



THE NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION SEATTLE

FIRST LINK

BOARD IN BRIEF

The September meeting of the Board was both long and intense. Of most importance was the passage of two resolutions recommended for presentation and passage by the membership. First a proposal for revising, enlarging, and greatly increasing the power of the National Advisory Council over the activities of the organization and making it an autonomous group. Secondly, the Board passed favorable recommendation on a revised statement of purpose. Both items will be discussed at the October 10th meeting in conjunction with LIL III. Great difference of opinion was expressed by members on 2 levels. First was if that meeting was to be an official members' meeting (it is too late to call it such by our By-laws). Secondly is the question if the By-laws are indeed in effect. Some held that they were in fact neither binding or in effect on technical and procedural points, while others held them as binding if for no other reason than that they were voted on & accepted by the membership.

LIL III is well under control & ready to run with special note of excellent financial standing.

Application has been received from Portland for formation of NLA:PORTLAND & this will most certainly be approved by the Board when final documentation is received.

Next meeting, Sunday Oct. 16th will be at K. Hughes' (623-7969) 5PM (SUNDAY). A special meeting will be held for discussion of LIL III Sept. 24th, Saturday, 5PM, at Sparks. A meeting of the newly-enlarged NAC will be held October 3 at Jeff Henness's (325-5267) at 7 PM.

NLA:SEATTLE GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday, November 13, NLA:SEATTLE will have its regular semi-annual general meeting and election. This will be an important meeting, as we must vote here for all officers and for three Board positions, as well as consider by-law changes for the NLA:Seattle By-Laws. The proposed changes have already been mailed to all Seattle Chapter members.

NLA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER, 1988

30 NLA:BC VANCOUVER Ms.Chaps Contest Ms.T's 9:30 PM

22,29 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE Sparks 23,30 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

OCTOBER, 1988

7 NLA SEATTLE * Living in Leather III * * Registration/Welcome Tropics* * Dungeon Demos Boxing Club *

7 Leather Womens' Night SEATTLE Sparks 7 Leather Mens' Night SEATTLE Eagle 7 SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD SEATTLE "Any-which-Way" Dungeon II

8 NLA SEATTLE * Living in Leather III * * Registration/Opening Sea.Cntr* * Ceremonies/Exhibits/Workshops * * 2nd Birthday Party Tropics * * Tech.Demonstrations Boxing Clb*

8 SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD SEATTLE Dual Dungeon VI

9 NLA SEATTLE * Living in Leather III * * Exhibits/Workshops Sea.Cntr * * Closing Party & Honors OZ *

10 NLA SEATTLE * SSCA/ISC Mtng/Ancmt Timberline* * Natl Caucus/Mtng Timberline*

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

NLA:BC NEWS

NLA:BC has a very busy fall coming up. On September 30, they will be holding the Ms. Chaps Contest, at Ms T's in Vancouver BC. This starts at 9:30 PM Costs are \$4 for NLA Members, \$5 for non-members. Entrants in the Contest must be women, though anyone may come and watch.

October 14 is the monthly NLA:BC Bar Night, at 9:00 PM at Ms. T's.

The BIG EVENT for NLA:BC this fall will be FETISH AND FANTASY BALL II, to be held at the Heritage House Hotel. This starts October 29 at 8:00 PM;. Tickets are \$8 in advance, and \$10 at the door. However, if you have a current membership card for ANY SM organization, admission at the door will be \$8. Entertainment includes the Bovines. There will be a costume judging at midnight. The word is that "anything goes [almost]. Those of you who were lucky enough to be there last year will remember what a truly delightful evening it was.

November 19-20, NLA will sponsor its first in a series of SM Theory Workshops. This one is for women only, and will feature Alder on "Exploring SM & Ritual." It will be held at the GLC at 1170 Bute St. A workshop forthcoming in the near future will be for men, on advanced techniques in C/B & Tit Torture. Watch here for details.

VASM

VASM, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, recently presented the first ever Mr. B.C. Drummer Contest. The winner of that most successful contest, Mr. Ambrose Nights, has gone on to win the Mr. Pacific Northwest Drummer contest. Congratulations are devinitely in order to Mr. Nights, and to VASM for putting on such a grand show. Remember the 6th Anniversary of VASM is coming up October 1 and 2, with a reception, dinner, brunch, plus fun and games and demos. Applications are available from VASM at P.O.Box 2204, New Westminster BC, V3L-5A5, or from Mack's Leathers, 1234 Granville St., Vancouver.

