

The Best And Most Of Everything!

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Charlotte gays have a great deal to be thankful for this month. Not only are we building a strong community; we also have a chance to exercise our right to vote on Nov. 4. My vote for **BEST OPPORTUNITY** is your ballot and recording of a gay vote on Election Day. (See story on front page.) Take a friend to vote this month!

My vote for **BEST BUY** of the month is the coupon book for Charlotte businesses that QCQ is selling. At \$25, this has to be a steal! One dinner at two-for-one will nearly pay for the book. See the ad elsewhere for details. You can't go wrong. Also, since there is no mention of the gay community with the coupon books, you may find that you will want to give some of your co-workers a chance to buy one.

The vote for **MOST OUTRAGEOUS GROUP NAME** has to go to Closet Buster Productions. Dates for the monthly 30-minute show to be aired on cable channel 3 were still to be worked out with Cablevision though taping took place on Oct. 23. Keep your ears open or call the Switchboard for information later in the month. Interested in working in TV? Join Closet Buster by calling Al Carwile at 376-1490.

Of course, the Tradesmen will always sweep (swish?) on to a landslide victory with the **MOST UNUSUAL EVENT OF THE MONTH** with Club Night at the Brass Rail. This month is nearly too ghastly to tell about, but here goes. (I've never been one to shy away from ghastly. You should see some of the men I've dated!) The boys are having a "Cheek-to-Cheek" contest this month. Just match the fellows cheeks with their other cheeks and win a \$25 bar tab. Winning this one would be a dubious honor, at best. Look for 50-cent draft beer and the usual boot shines as well. It's all in good fun. If you haven't been to one of these, you've missed a fun evening!

There is a tie vote for **BEST ENTERTAINMENT BET** this month. The Charlotte Lambda chorale debuts on Sunday, Nov. 23, at QCQ's Cabaret at Charades. I hear we will be impressed! Also, Lynn Lavner's appearance on Saturday, Nov. 8, is touted to be an experience in laughter (see article elsewhere).

And, finally, the **SADDEST TALE**: When no more than 60 people participated in QCQ's October skate party, the event had to be dropped. "We needed 18 more people to break even," said Robert Sheets, president. The skating center rents the rink to organizations on Thursdays for a guaranteed return. When too few people participate to repay the sponsoring

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NOVEMBER, 1986

Birth Signs
Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21 ■ Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Birthstone: Topaz

1
Tags' 18-and-over
Halloween Party

2

11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte
5 p.m. Tradesmen's
meeting at Brass Rail
7 p.m. New Life MCC

3

7:30 p.m. Connections In-
troductory Workshop
9 p.m. "Sarah's Boys"
Bowling League

4

ELECTION DAY
8 p.m. Acceptance rap

5

7:30 p.m. Lambda Cho-
rale rehearsal
7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte
7:30 p.m. PWA support
group
Switchboard support
group

6

7:15 p.m. New Life MCC
supper
7:30 p.m. HIV-positive
support group
7:30 p.m. QCQ Board
7:30 p.m. Closet Busters
meet

7

8 p.m. Acceptance AA
9 p.m. Tradesmen Club
Night

8

8 p.m. Lynn Lavner con-
cert at Unitarian Church
7:30 p.m. MGM
6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte
Potluck

9

11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte
7 p.m. New Life MCC

10

7:30 p.m. Connections In-
troductory Workshop
9 p.m. "Sarah's Boys"
Bowling League

11

VETERANS DAY
8 p.m. Acceptance film

12

7:30 p.m. Lambda Cho-
rale rehearsal
7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte
Switchboard support
group

13

7:15 p.m. New Life MCC
Supper
7:30 p.m. HIV-positive
support group
7:30 p.m. PFLAG
7:30 p.m. Queen City
Friends

14

8 p.m. Acceptance AA

15

16

11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte
7 p.m. New Life MCC
Worship

17

7:30 p.m. Connections In-
troductory Workshop
9 p.m. "Sarah's Boys"
Bowling League

18

7:30 p.m. Gay Parents
Coalition
7:30 p.m. Acceptance
covered dish

19

7:30 p.m. Lambda Cho-
rale rehearsal
7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte
7:30 p.m. PWA support
group
Switchboard support
group

20

7:15 p.m. New Life MCC
supper
7:30 p.m. HIV-positive
support group

21

8 p.m. Acceptance AA
Scorpio Youth Night

22

6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte
Coffee House

23/30

11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte
7 p.m. New Life MCC
Worship
Nov. 23: 9 p.m. QCQ
Cabaret at Charades

24

7:30 p.m. Connections In-
troductory Workshop
9 p.m. "Sarah's Boys"
Bowling League

25

8 p.m. Acceptance pro-
gram to be announced

26

7:30 p.m. Lambda Cho-
rale rehearsal
7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte
Switchboard support
group

27

THANKSGIVING DAY
2 p.m. MCC/Charlotte
dinner

28

8 p.m. Acceptance AA

29

Only 25 more shopping
days before Christmas

'Entertainment '87' Offers Dining, Movie Bargains

Put this on your gift list for yourself as well as for others:

- \$18 at The Marker Restaurant.
- \$17 at The Arbour Restaurant.
- \$15 at Kabuto Japanese House of Steaks.
- \$7 at Sonny's Barbecue, \$8 at Fortuna, \$9 at Casablanca, \$6 at the White Horse.
- Movie tickets of \$2.75 and \$3 rather than the \$4 and \$4.50 you're paying now.

