

'Fairy Home Companion' In Works

The **New Life Players**, one of Charlotte's most successful gay theatrical groups, will begin writing "A Fairy Home Companion" in August for production around Christmas. According to artistic director Art Fleschner, the production will include gay/lesbian comedy vignettes combining the spirit of National Public Radio's "Prairie Home Companion" and NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

"It'll give a lot of people a chance to participate," Fleschner said.

Call him at 366-6035 or 536-1864 with ideas for scenes and to volunteer to act or work behind the stage.

Fleschner is the minister at New Life MCC and will begin **Holy Union focus sessions** in July. Persons interested in having the rite of Holy Union — the closest to marriage that gay persons can legally get in this country — must attend all four sessions. Call Art.

Fleschner, who also directs the Charlotte Lambda Chorale, is still waiting to hear from Tony the baritone, who left a message, but no phone number. Come on, Tony dear, call the man!

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It's "Stars & Stripes Forleather" on Friday, Jan. 3, at the Brass Rail as the **Tradesmen** hold their monthly club night with everyone invited. A sound system on the patio will provide hot dance music to accompany the barbecue plates that will be served. And a stereo video system inside will show the club's hooty Trademark I Anniversary Show. The jail will be open and bootshines will be held.

For a Friday night of something entirely different, join the Tradesmen on club night starting at 9. Besides the good times, you could win a pair of tickets to "As Is" at the Little Theater in a raffle. The action starts at 9.

During June, the Tradesmen raised \$200 at the Rail with the money designated for QCQ's seed-money fund for a home for persons with AIDS. Congratulations!

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Because the first Saturday is July 4, **Mature Gay Men's** monthly meeting will be July 11 — and it promises to be a blast! It's a pool party on the farm begin-

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
JULY, 1987 Birth Signs Cancer June 21-July 22 ■ Leo July 23-Aug. 22 Birthstone Onyx (ancient); Ruby (modern)			1 7:30p MCC/Charlotte worship	2 7:30p HIV-positive support group	3 8p Acceptance AA Tradesmen's "Stars & Stripes Forleather" party and dance, Brass Rail	4 1p MCC/Charlotte picnic
5 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 3:30p New Life MCC barbecue 7p New Life MCC worship	6	7 8p Acceptance rap	8 7:30p MCC/Charlotte worship 7:30p Queen City Friends	9 7:30p PFLAG 7:30p HIV-positive support group 8:15p "As Is"	10 8p Film Society 8p Acceptance AA 8:15p "As Is"	11 5:30p MGM pool party and covered dish 8:15p "As Is"
12 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 2:30p "As Is" 7p New Life MCC worship	13 7p PWA support group	14 6:30p Leadership Council at Stevens 7:30p Gay Parents Coalition 8p Acceptance film	15 7:30p MCC/Charlotte worship	16 7:30p HIV-positive support group 8:15p "As Is" MAP benefit performance	17 8p Acceptance AA 8:15p "As Is"	18 6:30p MCC/Charlotte coffeehouse 8:15p "As Is"
19 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 2:30p "As Is" 7p New Life MCC worship	20	21 7:30p Acceptance covered dish	22 7:30p MCC/Charlotte worship 7:30p Queen City Friends	23 7:30p HIV-positive support group PFLAG benefit at Charades	24 8p Acceptance AA	25
26 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 7p New Life MCC worship	27 7p PWA support group	28 8p Acceptance program TBA	29 7:30p MCC/Charlotte worship	30 7:30p HIV-positive support group	31 8p Acceptance AA Oleen's 3-night benefit for home for PWAs begins	NOTE: Oleen's benefit continues Aug. 1 and 2

ning at 5:30 with carriage rides in a turn-of-the-century DuBoise surry with the fringe on top, a 7:30 social hour and covered dish at 8:30. It's BYOB (bring your own boy), of course. For directions, call Nevin, 882-1747.

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Want to do something for persons with AIDS? Call **Metrolina AIDS Project** at 333-AIDS and become a volunteer. The next **volunteer training** session will start in August. And be sure to support MAP's benefit volleyball tournament at Tags in July (date to be announced), and the AIDS benefit at Oleen's July 31, and Aug. 1-2.

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If you're gay or lesbian and a mother or father, note that the **Gay Parents Coalition** will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 to hear speaker

Noel Stypmann talking about being a single parent and dealing with children who have survived a divorce. Call Ken, 373-0173, for directions.

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New Life MCC and MCC/Charlotte are celebrating Independence Day. New Life will hold a barbecue at Ed's on July 5 at 3:30 p.m.; MCC/Charlotte has a July 4 picnic at 1 p.m. For directions, call the individual churches (listings at bottom of page).

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BITS AND PIECES:
The **Leadership Council** meets July 14 at Stevens, 6:30 p.m.

The new and unnamed **film society** meets July 10 to view "Britannia Hospital." A short business meeting is at 8 p.m. with the film at 8:30. For directions, see listing at bottom of page.

Charades Slates PFLAG Benefit

Charades will hold Charlotte's first benefit ever for PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) on Thursday, June 23 — a comedy "Drag-a-thon."

Charlotte's PFLAG chapter, now more than a year old, has been supporting its activities with out-of-pocket contributions from members and has received significant assistance from Christ Episcopal Church, where the chapter holds monthly meetings.

However, PFLAG has major plans for the future.

The group is considering a massive mailing of 4,000 to 5,000 pieces to doctors, teachers, school counselors and administrators, therapists, ministers, hospital social workers and psychiatric personnel, and civic groups. The Charades benefit could provide seed money for getting the mailing started.

Other funds, according to one of the group's recent newsletters, could come from a grant from the Fund for Southern Communities which has a strong interest in working against discrimination based on sexual orientation as well as other attributes.

Benefit funds could also be used to help PFLAG add sorely needed books to its library — books lent to parents requesting information about the sexual orientation one of their children may have revealed to them.

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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.

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 & Lesbian Task Force. 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. 202/332-6483.

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. 20602. 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.

GROW. P.O. Box 4535, Wilmington, N.C. 28406. Hotline 919/675-9222. Peer support and counseling, information and referral. AIDS resource project, social activities.

Lavender Bridges. For students and others at Western Carolina University. P.O. Box 2646, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723.

MCC. P.O. Box 6322, Greenville, S.C. 29606. 803/233-0919, 803/646-9550.

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.

Charlotte Lambda Chorale. Musical performing group. Call Art, 366-6035.

Closest 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.

Davidson College gay group. Write Support Group, P.O. Box 135, Davidson, N.C. 28036.

Foreign Film Society. Meets second Fridays to view foreign films of gay/lesbian interest. 4832 Park Road, Box 235, Charlotte 28209.

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-