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NOTE to all who send information to Q-Notes: with all of the recent area code changes (especially in North Carolina) please include your area code with all phone numbers in any information you submit to us. We want to get it right!

There is a new women's social and outdoor group in Greensboro for lesbians and gay-friendly women who would like to meet new people in a casual, friendly environment. They plan to have dinner at a local restaurant once a month and plan one other monthly activity such as a walk in the woods, picnic or attending a play, movie or concert. If you are interested in joining the group or would like more information, call Kate at (336) 333-2187.

The Triad Business and Professional Guild and Alternative Resources of the Triad sponsor a monthly pot-luck social gathering on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:00pm at the Friendship Friends Meeting House on New Garden Road, Greensboro (across from Guilford College). Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. Cups, plates, utensils and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. For more information, call Richard Partridge at (336) 665-0462 or the Alternative Resources hotline at (336) 855-8558.

Interested in Mountain Biking? Want to ride with a bunch of people like yourself? Check out the PRIDE RIDERS Mountain Bike Club. For more information, contact: Pride Riders, PO Box 288, Earl, NC 28038; (704) 481-1284

Triad Health Project, Greensboro/High Point is currently seeking party hosts for its annual "Dining for Friends with Friends" fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 30. Materials will be ready for distribution to hosts the week of April 20. After individual dinner parties are held in hosts' homes (collecting a donation for THP), all hosts and guests meet at the Greensboro Hilton for dessert, dancing and music. For more information about hosting, call THP in Greensboro at (336) 275-1654 or in High Point at (336) 884-4116.

The Annual Knoxville Pride Week will be held June 7-14 in Knoxville, TN. The parade and rally will begin at 12:30pm on Saturday, June 13, culminating with a rally and street dance at the World's Fair Park at 2:00pm. Other events include a Masquerade Ball, a picnic at Concord Park and the Miss Knoxville Pride Contest. For more information, contact Debra Honeycutt or Angela Minor at (423) 689-0041.

Mary M. Boenke is planning to edit and publish a book of collected writings by parents, siblings, children, partners and other relatives of trans persons. Submissions should not be by trans persons themselves, though they may assist and coach others. The working title is "Our Trans Loved Ones." Submissions should be positive and accepting, but may describe the journey getting to that acceptance, between 1000 and 2000 words. Poems and other lengths

also will be considered. Prior writing experience is not required. Submit to Mary Boenke, 180 Bailey Blvd., Hardy, VA 24101, email to maryboenke@aol.com or call (540) 890-3957 with questions.

The Second Annual Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Conference will be held October 31 - November 2 at the Oakland Marriott City Center in Oakland, CA. The conference strives to include issues of sexual orientation in K-12 schools. Individuals and organizations are invited to submit proposals for workshop sessions. Proposals must be received by April 15. Request a submission form from GLSEN, 121 W. 27 St., Suite 804, New York, NY 10001; fax: (212) 727-0254; email: glsen@glsen.org.

Tarynn M. Witten, Ph.D., co-director of the International Longitudinal Transsexual and Transgender Aging Research Project (ILTARP), is attempting to address the lifecourse needs of the transgender community. One component of the project is an attempt to formally document the healthcare needs and experiences, experiences with violence and abuse, and general demography of the "T" community. A comprehensive survey has been compiled to help make an accurate international demographic description of the "T" community. "T" people includes pre/post-op transsexuals, transgenders (individuals who live full time in their non-natal gender) whether they are on hormones or not, cross-dressers, transvestites, agendered, individuals with other gender perceptions, dual spirits, and any non-Western gendered viewpoints. All work is medically confidential and is anonymous. Surveys come in stamped, pre-addressed envelopes so that the sender cannot be identified. The ILTARP has been approved by the University of Michigan School of Public Health Institutional Review Board. It is sponsored under the aegis of the Comprehensive Gender Services Program of the University of Michigan Medical Center. To receive the survey, send a complete postal mailing address to Tarynn M. Witten, Ph.D., ILTARP Project, Comprehensive Gender Services Program, University of Michigan Medical Center, University Hospital, 1500 Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0050, call (313) 936-2102; email: wittenm@umich.edu; website <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~wittenm>.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD (under their AIDS & HIV Related Research Intramural Program) is seeking participants for several research studies regarding a variety of diseases and conditions relating to those who are HIV positive or have AIDS. Many studies do not require that you live in the Maryland area. For information on the studies currently underway or beginning soon, call NIH at 1-800-243-7644.

POZ magazine, for those living with HIV/AIDS and those impacted by HIV/AIDS, is now online. You can find the magazine at <http://www.thebody.com/poz/pozix.html>.

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