

Bar Basics

Charlotte gay bars serve liquor by the drink and thus must conform to state law regulating private clubs, which excludes persons 18 and under from such establishments. Information for "Bar Basics" is provided by the bars to Q-Notes and is not paid advertising.

BRASS RAIL 3513 Wilkinson Blvd. directly across from the Park 'N' Shop sign, 399-8413. A mainly-for-men cruise bar with patio, billiards and video games. ■ **OPENING HOURS** MON-SAT 9 p.m.; SUN 1 p.m. ■ **PRICES** No cover. ■ **SPECIALS** MON \$3 unlimited draft 9-12 p.m. TUES "Hard Core Night" with 2-for-1 gin and whiskey drinks 10-12 p.m. WED Pool tournament and 75-cent schnapps. THUR \$2 unlimited draft 8-12. FRI Happy hour all night for wearers of leather, Brass Rail T-shirts and hats. SAT Bartender's specials all night. SUN 1-6 p.m. Vodka drinks \$1 and free buffet. ■ Membership, renewal \$5.

ODYSSEY 421 Eastway Drive in the Zayre Shopping Center, corner of Eastway and The Plaza, 568-7498. Disco with balconied dance room, large bar room, billiards room, video game room and Starlight Lounge piano bar. ■ **OPENING HOURS** MON-FRI 4:30 p.m.; SAT,

SUN 9:30 p.m. ■ **PRICES** MON and WED no cover; TUES no cover (guests \$3); THUR \$2 (guests \$2); FRI and SUN \$2 (guests \$4); SAT \$3 (guests \$5). ■ **SPECIALS** MON-FRI Happy hour until 9:30 p.m. with drink specials. FRI house brands and bottled beer. ■ Membership \$15, renewal \$10.

OLEEN'S 1831 South Blvd., corner of Worthington and South Blvd. next to the new fire station, 373-9604. Disco and show bar with billiards tables and games. ■ **OPENING HOURS** WED-SUN 8:30 p.m. Closed Mon and Tues. ■ **PRICES** WED No cover (guests \$1); THUR and SUN \$1 (guests \$2); FRI \$1.50 (guests \$3); SAT \$2 (guests \$3). ■ **SPECIALS** WED, THUR Impersonation featuring local talent. FRI, SAT Impersonation featuring out-of-town talent. ■ Membership and renewals \$5.

SCORPIO 2301 Freedom Dr. next to

SESCO and across from the SERVCO gas station, 373-9124. Two-floor disco with two game rooms (each with billiards and video games), television room, "VIP" quiet bar and exterior above-ground swimming pool. ■ **OPENING HOURS** WED, FRI, SAT, SUN 9 p.m. Closed Mon, Tue and most Thursdays. ■ **PRICES** WED No cover (guests \$2); FRI-SUN \$2 (guests \$4). ■ **SPECIALS** WED and SUN Impersonation show, 25-cent draft 9:30-10:30 p.m., half-priced drinks 10:30-11:30 p.m. FRI 75-cent bottled beer 10-12 p.m. ■ Membership and renewals \$5.

TAGS 3018 The Plaza across from Winn-Dixie, 333-2353. Cruise bar with billiards room, game room and patio. ■ **OPENING HOURS** TUE-SAT 8:30 p.m.; SUN 5 p.m. Closed Mon. ■ **PRICES** TUE, THUR \$2 (guests \$3); WED, FRI No cover; SAT \$1 (guests \$2); SUN \$2 (guests \$3). ■ **SPECIALS** TUE, THUR free beer; SUN buffet. ■ Memberships \$10, renewals \$5.

MCC: 71 Strong; More Activities

SPECIAL MCC REPORT

Metropolitan Community church of Charlotte can look back on a year of growth, thanks to the leadership of the Rev. Lynn Guerra and the support of active lay people.

Membership grew to 71 active members with healthy increases in attendance at both Sunday worship services and Tuesday prayer/praise services. Church-sponsored

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sponsored with attendance that sold out almost all performances. Officially, the play was presented by Progressive Players Productions, formed by QCQ. The comedy, staged five nights and one afternoon at UNCC's Rowe Studio Theatre August 23-28, drew high praise from audience members and raised more than \$800 for QCQ.

As 1983 was drawing to a close, QCQ planned at least two and possibly three stage productions in 1984 (see story elsewhere in Q-Notes).

Women's Day. QCQ and the Scorpio celebrated Women's Equality Day with live entertainment, wimmin's music, door prizes and snacks. The size of the crowd (predominantly women, though men were also in attendance since QCQ functions are always open to all gay men and lesbians) was much larger than anyone anticipated, and QCQ was able to raise \$250.

Gold Cabaret. As expected, this annual talent show grows better and better as more and more gay men and lesbians perform for more and more of their brothers and sisters. The theme of the Nov. 19 show, held in the Unitarian Church auditorium, was "golden oldies." Nine performers showcased their vocal, piano, guitar and baton-twirling talents, treating an appreciative audience to far

activities also blossomed.

One of the year's highlights was the late March visit of Troy Perry, who founded the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in 1969 in Los Angeles. The Rev. Elder Perry came to Charlotte on a nationwide tour to promote the production of "Gods, Gays and the Gospel," a television documentary to be shown, possibly in 1984, on national television.

more than the \$3 admission charge. (At press time, profits from the show were not available.)

In 1983, QCQ strived to offer something for everyone in its fund-raising events. That goal will continue in 1984.

QCQ invites everyone with a love for the gay/lesbian community to join the women and men who now make up the organization.

So little time is required: two meetings per month (first and third Thursdays, 8 p.m., in the first-floor SANE Center part of the Labor Building at 2125 Commonwealth) that require two hours each, plus a dozen or so hours during the year, helping to produce events.

People have different ways of showing love and concern for gay brothers and lesbian sisters. If your way could be helping raise money for QCQ affiliate organizations through unusual entertainment, contact QCQ now. Write P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, 28222, or call 372-7121.

Groups Get New Box

The mailing address for Q-Notes, Queen City Quordinators (QCQ), the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Charlotte and the Lambda Political Caucus has changed. The new address: P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte 28222.

Another major figure in the Fellowship, the Rev. Elder Freda Smith, visited the Charlotte congregation in July.

One of the major accomplishments for MCC/Charlotte in 1983 was forming the lay concerns committee, which launched a number of social activities:

- A "Fantasy in Red" chili party to celebrate Valentine's Day.
- Two trips to Carowinds.
- Two weekend camping outings at McDowell Park.
- A "Victor/Victoria" party at the home of a church deacon.
- Two church yard sales and cookouts.
- An ice cream/pool party to celebrate the second anniversary of the congregation's charter.
- A chicken dinner to raise money for funding trips by the Rev. Guerra and another delegate to the Fellowship's general conference.
- A pizza/video games night.
- A Halloween masquerade ball.
- Thanksgiving dinner for all who couldn't be with family or friends.

In addition, a number of more serious activities were held:

- A January spiritual renewal featuring the preaching of the Rev. Dusty Pruitt of Long Beach, Cal.
- Easter services that included worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunrise.
- A workshop on sexuality and spirituality.
- A Gay/Lesbian Pride Week workshop on homosexuality and the Bible.

In addition to the lay concerns committee, two other committees have been formed this fall — fund raising and church newsletter committees. Efforts were also intensified for raising money for the church's building fund, for stocking the church pantry and for reviving a deacon's fund for those in need.

This month's plans call for the church Christmas party on Dec. 3, special music at the Dec. 18 worship service and services on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.