



FIRST LINK

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BOARD IN BRIEF

The November meeting of the Board began only 25 minutes late (perhaps a new punctuality record) and moved fairly smoothly through a rather routine business series.

Steve reported on the great success of the Fetish & Fantasy Ball of NLA:BC including the assistance given by several NLA:SEATTLE members. In Chuck's absence, Steve reported that discrepancies with the Executive Inn are now being negotiated stressing our particular dissatisfaction with the security and food provided.

Cookie made several comments in re. our long term goals and directions. She proposed and the Board accepted creation of a paid (commission on monies received) advertising director position & she and Dean will construct the particulars for the next meeting. If you know of someone, or are interested yourself, please contact Cookie ASAP. The Board also approved the motion to join GSBA, both to increase our local visibility, and, as an aside, to remind the very "guppy-sweaterset" general membership of that group that leather is around and carries a lot of credit cards. (We even get a free listing in their directory - heaven knows how we'll be listed.

Doug reported on CARNIVAL plans (the 22nd at SPARKS, 3 PM). Flyers will be out this weekend, Steve will do a SGN Press release this week and Cookie next week. Underconsideration as activities for July 4th weekend include an Aquarium party and/or boat cruise. Black Heart's Ball (Valentine weekend) is in basic organization status. Doug is also going to draft a proposal for handling low-income and special admissions to NLA events (we already admit AIDS, AIDS related or ARC disabilities).

Our membership mailing lists (over 1300 listings of individuals, clubs, organizations & businesses) is nearing completion in a computerized form and will be used for the 1st time for a large mailing planned in conjunction with Nov. FIRST LINK directed at new affiliate and individual members.

Conference LILIII Comm is starting (Yes, already!), meetings have been held with individuals and reps. of NLA:BC.

Fireside evening made a small profit as well as providing a fine evening for all participants. Well done to that committee and to SDG for their participation.

Next meeting will be at the Axline/Wade residence (324-7721) Tuesday, December 8th, 7:00 PM and - as always - all members are welcome.

NLA CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 14 | NLA:BC | VANCOUVER, BC |
| | Lesbian Erotica Show (women only) | |
| | Heritage House | |
| 15 | NLA:BC | VAN. BC |
| | Board | VGLCC |
| 22 | NLA: SEATTLE | SPARKS |
| | FALL CARNIVAL II | |
| | Major Fundraising Event | |
| 20 & 27 | NLA Night | Seattle |
| | Seattle EAGLE 10 PM - | |

DECEMBER

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| 5 | NLA:SEATTLE | 4 PM | Seattle |
| | Cocktail Party | | Seattle:EAGLE |
| | \$2.00 Donation | | |
| 8 | NLA:SEATTLE | 7 PM | Board |
| | Axline/Wade | | 324-7721 |
| 20 | NLA:BC | | VGLCC |
| | Board Meeting | | |
| 31 | NLA:BC | | |
| | SLAVE/SERVICE AUCTION | | |
| 9,11,18 | NLA NIGHT | | Seattle:EAGLE |

JANURAY

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| | | 7 PM | |
| 12 | NLA:SEATTLE | 7 PM | Board |
| 17 | NLA:BC | 7 PM | Board |
| 17 | NLA:SEATTLE | | Seattle:EAGLE |
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FEBRUARY

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| 9 | NLA:SEATTLE | 7 PM | Board |
| 13 | NLA:SEATTLE | | Major Event |
| | BLACK HEARTS BALL | | |
| 21 | NLA:BC | 7 PM | Board |

AFFILIATE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

14	MR Leather New York Tracks	NYC	8 PM
15	Dreizehn 2nd Anniversary	Boston Paradise	
15	GSPOA Benefit "Pigs in Paradise"	S. F. Dreamland	
15	Outcasts Meeting	S. F.	
15	Disciples of De Sade "Sundance Reunion"	Dallas Trestle	
15	Hartford Colts meeting	Hartford CT	
18	SM Gays 8:15 Motorcycle Mystique	London LLGC	
18	GMSMA Board	NYC	
19	S.F. Bondage Club Party 9-2 \$10.00	S.F. BYOB/T	
20	VASM 8-10 VGLCC Health & Safety for SM	Vancouver BC Activists	
21	Leathermasters Anniversary V	L. A.	
22	Firedancers 5-9 Cowboy & Indians	Dallas Trestle	
21	The 15 Thanksgiving Nite \$10.00	S. F.	
25	GMSMA Thanksgiving Eve Social	NYC	
27	Branding Iron MC Men in Leather Labor Auction	Dallas	
27-28	Knights Templar "QUAKE 8.7" In-town Run	S.F. III	
28	Bucks MC Santa Saturday Benefit	NEW Hope PA	
28	Colts Bearristers Toys for Tots/AIDS benefit 9-1 AM	Hartford	
30-12-7	Seattle EAGLE Food Drive Benefit Chicken Soup Brigade	Seattle	

