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Well, shut my mouth! Did you know that on April 17 we should all be observing the "Day of Silence?" On April 17, people who are silent believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations. The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice. Throughout the day, think about the voices you are *not* hearing. What can you do to end the silence?

Hey you, Madame Toe-tapper...yes, you! Have you ever enjoyed playing a percussion or musical instrument? Would you like to recapture those grand feelings? Then, no matter how rusty you think you are, please come to a future practice of the NC Pride Band. They play relatively simple music so even if its been a few years (we won't ask how many) since you last played, you'll fit right into this fun, festive and formidable community group. This year's confirmed performances include a sit-down concert at the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at the Carolina Theater on August 11 and marching in NC Pride on September 29 in Durham. Practices are every other Friday at 6:30 pm near Brightleaf Square in Durham. Join them April 20 or May 4 or...heck, you can figure it out from there. For more information and direc-

tions to practices, please contact Waltzing Betty P at 919-929-7391, Symphonic Sue M. at 919-572-0039 or Tango-master John S. at 919-493-9124.

The good folks over at the Triad Health Project have announced that Karla Ewald will chair the 12th Annual Dining for Friends event to be held on Saturday June 2. *Q-Notes* congratulates Ewald, executive director of the Association of Retarded Citizens of Greensboro. She's been active in HIV/AIDS causes for several years and participated in the Dining for Friends event several times. Triad Health Project is Guilford County's leading AIDS service organization, providing HIV/AIDS service, support and education since 1986. Welcome Karla, we'll know you'll do great things!

War and discord are born of ignorance, racism and greed. In an era when only the men fight to win, a band of women from across battle lines find a unique way to put an end to the war *forever!* Nope, not *Xena* — *Lysistrata: A Contemporary Play of Epic Proportions*. Don't miss this one, Wednesday-Saturday at the Visualite Theater, 1531 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte. Not only will it be a piece of art created by and for women, but proceeds from the production will benefit breast cancer research organizations. And if you so graciously help sponsor this production — with a financial contribution which will connect the community and, again, fund breast cancer

research — you, your business or your organization will be added to the list of sponsors and/or be given an advertisement in the program. Support women's art by putting your graceful backside into a seat, and support breast cancer research and awareness by writing a check! For more information, contact that luscious thespian Jennifer Allison at [jallison@n2mail.com](mailto:jallison@n2mail.com). Jennifer says her personal goal in life is "to bring people of all ages together, connecting our minds, hearts and souls to the love and knowledge inside everyone of us; as well as discovering our talents. This love makes us the same, yet unique individuals that have much to contribute to society." *You go girl!*

*Attention all As-Mastas!* My goddess, my queen, the irrepressible Margaret Cho is finally swinging through the Carolinas! Tickets for her four Comedy Zone shows (June 29 and 30 in Charlotte) are expected to range from \$25 - \$100. Now, here's the skinny on how to lay your hands on one, two or 20. Visit the effervescent Linda Swinson (or any of her equally charming staff) at Liaison's, 316 Rensselaer Ave, Charlotte. Note: tickets are *only available on Thursdays* so gear up for *Will & Grace* night, you might win a freebie and if not, you can buy them right there in Pink House. And if, during the show, you get close enough to Mauran, please tell her I love her.

*Stop the presses!* (They don't let me say that

in real life.) After a one-year hiatus, AIDSWalk is back and better than ever! Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) will be coordinating the events of this year's walk and festival taking place on Saturday April 21 in Finlay Park, Columbia, SC. On Friday April 20, the activities kick-off with the "Crawl Before you Walk" event in Five Points and the Vista. This year's walk will feature a route from Finlay Park through downtown Columbia and around the State Capitol. It culminates with food, entertainment and activities in Finlay Park. Prizes will be awarded for largest team, most money raised by an individual, most money raised by a team and special awards for participation by school groups and corporate teams. Support these folks! Founded in 1985, PALSS is the oldest and largest AIDS service organization in SC. They provide practical and emotional support to over 750 people living with HIV/AIDS in the Midlands in addition to health and prevention education information for the entire community. For further info (or if you just want to send them a check), give them a call at 919-779-7257 or email [pat.patterson@palss.org](mailto:pat.patterson@palss.org) and tell them *Q-Notes* sent you! ▼

## In Memoriam: Charlotte's crown has lost a diamond



Billie Rose

The Carolinas have lost one of its most active and respected activists and artisans. Billie Rose, who for the better portion of her life championed causes when it was not always popular, died from a three-year battle with cancer on March 20 at her home.

She is survived by her long-time companion Samis Rose, with whom she shared almost 22 years.

A Celebration of Life on April 28 will honor her memory. For more information visit [www.twoofakindjewelry.com](http://www.twoofakindjewelry.com). ▼

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