

Tags To Host Volleyball Tourney

Get out your shorts and brave the heat!

Tags is sponsoring a volleyball tournament to support the Metrolina AIDS Project on the first two Saturdays of August and will contribute a share of cover charges to MAP.

There is no charge to enter the competition.

Come play. Come pull for your favorite team! Come gander at all the skin! Whatever, your attendance will help MAP. To sign up to play, call Tags, 333-2353, or MAP, 333-AIDS. Sounds like a great way to beat the heat over a cold beer! See you there!

By the way, MAP says that — through last month's training program — it has trained 25 new volunteers. They'll assist with the Hotline, the buddy program, the safe sex programs and, MAP hopes, a MAP newsletter. Congratulations to MAP for the generosity of the volunteers that are making the project such a success! And thank you, Tags!

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The Tradesmen, our local levi-leather group, has been busy, too, planning the first club night at the **Brass Rail**. It's Aug. 29 and Bill Purcell, club president, invites everyone to come on out. Call the Rail, 399-8413, for more details.

Bill promises you will be thoroughly entertained. The group plans to invite other levi-leather groups to join in the festivities. The Tradesmen's new "First Lady" (Nancy who?) may even entertain the troops, I hear. The Tradesmen elected officers for the club in July. They include president Purcell, vice president Butch Stevenson, secretary/treasurer Chuck Goodwin and sergeant-at-arms Joe Mitchem.

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Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the **Charlotte leadership council** meeting at the **Hickory House** Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. Robert Sheets, QCQ president, invites leaders of all Charlotte organizations and owners of gay-identified businesses to come and discuss helping each other, meeting one another, and sharing ideas. Sheets said leadership council meetings help organizations coordinate activities and work well with lounges, resulting in benefits all around and avoiding schedule conflicts. **Call 563-0333 (ask for Jim) to RSVP.**

Oh, yes, don't forget to turn out at Scorpio for the roast of Boom Boom Latour (see story, front page). Sounds like an appropriate opportunity to tip a cold one to the Queen Dival. Are you ready for this? She only thinks she is!

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Are you ready for this? **Acceptance**, a social group, has been meeting for nearly nine years (talk about staying power!) and continues to thrive, but Ed needs a break! If you appreciate the group's good work and enlightening meetings, let them know. And please give Acceptance a hand finding speakers and topics of interest so meetings can continue the level of excellence maintained so far. If you want to know why there is no list of programs for August — this is it, kids. Acceptance needs your help. What else can we say?

NOTES HERE AND THERE:

The **Gay Parents Coalition** will be having a **skating party** in August

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Birth signs: Leo July 23-Aug. 22 ■ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22						Monday, Sept. 1, Is Labor Day	
Birthstone: Peridot, Sardonyx						8 p.m. Acceptance AA	MAP Volleyball Tournament at Tags 7:30 p.m. G.M.O.F.
3 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 4 p.m. Tradesmen meet at Brass Rail 7 p.m. New Life MCC	4	5 8 p.m. Acceptance	6 7 p.m. HTLV3-Positive Support Group 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte	7 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. QCQ Board Meeting	8 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	9 MAP Volleyball Tournament at Tags 6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Coffeehouse Potluck	
10 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC	11	12 7:30 p.m. Gay Parents 8 p.m. Acceptance	13 7 p.m. PWA Support Group 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte 11 p.m. Boom Boom Roast at Scorpio	14 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. PFLAG 7:30 p.m. Switchboard training	15 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	16	
17 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC Worship Switchboard training (time to be announced)	18 8 p.m. One Nation Indivisible at New Life MCC	19 8 p.m. Acceptance	20 7 p.m. Leadership Council Dinner at Hickory House 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte	21 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. Switchboard training	22 8 p.m. Acceptance AA Deadline for September Q-Notes	23 6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Coffeehouse	
24/31 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC Worship Aug. 24 Only: Switchboard training (time to be announced)	25 125 shopping days until Christmas	26 8 p.m. Acceptance	27 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte September Q-Notes distributed	28 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. Switchboard training	29 7 p.m. Tradesmen's Club Night at Brass Rail 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Revival 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	30 1-4 p.m. MCC/Charlotte rap 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Revival	