DECEMBER

1	Copy Deadline "Sandmutopia-Guadrian- Dungeon Journal" new Desmodus Publication	S.F.	
4	Knights d'Orleans Bar Knight	New Orleans Back Door	
5	Thunderbolts Bar Night The Brook	Waterbury CT Westport, CT	
6	SM Flea Market SM House	S.F.	
6	T-Bolts AIDS Benefit Brook	Waterbury Westport	
9	AVATAR SM and the Law	L. A.	
9	Dreizehn 8:30 Paradise	Boston Cambridge	
9	GMSMA 8:30 SM & Ageing	NYC	
12	SigMa 7:30 Christmas Party Fundraiser AIDS \$10.00 advance	Wash. DC Tracks Vancouver	
12	VASM 10 Pub Night	Vancouver Churk's Pub	
13	Outcasts meeting Program - Electricity	S. F. 8 PM	
14	SigMa Inferno Retrospective	Wash. DC	
16	GMSMA Board	NYC	
16	SM Gays 8:15 Hoods and Helmits	London LLGC	
19	III VLC Bar Night	Springfield The Quarry	

December cont.

21	S.F. Bondage Club 9-2 Party \$10.00	S.F. BYOB/T
26	Colts Bearristers Wrecked Reindeer Social 9-1	Hartford
31-Jan 3	Philadelphians MC Tri-Cen V New Year Celebration	Phil.

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2	T-Bolts	Waterbury
	Bar Night Brook	Westport CT
7	Knights d'Orleans Bar Knight	New ORLEANS Back Door
11	SigMa	Wash DC
9	AIDS: A Personal View VASM 10	Vancouver Churk's Pub
13	GMSMA 8:30 Handcuffs	NYC
15	GMSMA 8:30 Tit Torture Workshop	NYC
16	III VLC Bar Night	Springfield Quarry
17	GMSMA ANNIVERSARY VII Dinner and Auction	NYC
13	Dreizehn 9:00 Paradise	Boston Cambridge
20	GMSMA Board	NYC
23	Colts 6-1 Uniform/Leather Night	Hartford Bearristers
27	AVATAR Whipping - the Lash that leads to Exstasy	L.A.
27	GMSMA 8:30 Cut and Uncut	NYC

FEBRUARY

4	Knights d'Orleans Bar Knight	New Orleans Back Door
6	T-Bolts Bar Night Brook	Waterbury Westport
8	SigMa DC Eagle Shaving as an Erotic Experience	Wash DC
9	Dreizehn Paradise	Boston Cambridge
10	GMSMA 8:30 SM in Cartoons & Animation	NYC
12	GMSMA Forbidden Fantasies - Seminar	NYC
13	GMSMA Daddies/Daddies' Boys	NYC
13	VASM 10 Pub Night	Vancouver Chuck's
20	III VLC Bar Night	Springfield Quarry
24	GMSMA 6-10 Black & Blue Ball Demos start 6:15 Cell Block	NYC \$10 GMSMA \$13 others

MARCH

14	SigMa Psychology of SM	Wash DC
5	T-Bolts Bar Night Brook	Waterbury Westport
9	GMSMA 8:30 Permanent Piercing	NYC
12	GMSMA How to Live with your Non-SM lover	NYC
16	GMSMA Board	NYC
19	III VLC Bar Night	Springfield Quarry



SECRETARY SCRIBBLES

As always with this little column, the beginning is hardest. I've just got back from the printers picking up new affiliate and individual applications to be mailed, along with a letter to some of our widespread community members. Our Fact Sheet has been slightly reworked, including use of our current logo and addition of LIL II, which will also go. I'm sure you noted that for the first time our Affiliate calendar now requires a full page of its own. In issue 3 they only needed one column 11" and double spaced. I think that demonstrates reasonable growth in 9 issues. It also demonstrates the willingness of our other community organizations to share their information when they are aware that it will be published and widely distributed. Our membership & mailing lists (I've been told by my roommate Wayne G. who has done all the actual entering) are now completely on computer and ready to use & you'll note some of the address labels for this issue have been computer generated. Managing the list, which continues to grow, is just no longer practical any other way. I'm sure there'll be some goofs and errors (let me know if there's a mailing problem) but time and cost requirements should be reduced.

