

Baritones, 'Mother' Needed

By MARK DRUM
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Charlotte's gay and lesbian organizations continue to provide social, educational and support activities as they prepare for a host of activities during Gay Pride Month in June. Your support is needed in a number of areas — especially entertainers. Read on.

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The **Charlotte Lambda Chorale** needs additional baritones. Surely there is at least one closet singer out there looking for a chance to break into show biz! The chorale plans a June 13 concert at the Unitarian Church and tickets are only \$5. Performance is at 7 p.m. For ticket information and/or a chance to join this fine group, contact director Art Fleschner, 366-6035.

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New Life Players — preparing "A Torch Song Trilogy." Harvey Fierstein's Tony Award-winning play — need one additional cast member. The part of the mother in the play has yet to be filled. Is anyone's mother out there? Call Art Fleschner at 366-6035 as soon as possible if you know of someone who wants to take on this challenging role. (Sorry, girls, no drag!) Speaking of theater, the **Queens Players**, who will debut "Life of the Party" in Charlotte in September, have been asked to repeat that play in Wilmington later that month.

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QCQ's **Mr. Charlotte Contest** arrives in June with the winner receiving paid entry into August's **Mr. Hotlanta Contest**, an expenses-paid trip for two (including lodging) to all events of the Hotlanta Raft Race and a session with a professional photographer. Want to enter? Contact Steve Freeman at Charades or call QCQ's Jim Yarbrough, 704/339-0679. The Raft Race folks have sanctioned QCQ for the entire state of North Carolina. Entrants do not have to be

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Birth Signs
Taurus April 20-May 20 ■ Gemini May 21-June 20

Birthstone
Agate (ancient); Emerald (modern)

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N.C. residents, however.

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Charlotte's **Leadership Council** meets at Stevens Restaurant May 12 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Business takes place about 7:30. Anyone interested in supporting the gay community is welcome. These informative meetings are a cornerstone in creating a cohesive, unified gay and lesbian community. Hope to see you there.

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The month will have a major send-off with the **Tradesmen's** first anniversary party Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3. Bill Pursell, president, anticipates a large turnout not only from local men, but also from visiting groups from other cities as well.

Of course, the big event of the month

will be QCQ's **Carolina Drummer '87** Saturday, May 16. This should be a major party, according to program chairman Robert Sheets. I don't know about you, but I plan to go just to get a closer look at Scott Tucker, last year's National Mr. International Leather. The ManDance/DrummerBoy contest follows the Carolina Drummer Contest and promises to be equally "stimulating." I can't wait.

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PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) continues to provide exceptional and thought provoking programs each second Thursday at Christ Episcopal Church. Last month, siblings of gays talked frankly about what they have faced in their lives with regards to brother's or sister's homosexuality. This

month, wives of gays will present their side of the story ... and yes, my former will lead the discussion. Hmmm.

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MGM (Mature Gay Men) meets at Roy T's home in Charlotte this month. Social hour will begin at 7:30 p.m. with covered dish at 8:30. MGM meets monthly on first Saturdays. Call Nevin at 882-1747 for details and location.

DID YOU KNOW?

New Life MCC has officially announced moving to the Unitarian Church on Sharon Amity Road, according to Pastor Art Fleschner.

Our **Gay Apathy Group** (GAG) Award of the month goes to all of us who did not support **One Nation Indivisible**, Charlotte's political activist group. No meeting is planned for this month and the future looks dim unless we get our act together and make it a reality.

Tickets are still available for the group attending **summer theater** at CPCC. Cost is only \$22 for four exceptional shows, including "Follies," "Gypsy," "Angel Street" and the old favorite thriller "Gas Light." Contact Ed DePasquale at 365-2308 for dates of shows and ticket information. What a nice way to meet some like-minded people and see some quality shows at the same time! Thanks for organizing this for us, Ed.

The **Switchboard** trained 12 new volunteer counselors at a recent training session in April. Good for all of you ... and thanks from all of us!

There is still time to submit nominations for **Carolinian of the Year** to QCQ. Drop a line about someone deserving c/o P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222. What a fine way of honoring someone you know. Don't delay on this one!