Multiply these values by many, many more and you've got a collection of goodies that will be unparalleled for yourself and others.

It's all in "Entertainment '87," an encyclopedia of coupons. And the entire book sells from QCQ for only \$25 — a saving of \$5 from the regular price of \$30.

The book is being sold throughout Charlotte by the publishers as well as by nonprofit groups such as QCQ, which can offer that \$5 savings.

"This thing is one whale of a value," said Steve Freeman, co-owner of Charades and a dedicated QCQ supporter.

"You can use just one of the coupons out of the fine dining section and practically repay yourself for what it costs."

Charades, Joy Adult Bookstore and Everything on East are selling the book for QCQ. They are also available by mail order from QCQ.

With the number of times gay men and lesbians dine out and go to movies, the savings for individual buyers could be enormous. There are three restaurant sections alone: 19 coupons for fine dining, 24 for casual/international dining, and 109 for informal/carryout dining.

- Other sections include these:
- 42 movie coupons.
 - 82 coupons for theater/special events such as Spirit Square, Little Theatre, CPCC Theatre, Discovery Place, etc.
 - 40 stated-amount or percent-off coupons for shopping.
 - A huge special section containing laundry/dry cleaning coupons.
 - 32 coupons for restaurants and amusements in other places titled "Highlights of the Southeast."
 - A section of travel coupons for auto rentals and hotels/motels.

"This is a value we felt the gay/lesbian community should have an opportunity to buy to save money," said Robert Sheets of QCQ. "And it gives our organization a chance to raise money for gay/lesbian events."

Value books such as "Entertainment '87" are published as a marketing vehicle for businesses which want to introduce potential new customers to their services. They have gained wide acceptance from consumers who have found that two-for-one coupons or stated-value coupons are an excellent way to have fine nights out at much reduced prices.

BUY NOW: \$25 per copy at Charades, Joy Adult Bookstore and Everything on East. By mail: \$27 per copy (includes shipping charge) from QCQ, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte 28222 with check or money order payable to QCQ.

ORGANIZATIONS

All phone numbers in 704 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Acceptance. 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Park Road Baptist Church, 3900 Park Road. Nonreligious social, educational group. Rap session on first Tuesdays; film, second Tuesdays; 7:30 covered dish, third Tuesdays; program, fourth Tuesdays; profiles, fifth Tuesdays. 525-6128.

Acceptance AA/Al-Anon. 8 p.m. Fridays. Holy Comforter Church, 2701 Park Rd. Open meetings for alcoholics and their loved ones. 332-4387.

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

Closet Buster Productions. Produces "Gay/Lesbian Forum" television show for Charlotte public access cable. Call Al Carwile, 376-1490.

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard. Information, peer counseling, referrals. Staffed 7-11 p.m. daily. Volunteers always welcome for training. 525-6128.

Gay Parents Coalition. Social, educational group for gay men and lesbian women who have children. Monthly meetings. Inquiries: Mark Drum, 525-1606, or P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222.

Lutherans Concerned of the Carolinas. Group for gay/lesbian Lutherans. Call or write Jim Smith, 4013 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215; 536-4168.

Mature Gay Men. Social group meeting first Saturdays with 7:30 p.m. social hour, 8:30 covered dish supper. Inquiries to Q-Notes, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222. Include phone number for quick response.

Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP). Information, education, safe-sex instructional parties, support groups. Hotline Mon-Fri. 6-9 p.m. 333-AIDS. Write Les Kooyman, director, P.O. Box 32662, Charlotte, NC 28232.

Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte. Worship 11 a.m. Sun. and 7:30 p.m. Wed. at 4037 E. Independence Blvd. Promptness requested because of building security rules. Pastor Lynn Guerra. 563-5810.

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

One Nation Indivisible. Political activist and human rights advocacy group for gay and lesbian

people. 373-1817.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gay Men (PFLAG). 7:30 p.m. second Thursdays at Christ Church, 1214 Providence Rd. 364-1474 (strict confidentiality). Inquiries: P.O. Box 13021, Charlotte, NC 28226.

Queen City Friends. Lesbian social group. 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Hickory House Barbecue Restaurant on the I-85 service road between Little Rock Road and Billy Graham Parkway.

Queen City Quordinators. P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222. Assists gay/lesbian groups with funding; coordinates events for the gay/lesbian community. Public board meetings first Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Carolina Community Project, 2300 E. Seventh St. Call Robert Sheets, 542-8177.

Students at UNC-Charlotte. Call Susan Furr, 597-2140.

Switchboard Support Group for persons attracted to people of the same sex. Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Information: call Jim, 375-5038, after 6 p.m. \$5 donation requested.

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