

T H E NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION

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CHAPTER NEWS

NLA:PORTLAND: Board Meeting of May 8, 1989. People are still needed to sign up as monitors for Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade security. Good progress is being made on all aspects of LIL-IV, with local Chairs including Sallee Huber as Conference Co-Chair, Dan and Laurie on Hospitality, Barb, Anne and Kevin in staffing, Maggie on the Blackout Ball, and Andy on Publicity.

Work is progressing on a possible "Fun Raiser" to be held before Conference weekend.

Dan and Andy will present colors for the Prince and Princess Court.

Next meeting 7 PM, June 12, at the Embers

NLA:B.C.: Vancouver Board meetings are kept busy planning the many activities of this Chapter. In the works right now are the July 8 Homemade Toys workshop (how to make your own paraphernalia), the bi-weekly Het/Bi Support Group, and the monthly NLA Night at Ms. T's.

BC members will be among those occupied with producing the Leather Pride Weekend, August 4 to 7, in Vancouver. This will include the 3rd annual Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest, and the annual Pride Parade. The Leather Weekend is being coordinate by Dean and Jo (current Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather) and by Amy (the first Ms. Vancouver Leather), who are offering a special weekend package. See the flyer mailed with this issue of FIRST LINK. For information, write M.M.V.L. c/o Mack's Leathers, 1234 Granville St., Vancouver, BC, V6Z-1M4, Canada.

NLA:SAN DIEGO: San Diego reports a very successful garage sale, held to benefit the Chapter. Included were several leather items, including the hat and studded gauntlets worn by Chapter VEEP Mark Klein at last year's Drummer contest. The Chapter continues to experience huge growth.

The July meeting date will be the 9th of July, rather than the 3rd. The next presentation of the SD chapter will be "SM & the Law." The August meeting will be a scavenger hunt and bar-b-que (first Sunday in August). The proceeds of the next beer bust (held the first Friday of each month) will go to the PWA DISCRIMINATION DEFENSE FUND. NLA:SD will be providing security for the San Diego Gay Rodeo, and have an information booth at this event. NLA:SD will be entering a float in the SD pride parade, and marching with their banner.

San Diego indicates intent to bid to be the site of Living in Leather V during the NAC By-Laws meetings to be held in San Francisco in July.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

