



FIRST LINK

NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION
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BOARD IN BRIEF

The September Board meeting went smoothly. Board talk centered around the Living in Leather II Conference; all agreed that it was a total success for the participants, though the NLA's fiscal condition remains uncertain. Much of the Board meeting was concerned with money matters, and many suggestions for fundraising were offered. A special Sept. 15 meeting for fundraising, finance, program, & S & M committees was called. Money-handling routines and budgets are to be set in the very near future.

Several letters received from Conference participants were read. We were pleased that people who attended the Conference had such a positive attitude about it.

Publicist Cookie Hunt reported progress on Chain Link 3; she needs all materials for it AT ONCE.

An ad hoc group, led by Lion (Jan) and composed of Wayne, Dean, Kent, Michael D. and Sharma reported an NLA event to be held October 24. From 9 to 12 PM will be held a "fireside" evening and potluck, for NLA members & friends: \$4 at the door, or \$2 and a potluck dish. Following this, the SDG will hold a dual dungeon, an "Evening with Jan and Dean": \$8 for NLA members and \$10 for others. Both events will be at the SEATTLE BOXING CLUB, 918 E. Pike. Dungeons open at midnight.

Several agents and Board members expressed thanks for all who helped on the Conference and all who attended it for their energies and for their contributions to our Leather community.

Kent explained his progress on NLA computer applications. He expects to have our member lists and mailing lists on computer in the near future.

A LILII wrapup meeting will be held in September and we will announce LILIII dates by the end of November. Expect to be hearing about the NLA BLACK-HEARTS BALL in the near future.

Keith Hughes has resigned his Board position. Stepping into his place at least until the November meeting is Mr. Doug Connell. Welcome to the Board, Doug!

Due to the participation of several Board members in the forthcoming MARCH ON WASHINGTON LEATHER CAUCUS, the Board meeting for October will be held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1987, AT DOUG CONNELL'S. Doug's phone number is: 723-3435. Remember that Board meetings are open to ALL members.

NLA CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

20 NLA: BC 7:30 VGLCC
Election 1170 Butte St

25 NLA: BC 8 PM Chuck's Pub
Piercing Workshop with Jim Ward
\$3.00 door benefit Sashi Hyatt

29 NLA: Seattle 7 PM W. Gloege
L.in L. II Wrap-up 784-7367

OCTOBER

4 NLA: SEATTLE 4 PM SPARKS
Cocktail Fundraiser

10 National Leather Caucus
Washington DC

11 National March on Washington

15 NLA: SEATTLE D.Connell
Board Meeting 7 PM 723-3435
THURSDAY special day

24 NLA: SEATTLE 9-12 PM
"FIRESIDE POT LUCK" 918 Pike
\$4.00 /\$2.00 with pot
See flyer

31 NLA: BC Heritage House
"Fantasy & Fetish Night!"
\$5.00 Prizes

NOVEMBER

4 NLA: SEATTLE 7 PM
Board Meedint Pre-election

10 NLA: SEATTLE 7:30 PM
General Membership Meeting

1 Membership dues renewal date

? NLA: SEATTLE
Autumn Carnival

DECEMBER

8 NLA: SEATTLE Board Meeting

OUTCASTS GET IN

Since our last issue we have proudly welcomed "The Outcasts" as our newest National Affiliate member organization. One of the most widely known and influential women's SM organizations, Outcasts were well represented at the conference and we're pleased to add their activities to our calendar. The Secretary has received the most recent copies of their publication "The Lunitic Fringe" and has found it well edited and written, instructive, and entertaining. Our Thanks to them for their support, and welcome them to our growing network.

SAFE SANE CONSENSUAL

AFFILIATE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

18 The FIFTEEN S. F.
 Reception
 18-20 Defenders NW Seattle
 Deception Pass Campout
 18+25 NLA Nights Seattle
 Seattle:EAGLE 10-close
 20 Folsom Street Fair S.F.
 20 Disciples of DeSade Dallas
 Sundance Reunion 4-8 Trestle
 23 GMSMA 8:30 NYC
 Humiliation
 20 Gay Art Show 2-close Seattle
 Seattle;EAGLE 14 artists
 20 Avatar 3-7 L.A.
 Beer Bust Gauntlet II
 24 Friends of PWA Dallas
 8-12 Trestle
 25-27 Griffins MC Delaware
 Shore Leave 87 Rehoboth, MD
 27 Outcasts 7 SF
 Committee Night
 27 Leather Pride Night Dallas
 Suds & Studs 4-8 Trestle
 30 Avatar L.A.
 Art of the Ass
 30 Community Unity Keggar Seattle
 Seattle; EAGLE 4-7

