

## ENC holds successful Lobby Day

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and reported on the event.

Spaulding met with several African-American legislators, many of whom were supportive of LGBT-inclusive legislation. A distant relative of Spaulding's, Rep. Sandra Spaulding Hughes (D-New Hanover) is a sponsor of the comprehensive sex ed bill, the Healthy Youth Act.

"She seemed quite progressive on many issues," Spaulding told *Q-Notes*. "She's definitely at the forefront of comprehensive sex ed."

In an April 2008 interview with *Q-Notes*, Hughes indicated her opposition to the anti-gay marriage amendment and her support of the School Violence Prevention Act. She's also

signed on as a sponsor of the bill to repeal the state's unconstitutional sodomy laws.

Ian Palmquist, EqualityNC executive director, said several legislators responded favorably to the Day of Action.

"The folks I talked to were really pleased to have constituents come in and talk to them, particularly the folks who had driven in from other parts of the state," he said.

Palmquist said the group will continue to promote the School Violence Prevention Act, citing last session's near passage.

"We were unbelievably close last year," he said. "We believe we've picked up a couple of votes thus far, but everything can change day

to day so I can't promise we have it all lined up. I want to make sure that we do everything to hold on to those votes because we know the right wing will be doing everything they can to chip away at that."

The group will hold two upcoming events discussing the School Violence Prevention Act and other issues, such as transgender policy. On April 7, EqualityNC will host a forum in Fayetteville. On April 16, a forum on the anti-bullying bill and transgender issues will be held in Asheville. For more information and to RSVP, visit [www.equalitync.org](http://www.equalitync.org).

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## TCW hosts second chance prom

Did you have a good time at high school prom? Were you there with the person you really wanted to be with?

If you're like most people in our community the answer is no. Wouldn't it be fun to have a second chance for a better one? Now you can at the Triangle Community Works (TCW) Second Chance Queer Prom. This great event will be taking place at The Mint restaurant in downtown Raleigh, April 19, 8-11 p.m. Admission is \$15.

Video DJ Nick Comis will provide entertainment and bring the restaurant to life. A

cash bar will be available. Local community leaders will be vying for your dollars to vote them in as King and Queen. Look for the release of the Royal Court soon.

Before the Prom, TCW will host a VIP Varsity Hour at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres from The Mint's executive chef will be served. Advance tickets are available through April 13 and are \$75 for couples, \$40 single.

Tickets can be bought online at <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/TriangleCommunityWorks/OnlineDonation.html>.

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## Charlotte Business Guild

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Program:

Charlotte PFLAG Presentation

Crowne Plaza Hotel

201 S. McDowell St., Uptown Charlotte

Time:

Cash bar social: 5:30 pm • Heavy hors d'oeuvres: 5:30 pm

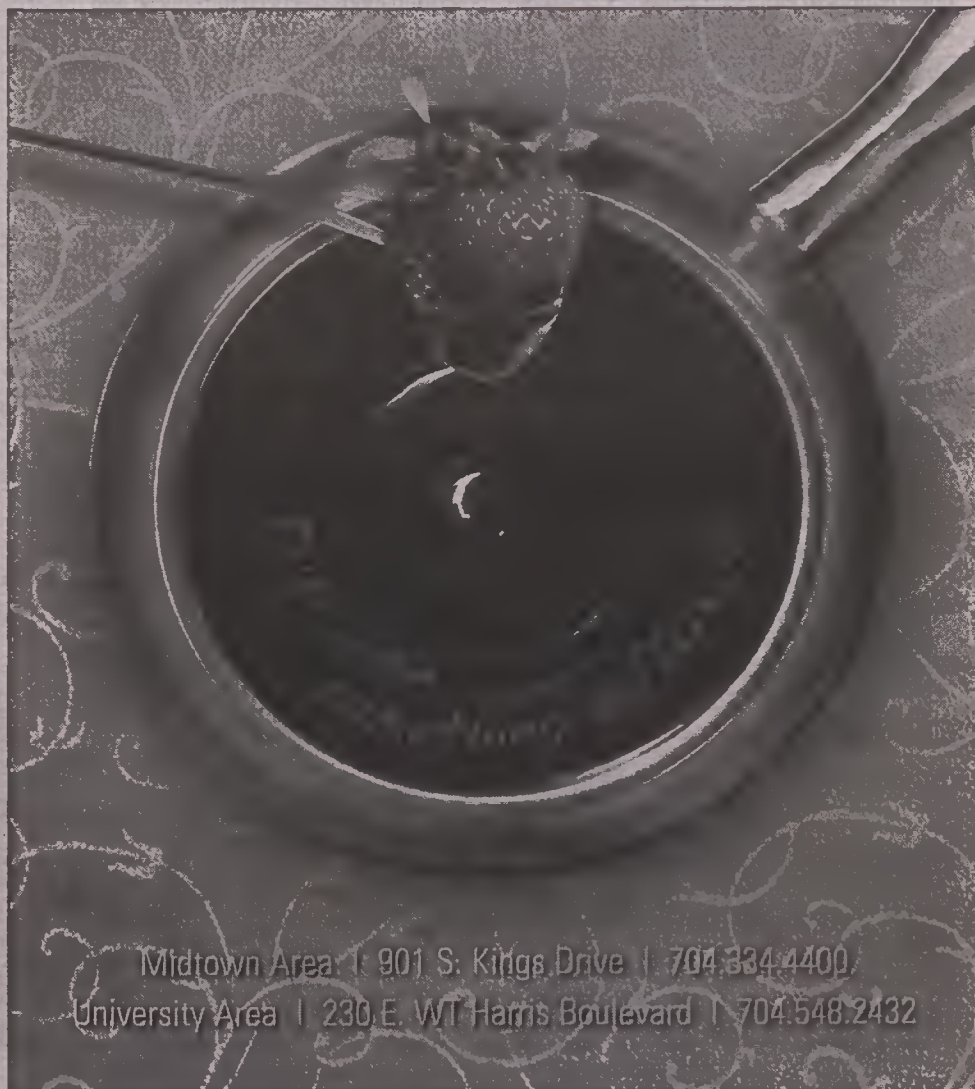
To Reserve:

Cost: \$15 members, \$25 non-members

Call 704-565-5075 by 12 pm, Friday, April 17, 2009

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