- **JUNE, 1989****
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|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 17-18 NLA:PORTLAND
Pride Weekend | PORTLAND,OR | 10 NLA:SEATTLE
Auction | SEATTLE |
| 18 NLA:SEATTLE
Pride Festival | SEATTLE
Bdwy Plyfld | 10 NLA:BC
Board Meeting 7 PM | VANCOUVER
VGLC |
| 18 NLA:SEATTLE
Pride Party/BBQ 5PM | SEATTLE
Eagle | 12 NLA:SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7:30PM | SEATTLE
Balcony |
| 23 IMSL/MS.NLA
Reception,893 Folsom 7PM | S.F. | **OCTOBER, 1989** | |
| 25 NLA:SEATTLE
Pride Parade | SEATTLE | 1 NLA:SAN DIEGO
General Mtng 6 PM | SAN DIEGO
Wolf's |
| **JULY, 1989** | | 6 NLA:SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 | SAN DIEGO
Wolfs |
| 7 NLA:SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 | SAN DIEGO
Wolfs | ***** | |
| 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:7 | | *6-8 NLA
Living in Leather IV | PORTLAND * |
| 8 NLA:BC
Homemade Toys | VANCOUVER
GLC | * FRIDAY:Registration &
Hospitality | * |
| 9 NLA:SAN DIEGO
General Mtng 6 PM | SAN DIEGO
Wolf's | * SATURDAY:Exhibits,Workshops
& Party | * |
| 9 NLA:BC
Board Meeting 7 PM | VANCOUVER
VGLC | * SUNDAY:Exhibits,Workshops &
Commemoration | * |
| 11 NLA:SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7:30PM | SEATTLE
Balcony | ***** | |
| 14 NLA:BC
Bar Night | VANCOUVER
Ms.T's | 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:10 | |
| 15-16 NLA:N.A.C.
By-Laws Meetings in S.F. | | 13 NLA:BC
Bar Night | VANCOUVER
Ms.T's |
| **AUGUST, 1989** | | 17 NLA:SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7:30PM | SEATTLE
Balcony |
| 4 NLA:SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 | SAN DIEGO
Wolfs | 21 NLA:BC
General Meeting | VANCOUVER |
| 4-7 NLA:BC
Vancouver Pride Weekend | VANCOUVER | 28 NLA:BC
Fetish & Fantasy Ball | VANCOUVER |
| 6 NLA:SAN DIEGO
General Mtng 6 PM | SAN DIEGO
Wolf's | **NOVEMBER, 1989** | |
| 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:8 | | 3 NLA:SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 | SAN DIEGO
Wolfs |
| 11 NLA:BC
Bar Night | VANCOUVER
Ms.T's | 5 NLA:SAN DIEGO
General Mtng 6 PM | SAN DIEGO
Wolf's |
| 13 NLA:BC
Board Meeting 7 PM | VANCOUVER
VGLC | 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:11 | |
| 15 NLA:SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7:30PM | SEATTLE
Balcony | 10 NLA:BC
Bar Night | VANCOUVER
Ms.T's |
| 18 NLA:SEATTLE
All-City Picnic | SEATTLE
Maple Valley | 12 NLA:SEATTLE
General Mmbrshp Meeting | SEATTLE |
| **SEPTEMBER, 1989** | | 12 NLA:BC
Board Meeting 7 PM | VANCOUVER
VGLC |
| 1 NLA:SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 | SAN DIEGO
Wolfs | 14 NLA:SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7:30PM | SEATTLE
Balcony |
| 3 NLA:SAN DIEGO
General Mtng 6 PM | SAN DIEGO
Wolf's | **DECEMBER, 1989** | |
| 7 NLA:SAN DIEGO
Security at S.D. Gay Rodeo | SAN DIEGO | 1 NLA:SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 | SAN DIEGO
Wolfs |
| 8 NLA:BC
Bar Night | VANCOUVER
Ms.T's | 3 NLA:SAN DIEGO
General Mtng 6 PM | SAN DIEGO
Wolf's |
| 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:9 | | 8 NLA:BC
Bar Night | VANCOUVER
Ms.T's |
| 9 NLA:BC
Psvch/Physiol SM | VANCOUVER | 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:12 | |
| | | 10 NLA:SEATTLE
Toyland Express/Toys 4 Tots | SEATTLE |

CHAPTER NEWS

NLA:SEATTLE: Board meeting of June 4, 1989. Present were Les, Vik, Jeff, George, Rick, and Wayne, plus 8 at-large members. President Vik emphasized the need for NLA:SEATTLE to serve its own community.

New merchandise (pins, T-shirts) is on order, and will be available soon.

NLA's pride booth (June 18) will be shared with Seattle Men in Leather, and will provide information on NLA and on the Living in Leather Conference. Bill Robbins will be working on an August or September discussion and demonstration for SM novices. Call him at 878-7632.

Since Jan Lyon has retired as Secretary, the Board has appointed Les Scamfer to serve in this position until the November elections. Les's Board position will be filled by George Morton.

See the announcement of a Board "Working Retreat" elsewhere in this FIRST LINK. Seattle Board meetings have been shifted. Watch for them the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at the Balcony Tavern (916 E. Pike), at 7:30 PM. New dates are listed in the calendar this month.

SEATTLE MAIL ELECTION

Seattle Chapter members current as of May 1, 1989, should have received a mail ballot for Board Members and By-Law changes. The deadline for getting the postage paid reply cards back to us is July 15. Please express your opinion of our organization, and vote!