OCTOBER

2 Urania Sommerville, MA
 2-4 Knights d'Orleand New Orleans
 Annicrsary XIII weekend
 2,9,16,23,27 NLA Nights Seattle
 Seattle:Eagle 10-close
 4 Soc. of Janus S.F.
 S/M Art Faire \$10.00 Mason Center
 9-11 VASM Vancouver BC
 Anniversary V weekend
 10 National LEather Caucus
 11 National March on Washington
 12 SigMa Washington DC
 DC Eagle
 14 GMSMA 8:30 NYC
 Perils of S/M Publishing
 14 Dreizehn 8:30 Boston
 Meeting Paradise
 18 Disc. of DeSade Dallas
 Beer Bust Trestle
 21 SM Gays 8:15 London
 Pins & Needles LLGC
 23-24 MS Panther Konf: Gernmany
 Anniversary XIII
 24 Seattle Dungeon Guild Seattle
 Evening with Jan & Dean 12-7AM
 for Men & Women
 NLA \$8.00 Others \$10.00
 24 SigMa Wash. DC
 Halloween Party
 28 GMSMA 8:30 NYC
 SM & Monster Mythology
 28 Avatar L.A.
 Tatoos

NOVEMBER

6 Urania Sommerville, MA
 6-8 Harbor Masters Portland, Maine
 Anniversary Run V
 11 GMSMA 8:30 NYC
 Boots & Gloves
 11 Avatar L.A.
 Kinky Cafeteria
 11 Dreizehn 9:30 Boston
 Paradise, Cambridge

**LEATHER
 CAUCUS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1987
 1:00 P.M.
 DEPARTMENTAL AUDITORIUM
 (12th & Penn St., N.W.)**

**POSSIBLE
 TOPICS:**

- ▶ S/M-LEATHER PRESENCE IN LESBIAN AND GAY POLITICS
- ▶ S/M AND THE PRESS
- ▶ S/M RELATIONSHIP OPTIONS
- ▶ PLAYING SAFELY & SANELY
- ▶ DEVELOPING SUPPORTIVE PERSPECTIVES OF "SAFE, SANE, CONSENSUAL" SEXUAL ACTIVITIES

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**COCKTAIL PARTY
 8 P.M. to 11 P.M.
 JOIN US
 IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT.**



NOVEMBER (cont.)

15 Disciples of DeSade Dallas
 Beer Bust Trestle
 18 SM Gays 8:15 London
 Motorcycle Mystique LLGC
 25 GMSMA NYC
 Thanksgiving Eve Social

DECEMBER

9 Dreizehn 8:30 Boston
 Paradise Cambridge
 9 GMSMA 8:30 NYC
 SM & Ageing
 16 SM Gays 8:15 London
 Hoods & Helmits LLGC

I was recently asked why my column is named *Scribbles*. I showed him a copy of my longhand notes & he responded -- OH!

This issue of *FIRTS LINK*, following so close to *Living in Leather II*, gives me the opportunity to spout off on it first in one of our own publications. I admit being pleased with the coverage given by *Seattle Gay NEWS* and complimented that the workshop *Race* and I facilitated made such an impression.

First I wish to give publicized thanks (in no special order to): Mike D. & Sharma, Gayle R., Vic, Fred G, Tony dB, David O, Doug C, Wayne G, Lainey B, Bob B, Race B, Guy B, Joe W, Evan L, Spencer & Eve, B. Jones, Stefani K, Mr. S, La Mar, John K, Barry D, Cookie, TK & Jan, David A, Susie B, Mack, Keith K, Bill H, Johanna, Geoff M, Dean D, John K, Kent C, Richard W, Ralph B, Rodney & Roger, and about 50 others who gave me and all the others attending a successful, smoothly run, stimulating, & rewarding weekend. It was worth double the cost just for the renewed friendships.

I want to give a special best wish to Sashi & her NY trip. She continually assured me that she was "OK" - but Judy needed massive drugs! She said she was requesting double drugs - from every 4 doses she'll take 1 and give Judy 3! She was taking out flight insurance for the trip - Judy gets confused and thinks the Buick is a Boeing. I'll miss (now we'll all miss) you both. Hurry back to us---well.

I gave David Olsen a barb about being a "pushy bottom" a couple of months ago. Well, he earned many PR points at the hospitality suite and party as a very efficient and competent bartender. I just wonder when they added bartending to the seminary courses.