CLOSING PARTY FOR LIL-III

The Closing Party for Living in Leather III, known as the Emerald City Blackout Ball, will take place the evening of October 9, 1988, at Oz (near the Seattle Center and the Tropics). Mack's Leathers and the Leather Journal are sponsoring an appearance there by Lynn Lavner. We will also be featuring the Sluts from Hell. The evening will feature entertainment, awards, dancing, and a no-host bar. Tickets will be available in the Exhibits Room during the Conference, at local businesses in advance, and at the door of the Party. Be sure to save out about \$15 for your ticket (exact price has not yet been set--but there WILL be a discount for Conference registrants).

NLA CALENDAR. cont.

14 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night Ms.T's
16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5 PM
Deadline FIRST LINK II:11

*29 NLA:BC VANCOUVER *
* Fetish & Fantasy Ball II *
* 8 PM Heritage House *

13,20,27 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
14,21,28 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

NOVEMBER, 1988

13 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM GLC
15 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
General Meeting/Election Sparks
19-20 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
SM Theory Workshop GLC
Women Only:SM Ritual--Alder
20 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board of Directors Meeting
Deadline FIRST LINK II:12
3,10,17,24 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
4,11,18,25 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

DECEMBER, 1988

2 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM
11 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5 PM
Deadline FIRST LINK III:1
1,8,15,22,29 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
2,9,16,23,30 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle



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SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD PLANS FANTASTIC DUNGEONS
During the Living in Leather III weekend (October 7-10), the Seattle Dungeon Guild will be hosting its second "Any Which Way" Dungeon October 7, and its 6th "Dual Dungeon" October 8. If you've been to a SDG Dungeon before, you know what fantastic facilities they offer; if you have not yet been to one, come now or you'll regret it. If you wish to secure your valuables, bring a padlock (as there are a few lockers available).

CORNHAULERS PRODUCE AIDS BENEFIT

On October 9, the CornHaulers will be hosting an All-Iowa AIDS Benefit, from 6 to 10 PM, tentatively located at the Central Park Room at the Park Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. The CornHaulers are putting on quite a show, with several singers, a magic act, poetry readings, an art auction, and sales of baked goods and knick-knacks. Tickets are \$5. For information, write CornHaulers L & L Club at 416 1/2 E. 5th St., Des Moines, IA 50309.

THE LION REGIMENT PRESENTS MINING THE GEM

We received too little notice of the Lion Regiment September run to provide much advance publicity. The Run opens Sept.23 at the Breakers, with a stomp, social, and beer bust. The Run moves on Sept. 24 to Silver City Idaho, with beer, entertainment, accomodations, etc., at the Idaho Hotel, and extends to Monday, Sept. 26. The Lion Regiment may be contacted at POB 8182, Boise, ID 83707. 7

SOCIETY OF JANUS--SAN FRANCISCO

Society of Janus has announced an interesting program for September 29: "Dealing Creatively with Relationship Break-Ups," presented by a noted counselor, therapist, and sexologist. There will be discussions and role playing, with an emphasis on SM relationships.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST AFFILIATES!

The National Leather Association proudly welcomes its newest Affiliates, Shelix and the Seattle Dungeon Guild. We have also been happy to receive membership renewals from affiliates Knights D'Orleans and Harbor Masters. We thank all of you, affiliates and individual members, for your continued support, as we are about to enter our third year of formal existence.

YOU COULD HAVE KNOCKED ME OVER WITH
A FEATHER!

Jan Lyon, the Chair of Living in Leather III, could be heard to exclaim this, on the day she sold out the Exhibitors' Room for the Conference. Our Exhibits Room is packed, with vendors of leather and latex clothing, whips and toys, books and videos, t-shirts, and other goodies designed for the externally kinky at heart. We expect the exhibits room to be open on Saturday, October 8, from about 12:30 to 7:00 PM, and on Sunday the 9th from 11 AM to 6:30 PM (hours subject to minor adjustment, of course). It will truly be worth your time to see these top vendors, from all over the U.S. and Canada, and to buy from them the stuff that fantasies (and some really fun truths) are made of.

