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Commissioner to speak

RALEIGH — The Triangle Log Cabin Republicans (TLCR) are proud to announce that the North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry (pictured), will speak at their August meeting. The meeting will be held on August 9 at 7 p.m. at the Southend Brewery (Powerhouse Lounge, 505 W Jones St.). There will be a \$10 suggested donation collected at the door, but no one will be turned away.

Also at the meeting, TLCR chapter officers who were recently elected will be installed. They are: Rollin Kibbe, president; David Tremblay, treasurer; and Jami Taylor, secretary. No vice president will be installed due to a position vacancy. TLCR encourages all qualified candidates to step forward in the coming year to fill the slot.

Kibbe is a wireless network engineer for Cisco Systems and Tremblay is a receptionist for Constella Group. Taylor, a PhD student at North Carolina State University, focuses her research on transgender related public policy. She is also interested in broader LGBT issues, and serves on Equality NC's board of directors.

For more information, visit www.logcabin.org/triangle.

Girls just wanna have fun

CHARLOTTE — Time Out Youth (TOY) has announced the formation of a new group targeted at females ages 12-23.

Meeting on the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m., GirlSpace is a support/discussion social group open to all LGBT and questioning girls.

For more information and directions to the meeting space, contact TOY at 704-344-8335. To learn more about TOY, visit www.timeoutyouth.com.

Pancakes and rock?

CHAPEL HILL — Ladyfest NC and Girls Leading in Arts and Music (GLAM) will present a benefit rock and roll pancake supper on Aug. 6, 6-9 p.m., at the Holstead Community Center, 600 Homestead Rd., to support their programming. There is a sliding scale admission from \$5-10.

Entertainment will start at 7:30 p.m. with performance by the Rocking Camp For Girls (original rock from eight- to 11-year-old girls). At 8 p.m., newwave popsters Gerty take the stage.

Ladyfest NC is a music and arts festival organized by local women to celebrate and encourage the art and activism of women everywhere.

GLAM is a non-profit that was started in 2005 to help create music and art programs for girls in N.C. It brings together diverse girls of all ages in friendship, community and creativity.

For more information, call Ladyfest NC's Melissa Thomas at 919-641-2727 or GLAM's Abby McGowan at 919-451-4805.

Get stung with the Sting

CHARLOTTE — On August 6 join The Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Community Center as they cheer on the Charlotte Sting. Pre-game gathering is at 4:30

p.m. Game time is at 6 p.m. at the Charlotte Coliseum on Tyvola Rd.

Join others in the LGBT community to root on the Charlotte Sting as they take on Indiana. Pre-game mixer in the Crown Club and discounted tickets are available at The Center.

For more information, call 704-333-0144.

Church hosts pro-LGBT rally

LAKE JUNALUSKA — The official conference center for the United Methodist Church's conservative Southeast Jurisdiction is hosting a four-day pro-LGBT rally Sept. 2-5. Lake Junaluska is located near Asheville.

Called Hearts on Fire, the convocation is organized by Reconciling Congregations, the main pro-LGBT lobby group attempting to overturn the United Methodist Church's teachings on marriage and sexual ethics.

According to Reconciling Congregations, Hearts on Fire will convene United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Reconciling hopes to attract 400 United Methodists to the convocation. Speakers will include seven bishops: Susan Morrison, Melvin Talbert, Joseph Sprague, Sally Dyck, John Schol, Minerva Carcano and Richard Wilke. Other speakers are openly lesbian United Methodist minister Beth Stroud and Erin Swenson, a male Presbyterian minister who has undergone sex reassignment surgery (MtF).

For more information, write Reconciling Ministries Network, 3801 N. Keller Ave., Chicago, IL 60641, call 773-736-5526, email convo@rmnetwork.org or visit www.lakejunaluska.com.

The majesty of Alaska awaits

CHARLOTTE — Join Pridesisters as they embark on a flexible and affordable "Experience Alaska" vacation from May 27-June 4, 2006.

Travelers will fly into Fairbanks and take a train to Denali National Park. The "Denali" is one of the most sought-after climbing sites in the world, serving as host to competitions for individuals and teams to ascend to the top for the gold. After enjoying the scenery of this area, travelers will continue the train trip on down to Anchorage where a boat tour of the glaciers will be taken. A variety of tours and outings are available as add-ons to make sure vacationers have the getaway of a life time.

Those who will be traveling alone and need a travel buddy with whom to share room expenses will be accommodated. A small deposit is required and flexible payment plans are available throughout the year.

Tickets are limited to 28. The trip will be escorted by a tour guide.

For more information, email olfun@vnet.net.

Hispanic group forming

DURHAM — A new organization is being spearheaded for the Spanish-speaking LGBT community.

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