It was a pleasure to see comfortable gender mixing at our workshops. Gayle Rubin made excellent contributions to Gut Baldwin's Men's Bottom workshop. I'm very glad these were not colsed events.

The look of panic is what you see on the faces of people behind a registration table about 10 seconds after the room opens 1st thing in the morning.

The look of relief was expressed perfectly by Guy Baldwin after his 3rd session in the dungeon early Sunday Morning. Rather as though he had released the frustrations for dozens of his clients all at once. How wonderfully positive pain can be.

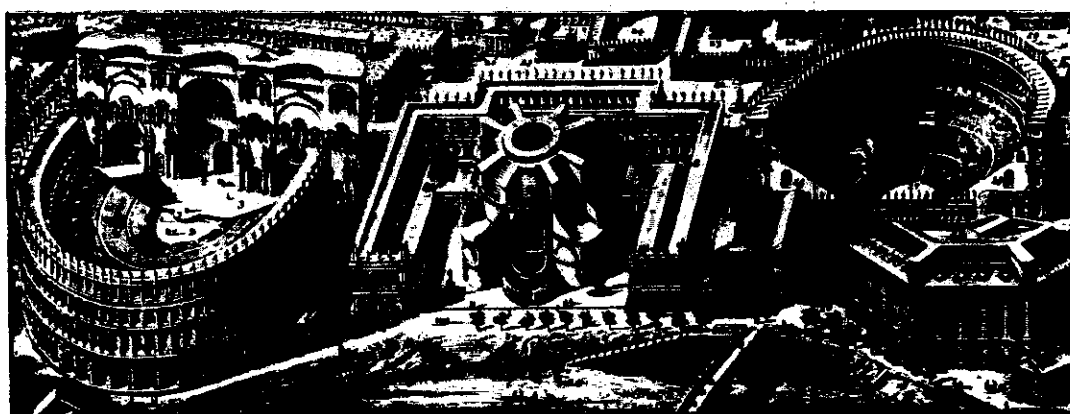
Many of us at the dungeon party (well done to Seattle Dungeon Guild) were captivated by Tony's bondage sculpture with Bob Bishop. But I wonder how many also noted later as Tony drew intricate patterns with wax on a very willing recipient on the obstrectrics table. Tony completely gutted 4 candles in beautiful designs. The art of an S/M interchange.

Congratulations to award winners Susie Bright, Tony de Blase, J.R. "Mack" McKinnon, Cookie Hunt, and Judy Tallwing McCarthey. Each of these individuals has contributed to our Leather and Homophile communities in a significant manner and it was a pleasure and honor for us to be able to recognize their varied contributions.

As this is the last chance I'll have to urge support for the National March (October 11th) and the National Leather Caucus (Oct. 10th at Departmental Auditorium), please- if you find it at all possible to go and participate, do so. If you can not go personally support through donations (the Steering Comm. and NLA have March *Safe-Sane-Consensual* T-shirts for \$7.00) (I bought mine.) and letters to National Legislators. The Committee is anticipating 250,000 gays and lesbians. Last time leather was shut out & told to stay home. This year we need to be there and show our strength.

LIVING IN LEATHER III
LIKELY LOCATION

With the completion of L. in L. II a few comments were overheard concerning the somewhat restricted confines of the weekend. In an effort to locate and secure more spacious areas, the location below has been studied and is currently receiving favorable reviews. As always, a suggestion from the membership of a better location would be welcomed by the committee.



Ellevazioni di Teatri di Balbo e di Marcello con ali altri edifiçi ch'eran loro vicini.

Scenographia Theatrorum Balbi, et Marcelli adiorumque aedificiorum, quae prope habuerunt.

BATTERED LESBIANS'
RESOURCE COMMITTEE

A committee is forming to plan a support group for battered lesbians. The planning committee believes its members' wide variety of race, class, age, and abilities will enable them to be sensitive to the needs of women who attend the support group. They seek further to expand the planning group, in order to draw from each woman's knowledge of her own community and experience. The diversity of backgrounds will ensure that the support group itself provides a comfortable atmosphere for battered lesbians.

Any women interested in working with the planning committee may contact the Lesbian Resource Center of Seattle (32203953).

WHAT IF I CAN'T GO?

- ▶ Purchase the official SM/Leather Contingent T-shirt
- ▶ Sponsor a leatherman or woman with AIDS who has the time but not the finances to attend the March.
- ▶ Inform your Congressional representatives about your support of the March and its objectives.
- ▶ Provide financial support to underwrite the conference and March expenses.
- ▶ Join with others in your local community to organize a March or other show of strength and support to coincide with the National March on Washington.

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