

Tradesmen
Set AIDS
Benefit

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The Tradesmen have calmed down from Carolina Drummer '87 — well, at least some of them have — and will hold a benefit Friday, June 5, at the Brass Rail with a Leather Kitchen Bake Sale. (No, I didn't ask.) Money raised will go into a fund for a home for AIDS patients.

This busy group has also recently announced new officers: Bill Pursell is president for a second term; Tony W. is vice president; Tim H., treasurer; Barry B., secretary; Dennis C., sergeant-at-arms/pledge master; and Frank T., director of activities. (Sounds like type-casting to me.) When told that Mr. President's partner Tim H. (a.k.a. Nancy) would be treasurer, an anonymous source speculated, "I hope she doesn't go out and spend the money on china!" And I'll deny saying it.

Mature Gay Men will sponsor a combined meeting with the Men's Dinner Group of Salisbury at the Paul's home and gardens in Concord on June 13. Social hour is at 7:30 and covered-dish buffet at 8:30. Call Nevin, 882-1742, for directions and further information.

The group operating the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard, formerly G&L Associates, is now the Metrolina Community Service Project. Congratulations to John Q. and all volunteers on their recent incorporation. They hope to be certified as a true non-profit organization within the next few months. John has been very busy the last month with speaking engagements including Contact Reach volunteers and attending the Southeastern Gay & Lesbian Conference with Les Kooyman, director of Metrolina AIDS Project, Ron Lowe, MAP president, and Jim T.

Kooyman has been equally busy. He and Lowe are attending the International Conference on AIDS in Washington, D.C. June 1-5. MAP has benefited from several recent events. The production of "8X10 Glossy" by Women in Performance brought in \$350. Benefits from Oleens, Charades and Scorpio totaled nearly \$2,500. Nearly \$6,000 was raised from a recent mailing. Their reception for benefactors was a small way to say

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 8p Acceptance	3 7:30p MCC/Charlotte	4 7p PWA/ARC group 7:30p Test-pos. group 7:30p New Life MCC supper	5 8p Acceptance AA 8p Film Society 9p Tradesmen's AIDS benefit, Brass Rail	6 9:30a Homophobia Workshop, Durham 9p Suede Concert, Durham
7 11a MCC/Charlotte 4p Tradesmen's Meeting, Brass Rail 7p New Life MCC	8	9 7:30p Gay Parents Coalition 8p Acceptance	10 7:30p Queen City Friends 7:30p MCC/Charlotte 7:30p "So Precious A Place," Raleigh Wild & Crazy Games, Scorpio	11 7p PWA/ARC group 7:30p Test-pos. group 7:30p New Life MCC supper 7:30p PFLAG	12 8p Acceptance AA "Parting Glances," Raleigh	13 6:30p MCC/Charlotte coffeehouse 7:30p MGM 8p Lambda Chorale Spring Concert "Parting Glances" Black G&L Arts Festival, Durham
14 11a MCC/Charlotte 7p New Life MCC "Parting Glances"	15 "Parting Glances"	16 7:30p "So Precious A Place," Chapel Hill 8p Acceptance "Parting Glances"	17 7:30p MCC/Charlotte 7:30p Evening With Jim Baxter, Durham "Parting Glances"	18 7p Stonewall Supper, Chapel Hill 7p PWA/ARC group 7:30p Test-pos. group 7:30p "Hom. & Bible" "Parting Glances"	19 8p Acceptance AA G&L Pride benefit, Scorpio	20
21 11a MCC/Charlotte 12p Annual Picnic, Raleigh 1p Celebration '87, Columbia 7p New Life MCC	22 6:30p Closet Buster cable show 7p Pride Banquet, Fortuna Restaurant	23 8p Acceptance	24 7:30p Torch Song Trilogy 7:30p Queen City Friends 7:30p MCC/Charlotte service	25 7p PWA/ARC group 7:30p Test-pos. group 7:30p Torch Song Trilogy 7:30p New Life MCC supper 7:30p "Hom. & Bible"	26 8p Acceptance AA Miss N.C. Pageant, Durham	27 11a March & Celebration, Durham 6:30p MCC/Charlotte polliuck 7:30p Torch Song Trilogy Miss N.C. Pageant, Durham
28 11a MCC/Charlotte 12:30p Pride Picnic, Bryant Park, Charlotte 7p New Life MCC Mr. N.C. Contest, Charades Miss N.C. Pageant, Durham	29	30 8p Acceptance	<div>JUNE, 1987</div> <div>Birth Signs Gemini May 21-June 20 ■ Cancer June 21-July 22</div> <div>Birthstone Emerald (ancient); Pearl, Moonstone or Alexandrite (modern)</div>			

thank-you to all of the people who give so generously Keep up the good work, Charlotte! And — as you know — keep on giving. Donations help to continue MAP's work.

MCC/New Life has planned a busy June. The four weeks of June and the first two weeks of July will focus on "Christ's gay bride: the spiritual side of gay sexuality." On June 28, Gay Pride Sunday, there will be a candle-light memorial for gay victims of the Nazi

"Life of the Party"
Auditions Coming Up

The Queens Players, a new Charlotte theatrical troupe, will hold auditions in July for the East Coast premiere of the comedy "Life of the Party" by San Francisco playwright Doug Holsclaw. Artistic director Ken Stikeleather will be looking for five male and one female actor and crew members. For more information about the play or becoming part of Queens Players, call Stikeleather at 333-4213.

holocaust. On the last two Thursdays of June and the first two Thursdays of July, the church will be holding classes on homosexuality and the Bible.