At our Semi-Annual members meeting last week, I was asked if, as a non-profit organization, contributions made to us were tax deductible. Yes! We, especially in our current critical financial situation, always welcome donations in any form. Although most of us are unable to make any financial donations, physical gifts (such as computer materials, mailing supplies, general office stuff, or perhaps a specific item like a single printing order (this 1st link will cost about \$60.00 for printing 500 copies)) will be very gratefully received and the Treasurer will provide a receipt for tax deduction purposes.

Congratulations to the many new club officers (such as NLA's own re-elected officers) around the country. We've received notices of elections from such groups as VASM, Dreizehn, Outcasts, & Urania. Also to SIGMA for Washington DC incorporation.

Looking forward to *CARNIVAL II* on the 22nd (SPARKS). I understand pies will be flying again. Come and throw something!



RENEW! RENEW! RENEW!

If you received this issue of *FIRST LINK* and have not yet renewed your individual membership, this is an extra reminder that all dues expired on October 31st (unless you were a 15 or 18 month member). *FIRST LINK* is a "MEMBERS ONLY" newsletter. Although we use it to maintain regular contact with the many other Gay/Lesbian Leather SM organizations around the country, we are severely limited (costs you know) as to the number of non-member individuals we may mail to.

So, if you wish to continue receiving this little publishing gem (OK-so it's a bit rough), you must be a current member.

You might also keep in mind a few other membership advantages: for ex. *CHAIN LINK*, discounts at NLA events, and merchant discounts (ex. Mack's Leathers, Vancouver, BC offers all current members (you must show your membership card) a discount).

Sorry Imogene for the paraphrase.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

In true NLA form, our Semi-annual meeting on Nov. 10th began at 7:58 PM (we're approaching dyke time for 7:30 call), however, we progressed reasonably well.

President Steve Maidhof reported on the forming of Finance and Conference Committees (thus basically removing them of any need for reporting themselves). He also called attention of the membership to the planned meeting in Dallas re. national networking and noted that the Board is preparing a careful study and discussion of the involvement of NLA and how this meeting falls into our long range plans and goals.

Doug Connell, Fund raising Chair discussed the upcoming *FALL CARNIVAL II* (11-22nd) encouraging membership participation. Wayne Gloege for S&M Comm. reported the success of the staffing at LIL II and progress of membership expansion efforts. Jan Lyon (LIL III) announced the Oct. 7-10th weekend dates, planned Feb. publicity, questionnaires out and some already returned, and meetings already started. Cookie Hunt (Publicist) announced plans for future editions and creation of a commission paid ad. sales position as well as the consistently favorable press received by NLA nationally.

Elections for 4 officers and 3 board members returned all incumbents to their positions, but this will, in all cases, be the last time each may hold their particular positions. By-law changes (3) as previously published were also passed.

Concerns were expressed about long term goals, accessibility, local activities and representation, and national level structure. The Board was directed to keep these in mind during further considerations and address those not previously under consideration.

JOURNAL JOINS

We are pleased to recognize the very successful "LEATHER JOURNAL" of Los Angeles as the newest NLA Affiliate member. Since its 1st issue just last April, the JOURNAL has been very well received nationwide as a well edited, formatted, and printed addition to the limited publications specifically directed at our Gay/Lesbian Leather Community. Especially commendable are its efforts to publish news and events of our various community clubs and organizations from around the country.

Welcome to editor Dave Rhodes and LEATHER JOURNAL and best wishes for their continued success.

The **LEATHER JOURNAL**

SDMC ANNOUNCES COMMISSION

NLA & Chain Link have received a release from the San Diego Men's Chorus announcing receipt of a major grant specifically for the commission of a new work for Men's Chorus. It appears that the SDMC recognizes the large number of our leather community who are actively involved in the arts of their communities. One of our N.Y.C. members has had works performed by the NYC Gay Men's Chorus Chamber Choir & one has done arranging for the Seattle Men's Chorus.

If you are interested in more information (there is no limitation re. gender of composer) please contact the Secretary or Gary Holt c/o S.D.M.C. P O Box 33825, San Diego, CA 92103.

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