OUTCASTS

In their latest issue of The Lunatic Fringe, the outcasts provides a follow-up to an article that appeared in August's First Link. The Outcasts' day at the A's game was a big success, with 19 women gorging themselves on junk food and cheering wildly when the Outcasts were welcomed, in lights, on the scoreboard. Though the A's lost, the Outcasts won, and have quite likely established a new annual tradition.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

****SEPTEMBER, 1988****

21 SM GAYS LONDON, ENG.
Exploring Arses 8:15 LLGC
21-25 Leather Pride Weekend S.F.
21-25 MS.PANTHER KOLN COLOGNE, W.GER
IFMA Intl Fahrrad/Motorrad
22 Fetish/Fantasy Party S.F.
Powerhouse
22 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
22 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
23 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
23 FIFTEEN S.F.
Video/Photo Fetish Night
23 GRIFFINS M.C. WILMINGTON, DE
Social Renaissance
23 Leather Pride Party S.F.
23-24 COMM.PRESERVE SEX. S.F., CA
LIBERTY/WOC.REPRESSION
2nd Conference
23-25 CENTURIONS COLUMBUS, OH
Anniversary X Envoy Inn
23-26 LION REGIMENT SILVER CITY, ID
Run/Stomp>About Idaho Hotel
23-26 MLC MUNCHEN MUNICH, GERM.
Oktoberfesttreffen
24 HARTFORD COLTS MC HARTFORD, CT
Bar Night Bearristers
24 PEP ALBUQUERQUE
Play Party 7PM-?
24 Mr.Drummer Contest S.F.
Finals Galleria
24 ILLUSTRATED MEN NO.HOLLYWOOD
5th Anniv Party
24 VANGUARDS MC PHILADELPHIA
COLTS Social Barristers, Hartford
24 DIABLO DEVIATES CONCORD, CA
Party
24 THE RURALS REMOND, NETH
Club Night Sjinderhannes
25 Folsom St.Fair S.F.
25 JANUS S.F. S.F.
Sex Magick & SM 7:30
25 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust Trestle
25 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER
19th Annu.Aspen Run
25 READING RAILMEN MC PHILADELPHIA
10th Anniversary
25 BRANDING IRON DALLAS, TX
Beer Bust 5-9 PM
26 EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY N.Y.C.
Annual Meeting 8PM G.C.C.
28 GMSMA N.Y.C.
G.O.A.L. Meeting Center
29 SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F.
Prog.Mtng.:Relationship Breakups
29 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
30 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
30 L.M.DUSSELDORF DUSSELDORF
Club Night Clublokal
30-Oct.2 SCANDINAVIAN LTHR MEN
Copenhagen Black Touch COPENHAGEN
30-Oct.2 KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
14th Anniv.
30-Oct.2 GOLDEN GATE GUARDS S.F.
Folsom Phantoms/Fantasies Run

****OCTOBER, 1988****
1 X BRIAR ROSE WESTERVILLE, OH
Meeting
1 X CORNHAULERS DES MOINES
Gen.Mtg/Beer Bust Saddle
1 T-BOLTS WESTPORT, CT
Bar Night The Brook
Mr.NE Drummer AIDS Benefit
1 LOGE 70--SCHWEIZ ZURICH
Bar Night Barfusser

1-2 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC
Anniversary 6 Dufferin Hotel
1-2 BATALLION MC DALLAS
Commanders' Mystery Ride
2 VASM VANCOUVER, BC
Annual Gen.Mtng. Dufferin Hotel
3 LFRR ESSEN ESSENG, GERM.
Club Night Go-In
7 LEATHER WOMENS' NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
7 LEATHER MENS' NIGHT SEATTLE
Eagle
7-9 LOGE 70--SCHWEIZ ZURICH
SKVdC--Sitzung in Zurich
7-9 ADVENTURERS/SUNCOAST ST.PTRSBRG
Fountain of Youth '88 FL
Outdoor Run
7-9 CINCINNATI CHAPS CINCINNATI
Bunkhouse 1 Run

*7 NATL.LTHR.ASSOC. SEATTLE *
* Living in Leather III *
* Register/Welcome Tropics Htl *
* Dungeon Demos Boxing Club *

7 X SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD SEATTLE
"Any-Which-Way Dungeon"
7-10 MOTORCYCLEMEN OF NM ALBUQUERQUE
Hot Air IV
7-10 AMER.UNIFORM ASSOC ATLANTA GA
Annual Review