WORKING RETREAT

The Board of Directors of NLA:SEATTLE will be having its annual "working retreat" on Sunday, July 23. The Retreat will focus on future directions of the Chapter and its programs. All members are welcome and are encouraged to participate in the planning and discussions. If you have ideas or problems, please feel free to write us at NLA:SEATTLE, P.O.Box 10674, Seattle, WA, 98102. For more details and reservations, please call Jeff Hennes at 325-5267.

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CHAPTER FORMATION

Currently, the NLA has Chapters in Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, and San Diego, and a Chapter-in-Formation in Denver. We have many members in other locations throughout the U.S. and Canada, with heavy concentrations in Massachusetts, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, and throughout California. No matter where you live, we hope you will consider the advantages in having a chapter of NLA in your own local community. We will be happy to send you the basic information needed for establishing a local NLA chapter. of establishing a chapter of NLA. Please inquire at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, Wa., 98107.

LIL IV NEWS FROM NLA:PORTLAND

Dan and Laure are coordinating Hospitality for LIL IV. Registration and Hospitality (featuring NLA's 3rd Birthday Cake!) will open the Conference on October 6, at the Inn at the Coliseum. We'll be providing AM Hospitality with coffee and such, and we've got hotel space booked contiguous to the Hospitality suite for several 12 step meetings. Hospitality will be a bit different this year, as contracts force us to employ hotel catering specialists for all food and beverages...but we've got a dynamic team working on this aspect of LIL IV and expect a fine, hospitable area.

Our Staffing chairs need volunteers to help do the enormous staffing jobs required for the Conference. We will need door security, hospitality workers, go-fers, and in general all sorts of handy, energetic people. If you wish to volunteer your energies to help staff the Conference, contact NLA:PORTLAND at their new address, P.O. Box 5161, Portland, OR, 97208.



SCHEDULE FOR MR. N.L.A.

Dr. Guy Baldwin, Mr. N.L.A. 1989 and International Mr. Leather 1989, has announced his schedule for the next few months. He will be in New York City on June 24-25, for the Mr. Northeast Drummer contest and the New York City Stonewall 20th Anniversary Pride Parade. July 8 he will be in Los Angeles for Zeus Studio's Phantom Party, a fundraiser for the Aid for AIDS Foundation. July 29 finds him in Dallas for the Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer Competition. On August 12 he will be in Seattle for the Mr. Pacific Northwest Drummer Contest, sponsored by the Seattle Dungeon Guild at the Seattle Center.

August 12 will see Guy in Omaha, Nebraska, for the Fantasy Party, sponsored by Mr. Gay Nebraska. This will be the first ever major leather event in Nebraska, and expects to welcome attendees from all over the Midwest.

Montreal welcomes Guy for the MC Faucon Migration '89 Run on August 26-27. September 23-24 finds Guy in San Francisco for the Mr. International Drummer Contest.

We will, of course, be seeing Mr. Baldwin at Living in Leather IV, in Portland, Oregon, October 6-8, as both MR NLA and a presenter at the Conference workshops.

Guy will be representing NLA, IML, and the causes of unity and harmony in the Leather/SM/Fetish community throughout this arduous schedule of events. More power to you, Guy!

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ANY ACTIVISTS OUT THERE?

A committee is forming within NLA to keep track of and respond to legislation that may have implications for the leather community. Laws regarding pornography are becoming more and more repressive all across the country as the very well organized right wing continues to scream that sex and porn are the root causes of violence and other social ills. Increasingly prosecutors are selectively targeting SM materials for obscenity enforcement. A few really vicious criminals have added to the confusion in the minds of the general public by making it look as if satanism, pornography and SM were all lumped together in the commission of their crimes. If we responsible, consensual, Leather folks don't get busy to explain ourselves and defend our first amendment rights, we may find more and more public and legal hysteria aimed in our direction. Lawmakers often only hear from the most repressive elements in society and many would welcome other points of view to balance out the picture. A letter to a legislator, an editor, or a business owner can make a lot of difference in their ability to respond to the needs of all parts of society, not just to those who are frightened of most aspects of sexuality. People who are interested in participating and/or in learning more regarding letter writing and other tools for political education, please leave your name and phone number at 363-9404. Donations to NLA earmarked for the political information fund are needed and most welcome. Donations or correspondence should be addressed to N.L.A., P.O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107.

