

**BOARD IN BRIEF**

Board members left their April meeting considerably more positive, more relaxed, and considerably earlier than the March meeting. Reports of agents and committees seemed to progress more smoothly, especially with some committees having prepared written reports in advance in order to reduce needed meeting time. Our 1st issue of *Chain Link* has received a very positive reception around the country and resulted in several subscriptions, memberships, and ad inquiries already. One down note in this regards was the cost (now expected to be about \$900). We also found we printed too few (1,000) and our next issue will double that. Program committee gave hi-lites of their well written report and the Board discussed the schedule for MAY DAY events. Stress was made of the 10% discount available to members for packages and at-the-door rates.

For the benefit of P.R. (ours) and recognition, the Board determined to offer memberships to upcoming winners of several community related contests.

A new Finance committee was formed and their duties, and the duties of the I&S Comm. formed at the last meeting will be further defined by next Board meeting.

Another policy due to the Board in May will concern placement of NLA ads in various other publications. With greater circulation of *Chain Link* we are already beginning to get requests to advertise. It was moved to endorse via letter the Freedom Day Committee.

It appears now that SGN will be a co-sponsor with NLA on the July Fundraising "Clue Party". The bike raffle isn't forgotten and is waiting for a diagnosis on the bike itself.

The first event to be held at the Wild Rose will be part of MAY DAY, a reception for Judy Tallwing, MS. International LEather, 1987. Free to members, \$2.00 for others. 2:00 PM

Conference brochures are at the printers presently. Questionnaires for last years conference attendees are ready & will go out as soon as the Secretary gets around to it. They will provide the Board a written report of all their activities and current state of planning at the next meeting.

Next meeting, Wednesday May 6th, 7:30 PM at the home of Jan Heck. Open to all members. Information at 785-9572

**NLA CALENDAR**



**APRIL**

- 23 Conference Committee 7:00 PM  
All NLA Comm. Chairs  
M. Kenmir (329-5462)
- 28 Program Committee 7:30 PM  
Sparks

**MAY**

- 1-2-3 MAY DAY  
see information elsewhere  
in this members' letter
- 3 MR./ MS. NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOC.  
Eastlake 8:00 PM
- 6 Board Meeting 7:30 PM  
Jan Heck
- 12 Semi-Annual Membership Meeting  
Election of Board Members  
Pot luck and Reception  
Sparks 7:30 PM
- 16 PNW Drummer Pre-Contest Party  
Meet & Greet Mike Murray  
Sparks 8:00 PM
- 26 Program Committee 7:30 PM  
Sparks

**JUNE**

- 19-28 GAY PRIDE WEEK
- 24 MS. Seattle Leatherwomyn  
Pre-Contest reception  
Sparks
- 28 Pride Parade NLA Marches

**JULY**

- 15-28 "Clue Parties" Fundraisers

**AUGUST**

- 28-29-30 *Living in Leather II 1987*  
Seattle Executive Inn

**OCTOBER**

- 10 National Leather Caucus  
Washington D.C.
- 11 National March on Washington

**MAY DAY**

Just a reminder that NLA members are going to receive several discounts at May Day events. The full schedule is elsewhere in this letter, but the specials for members include;

Friday Buffet & Cocktail Party  
\$5.00 members \$6.00 others

Sunday Wild Rose Reception  
Free members \$2.00 others

NLA Contest

Members: \$5.00 advance/\$6.00 door  
Others \$10.00 advance/\$12.00 "

Additionally members are entitled to a 10% discount on any of the pre-registered packages. Finally members may also enter the contest as contestants Free (others \$25.00) I hope all members are planning on participating in some aspect of the weekend activities.



COMMITTEE NEWS

PROGRAM: March 24th meeting  
 With 7 members in attendance, about 5 more than last meeting, this meeting was far more successful. Programs into November were laid out and include: May Day, June Pride, July Mystery, August open for Conference, September for Fundraising, October for Caucus and March, and Nov. for Carnival (mostlikely). More womyn are still needed for input. Election meeting extras (pot luck & reception) will encourage participation. Extra May event the 16th will be a reception (meet & greet) for Mike Murray Mr Intnat'l Drummer 1986 at Sparks. Next meeting, April 28, 7:30 Sparks  
 LEATHER CAUCUS: April 11th

With only a few members present the "ruff" schedule of the caucus was reviewed. Prime motivation of the caucus will be formulation of a statement of conditions, concerns, and ideals of the homophile leather community. Activities will be in 4 major periods; 1) morning session, 2) afternoon session 3) memorial service at Viet Nam Memorial, 4) Party. More meetings are planned around May Day Activities

TWO NEW COMMITTEES

I & S Information and Staffing

This committee will provide staffing for NLA activities, Responsibilities may also extend into membership activities. Chair Wayne Gloege requests volunteers contact him thru the P.O.Box or at 784-7367. He will need help with several upcoming activities

FINANCE:

This group will be responsible for structuring and overseeing the finances of NLA. They are only begining to define their functions and responsibilities and will also need volunteers. Members may contact Church Harbough.

