation	11 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	12 9 a.m. MAP volunteer training 6-10 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Coffeehouse Polluck 7:30 GMOF
13 9 a.m. MAP volunteer training 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC QCQ Mr. Charlotte Contest at Charades	14	15 7:30 p.m. Gay Parents 8 p.m. Acceptance	16 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte	17 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper	18 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	19
20 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 4 p.m. QCQ tea dance at Scorpio 7 p.m. New Life MCC Worship	21	22 8 p.m. Acceptance	23 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte	24 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper	25 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	26 6-10 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Coffeehouse
27 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC Worship	28	29 8 p.m. Acceptance	30 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte	31 21st day of year 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper	<b>Birth signs</b> Cancer June 21-July 22 Leo July 23-August 22  <b>Birthstone</b> Onyx (ancient) Ruby(modern)	

## O R G A N I Z A T I O N S

**Sign language** classes will soon be set up by MCC/Charlotte. If interested, call 563-5810.

**"Not A Sin . . . Not A Sickness"** is the title of a series of special sermons and workshops during July at New Life MCC. Purpose is to promote a healthy view of ourselves. Contact MCC/New Life for details.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (**PFLAG**) has a new phone with answering machine, 704/364-1474, thanks to a local church. Special speaker for the July 10 meeting at Christ Church is Gran Quist of the Public Defenders' Office. He Quist will speak to the group on gay and lesbian rights.

**Win \$69!**  
Enter the QCQ logo contest. The deadline is July 30. Submit your entry to QCQ, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, N.C. 28222. The only requirement is use of the letters QCQ.

**COMING IN AUGUST:** Tags will open two Saturdays — Aug. 2 and 9 — for a **MAP** volleyball tournament. Look for team sign-up sheets at the bars or call 333-AIDS for further information . . . **MCC/Charlotte's** revival, scheduled in June, has been rescheduled for Aug. 26-28 . . . Miss Beef Fat's Roast is coming, darling — and we're not talking standing rib. That's right, honey. They're roasting **Boom Boom Latour** right there on the Scorpio dance floor on Wednesday, Aug. 13! You know the girl — she won the elephant knees title when she was 39. That was 1968, right after she waddled out of the closet, massive hands on mountainous hips. Now she's full grown and a fake lady, Mary, when she's not impersonating men. And slimmed down, too. Why, she used to be Really Big. It's all to benefit QCQ. And they're bringing in a dais full of people to treat Miss K mart Wig to some of the dish she's passed out for years. Be there! But don't get in the way of that chin!

**Acceptance.** Meets Tuesdays at Park Road Baptist Church, 8 p.m. Topics of interest to the gay community. Rap sessions and covered dish suppers. Call 704/525-6128.

**Acceptance AA.** For alcoholics and their loved ones. Holy Comforter Church, 2701 Park Road, Fridays at 8 p.m. Includes Al-Anon. Meetings are open. Call 704/376-6641. For immediate needs, call Metrolina Intergroup Association (AA), 332-4387.

# Gay Parents Group No Longer A Handful

What began as a dream nearly a year ago has grown into a reality for a group of gay parents in the Charlotte area.

According to Mark Drum, acting president of the newly re-organized Gay Parents Coalition, the group has grown from a small handful of men trying to deal with their role as parents, to an organization ready to help both gay men and lesbians.

From its early beginnings as the Gay Fathers Coalition, the group has re-directed its outreach to include lesbian mothers and draws members from as far away as Raleigh. Membership has quadrupled in the past six months.

Recent topics for meetings have included:

- Coming Out to Your Children and Families
  - AIDS
  - Sexual Responsibility
  - Legal Issues Facing Gay Parents
- The sessions were lead by qualified professionals such as counselors, physicians and lawyers.

Drum said, "The key to the success of the group has been the dedication of members and the quality of programs. Many of our speakers are gay parents themselves and have shared their experiences with the group as well."

The groups' outreach extends not

**AIDS Support Group.** Weekly meetings. Professional support for persons with AIDS and others. Call 704/375-1156.

**Gay/Lesbian Switchboard.** Information, peer counseling and referral service. Staffed 7-11 p.m. daily. Volunteers needed. Call 704/525-6128.

**Gay Men Over 40.** First Saturday of each month. 7:30 p.m. social hour; 8:30 covered dish supper. Address inquiries to Q-Notes, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, N.C. 28222 for

prompt response. Include phone number if possible.

**Gay Parents Coalition.** P.O. Box 669531, Charlotte, N.C. 28266. Or Call Mark at 704/525-1606. Monthly meetings on second Tuesdays during the summer at 7 p.m. Fall schedule to be announced. Topical meetings of interest to gay parents (men and women), their friends and partners.

**The Tradesmen.** Newly organized levi-leather social club. Monthly meeting 5 p.m. at Brass Rail, July 6.

**Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP).** Providing information, education and support, including safe-sex parties. Hotline Monday-Friday 6-9 p.m., 333-AIDS. Write Les Kooyman, Director, P.O. Box 32662, Charlotte, N.C. 28232.

**Metropolitan Community Church Of Charlotte.** Non-denominational services 11 a.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 4037 E. Independence Blvd. Pastor Lynn Guerra. Promptness is requested due to security needs as a member will be at the door to allow admittance. Call 704/563-5810.

**New Life Metropolitan Community Church.** Non-denominational services at 2121 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 215, Charlotte, N.C. 28205. Pastor Arthur L. Fleschner. Services 7 p.m. Sundays. Church dinners 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call 704/373-1817.

**Parents And Friends Of Lesbians And Gay Men (PFLAG).** Meetings second Thursday of each month at Christ The King Episcopal Church, 1214 Providence Rd., 7:30 p.m. Topic June 12 is AIDS. Call 364-1474 in strict confidentiality.

**Queen City Coordinators.** P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, N.C. 28222. Assists gay groups in the Charlotte area through sponsorship with funding and scheduling events. Board meetings open to public the first Thursday of each month at Carolina Community Project, 2300 E. 7th St. Call 704/525-6128 for further information.

**Students At UNC-Charlotte.** Counseling and support for gay and lesbian students. Call Susan Furr at 704/597-2140 for information.

Persons interested in contacting GPC for further information or support can write or call in confidence: P.O. BOX 669531, Charlotte, N.C. 28266, telephone Mark at (704) 525-1606.