Reverend Art Fleschner announces that classes are being formed now for people who are interested in having holy unions performed.

SPECIAL NOTE!!! Will Tony, the bari-tone, please call Art at 366-6035? Help, we need you! You forgot to leave your telephone number!!!

A very special event will take place June 13 with the first annual Charlotte Lambda Chorale Spring Concert. Tickets are available at the door for only \$5 for individuals and \$8 for a couple. Such a deal! Tickets may also be purchased in advance with a check to Charlotte Lambda Chorale and mailed to P.O. Box 221404, Charlotte 28222. The Chorale needs your support. Attend and let them know we care about their hard work!

BITS AND PIECES:
♥ PFLAG will have Jim T. speaking

on "The Problems and Agonies of Coming Out" at June's meeting this month. My ex and I want to thank PFLAG members for their wonderful support last month as we laid to rest forever any rumors of my heterosexuality.

♥ The Leadership Council had a great meeting at Stevens last month. Next meeting will be July 14 at Stevens again. We would love to see all groups represented. We are learning so much from one another. It's one meeting you will be glad you took the time for. Get involved! (More next month.)

♥ Anyone know the insurance game? Contact Lynn Guerra at MCC/Charlotte, 563-5810. The church is shopping for liability insurance and needs help from the community. Is anyone out there?

♥ New Life Players will present Harvey Fierstein's "A Torch Song Trilogy" on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, June 24, 25 and 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Afro-American Building, according to Tom Caudill, director. Call 366-6035 for ticket information.

♥ Did you know that both MAP and MCC/Charlotte have assisted in placing babies in foster homes in reaching out to children who are test-positive to AIDS as a result of their birth to a mother who carries the virus or has AIDS? The battle continues on all fronts.

♥ Well, now I've heard it all! The bridge club is going straight! Is nothing sacred? Someone wasn't watching that unprotected Queen. Anyway, since some of the ladies at PFLAG and friends have joined, the group is more successful than ever. And the rest of the group seems to tolerate them well so far. Want to join these wild and wacky folks? Call GLS (Gay, Lesbian, Straight) Bridge Players at 376-1490.

♥ Have a wonderful June. Be proud and be safe!

ORGANIZATIONS

All phone numbers in 704 area code unless otherwise indicated.

*Means memberships or contributions are tax-deductible.

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.
Human Rights Campaign Fund. P.O. Box 1396, Washington, D.C. 20077-4462. Lobbies congress for funds to fight AIDS through the AIDS Campaign Trust.
*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.
People for the American Way. Counters efforts by Religious Rightists to subjugate individual rights. 1424 Sixteenth Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. 202/462-4777.

CAROLINAS
AA/Al-Anon. AA closed, Al-Anon open. 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting St., Charleston, S.C. Upstairs in building behind church. 803/722-6677 or 803/871-8660.
AID Update. Formerly the Greenville (S.C.) AIDS Task Force. P.O. Box 2507, Greenville, S.C. 29602. 803/240-8987.
CLOSER. Networking and social group for the Asheville area. P.O. Box 2911, Asheville, N.C. 28802. Contact Don or Joan Marshall, 274-2681.
Lavender Bridges. For students and others at Western Carolina University. P.O. Box 2646, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723.
*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.
Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services. Provides monetary, buddy and other assistance to AIDS patients. P.O. Box 12124, Columbia, S.C. 20211. 803/779-PALS.
Piedmont Gay/Lesbian Association. Networking and social group for people in northwestern South Carolina. P.O.

Box 205, Central, S.C. 29630. 803/639-6900 in Central. 803/654-9210 in Clemson. 803/268-5692 in Greenville. 803/882-7835 in Seneca.
Triangle Lesbian & Gay Alliance. Umbrella planning and political activist group in Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. P.O. Box 3295, Durham, N.C. 27705-1295. Contact Joe Herzenberg, 919/929-4053.
CHARLOTTE AREA
Acceptance. 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Park Road Baptist Church. 3900 Park Rd. 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: Ken Hedrick, 373-0173, or P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222.
GLS Bridge Players. Call Al, 376-1490.
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.
Metrolina Community Service Project. Operates the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard and other gay/lesbian services. Call 525-6128.

*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 Unitarian Church, Hardwicke at Sharon Amity. Pastor Art Fleschner. 366-6035.
New Life Players. A theatrical group. Call Art Fleschner. 366-6035.
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (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 Wednesdays upstairs at Pantera's Pizza, Park Road Shopping Center.
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, 704/339-0679.
Queen's Players. A new theatrical troupe planning to stage "Life of the Party" this summer or fall. Call Ken Stikeleather. 333-4213.
Speakers Bureau. Gay and lesbian speakers for civic, religious and educational groups. Contact the Switchboard, 525-6128, or Don King, 331 East Blvd., #3, Charlotte 28203 (332-3834).
Students at UNC-Charlotte. 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. Box 36712, Charlotte, NC 28204. Leather social club. 5 p.m. first Sundays at Brass Rail. 399-8413.
TV/TS. Group for transvestites and transsexuals. Call Lou, 596-5636, or Lynn Guerra, 563-5810.
Women in Performance. Women's theater group performing lesbian-themed and feminist plays. 364-9617.

List your group for free. Send information to Don King, 331 East Blvd. #3, Charlotte 28203.

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