with the date to be set by Aug. 1. Parents, kids and friends are invited. Call 525-1606 for details. What a great way to meet the group! ... Hats off to **PFLAG's** growth (see story elsewhere in this month's Q-Notes). Now it's two meetings a month! ... Did you

like the production of "Bent" by the **New Life Players**? Hold on to your scripts; more is coming this fall. Dust off your dancing shoes and join in. Call 373-1817 for details ... **MCC/Charlotte** has rescheduled its spiritual renewal revival with the

Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey (a founder of the original MCC). See calendar for dates and times. The word is that you don't want to miss hearing her ... In addition, MCC/Charlotte is now offering sign language classes after Sunday services on Sunday.

ORGANIZATIONS

Acceptance. 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Park Road Baptist Church, 8 p.m. Programs, rap sessions, covered dish suppers. Call 704/525-6128.

Acceptance AA. 8 p.m. Fridays. Holy Comforter Church, 2701 Park Road. Open meetings for alcoholics and their loved ones (includes Al-Anon). More information: 332-4387.

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

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard. Information, peer counseling and refer-

ral 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. Inquiries to Q-Notes, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, N.C. 28222. Include phone number if possible.

Gay Parents Coalition. 7:30 p.m. second Tuesdays during the summer. Fall schedule to be announced. Topical meetings of interest to gay parents (men and women), their friends and partners. Call Mark, 704/525-1606.

Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP). Information, education and support, including safe-sex educational parties. Hotline Mon.-Fri. 6-9 p.m., 333-AIDS. Write Les Kooyman, Director, P.O. Box 32662, Charlotte, N.C. 28232.

Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte. Worship 11 a.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 4037 E. Independence Blvd. Pastor Lynn Guerra. Promptness is requested due to building security rules. Call 563-5810.

New Life Metropolitan Community Church. Worship 7 p.m. Sundays and church dinners 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 2121 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 215. Pastor Art Fleschner. Call 373-1817.

One Nation Indivisible. New group countering misinformation about gay and lesbian people. Call 373-1817 or 332-3834.

Parents And Friends Of Lesbians And Gay Men (PFLAG). 7:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Christ The King Episcopal Church, 1214 Providence Rd. Call 364-1474 (strict confidentiality).

Queen City Coordinators. P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, N.C. 28222. Assists Charlotte-area gay/lesbian groups with funding and scheduling events. Public board meetings first Thursdays, Carolina Community Project, 2300 E. 7th St. Call 704/525-6128.

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

The Tradesmen. 5 p.m. first Sundays, Brass Rail. Levi-leather social club. Call 399-8413.

Charlotte's Community Chorus Will Hold Auditions, Rehearsals

For the first time, a gay/lesbian community chorus is being officially formed in Charlotte.

The joint effort of QCQ and New Life MCC pastor Art Fleschner, the chorus will have its premier performance during the Christmas holidays.

Rehearsals at New Life MCC in the Labor Building at 2121 Commonwealth Ave. upstairs have tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:30 with the first to be decided in early August.

"It's a community activity and not religious," Fleschner said. "All gay and lesbian people are invited."

"For the Christmas concert, we're considering Holst's *Fantasy of Christmas Carols* and his version of *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*, Handel's *For Unto Us a Child Is Born* and *Halleluia Chorus* from *Messiah*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* or Respighi's *Laud* to

the Nativity, Leontovich-Wilhousky's *Carol of the Bells*, Harry Simeone's *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and other popular Yule pieces."

To preserve the community aspect of the chorus, auditions will not be overly discriminating, Fleschner said. He'll check ability to sing in tune, tonal memory and range. Ability to read music is a plus but not a requirement.

Fleschner, who has a degree in music education from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, will direct the chorus. He performed post graduate study as the teaching assistant of the vocal department at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill.

The chorus needs an accompanist who can read and play vocal parts from a four-staff score.

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To participate, call Fleschner at 373-1817.