HELP! For LIL IV NLA needs to contact a practicing criminal attorney familiar with current SM related court activities. If you can help, please contact George Nelson at the NLA Information phone (206-789-8990) or by mail at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, Wa. 98107.

N.L.A./L.I.L.--IV INFORMATION PHONE

An information line is now available, to provide information on Living in Leather IV. If you need information, leave your name and address and we'll send it to you. Updated messages will be posted regularly, as the Conference draws closer. Call us at (206)-789-8990. Note, this line is answered only by machine.

PORTLAND HAS A PAST!

Portland is one of the oldest cities in the Pacific Northwest, with its roots in a bawdy, tawdry tradition. It once had one of the largest "red light" districts around, and this may be reflected in the current natives' appetites for rollicking fun. Portland's less than proper beginnings have probably contributed to its current "live and let live" attitudes, found throughout the northwest but especially noticeable here. In addition to being an historic city, and a cultivated one, Portland is also a place in which it's easy to get comfortable!

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE IN HOTEL PHONE NUMBER

Please note that, due to the unfortunate but inevitable "typo", the phone number given in the Conference flyer for the Inn at the Coliseum is incorrect. The correct phone numbers are as follows: 503-239-9900 or 800-342-1342.

LIL-IV WORKSHOPS

Several months ago, the First Link published an invitation for interested persons to submit suggestions for LIL-IV workshops. Well, letters have arrived (if you are interested and haven't written, please do so NOW) and George Nelson, our Workshops Chair, is plotting out a really fine schedule of up to 26 workshops and demonstrations for the LIL weekend. A new feature George is planning will be a set of special sessions, with VERY limited attendance and longer demonstrations and presentations. These will be available only by reservation during in-person registration at the Inn at the Coliseum ballroom, Friday night, October 6. It will have to be strictly first come, first served. In general, it looks like we've got a HOT bunch of workshops and demos this year, with some fascinating specialty subjects, and with topics targeted for all segments of our Leather/SM/Fetish community.

REGISTER NOW FOR LIVING IN LEATHER IV

Please register early for LIL-IV. It is very expensive to produce a Conference, and the earlier that registrations arrive, the more secure our financing will be. More interesting, though, is that an early registration will save YOU money, up to 18%. Registration fees are specially discounted (to \$45. for members, \$55. for non-members) until June 30th.

A registration form appears on this page; please fill it in and mail it with your check or money order to National Leather Association, P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107.

If you have not received your LIL newspaper flyer (mailed in May), we'll be happy to send one: call (206)-789-8990 (the NLA/LIL Information Line) and leave your name and address to request one.

Our LIL Conferences have been doubling in size each year, and this year should be no exception; that's 600 or more Leather/SM/Fetish men and women! Make sure there is room for you at the Conference, and register RIGHT NOW!

CALL OUR INFORMATION PHONE

Dial (206)-789-8990 for information on our Living in Leather IV Conference. Messages are updated regularly.

MORE ON LIVING IN LEATHER

We hope you are coming to "Living in Leather!" Portland has a growing leather community, with organizations (ORGASM, Portland Power and Trust, NLA:PORTLAND, and Portland Leathermen), production groups (Spreadeagle Productions, Portland Leatherwoman Productions), leather retailers (Spartacus Enterprises, Leatherworks, Langlets Leathers), artists (The HUN), and interesting bars (Portland Eagle, the Dirty Duck). The entire leather community is getting involved in LIL-IV, the largest Leather/SM/Fetish Conference ever!

