

CHARLOTTE'S QCQ-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Acceptance

Informal social/educational/discussion group (not religious) providing a comfortable, casual setting where old friends can be seen and new ones made. Everyone is welcome. No membership roster or dues. Social period and program weekly on Tuesday nights. Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are always at 8 p.m. at Park Road Baptist Church, 3900 Park Road two blocks north of Park Road Shopping Center.

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard 525-6128

An information and referral service as well as a crisis line. Staffed most nights 7 to 11 p.m.

Lambda Political Caucus

Activist group initiating political and educational change, usually through behind-the-scenes work with political parties and candidates and through distributing political information. Meetings open to gay men and lesbians and their friends are held 8 p.m., second Monday of each month, at the Cardinal Woods South apartments clubhouse, 220 Branchview Drive (Nations Ford at Arrowood). Annual dues: \$10 Individuals; \$15 couples. P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte 28222, or phone the Switchboard.

MCC/Charlotte

Charlotte congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches worships at 7 p.m. each Sunday. Unitarian Church, corner of Sharon Amity and Hardwicke one block north of Cotswold Shopping Center. For other services and meetings, call 535-0541 or write the MCC office at 1927 N. Sharon Amity, Charlotte 28205.

QCQ

Queen City Quordinators raises funds for gay/lesbian groups and initiates projects for the community at large. Meetings: first and third Thursdays, 8 p.m., the SANE Center, 2125 Commonwealth Ave. (the Labor Building); open to gay men and lesbians and their friends. For vigorous continued growth, QCQ needs volunteers and their ideas. For more information, write P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte 28222. QCQ: A United Concern for the Gay/Lesbian Community.

QCQ-affiliated groups are listed here and send representatives to assist in QCQ planning. QCQ in no way controls activities of member groups except in agreeing to grant funds to affiliated gay/lesbian organizations requesting financial assistance. Non-affiliate groups of particular interest to gay men and lesbians in Charlotte include Charlotte AIDS Relief Fund, Gay Men Over Forty and the Charlotte chapter of NOW.

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QCQ Helps Community Flex Muscles During '83

SPECIAL QCQ REPORT

For Charlotte's gay/lesbian community, 1983 has been a very healthy year. New groups were formed; old ones were stabilized; a sense of collective identity and purpose began to emerge.

Manifestations of progress were solid.

□ Queen City Quordinators raised more money than ever before.

□ Charlotte finally gained a gay-oriented play produced at the behest of the gay/lesbian community.

□ Local media strongly responded in positive ways to gay men and lesbians.

□ Q-Notes was launched.

At last, 14 years after the Stonewall Riots in New York birthed the latest era in gay/lesbian liberation, Charlotte's gay men and lesbians starting acting like a community.

Further, the general public shows continued movement toward tolerance and understanding, though at a glacial pace. One summer Tuesday night at the Park Road Baptist Church campus, two women were headed for the Parents Without Partners meeting held in a building not far from the Fellowship Hall where Acceptance meets. As they passed the Fellowship Hall door, one explained to the other, "And that's where *they* meet," as though referring to a colony of leprechauns.

Nongays are indeed aware that Charlotte has a gay/lesbian population and they tend to think of it as a united, self-supporting segment of the city. It is, therefore, highly ironic that so very many gay men and lesbians still think that a sense of community is something reserved only for activists or elite partiers.

QCQ wants to change that.

The men and women who are presently in QCQ want to reach as many brothers and sisters as possible, providing an opportunity to make Charlotte's community even better and to give participants an outlet for hidden or under-utilized abilities and talents.

Collectively, activities of 1983 represented an excellent step in that direction:

Wearin' O' The Green. The March 17 St. Patrick's Day party at the Odyssey featured a live performance by Debbie Jacobs and a great time for everyone who attended. Proceeds were divided between QCQ and the N.C. Human Rights Fund, the only gay/lesbian lobbying group in North Carolina. Each group received over \$450.

Spring Round-Up. This May 13 country-

Ad Rates Rise With Popularity

When Q-Notes began four issues ago, no one in QCQ, which publishes the paper, realized it would become so popular so fast.

Demand, however, has outstripped supply at most locations. To satisfy demand, 1,500 copies have been printed beginning with this issue rather than 1,000. To defray that cost since Q-Notes will continue to be printed on high quality 60-pound stock, advertising rates will rise beginning with the January issue.

New display advertising rates will be \$55 full page (up from \$40); \$35 half page (up from \$25); \$20 quarter page (up from \$15); and \$7.50 business card (up from \$5).

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western cookout at Tags treated guests to food, beverages, live entertainment and generous door prizes. Everybody partied as QCQ raised \$200.

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. Special events June 19-26 included a kickoff party at the Scorpio, a beer bust at the Brass Rail, a Pride-oriented program and reception at Acceptance, an open house at Friends of Dorothy Bookshop, a beer social at Tags and an afternoon tea dance at the Odyssey. In all, QCQ made \$230.

However, what many consider the week's most significant happening was the quarter-page ad in The Charlotte Observer that announced Gay/Lesbian Pride Week and briefly stated the history and reasons for the national observance. Two local television stations responded with positive coverage including interviews with Lynn Guerra, Metropolitan Community Church minister, and Don King. Neither the ad nor the subsequent coverage had any connection to the week's specific events. Local organizations and concerned citizens paid the entire cost of the ad, which was almost \$600.

"P.S., Your Cat Is Dead." For the first time ever, a Charlotte gay/lesbian group produced a gay-oriented play. The general public as well as the gay/lesbian community re-

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