

Tradesmen Slate AIDS Benefit

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The Holiday Season brings out the best in people.

Charlotte's **Tradesmen** hope to bring out a large number of these good people for their December club night, Friday, Dec. 5, with their first **benefit** for Hospice's AIDS Division (a non-profit organization for AIDS patients) and AIDS research.

A canned food donation or \$1 at the door will admit you to the event.

The night's special feature will be **pictures with Santa**. (Oh, BABY! Wait 'til you see Santa!) Traditional boot shines and draft beer will be available from three new pledges as well.

Bill Pursell, club president, extends congratulations to latest member Berry Bishop. Maybe he can get HIS boots shined for a change this time!

Profits from admissions, pictures, beer sales and boot shines will go directly to the AIDS charities. Let's show our support. See you there!



Charlotte's congregations of the Metropolitan Community Church will provide fellowship for the holidays.

Christmas Eve services will be held at both **New Life MCC** and **MCC/Charlotte**.

MCC/Charlotte's open house, replete with Christmas carols and social, will be held 7:30 to 11 p.m., followed by services. Call 563-5810 if not arriving by 7:30 p.m. (due to building security). Everyone is welcome.

Additionally, MCC/Charlotte will hold an open house and social 7:30 to 11 on New Year's Eve, followed by "Watch Night" services beginning at 11. Call pastor Lynn Guerra at 563-5810 for more information.

New Life MCC will hold a Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m., followed by a breakfast, and an 11 p.m. New Year's Eve service. RSVP is requested for those planning to attend the breakfast.

Prior to Christmas Eve, the church will be hosting a Christmas party for members and guests on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. Call pastor Art Fleschner at 373-1817 for reservations and details concerning any of these events.



On Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m., **Acceptance** will play host to the **New Life Players** for their presentation of a spoof on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The humorous production is called "Get The Dickens Out." Mark your calendar for this once-in-a-lifetime

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 9 p.m. Bowling	2 8 p.m. Acceptance rap	3 7 p.m. PWA Group 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte worship Switchboard support group	4 7 p.m. Closet Buster 7 p.m. Switchboard general meeting and social 7 p.m. Test-pos. group 7:30 p.m. QCC (open) 7:30 p.m. New Life MCC	5 8 p.m. Tradesmen's AIDS benefit 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	6 6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte polluck 8 p.m. New Life MCC Christmas party
7 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte worship and congregational meeting 3 p.m. Gay bicycle ride 5 p.m. Tradesmen 7 p.m. New Life MCC	8 9 p.m. Bowling	9 8 p.m. Acceptance film	10 QCC presents "Boom Boom's Christmas Carol" at Scorpio 7 p.m. PWA group 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Switchboard support group	11 6 p.m. Closet Buster taping 7 p.m. Test-pos. group 7:30 p.m. QC Friends 7:30 p.m. PFLAG 7:30 p.m. New Life MCC	12 8 p.m. Gay Parents Coalition Christmas party 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	13 7:30 p.m. MGM 8 p.m. Charlotte Lambda Chorale premiere concert, Unitarian Church
14 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC	15 9 p.m. Bowling	16 8 p.m. Acceptance presents "Get the Dickens Out" by the New Life Players	17 7 p.m. PWA group 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Switchboard support group	18 7 p.m. Test-pos. group 7:30 p.m. New Life MCC	19 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	20 6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte coffee house
21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC	22 8 a.m. ONI general meeting 9 p.m. Bowling	23	24 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte social 11 p.m. MCC/Charlotte candlelight service 11 p.m. New Life MCC worship and breakfast	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	27 HANUKKAH BEGINS
28 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC	29 9 p.m. Bowling	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte social 11 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Watch Night Service	DECEMBER, 1986 Birth Signs Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 ■ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Birthstone: Ruby (ancient); turquoise or zircon (modern)		

opportunity to see a 6-2 Tiny Tim!

A spoof of a different kind will be presented by **QCC** at Scorpio: "Boom Boom's Christmas Carol" on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Boom Boom says this show is sure to turn Charles Dickens over in his grave!



Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. is the date and time for nominating people to the **QCC board of directors and executive offices**. The meeting is open to all and will be held at the Carolina Community Project House, 2300 E. 7th St.



Due to the Holidays, **Acceptance** will

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not meet the last two weeks of December and **Queen City Friends** will meet only on Dec. 11. Regular schedules resume in January. Enjoy your Holidays!



The Charlotte Lambda Chorale, which has its premiere on Dec. 13 (see story on front page), will soon begin auditions for the 1987 spring season. According to director Art Fleschner, there will be two major performances: one in early May and a special Gay/Lesbian Pride performance in early June.

"The Pride Week performance will be a Randall Thompson festival, including his "Testament of Freedom,"" Fleschner said. "Thompson is an American composer and it's virtually unheard of for a chorale to hold a musical festival of an American composer's music."

He also said the chorale hopes to travel to at least "a couple" of other cities during 1987, and to attend the "sing-off" of gay/lesbian choruses in Seattle in 1988.

To audition, call Fleschner at 373-1817 Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1:30 to 6 p.m., or Thursday 2-4 p.m.

BITS AND PIECES:

Calling all **bicyclists!**

Come and join a **group ride** on Sunday, Dec. 7, starting at Oleen's at 3 p.m. for a leisurely ride through Dilworth, Freedom Park, Eastover and continuing past the Mint Museum, then returning via White Oaks and Latta Park. The ride will last about one hour. Anyone from beginner to veteran is encouraged to join the group. Oleen's will be open following the ride for those who want liquid refreshments. Call Charlie, 333-8162, if you need a bicycle. A few loaner bikes are available. Come out and meet some new friends!

The Charlotte Gay and Lesbian **Switchboard** and Gay Parents are hosting December socials. The Switchboard social for volunteers will be in conjunction with the Dec. 4 meeting at 7 p.m. The **Gay Parents Coalition** will host a party on Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m., welcoming members, guests and prospective members. Call 525-1606 for more information and meeting place.

The Gay Parents Coalition continues to grow and welcomes its three newest members: Mike, Herrell and Linda! Glad to have you join us!

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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ORGANIZATIONS

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NATIONAL

****Gay Men's Health Crisis**. 132 W. 24th St., New York, NY 10011. One of the nation's foremost organizations in information about AIDS and services for persons with AIDS.

****Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund**. 132 W. 43rd St., New York, NY 10036. Fights in the courts for equal treatment of gay men and lesbians in employment, housing and custody and against AIDS discrimination and archaic sodomy laws. Membership: \$30/year. 212/944-9488.

****National Gay Rights Advocates**. 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Fights in the legal system for gay/lesbian civil rights in insurance and other fields. 415/863-3624.

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****N.C. Human Rights Fund**. P.O. Box 10782, Raleigh, NC 27605. Works in the courts to seek justice for gay men and lesbians; and provides educational programs to reduce prejudice. Membership: \$10/year. 919/828-2077.

CHARLOTTE AREA

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. 3001 Central Ave., Box 156, Charlotte, 28205. 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 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. 3001 Central Ave., Box 156, Charlotte 28205.

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.

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