*8 NATL.LTHR.ASSOC. SEATTLE *
* Living in Leather III *
* Register/Exhibits/ Sea.Center *
* Workshops *
* NLA 2nd Birthcay Tropics Htl *
* Dungeon Demos Boxing Club *

8 X SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD SEATTLE
Dual Dungeons
8 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR S.F.
Party
8 THE RURALS REMOND, NETH
Club Night Sjinderhannes
8-9 THUNDERBOLTS MC WATERBURY, CT
Fall Foliage Ride Whitcomb's Smt
8-10 NAMES PROJECT WASHINGTON, DC
Quilt Display on Mall

*9 NATL.LTHR.ASSOC. SEATTLE *
* Living in Leather III *
* Workshops/Exhibits Sea.Center *
* Closing Party *

9 DIABLO DEVIATES CONCORD, CA
Potluck
9 CITY BIKERS DENVER
Mile High Beer Bust
9 X CORNHAULERS I & L CLUB DES MOINES
All-Iowa AIDS Benefit Des Moines
10 S.S.C.A./I.S.C. SEATTLE
Meeting/Announcements Timberline

*10 NATL.LTHR.ASSOC. SEATTLE *
* Living in Leather III *
* Natl. Caucus/Mtng Timberline *

12 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA
Meeting Paradise
12 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting/Genitorture Paddles
13 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
14 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop/Genitorture
14 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
14-16 MSC LONDON LONDON, ENG.
Birthday Event

15 TWO-WHEELERS OMAHA, NB
Mr.Gay Nebraska Diamond Bar
15 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night The Quarry
15 X THE FIFTEEN S.F.
Fetish Nite/Mad Mds.
15 VANGUARDS PHILADELPHIA
Octoberfest 88/Anniv.19
15 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
General Meeting
16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE, WA
Board Meeting 5 PM
16 X OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
16 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
Kegger 5-8 PM Bum Steer
16 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Monthly Meeting
16 DISCIPLES OF DE SADE DALLAS
Gen.Mtg/Beer Bust Trestle
17 LFRR ESSEN ESSENG, GERM.
Stammtisch Go-In
17-23 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER
20th Anniv.Celeb.
19 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
19 SM GAYS LONDON, ENG.
Playing Safely 8:15 LLGC
20 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
20-23 INT.GAY RODEO ASSOC RENO
2nd Annu.Finals Rodeo
21 X OUTCASTS S.F.
Program
21 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
21 GRIFFINS MC WILMINGTON, DEL
Social Renaissance
22 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD, CT
Leather/Fantasy Nite Bearristers
21-23 GATEWAY MC ST.LOUIS
Show Me 15
22 DIABLO DEVIATES CONCORD, CA
Party
23 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust 5-9 PM Trestle
22 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Dungeon Night Paddles
26 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting/Home-Dungeon Center
27 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
28 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
28 L.M.DUSSELDORF DUSSELDORF
Club Night Clublokal
29 X BRIAR ROSE WESTERVILLE, OH
Meeting
29 THE RURALS REMOND, NETH
Club Night Sjinderhannes
29 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Fetish & Fantasy Ball II
8PM \$8/\$10 Heritage House

****NOVEMBER, 1988****

2 SM GAYS LONDON, ENG
Party 8:30 PM The Block
3 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
4
4
4-6 RURALS MC ROERMOND, NETH
Fox Hunt
4-6 DISCIPLES OF DE SADE DALLAS
Discipline IV
5 T-BOLTS WESTPORT, CT
Bar Night The Brook
Leather Swap & Shop
Mr.Mid Atlant.Drummer AIDS Benft
5 LOGE 70--SCHWEIZ ZURICH
Bar Night Barfusser
9 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA
Meeting Paradise
9 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:SM/Community Center
10 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
11 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
11 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop:Basic Bondage
11-13 LM DUSSELDORF DUSSELDORF, GR
ECMC AGM-LM
12 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR S.F.
Party
12 COMPANIONS PHILADELPHIA
Anniversary XII
12 THE RURALS REMOND, NETH
Club Night Sjinderhannes
13 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM GLC
13 X OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
13 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE, WA
General Meeting/Election Sparks
16 SM GAYS LONDON, ENG.
Rubber 8:15 PM LLGC
16 GMSMA N.Y.C.
BOARD MEETING
17 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
18 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
18 X OUTCASTS S.F.
Program
19 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night The Quarry
19 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
General Meeting
19 X THE FIFTEEN S.F.
Fetish Nite/Jail House
20 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Monthly Meeting
20 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
Kegger 5-8 PM Bum Steer
24 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
24-27 ARIZONA BROTHERHOOD RUN
(AZ.BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE)
25 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