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****Gay Men's Health Crisis.** 132 W. 24th St., New York, NY 10011. One of the nation's foremost organizations in information about AIDS and services for persons with AIDS.

Human Rights Campaign Fund. P.O. Box 1396, Washington, D.C. 20077-4462. Lobbies congress for funds to fight AIDS through the AIDS Campaign Trust.

****Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund.** 132 W. 43rd St., New York, NY 10036. Fights in the courts for equal treatment of gay men and lesbians in employment, housing and custody; and against AIDS discrimination and archaic sodomy laws. Membership: \$30/year. 212/944-9488.

****National Gay Rights Advocates.** 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Fights in the legal system for gay/lesbian civil rights in insurance and other fields. 415/863-3624.

People for the American Way. Counters efforts by Religious Rightists to subjugate individual rights. 1424 Sixteenth Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. 202/462-4777.

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AA/Al-Anon. AA closed, Al-Anon open. 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting St., Charleston, S.C. Upstairs in building behind church. 803/722-6677 or 803/871-8660.

AID Upstate. Formerly the Greenville (S.C.) AIDS Task Force. P.O. Box 2507, Greenville, S.C. 20602. 803/240-8987.

CLOSER. Networking and social group for the Asheville area. P.O. Box 2911, Asheville, N.C. 28802. Contact Don or Joan Marshall, 274-2681.

Lavender Bridges. For students and others at Western Carolina University. P.O. Box 2646, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723.

****N.C. Human Rights Fund.** P.O. Box 10782, Raleigh, NC 27605. Works in the courts to seek justice for gay men and lesbians; and provides educational programs to reduce prejudice. Membership: \$10/year. 919/828-2077.

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services. Provides monetary, buddy and other assistance to AIDS patients. P.O. Box 12124, Columbia, S.C. 20211.

803/779-PALS.

Piedmont Gay/Lesbian Association. Networking and social group for people in northwestern South Carolina. P.O. Box 205, Central, S.C. 29630. 803/639-6900 in Central, 803/654-9210 in Clemson, 803/268-5692 in Greenville, 803/882-7835 in Seneca.

Triangle Lesbian & Gay Alliance. Umbrella planning and political activist group in Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. P.O. Box 3295, Durham, N.C. 27705-1295. Contact Joe Herzenberg, 919/929-4053.

CHARLOTTE AREA

Acceptance. 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Park Road Baptist Church, 3900 Park Rd. Nonreligious social, educational group. Rap session on first Tuesdays; film, second Tuesdays; 7:30 covered dish, third Tuesdays; program, fourth Tuesdays; profiles, fifth Tuesdays. 525-6128.

Acceptance AA/Al-Anon. 8 p.m. Fridays, Holy Comforter Church, 2701 Park Rd. Open meetings for alcoholics and their loved ones. 332-4387.

AIDS Support Group. Weekly meetings. Professional support for persons with AIDS and others. 375-1156.

The Boyz bowling league. 9 p.m. Mondays, Coliseum Bowling Lanes. 339-0679.

Closet Buster Productions. Produces "Gay/Lesbian Forum" television show for Charlotte public access cable. 3001 Central Ave., Box 156, Charlotte, 28205. Call Al Carwile, 376-1490.

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard. Information, peer counseling, referrals. Staffed 7-11 p.m. daily. Volunteers always welcome for training. 525-6128.

Gay Parents Coalition. Social, educational group for gay men and lesbian women who have children. Monthly meetings. Inquiries: Ken Hedrick, 373-0173, or P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222.

Lutherans Concerned of the Carolinas. Group for gay/lesbian Lutherans. Call or write Jim Smith, 4013 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215; 536-4168.

Mature Gay Men. Social group meeting first Saturdays with 7:30 p.m. social hour, 8:30 covered dish supper. Inquiries to Q-Notes, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222. Include phone number for quick response.

****Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP).** Information, education, safe-sex instructional parties, support groups. **Hotline** Mon.-Fri. 6-9 p.m. 333-AIDS. Write P.O. Box 32662, Charlotte, NC 28232.