

CAMPUS SCENE

Allies matter

CHARLOTTE — “The power of an ally can never be underestimated — giving voice to those silenced, standing up for others in the face of adversity and reaching out to raise new consciousness,” says Campus Pride.

In sharing these thoughts, it now has a free download for its “Power of an Ally Action Guide” to support LGBT and ally student leaders with its event planning and outreach efforts. This step-by-step guide provides ready-to-go resources for implementation of year-long campaigns around the “Power of an Ally” theme. Other resource guides tools are being developed and will be available in the future.

To obtain one, visit www.campuspride.org/power_of_ally.

STATEWIDE

Jump in!

STATEWIDE — The Lambda Rainbow Network is searching for hosts, organizers, feature writers, columnists, local LGBT NewsHounds, editors, moderators and co-owners for its 2,000-member world-wide chapter group site.

Want to bring the Network to a town near you? Then contact Bob and Dave Cozzoinger at cozzoinger@yahoo.com.

Lend your support

STATEWIDE — Research participants are needed to complete a 20-minute survey being conducted on experiences of same-sex identi-

fied African/African-American women by Monique Carry with Emory University.

The information gained through this research will be used to better understand perceptions of sexual identity among racial minority women.

Qualifications include being African/African-American/Latin descent; female; same-sex identified; and 18 years of age or older.

Participants are eligible for a drawing for two \$50 Visa cards.

To be part of this study, visit emory.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bskzTzWmmBpzA8&SVID=Prod.

For more information, email moniquecarry@gmail.com.

PAC the house

RALEIGH — A reception to benefit Equality NC PAC will be held on June 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the RBC Plaza, 23rd Floor, 301 Fayetteville St.

Special guests will be House Speaker Joe Hackney (D-Chatham, Moore, Orange), Sen. Julia Boseman (D-New Hanover) and Rep. Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland).

A group of supporters have said that they will match all sponsorships, admissions and donations for this year’s reception up to \$12,500. If Equality NC PAC meets the challenge, they will be \$25,000 toward their 2009 PAC fundraising goals of \$33,000.

Admission is \$100 or two for \$150. A special admission rate of \$45 for students and people with income challenges is also available. Become an event sponsor and Equality NC PAC will acknowledge you in printed

materials, on its website, and at the event itself. Sponsorship levels are \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$4,000. Can’t attend. Then consider making a donation of \$250, \$100, \$50 or \$25 and your gift will still be doubled.

Food and drinks will be provided.

To register, purchase tickets, contribute or become a sponsor or for more information, email Kay Flaminio at 919-699-3501, email kay@equalitync.org or visit eqfed.org/equalitync/events/20090609_pachallengecreception/details.tcl.

Tie it up

STATEWIDE — White Knot for Equality, a website initiative founded by Californian Frank Voci in November 2008, was created as an outcry against the passage of Proposition 8 and same-sex marriage bans and equal rights denial for LGBT persons across the U.S. and the globe.

It’s mission is to work to achieve equal rights for the LGBT population by educating people on the importance of Marriage Equality, engaging people in the conversations needed to change hearts and minds and showing the wide-spread support Marriage Equality truly has.

White Knot says it believes in “peaceful and conscientious displays of support wherever there is injustice.” They work to support other organizations by providing “tools for visibility and awareness to complement their activities.”

Using the traditional combines symbols of marriage — white and tying the knot. White Knots are now seen worn in all 50 states and 14 countries by celebrities, clergy, activists and

others, plus a plethora of members of the LGBT and ally community members.

The organization offers its symbol royalty-free to any organization or individual advocating and working for marriage equality and other civil rights for gays and lesbians. White Knot for Equality does not necessarily endorse, support or participate in the activities or views of any organization or individual using the White Knot symbol and all such activities and views are solely the responsibility of those organizations and individuals.

A 501-c(3) non-profit corporation under California and federal law, it serves to educate and inform primarily and has no political affiliation.

Groups get together for a couple of hours to make ribbons. The website has a wide range of products available, including ribbon-making kits, T-shirt art, blog badges, web promotions, maps to show U.S. and world-wide levels of legality for marriage equality/same-sex recognition to name a few.

There is a list of cities in the Carolinas that have supporting groups. Check the website to see if there is one available in your area. If not, then consider joining the effort. There is also training tools to learn how to share one’s story.

White Knot has its own Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/pages/White-Knot/55529072975. This page has news, information on current events, updates on its initiative and more.

For more information, email info@whiteknot.org or visit whiteknot.org. **Info:** Announce your community event in NC News Notes. email: editor@q-notes.com.