26 X BRIAR ROSE WESTERVILLE, OH
Meeting
26 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD, CT
Toys-4-Tots/AIDS Bnft Bearristers
26 BUMS M.C. BUCKINGHAM, PA
Santa Saturday
26 THE RURALS REMOND, NETH
Club Night Sjinderhannes
27 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust 7-9 PM Trestle

****DECEMBER, 1988****
1 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
2 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM
2 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
3 T-BOLTS WESTPORT, CT
Bar Night/Xmas Party The Brook
3 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Dungeon Night Paddles
3 AIDS Fundraiser S.F.
Theater of Depraved SM House
3 LOGE 70--SCHWEIZ ZURICH
Bar Night Barfusser
8 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
9 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
9-11 NLC FRANKEN NUREMBERG, GER
Christkindelsmarkt
10 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR S.F.
Party
10 X BRIAR ROSE WESTERVILLE, OH
Meeting
10 BATALLION MC DALLAS
Christmas Party
11 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER
Christmas Party
11 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM GLC
11 X OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
11 MC MEN OF NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE
Christmas Dinner
14 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA
Meeting Paradise
14 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Holiday Social Paddles
15 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
16 X OUTCASTS S.F.
Program
16 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
16 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop:Advanced Bondage
17 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night The Quarry
17 CITY BIKERS DENVER
Christmas party
17 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
General Meeting/Christmas Party
18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE, WA
Board Meeting 5 PM
18 FIREDANCERS MC DALLAS
General Meeting
18 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX AZ
Christmas Kegger 5PM Bum Steer
21 SM GAYS LONDON, ENG.
Making Contact 8:15 LLGC
21 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
22 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
25 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust Trestle
29 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

PIERCING: J.WARD, C.DU BOIS
SPECIALIZED SM TECHNIQUES (WOMEN ONLY): J.BROWN, J.TALLWING-MCCARTHEY, L.VAN DYKE
LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVISM:
C.AAXTON, J.HALL, J.RICHARDS, J.FERRARI, J.TALLWING-MCCARTHEY, B.DOUGLAS, S.MAIDHOF
NURTURING THE NOVICE: S.CARR, ALDER, G.CAMERON
HISTORY OF LEATHER/SM ORGANIZATIONS: G.RUBIN, G.MAINS, S.ROSE, T.DE BLASE
RELATIONSHIP OPTIONS: A.IRISH, G.BALDWIN, R.BANNON, N.BORROWS, S.CORNELISON, S.DENNEN, J.SCHULENBURG, G.WORCESTER
CENSORSHIP & THE NEW CONSERVATISM: A.OAKGROVE, C.TRUSCOTT, D.RHODES, G.RUBIN, T.DE BLASE
SCENE COMMUNICATIONS: D.ALLISON, J.BROWN, J.FERRARI, R.BANNON
COMMUNITY/AIDS FUNDRAISING:
A.SELBY, A.JOSEPH, M.MACKINNON, S.RENFRO, M.FARQUHAR
READINGS: G.MAINS, P.CALIFIA
FORGING A NATIONAL NETWORK:
D.RHODES, ICE, JIM RICHARDS, L.MCGOWAN, S.CARR, S.DENNEN
FLOWERS OF PAIN (PHYSIOLOGY OF SM): G.MAINS, G.BALDWIN, N.BORROWS
FIRST AID IN THE PLAYGROUND:
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AUTHORS' ROUNDTABLE: A.OAKGROVE, D. ALLISON, T.BARRUS
FETISHISM AND LEATHER:
B.HOUGHTON, KJ.HALL, J.KAPLAN, S.HUBER

REGISTRATIONS

If you have not yet sent in your Registration for LIL III, please do not mail it now, as it may not have time for processing before the Conference. Instead, register in person at LIL III--room 200 of the Tropics Hotel, from 6 PM to 11 PM on October 7, or the Rainier Room at the Seattle Center, from 9 AM to 11 AM and from 12:30 to 2:00 PM October 8. We WOULD appreciate it if you dropped us a card letting us know your intentions, though, so we can better judge how many people will be present. Many thanks!
We particularly wish to thank the many people who have registered in advance, as you have made the Conference possible!