REGISTER EARLY FOR LIL IV

CONFERENCE VENDORS & EXHIBITORS

We've had an extraordinary amount of interest from vendors and exhibitors from around the country this year, so it looks like our Exhibitors Area will be jam packed with leather and fetish goodies this year. When your coming to Conference, try to have a bit of extra cash with you, as you'll certainly want to browse and buy from our leather and latex craftsmen and businesses. Jan is getting information packets ready to mail for potential exhibitors, so we expect to start signing them on soon.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR LIL-IV

Headquarters hotel will be the Inn at the Coliseum, 10 N. Weidler, Portland, OR, 97227 (call 503-239-9900 or 800-342-1342, or FAX 503-236-3306). Rates range from \$45 to \$75 for two, plus 9% city hotel tax. The Inn at the Coliseum will be the site of registration and hospitality rooms. Our first backup hotel is the Hyatt Lodge, at 431 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR, 97232 (call 503-233-5121--you may call collect). Rates at the Hyatt range from \$37.50 (plus tax) up for two people. At either hotel, please specify when calling that you are with the N.L.A.

A large number of rooms are currently being held for LIL-IV, but call and reserve soon so that there will be room for you!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

Like any city these days, there have been a few problems in Portland. In particular, there has recently been a rash of car burglaries; several people have had their leather gear stolen from their cars. If you will be driving in Portland, please keep your valuables safely with you, or locked in your room.

LIL-IV PROGRESS REPORT

Work on the Conference continues. We have recently completed our Conference flyer, and sent it to our entire mailing list...a truly monumental job. Particular thanks to Honor, Mary, George, John, Dean, Bill, Andy, Jim, and John for their help. Registrations have started to come in...registrar J.K. will stay busy dealing with them all. Honor's graphic (used on the flyer cover) is a winner, and posters featuring similar art should appear before the Gay Pride weekends. Sallee reports great progress in handling the Portland ends of the Conference (hospitality, accomodation, parties, staffing, etc.) noting the tremendous enthusiasm of the Portland team. I asked George what plans he had coming along for workshops, and he only smiled; I believe he is happy with the progress being made. Jan's letters to exhibitors and vendors should be mailed within the next few days. We are all overjoyed at the success ORGASM (purveyor of LIL IV dungeons) is having. Mail and phone inquiries are coming in daily, and we're sending out piles of information flyers. Everyone we talk to about the Conference seems excited; Guy Baldwin assures us we'll have a group of attendees such as nobody has seen before, and would he lie to us?

Please come to Conference; you will never regret it!

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The National Leather Conference
October 6-9, 1989
Portland, Oregon

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for Living in Leather IV includes all Conference Workshops and Demonstrations, access to the Exhibits Room and the Hospitality Area, and the BLACK OUT BALL party on Saturday night. Registrations mailed by July 1, 1989, will secure a substantial discount. After September 10, an additional \$5 per person will be charged.

RATES: Please circle below the rate under which you are registering:

	N.L.A.MEMBER:	NON-MEMBER
before July 1:	\$45.00	\$55.00
July 1 to Sept.10:	\$55.00	\$65.00
after Sept.10:	\$60.00	\$70.00

Please enclose check or money order (US funds only); we cannot accept credit cards. Please mail forms and money to LIL-IV, National Leather Association, P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA. 98107.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

Check here if you are a member of NLA: _____

Please list Other Club Affiliations: _____

I AM NOT a member of NLA, but wish to join: *Please enclose an additional \$25.00 per person, check or money order!*

I certify that I am over 21 years of age: _____

(signature)

