

**TRIANGLE**

**Town votes to support marriage**

CHAPEL HILL — Less than a week after the town council of Carrboro voted to support marriage equality for same-sex couples, the Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously approved a similar resolution.

Presented by Tom Greene, a teacher at Chapel Hill High School who moved to North Carolina with his partner, the resolution was adopted at the council's meeting on Monday, Dec. 8. Openly gay Councilman Mark Kleinschmidt urged the council to immediately endorse it, instead of asking for advice from counsel.

Greene said he moved to Chapel Hill because he and his partner knew "in this town we would at least be treated as human beings." Greene's partner was recently denied coverage under Greene's state employee health care plan.

The vote affirms the town's long-standing vision for acceptance and equality. In part, the resolution asked the city to "endorse and support the rights of same-sex couples to share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities and commitments of civil marriage."

The resolution, like Carrboro's, will be forwarded to state and federal legislators.

**HRC Carolinas chairs sought**

RALEIGH — Applications are now being accepted for co-chairs for the 2010 Human Rights Campaign Carolinas Gala Dinner to be held at the Raleigh Convention Center in February 2010.

Applications are due no later than Feb. 2, 2009.

To be considered, visit [www.hrc.carolinas.org/involvement](http://www.hrc.carolinas.org/involvement) and download and complete an application and send to Joni Madison at [Joni.Madison@McKinney.com](mailto:Joni.Madison@McKinney.com).

The steering committee is also seeking others who may be interested in serving in other capacities.

For more information, email Jessica Lamb at [lamb@gmail.com](mailto:lamb@gmail.com).

**WESTERN**

**Wafting scent**

HICKORY — Aroma of Art (AOA), a month-long silent art auction, will take place the month of February 2009 at Taste Full Beans Coffeehouse and Gallery, 29 Second St. NW.

AOA benefits three non-profit agencies: AIDS Leadership Foothills-area Alliance, Humane Society of Catawba County and Women's Resource Center. Conceived in 2003 by D.W. Bentley and Edgar Hernandez of Taste Full Beans Coffeehouse, the unique event raises operating dollars for the three diverse community agencies. The 2009 goal for AOA is \$10,000, which will be evenly divided among the three non-profits.

Area artists are asked to donate to the auction pieces of art, pottery, handcrafted items, photography, jewelry and the like. Patrons of Taste Full Beans can bid on the auction items the entire month of February. Artists who wish to donate are asked to drop off their items on Jan. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Taste Full Beans Coffeehouse.

Sponsors to date for the seventh annual event are WHKY-Radio; Delores Hammer,

DDS; Pepsi of Hickory; and Ralph Doernberg. The Bidding Kick-off Wine & Coffee Reception is Jan. 30 from 5-7 p.m. The finale takes place Feb. 28 from 5-7:30 p.m., with bidding ending at 6:30 p.m.

The first nine artists that donate to AOA 2009 will be highlighted on the AOA blog.

For more information, contact Taste Full Beans Coffeehouse at 828-325-0108 or email [tfbcoffeehouse@hotmail.com](mailto:tfbcoffeehouse@hotmail.com).

**Prop 8 takes scene**

BOONE — On Dec. 9-10, Appalachian State University (ASU) Faculty and Staff Opposed to Proposition 8 hosted an information table about California's recent results in ASU's Student Union. Boone Impact was co-sponsor. In November, California voted 52 percent in favor for a ballot initiative to amend the California's Constitution to restrict marriage to one man and one woman after several months of allowing same-sex marriage. The table acted as a distribution point for White Knots postcards addressed to President-Elect Barack Obama and information about marriage equality.

A petition calling for the repeal of DOMA to be sent to Obama resulted in dozens of names despite being held at the end of the semester.

White Knot is a national organization fighting for marriage equality.

For those who are interested in joining additional Boone Impact activities, email [elizabethwest@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethwest@yahoo.com) or [staleyk1971@yahoo.com](mailto:staleyk1971@yahoo.com). The next event is slated for Jan. 10 at the Watauga County

Public Library.

For more information, visit [whiteknot.org](http://whiteknot.org).

**STATEWIDE**

**The girls are back!**

STATEWIDE — The Human Rights Campaign and Showtime present the Season 6 premiere of "The L Word" on Jan. 18. Join thousands of women across the country at a party for equality near you. Space is limited, so RSVP now. Attendees must be 18-years-old or over.

In Charlotte, jump over to the Actor's Theatre, 650 E. Stonewall St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the premiere begins at 6:30 p.m.

Visit [www.hrcactioncenter.org/actioncenter/events/nchrllt\\_lword09/details.tcl](http://www.hrcactioncenter.org/actioncenter/events/nchrllt_lword09/details.tcl) to capture a seat.

In Greensboro, hop over to Q Lounge, 708 W. Market St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and screening is at 8 p.m.

Visit [www.hrcactioncenter.org/actioncenter/events/nrgb\\_lword09/details.tcl](http://www.hrcactioncenter.org/actioncenter/events/nrgb_lword09/details.tcl) to reserve a place.

In Raleigh, skip over to The CC, 313 W. Hargett St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and screening is at 7 p.m. Federal Club members will have a private screening earlier that day. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the premiere is at 4 p.m.

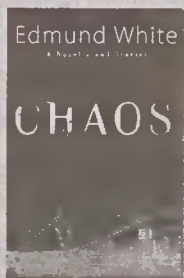
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Suggested donation for tickets is \$10. Reservations are due by Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. **Info:** Announce your community event in NC News Notes. email: [editor@q-notes.com](mailto:editor@q-notes.com) or fax 704-531-1361.

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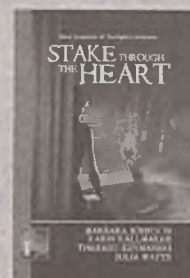
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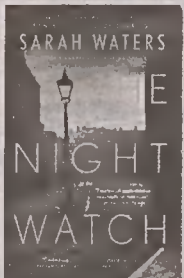
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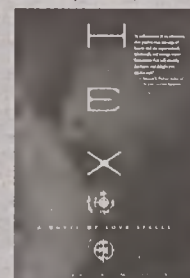
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