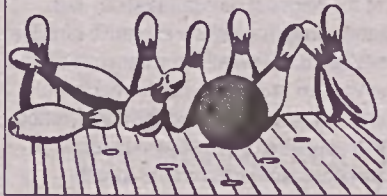


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CHARLOTTE**Batter up**

CHARLOTTE — A group of women are interested in playing some ball, but are open to expanding to volleyball and/or soccer as well.

This gathering would be held either once a week or every other week depending upon participants' schedules or desires. Time and place is left to be determined.

For those who are interested, email Lee Ann Sharpe at leeann@cestshirts.com.

Lounging at the lake

LAKE NORMAN — Escape for an afternoon of fun as QUICK hosts its Ninth Annual Day at the Lake on Aug. 9 beginning at 1 p.m.

Hang out at a member's home while taking in some rays and totally relaxing. Swim, boat and water ski. Enjoy picnic-style food while making new friends and greeting old ones as well.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. During the day, chomp down on hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken or cool off with sodas, beer and water.

Cost is \$15.

For more information and directions, call 704-425-3341 or email THaley6760@aol.com.

EASTERN**It's a party**

AYDEN — The NC Family Annual Pool Party will be held on Aug. 16 from 2-8 p.m.

Grab bathing suits, towels, chairs and a beverage of choice to enjoy the fun-filled event. Hosts Cindy and Kat will provide meats and cheeses for wraps and sandwiches. A signup sheet will be available for those who will attend to bring the rest to accompany the meal that will be served about 5 p.m.

The party is kid friendly, so bring the little ones, too!

For directions and more information, call 252-746-3920 or 252-916-5780 or email sisterkatj@yahoo.com.

TRIANGLE**PFLAG raising funds**

TRIANGLE AREA — The Triangle Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will once again publish a signature ad in the *Independent Weekly* in September 2008. This is PFLAG's only fundraiser of the year and these funds help area gay youth as well as help PFLAG with education, support and advocacy.

The goal is to show that people across the Triangle support LGBT people. Furthermore, by highlighting religious groups in the area, they hope to show that people of all faiths affirm and support the LGBT community. They are extending an invitation for the community to join the effort. Last year over 300 individuals and families participated in the campaign.

Their message is simple: "We, the undersigned, affirm the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. We condemn acts of bigotry and hatred. We join PFLAG in celebrating the lives of those we love and admire; acceptance and love, family values for a lifetime."

To send a powerful message that

people of all faiths support LGBT people, signatures will be organized by religious denomination with individual congregations, followed by other organizations, businesses, and then unaffiliated individuals.

To help PFLAG fulfill its mission, they are requesting a donation of \$15 per individual/family or organization and \$30 per business.

Visit www.pflagtriangle.com and click on the online store to make charge card contributions.

Completed forms, available from PFLAG, are due by Aug. 15.

For more information on how to participate, email info@pflagtriangle.org.

Board established

RALEIGH — The Governance Team of Triangle Community Works (TCW) has announced that the initial Board of Trustees for the LGBT Center of Raleigh have been chosen.

Named are: Eddie Sartin, chairperson; L.J. Coward, vice chairperson; Summer Barringer, secretary; Les Geller, treasurer; Glen Medders, board development officer; and Bobby Hilburn, development officer.

The board has already begun work and the incorporation paperwork has been filed.

Nick Buchner served as the team leader. He serves as chair of TCW and will continue to assist with committee work as the effort progresses as liaison.

For those who are interested in becoming a board member, email Medders at rgmedd@gmail.com. For other issues, direct emails to tcw@tcworks.org.

Want to get involved with the Center's future? Then email lgbtcenterofraleigh@gmail.com.

Partners added

DURHAM — Margie Sved was surprised when she recently was seen at a Duke University clinic. Upon arrival she signed in and was asked to provide some information to ensure that her record was correct in the database. The receptionist asked for marital status, to which she replied, "partnered." She soon found out that that was not an option, so she said to just put her down as married.

She wrote to the vice chancellor for Health Affairs to express her concern that patients were not recognized as domestic partners, while employees and students were.

A Duke graduate and physician, she was elated when she got a note back from the CEO of Duke University Hospital and vice president of Duke University Health System thanking her for bringing the issue to his attention, concluding that they would look into it further.

A few weeks later, he notified her that the software was able to now support "partnered" as a marital status option, but that it would take a few months to complete the change.

Sved was recently married in California.

She encourages others to speak up when injustices or incongruent situations arise.

Imani gets new pastor

DURHAM — On July 1, Imani MCC welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Venson Phillip Mathews. He delivered his first official sermon on July 6.

Mathews is a native of Memphis, Tenn. He

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