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Between April 25th and May 11th all members will receive calls from members of the Board regarding our Semi-annual Membership Meeting. We cannot over emphasize the importance of attendance of every member at this meeting. Not only will we be electing 4 Board members for one year terms, but we also will be hearing progress on the 1987 *Living in Leather* Conference. Additionally we will be voting on By-laws establishing National level organization which will allow affiliate memberships to other Leather Community Organizations (such as Outcasts, Janus, & GMSMA) Nation wide.

This meeting will be more than just work however. The program committee is planning a pot-luck to follow the meeting (Keith & John will be contacting you) and a reception will follow for the winners of the MR. and MS. National Leather Association.

Please plan on attending, working, and relaxing together.

APRIL

- 23 LSM/GMSMA 8-11 PM  
 Corporal Punishment-a discussion \$2.00  
 (all GMSMA events at 208 W 13th ST New York City)
- 25 LS/GMSMA 7-9  
 Corporal Punishment activities  
 Paddles 140 W 24th ST N.Y.C.
- 25 VASM 8 PM  
 General Meeting & Election  
 #1 1170 Bute St, Vancouver, B.C.
- 25 MR Leather Whitchita  
 Whitchita, Kansas

MAY

- 2 MR Leather Oklahoma  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 10 MR. Leather Missouri  
 St. Louis, MO
- 11 SIGMA "Asses" 7:30 PM  
 all Sigma events at D.C. EAGLE  
 639 New York Ave NW, Washington D.C.
- 13 GMSMA 8:30  
 Tatoos & the Men who Wear Them
- 15-16-17 Border Riders M.C.  
 Victoria Day Run  
 info. 206-747-9206
- 16 Sigma Party & AIDS Benefit
- 17 P.N.W. MR Drummer 6:00 PM  
 Sparks Donation: \$5.00
- 22-25 9th Annual MR. Internat'l Leather  
 Park West Auditorium Chicago, Il.  
 contact Vern Sterart for info.  
 415-864-0401 or 415-961-7348

JUNE

- 12-13-14 MR SW Drummer  
 Chutes Houston, Tx
- 25 MS. Seattle Leatherwomyn  
 Sparks
- 26 1987 Mr. International Drummer  
 Club DV-8  
 540 Howard St. San Francisco, CA
- 27-28 S.M.C. Performances 8 PM  
 Meany Hall Univ. Wash. \$9-\$12

JULY

- 4 SDG Black & Blue III
- 4 Sigma 3rd Anniversary
- 17-19 Zodiacs Stampede Weekend  
 Vancouver B.C.
- 25 Christmas in July Party  
 Sparks
- 31 VASM  
 Fantasy Acres, a "Woodsy Party"

SEPTEMBER

- 10-13 Hellfire XVI  
 Hellfire Club Chicago, Il

OCTOBER

- 9-10-11 VASM 5th Anniversary
- 10 National Leather Caucus  
 Washington D.C.
- 11 National March on Washington

VANCOUVER EAGLE

Just heard from Mack today (4-17) that step 2 of his licensing has gone through. Just 1 1/2 left (the 1/2 is a set of forms that Vancouver city "forgot" to tell them was needed-but they are nearly complete already)and they are now waiting for the Victoria bureaucrats to do their thing. Good luck Mack - hope they're faster than Vancouver!

Yep, another edition of those eagerly awaited gems from old George. You have no idea what fun it is to be able to PUBLISH my worthless opinions (and please remember that these notes are reflections of my personal opinions, not necessacarilly those of the NLA Board or other members). Anyhow - onward.

Very well done to member Paul Wilkren (I hope that's spelled properly Paul) for his hard work (in spite of a less than supportive ownership) in making the recent MR WA. State Leather Comp. the success that it was. Best comp. I've seen in this ciry. Well done. (Guess I best give our Pres. SM a little pat on the back as well - Paul says he really did help, well at least a little.

