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HRC Carolinas Dinner earns honor

CHARLOTTE — The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Carolinas Dinner Committee has earned HRC Dinner Committee of the Year after attracting more than 1,400 guests to the 2006 HRC Carolinas Dinner. The 2006 dinner, held Feb. 25 at the Charlotte Convention Center, drew more guests than any other HRC dinner across the country except the national dinner in Washington, D.C. The local attendance figure also set a record for the 11-year-old Carolinas dinner, which was held in 2005 in Charlotte and in previous years in Raleigh, Cary and Greensboro.

The 2006 Carolinas dinner also set records for in-kind sponsorships, silent auction revenue and net funds raised. The 12th-annual HRC Carolinas Dinner will return to Charlotte in 2007 and will be held at the Convention Center on Feb. 24.

PRIDE to host events

CHARLOTTE — PRIDE Charlotte will hold a "Pride Savers" Block Party on May 6, noon to 5 p.m., at The Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1401 Central Ave.

Activities will include live musical performances, a bazaar, yard sale, food vendors and more. All proceeds go to support The Center and its newest endeavor, PRIDE Charlotte.

PRIDE Charlotte is currently seeking vendors for concessions and merchandise. Donation items are also being gratefully accepted for the yard sale — call The Center to arrange a drop off or pick up. No

clothes or shoes will be accepted.

On May 7, take advantage of some great volunteers who will staff the "Pride Savers" Bath-And-A-Shake Dog Wash Benefit at The Dog Salon, 1318-E1 Central Ave., from 1-4 p.m.

Come get your pooch clean, spring-fresh and support PRIDE Charlotte and The Center. Minimum contributions of \$10 are requested.

For more information, please contact Laura Witkowski, PRIDE Charlotte co-chair, at 704-333-0144.

Triangle Democrats endorse DA

DURHAM — Join Triangle Stonewall Democrats at Joe and Jo's, 427 W. Main St., on April 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. to greet and meet with District Attorney Mike Nifong, who is seeking re-election on May 2.

The selection of a district attorney affects the way the law will be applied. Nifong is an important candidate for the gay and lesbian community, as his office's policies reflect his dedication to equality under the law.

His policy concerning domestic violence is to extend to gay and lesbian couples the same protection as that extended to heterosexual couples under the present domestic violence laws.

It is also his office's policy never to use the crime against nature statutes to prosecute sexual acts between consenting adults.

Nifong is committed to diversity. His staff reflects the distinctiveness of Durham's community as well as his commitment to fairness and equality and has warmly supported Durham's first openly gay assistant district attorney.

To learn more about Nifong and his

staff please visit his web site at mike.nifongda.com.

Across the state...

Community forum slated

DURHAM — A Community Forum for Lesbian and Bisexual Women of Durham will be held on April 22 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join women of all ages and diverse backgrounds to talk about the strengths and concerns of the community. Childcare (three years and older) will be provided, as well as lunch and entertainment. Door prizes will also be given away.

The forum is sponsored by the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.

For more information and forum location, call 919-966-3919, ext. 3 or email LBWDurham@yahoo.com.

Royal day

CHARLOTTE — Come out and support the Charlotte Royals as they play their last game of the season against the Atlanta Bucks on May 6, 1 p.m., Hevin Park/Field, 6000 Statesville Rd.

Plus come early in the day for a Southeast Round-Robin featuring the Charlotte Mayhem Women's Rugby Team.

For directions and more information, visit www.charlotteroyals.org.

Happy birthday, MeckPAC

On April 20, MeckPac celebrated its eighth birthday at The Lesbian and Gay Community Center for a community appreciation event to recognize MeckPAC's accomplishments.

Participants got a chance to meet the

new MeckPAC leadership team and were treated to hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Coffee house

WINTERVILLE — Winterville Christian Church, 257 Cooper St., welcomes the community to their monthly coffee house. The coffee house is the first Friday of each month from 8-10 p.m. Come enjoy the fun, musical entertainment, free coffee, teas and snacks.

Winterville Christian Church is an Open & Affirming Disciples of Christ Church. Open & Affirming identifies and celebrates communities of faith where all persons, including the LGBT community are welcome. To learn more about O&A, visit www.gladalliance.org.

For more information, call 252-756-2898 email aaronluciernc@yahoo.com or visit www.wintervillechristian.org.

Pageant announces winners

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte NC Black Gay Pride (CNCBGP) held its Mr. and Ms. CNCBGP 2006 Pageant on March 17 at Lady D's on Independence.

Over \$1,500 in cash and prizes went to winners and runners-up. Dorae Saunders won the Ms. crown with Arabia Knight Addams as her runner up. Devon Iman Diamond Dickerson won the Mr. crown with Robbie Sutton as his runner up.

Featured that evening were the reigning Mr. and Ms. CNCBGP Ontario. St. James and Essence Iman. It was hosted by Elaine Davis and Mysha Paris.

For more information, visit www.charlotte.ncblackgaypride.org.

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