REQUEST FOR CHAPTER FORMATION

The Board of Directors of the National Leather Association is proud to announce that, due to the recent growth in membership around the country, there are three areas of the U.S. that have enough members to consider forming chapters. The current National By-Laws say that a chapter must consist of 12 or more individuals. The three areas are the Portland Area, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the greater Los Angeles Area. We would be very happy to hear from any members in these three areas who are interested in getting local members together to form an NLA Chapter. A Chapter is a lot of work, but it is tremendously rewarding for all concerned. If you ARE interested in getting a chapter together, please contact George Nelson, Secretary, at POB 17463, Seattle, Wa., 98107, and we'll help all we can. If you are not currently residing in one of these areas, but believe you can draw enough individuals together to form a Chapter, please let us know.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER! AND WHIPS!

The NLA is pleased to announce that Judy Tallwing McCarthy, the first International Ms. Leather, will be our Keynote Speaker at the opening ceremonies of Living in Leather III. We look forward, as always, to her wisdom, humanity, and humor. In addition, we will be featuring the San Francisco Precision Whip Drill Team! Need we say more? Be there!

REGISTRATION FOR LIL III

Registration for Living in Leather III will be held Friday evening, October 7, from 7:00 to 11:00 PM in room 200 of the Tropics Hotel, 225 Aurora Ave. N., in Seattle. Registration will also run Saturday, from about 9 AM to 11 AM and 12:30 PM on at the Exhibits Room (the Rainier Room), in the Northwest Court at the Seattle Center. If you have preregistered for LIL III, or are participating as a presenter or worker, please check in at our registration area as early as possible, as we anticipate a rush of last-minute in-person registrations. If you have not pre-registered, our registration rooms are the place to come.

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IF YOU NEED TO CALL THE HOSPITAL...

We received a communication from a member several weeks ago, detailing the experience they had after they received a large bruise during a recreational whipping. Our member called the consulting nurse at a Seattle Hospital, wondering what care to take for such a bruise; our member mentioned receiving the bruise when accidentally hit while playing with a friend. The nurse took the information to heart, and delivered a lecture on abuse; when our member explained that this was NOT abuse, but rather consensual SM, the nurse said that "it" is illegal, and that had our member come to the emergency room both partners in the original play would be arrested or charged. Finally, the nurse grudgingly gave information on bruise treatment, suggesting 15 minutes of ice each hour for 24 hours, after which one could apply a heat pack.

We have now received a follow-up to the first letter. Our member has called the supervisor of consulting nurses, who explained that the first nurse had over-reacted. The law of automatic reporting of abuse applies to gunshot and knife wounds, and that other reporting is up to the discretion of the health professional. The law is vague, and normally the health professional should only take action if it seems of benefit to the injured person. All of the consulting nurses have received training in abuse and sexual counseling; since the first nurse had overreacted, our member was supplied with the name of another, more helpful nurse. Our member wondered what to do if they DID have to go to an emergency room with an SM-related injury, and was advised that the patient be discrete about how much they said. The best advice offered our member was to find a health professional, and talk about their SM activities, so that the professional could then serve as an advocate for the patient were there to be an SM injury or SM-related health question.

THE EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY

The Eulenspiegel Society in New York City announces that it has lost its normal meeting place and will be meeting, for the month of September, at the Gay Community Center at 208 W. 13th St. All Tuesday meetings are canceled for the time being. The Annual Meeting on the 26th of September will begin at 6:00 for members, with the general meeting starting at 8:00. Their mailing address and phone remain the same. Write them at P.O.Box 2783, GCS, New York, NY, 10163, for updates.

ACCOMODATIONS FOR LIL-III

The Tropics (800-255-7932--ask for Betsy) and the Roosevelt (800-426-0670) still have fine accommodations available, but be sure to call and reserve your rooms as soon as possible. Be sure to mention that you are attending Living in Leather III to receive the best group rates.

