

**THANKS**



To the Palmetto Gay and Lesbian Alliance (PGLA) for inviting CLOSER members to attend their free workshop, "Combatting Homophobia,"

February 25. Those of us who went found it very valuable, and we enjoyed meeting more of our SC neighbors.

To Pete T. for purchasing the new hand-held microphone. We used it first with Tom O'Connor's visit, and it works great!

To Theo for videotaping Tom O'Connor's talk.

To Ron L. for facilitating at CLOSER's forum. Great job, Ron!

To Allen H. for sending us the article and editorial from the Charlotte Observer about the jailing of lesbian Marines.

To Jim Reid, CLOSER's new Volunteer Coordinator. Jim is off to a fine start in his new role.

To all the members who are volunteering to pitch in to make CLOSER run more smoothly.

promptly at 7:45 PM. Monday rap sessions begin at 7:30 PM.

In March we tried a pilot program, a Monday evening "rap session," an unstructured gathering of anyone who feels like getting together with a few other people to just talk about anything relevant to gay men and lesbians. The initial response of those attending has been very positive, so the Executive Committee has decided to continue this through May. Beginning in June, we go into our summer schedule, meeting on Tuesday evenings with an unstructured format.

HELP! Does anyone have two VCR's? For the CLOSER library, we'd love to consolidate some of the gay-affirming tapes a number of us have been accumulating, but we need the services of someone with two VCR's to do this for us. Please see or call Cynthia if you can help with this.

Those of you to whom it is relevant, be sure to read the March '89 Consumer Reports article, "Can You Rely on Condoms?" It reports on tests of condom strength, besides giving much excellent information and advice on responsible condom use. Charlotte and Cynthia have donated their copy to the CLOSER library.

Philip J., our head librarian, and Charlotte have completed the library inventory. Philip has prepared sheets showing what we have. These are available at the library, and extra copies have been made for anyone wanting one. A big job well done. Thank you!

If you see someone you don't recognize at a CLOSER meeting, and the person is not wearing a lavender name button, introduce yourself! If it's their first time at CLOSER, sit next to the person and introduce him or her to the group. It's up to each of us to make all feel welcome!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO!**



- Melvin S. April 6
- Pam B. April 7
- Gary H. April 12
- Harvey M. April 13
- Warren T. April 21
- Beth B. April 22
- Peter K. April 23

- Pam S. April 23
- William H. April 24
- Cindy B. April 25
- Carrie T. April 25
- Stephen K. April 28

**PLEASE NOTE**

Starting now, Tuesday evening socializing will begin at 7 PM, so that we can begin the program