I didn't see many NLA members at the Defenders' kegger on the 11th (it was listed in our calendar). This group is both younger and smaller than NLA, has been very supportive of NLA, and deserves the same in return.

Seems that on of our NLA Board gets so wrapped up in his committee meetings he gets his feet totally tangled in his stool. How many people did it actually take to get you loose John?

No news from Mack in B.C. re; EAGLE Hope he isn't holding his breath waiting for the politicians to get their stuff together. And as long as I'm talking about Mack, he has given NLA another help. Last month he -and carried and maild our Chain Link to Canadians. This month he has donated the sashes to be worn by the winners of the MR/MS NLA competition. (I'll warn him here that I'm also going to ask him to mail this issue of the First Link to our Canadian members.) All we can say is "Thanks" Bet he remembers not to say "Anything I can do..." again.

Something that has made me angry. Have heard that the owner of Seattle's purported leather bar is now renegeing on paying full expenses of the WA. State Leather winner to the IML Contest. Didn't this happen to Richard in 1985? Then the community raised the needed funds in one afternoon-without any bar cash. I damit that the advertising for the contest may not have specifically stated "ALL" expenses, but is the community that supports this business all year being unreasonable in expecting that same business to put out its full support occaisionally? I haven't heard said bar is willing to take only partial credit or publicity for the sponership. Hope I'll hear of a responsible settlement soon.

One of our members wants to name the Armadillo (last issue back cover) Arnie. I'm sure we'll see him again soon. Perhaps you remember him from 86 Conference Program. One of our natural leather allies you know.

Speaking of our friendly armadillo and natural leather -- this month I thought I'd find something with a little more push. Hope our new friend doen't increase the postage rate.

If any members are planning a visit to Germany, forget Octoberfest in Munich. The Bavarian State recently passed a series of Anti-Gay & AIDS related measures that make last years California initiatives almost favorable. Required testing if either suspected or known to have associated for example. More to follow as soon as I get documentation.

I encourage members to make contributions to the next issue of the CHAIN LINK coming out just before Gay Pride Week. We're getting great reception from around the country to issue 1. I get 3 to 5 letters a day asking for information or subscribing. This is remarkable for a first issue of Anything. You might think the leather community has never had a news letter of national intent before!

I hope I'll see you all at the May Membership meeting and MAY DAY events. I'm looking forward especially to our first event at the Rose and meeting Judy Tallwing.

SEE YOU THERE

The National Leather Association  
presents the

Mr. and Ms. NLA Contest  
Sunday, May 3

at the Eastlake East  
8:00 p.m.

Benefits the NLA Leather Caucus  
of the  
National March on Washington

Tickets \$10 in advance  
\$12 at the door

For more information phone: (206) 328-2518

Special Note

On March 21, your humble secretary turned 40. On the 20th several of our members gave him a party and special attention. These were very important to him and will be fondly remembered.

Thank  
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LATE DATE

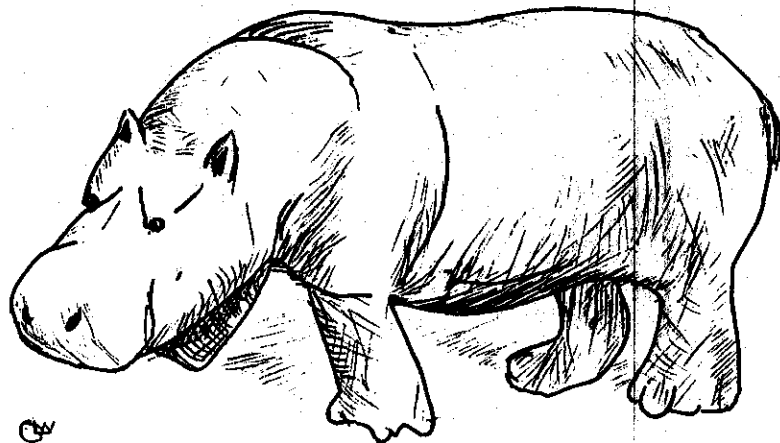
MAY 20th 7:30-9:30 PM  
"Send Off Party"  
Sponsored by the DEFENCERS NW  
SPARKS

With so many of our members in-  
volved in this years IML in Chicago,  
and the Defenders sponsering, this  
event certainly deserves our at-  
tendance.



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You're Invited To Attend  
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## Judy Tallwing-McCarthy

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Sunday May 3rd

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