

organization benefit on a continuing basis from a Founding Father, but CLOSER has been able to do so through Ben's ongoing leadership and caring. Perhaps most of all, Ben set the tone of LOVE at the beginning, and as a result, love is the tradition at CLOSER. We are so glad to have this one way to thank him.

Our warmest congratulations to Richard P. for being elected President of the Florists Association of Western North Carolina. Everything's comin' up roses for this wonderful member!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Pam M.	December 6
Leonard C.	December 14
John R.	December 15
Angela A.	December 17
Sheryl R.	December 17
Jim R.	December 27
Donna W.	December 28

THE BOOK CORNER

This is the first appearance of a new feature. Books give us inspiration and support. The following were recommended by Amy Ashworth, and the comments about the books are hers, too:

Reflections of a Rock Lobster by Aaron Frick. "On the loneliness of a gay teenager."

Coming Out to Parents by Mary V. Borhek. "This book helps children realize what parents go through. Then children can teach the parents and help them through it."

When Someone You Know Has AIDS by Leonard Martelli. "A most helpful, informative book to help with dealing with AIDS."

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE CLOSER

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) meets the second Monday of each month at All Souls Church, 7:30 p.m.

AIDS Support Group is for people with AIDS and their loved ones. It meets twice a month. Call Dan or Joan for more information.

DECEMBER 3: Monthly meeting of SALGA (Southern Appalachia Lesbian and Gay Alliance), a political action group, at Beth and Lillian's (really!). Pot-luck and 6p.m., meeting begins at 7p.m. sharp. Call 658-0703 for directions. Everyone welcome.

DECEMBER 8: CLOSER's Executive Committee meets, 6:30 p.m., pot-luck, at Cynthia's. January meetings will be planned. Any CLOSER member is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.