

one of the state's most important LGBT activists. As part of the anniversary planning, SCGLPM is searching for memorabilia. At the anniversary banquet they hope to include a timeline and audio-visual presentation that includes images and people from the past 15 years. If you have anything that could be used (pictures, videos, pride guides, flyers, posters), which you would be willing to donate or loan for the event, contact Radar at Blanchard.Williams@gmail.com.

CSRARA hosts 'Healing Internalized Homophobia' workshop

AIKEN/AUGUSTA — On Mar. 12 from 1-4 p.m., the CSRA Rainbow Alliance and Georgia Equality will host a workshop on "Healing Internalized Homophobia" at the Church of Our Redeemer, 557 Greene St., Augusta, Ga. Created by Georgia Equality, "Healing Internalized Homophobia" is a three-hour interactive workshop that gives participants the opportunity to examine their core beliefs surrounding self-acceptance and recognize, in the words of one recent participant, "how I am controlled by my own homophobia." It focuses on the dynamics of homophobia and heterosexism and how these can affect our own sense of identity and worth. Group discussion, a 20-minute movie and facilitated exercises by trained volunteers of Georgia



Equality's Education Department help workshop participants become more aware of internalized homophobia, and learn how to access their own courage and assert their own individual personal power. Participants are also given tools that they can use to heal the wounds gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people have buried deep within. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted to help cover the travel costs of the workshop leaders. Register by emailing mccoor@aol.com or csrara@aol.com, or calling 803-663-9375.

Piccolo Fiction Open in Charleston

CHARLESTON — Apr. 15 is the deadline for the Piccolo Fiction Open, a literary component of the Piccolo Spoleto Arts Festival in Charleston, S.C., which is looking for your best short-short story, your craftiest paragraph, your most concise daydream.

This year the theme is "Right." The theme can be interpreted anyway you like (right versus left, righteousness, human rights) and can figure as minimally or as dominantly as you prefer. The word limit is 500. Submit four copies of your original, unpublished work by Apr. 15. Include one separate cover page with your contact information and title of the work, a \$5 submission fee (made out to the city, as follows) and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. At the top of your work, include the title of the story only. Send to PFO2005/City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs, 133 Church St., Charleston, SC 29401. For more info, contact lisa@eatgoodbread.com or visit the

website at www.spoletousa.org

Hospital stories needed by S.C. Equality Coalition

STATEWIDE — The SC Equality Coalition is looking at hospital visitation (including emergency and intensive care access) as an important issue for our community. SCEC needs individuals willing to share their stories about visiting gay or lesbian partners in the hospital. If you have had a difficult experience, or if you have a story you are willing to share publicly (or know someone else who is), contact SCEC chair Johanna Haynes at johanna.haynes@earthlink.net.

Coastal Carolina group changes name

MYRTLE BEACH — The gay and lesbian student organization at Coastal Carolina University has changed its name to PRIDE (People Respecting Individual Diversity and Equality). The website for the organization is www.coastal.edu/pride. President of the organization is Arron Hoagland (ashoagla@coastal.edu).

USC organization provided office

COLUMBIA — The USC Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Alliance (BGLSA) was recently granted office space in the West Wing of the Russell House University Union. One of only five groups to receive this honor, including Fraternity and Sorority Councils, the Association of African-American Students (one of the largest student groups on campus) and Dance Marathon (USC's largest student-run philanthropy), this office space will serve as a center for organizing efforts as

well as expanded programming in upcoming years. This marks the first time that any group like BGLSA has been granted a form of institutional approval outside of Student Government in several years.

Names Project AIDS Quilt showing

MYRTLE BEACH — The Coastal AIDS Quilt Project, a nonprofit group whose sole function is to help fund showings of the AIDS quilt in this area, is partnering with



Coastal Carolina University to bring 360 panels of the quilt back to Horry County April 1-3. Each quilt panel is three feet by six feet, intentionally created to be the size of a grave. Most are created with names on them in memory of an individual. The panels are sent to a foundation in Atlanta, where they are catalogued and stored. Because of the restrictions on size and materials, to ensure endurance of the panels, free workshops will be held for anyone who would like help creating a panel for the April showing. For more information, call Morrin at 843-349-2303.

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