SECRETARY SCRIBBLES

I feel a little strange this month about the Scribbles anyway. This is the 2nd set. I've already done one set for printing in our LIL III Conference program, and this set will be the one which members should receive shortly before Conference. How will I possibly find anything to say? -- Stop Snickering!

Festivals, in and out of town Runs, Anniversaries, Conferences--'tis the Season. We've received notification of numerous upcoming events and the success of many recently held gatherings. Must not receiving reports of several pampers returning from the MAFIA anniversary and Hellfire XVII. Upcoming are VASM Anniversary and of course our own LIL III in the Northwest and Chaps and Centurians Ohio runs among many others.

Had a great time at PNW Drummer Contest and was most impressed by all the candidates. It was great that each of the participating cities was represented by a finalist (Dave from Portland, Mike from Seattle, and winner Bob from Vancouver). Again, BC arranged a well-organized, steadily paced show. Organizer Mack made a surprise announcement before reading the names of the winners. As this was an event to benefit the 1990 Gay Games (to be held in Vancouver) the host bar Celebrities had donated \$700 to the fund. More impressive was Mack's announcement informing all present that he was donating the entire door receipts of the evening to total over \$3700 for the games! Vancouver particularly & our Leather Community in general is most fortunate to have someone like Mack with his organizing abilities, continuous hard work, community sensitivity, and generosity.

Now that we're about 3 weeks from Conference I'm more and more impressed by the advance groundwork and organizing of Jan Lyon and Wayne Gloege (Chair & Co-Chair). Registrations are already computerized. Financial accounting has been scrupulously maintained & regularly reported. Workshops are paneled & scheduled, & presenters all know what they're doing & who with. Exhibitors have been co-ordinated and know schedules and spaces and the arrangements have been finalized for set-up. Closing Party (at Oz) should be very special not only because of the friends there but especially due to the generosity of Dave Rhodes (of the Leather Journal) & Mack Mackinnon (Mack's Leathers) (again!), and their sponsoring of entertainer Lynn Lavner. Staff for all events is already arranged. Over 170 Pre-Registrations? Last year our total attendance was only 196! In the past, less than half of our attendees were pre-registered. Technical demos by SDG, NLA:BC, & Outcasts are scheduled for Friday & Saturday Nights at the Dungeon Guild spaces (specific topics won't be announced until Conference - Surprise!) If you don't mind an old phrase - "Bigger & Better than ever!!" See you in 3 weeks!

LIVING IN LEATHER III FASHION SHOW

Directors Michael and Cherie are producing one humdinger of a Fashion Show, designed to present the clothing and accessories of Conference vendors. The show will occur as part of our Opening Ceremonies (beginning about 11 AM on Saturday, October 8). Michael and Cherie have rounded up a bunch of hot models to show off exhibitor goodies; Michael guarantees that, by the end of the Show, there won't be a dry seat in the room. A great deal of labor, and some grand production values, along with the flair that Cherie and Michael always show, will guarantee a show you will definitely want to see. We are planning on offering a videotape of the fashion show for sale shortly after the Conference. Separate admission, to the Opening Ceremonies only (including fashion show) will be available at the door of the Opening Ceremonies, Olympic Room, Northwest Court, Seattle Center. The charge for people attending THIS EVENT ONLY will be \$5. If you are registered for the entire Conference, of course, the Fashion Show and the Opening Ceremonies are built into your package.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR LIL III

Now we can announce our Workshop Schedule for Living in Leather III (subject, of course, to last minute changes).

FRIDAY:

9-10 & 10:30-11:30 PM:

Dungeon Demos at the Seattle Boxing Club

SATURDAY:

11 AM-12:30 PM:

Opening Ceremonies

1-2:15 PM:

Piercing

Specialized Techniques (Women Only)

2:45-4:15 PM:

Nurturing the Novice

History of Leather/SM Organizations

Local Community Activism

4:45-6:15 PM:

Relationship Options in the Leather/SM

Community

Censorship & the New Conservatism

9-10 & 10:30-11:30 PM:

Dungeon Demos at the Seattle Boxing Club

SUNDAY:

1-2:15 PM:

Community/AIDS Fundraising

Scene Communications

2:45-4:15 PM:

First Aid in the Playground

Flowers of Pain: Physiology of SM

Forging a National Network

4:45-6:15 PM:

Fetishism & Leather

Authors' Roundtable

HIV+ / AIDS Caucus