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Southeastern Conference For Lesbians & Gay Men Mar. 22-25, 1990

Feb. 1-4 Last chance to buy tickets for MCC Charlotte Anniversary with Troy Perry. 568-5810

Feb. 3 Mature Gay Men 7:30 PM

Feb. 3 "Serving Time in a Dixie Diner" at Spirit Square

Feb. 8 PFLAG/Gay Parents 7:30 PM

Feb. 10 Queen City Friends Valentine's Day Ball 9:00 PM

Feb. 10 Troy Perry Speaks at MCC Charlotte 10th Anniversary Dinner/Dance at Radisson

Feb. 14 Queen City Friends

Feb. 24 Potluck Dinner at MCC Charlotte

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Committee Amends Mission Statement

By Chris Werte
Special to Q-Notes

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, a joint agency of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, recently amended its Mission Statement to include the phrase "sexual orientation." Marjorie Storch, committee member, told First Tuesday that this was the first step in the Community's assistance with First Tuesday's mission for City and County anti-discrimination ordinances.

The Committee's amended mission statement now reads:

It is the mission of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee to prevent discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, family status, disability, sexual orientation or age; to ameliorate the effects of past discrimination; and to promote harmony among the citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The Committee, composed of a governing board of sixty members appointed by the Mayor and Chairman of the County Commission and a forty-five member Advisory Board, currently includes Peter Gilchrist, Charlotte District Attorney and Peter Relic,

Chorus Votes To Continue Singing

After only two weeks of rehearsal, Brothers & Sisters in Song, the new Charlotte Gay & Lesbian Chorus, unanimously voted to continue rehearsing on Thursday nights, and to begin planning a concert for later this spring.

In the first two weeks, 32 men and women have joined the chorus. Chorus membership is still open to anyone who likes to sing and meet new friends. At each weekly rehearsal, discussion is held on what the future of the chorus could be, and how to accommodate the many different levels of being "out" in the Charlotte community.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at the United Way Auditorium, 301 S. Brevard Street, Charlotte, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. In addition to singing, there is time for everyone to socialize and meet new friends. Interested persons are welcome to just drop by, or to call Dan Kirsch at 536-1372 for more information.

A Newcomer's Guide To Meeting People

By Nancy Campbell
Q-Notes Staff

For a variety of reasons the bar scene is not right for everybody. Some are underage; some are alcoholic and trying to stay sober; others simply prefer quieter, conversation-oriented meeting places. Here, for the record, are some of the myriad alternatives in Charlotte — a veritable mecca for meeting other gay and lesbian people. See page 2 Organization listings for details, or call the Switchboard at 525-6128.

For women only - there is Queen City Friends, a twice-a-month gathering of the clans at Godfather's Pizza in Park Road Shopping Center (second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Just go upstairs...) Over 200 women belong to this social and networking group, so go several times to increase your chances of meeting everyone.

For men only — Mature Gay Men (MGM), a men's social group that holds a covered dish dinner every first Saturday in different locations. Don't let the "mature" scare you off. Those mature men bring

Superintendent of Mecklenburg County Schools. The amendment passed without any major opposition.

Action by the Committee coincides with the beginning of First Tuesday's Documentation Project. The information gathered through the Project is necessary to prove that discrimination and harassment exists in the City and County. A coalition is being created

with other organizations in Charlotte, including N.O.W. and the A.C.L.U. to add strength to First Tuesday's position with City and County government.

Although the action of the Community Relations Committee is a first step, there is a lot of work still ahead. If you would like to help, please contact First Tuesday at 549-1421 or 532-8578.

Raleigh City Council Joins Supporters of AIDS Quilt

Raleigh, N.C. — Tuesday, January 16, 1990. The Raleigh City Council voted to be a co-sponsor of The Names Project/National AIDS Memorial Quilt display which will be at the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center March 22-25, 1990.

Along with co-sponsorship, the Council voted to give the project \$3,000 to help with its \$9,000 overall budget. The request was brought before the Council by The Southeastern Conference For Lesbians and Gay Men, Inc. '90 as part of the projects it is sponsoring in March.

Memorial Quilt Project Forms In Charlotte

All persons interested in making a panel to be added to the memorial quilt for either a family member, friend or loved one lost to AIDS, are urged to contact the "NAMES" Project Charlotte - Metrolina.

The Names Project is the grassroots organization that developed the AIDS memorial quilt. Originally started in San Francisco, there are now 23 chapters across the nation and eight chapters currently in formation.

The AIDS memorial quilt has a powerful message and helps to make us understand the humanity behind the statistics. The quilt's power to encourage support for people with AIDS and their loved ones is unequalled. It continues to inspire love and compassion, combatting the epidemic of fear and hatred that often accompanies AIDS.

A steering committee is now being formed to bring a local chapter of the "NAMES" Project to the Charlotte-Metrolina area. No

This request was strongly supported across the AIDS Services Community of Raleigh and Wake County. Other sponsors are the AIDS Service Agency of Wake County, and the Raleigh Religious Network for Gay and Lesbian Equality.

The combined Quilt Committees reminds the community that we now have \$5,500 of our budget of \$9,000, so donations are needed. Donations can be sent to SECLGM, '90, P.O. Box 28863, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-8863. For more information, call 919-833-1209.

previous experience with the "NAMES" Project is required, but it helps to have some community-organizing or group-organizing experience.

The following positions need to be filled: Production/Logistics Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, Finance Coordinator/Treasurer and Media Coordinator. Each position will be filled by two people who will be referred to as co-chairs.

All persons interested in co-chairing a position, please submit a short letter with background information and reason for your interest.

Send letters to Sheila, P.O. Box 36261, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28236.

The deadline for letters to be considered is February 12th. We will be sending two representatives to San Francisco on February 16, 17 and 18 to the "NAMES" Project Chapter Conference.

younger dates and like to meet younger folks. Call Ed at 365-2308.

For both — For those who bowl, there is the Queen City Rollers who meet Monday nights at Coliseum Lanes on Independence Boulevard. There is volleyball every Sunday afternoon at Manfred's, 3108 The Plaza. Bridge Players can find a kindred soul in GLS Bridge Players. If you sing, join Brothers and Sisters in Song, the new chorus that meets at the United Way Auditorium on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Call Dan Kirsh at 536-1372.

Another great place to meet interesting people is Closet Busters Productions, which produces the monthly Gay/Lesbian Forum show for TV. Watch it on the second and fourth Friday nights, then join. All positions are needed: camerapersons, producers, talk show hosts, writers, directors, you name it! Training is provided. Write P.O. Box 35222, Charlotte, NC 28235 for details on how to become involved.

Or if politics is your cup of tea, try First Tuesday, a political action group that meets - you guessed it! - on the first Tuesday of each

month. Call Keith Bernard at 549-1421 for details. This group organizes political action, takes surveys, works to overturn unjust laws such as crime against nature statutes, and lobbies for effective change.

For a one-shot event, MCC Charlotte's Tenth Anniversary Party Feb. 10 at the Radisson will be the social event of the season. For this dinner-dance ("dress to impress") tickets are available from MCC Charlotte (call 563-5810 for reservations and information, please leave message on machine during non-business hours). Tickets are \$25 and include free parking at the Radisson and a chance to win a \$250 travel voucher. Troy Perry, national gay leader and rights activist, will be the guest of honor.

If you can walk and chew gum at the same time, then Q-Notes, the community newspaper, could find a job for you. In fact, make that chew gum OR walk! This is a fun group of people which includes writers, editors, graphics people for ads, salespersons, delivery folks, typesetter, idea generator, coffee makers, etc., etc., etc. We meet every Tues-

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