JUNE, 1989

- 16 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting
- 16 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Club Night Phoenix
- 16 COPPERSTATE LTHR MEN PHOENIX,AZ
Kegger 9-12 Bum Steer
- 16-18 OBERONS MILWAUKEE
Acorn 2 Run
- 16-18 S.F.G.D.I. S.F.
Club Run
- 16-18 LFRR ESSEN ESSENG,GER
Kumpeltreff
- 17 SIGMA WASH,DC
Party 10PM/Bondage GCC
- 17 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Dungeon Party
- 17 P.E.P.:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Orientation 6PM/Party 7PM
- 17 Let All Hang Out S.F.
Fat Dykes & Friends Castro St.
- 17 *FIFTEEN S.F.
Corp.Punshmt.Nite
- 17 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night 9PM Bearristers
- 17 San Jose Pride Rally SAN JOSE
- 17 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER,NY
Leather Night 9-2
- 17 COPPERSTATE LTHR MEN PHOENIX,AZ
Genl Mtng 7PM Bum Steer
- 17 Gay Pride Festival PORTLAND,OR
- 17-18 SLM COPENHAGEN,DN
Viking Games
- 18 EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY N.Y.C.
SM/Leather Pride
- 18 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Prom "Ties that Bind"
- 18 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC
Meeting GROW CC
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Festival Bdway.Plyfld.
- 18 N.Y.C. Leather Comm.N.Y.C.
Pride Night Paddles
- 18 COPPERSTATE LTHR MEN PHOENIX,AZ
Daddy Day Buffet 4-7 Bum Steer
- 18 COPPERSTATE LTHR MEN PHOENIX,AZ
Mr.AZ Daddy Contest Bum Steer
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Party/BBQ Eagle
- 18 SML,INC. SEATTLE,WA
Brunch Encore
- 19 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Exec/Meeting
- 19 SOMANDROS LONG BEACH
Daddy's Day Contest Mike's Corral
- 19 EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY N.Y.C.
Full Moon Eve Magic
- 20 EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY N.Y.C.
Bi S/M Disc.Group
- 21 EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY N.Y.C.
Women's Night
- 21 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Dinner
- 21 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC
Exec.Comm.Mtng.
- 21 SM GAYS LONDON,ENG
Tits/Balls
- 21 FIREBIRDS PHOENIX,AZ
Genl.Mtng.7:30 PM Bum Steer
- 23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 23 *IMSL/Ms.NLA S.F.
Reception 893 Folsm 7PM
- 23 Club Domentia SF
Women's Play Party
- 23-25 Leather/Lace Cape PROVINCETOWN
Escape
- 23-25 A.S.M.F. PARIS,FR
200 Anniv.Fr.Revol.
- 23-25 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Field Trip to Denver
- 24 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night

- 24 Fri. '89 RALEIGH,NC
March/Celebration
- 24 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC
Bar Night
- 24 Seattle Leather-woman Competition SEATTLE
Balcony
- 24-25 San Fran. Pride S.F.
- 24-25 FIREDMANCERS DALLAS
Anniv.2 Ruby Slipper Party
- 24-25 MSC VIKING COLOGNE,GER
Midsummernt.Party Bifel
- 24-26 A-MEN'S CLUB AARHUS
Sommerparty
- 25 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Parade
- 25 New York City N.Y.C.
Pride Parade
- 25 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Business Meeting 5PM Brass Rail
- 25 C.A.M.C. PHOENIX,AZ
Genl.Mtng.2 PM/Keg Bum Steer
- 25 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
- 26 PEP:WASH.D.C. WASH.D.C.
Business Meeting
- 26 EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY N.Y.C.
What's Your Fetish
- 27 EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY N.Y.C.
Dom.Women/Subm.Men
- 28 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Bondage Paddles
- 30-Jul.2 MLC MUNCHEN MUNICH,GER
ECMC Bike Run
- 30-Jul.2 MSC HANNOVER HANNOVER,GER
Schutzenfest
- 30-Jul.4 CENTAUR MC WASH.,D.C.
Olympia 11 Run

JULY, 1989

- 1 LOGE 70 SCHWEIZ ZURICH,SW
Club Night Barfusser
- 1 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT
Bar Night Brook
- 1-4 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO
Golden Fleece 18 Camp Jason
- 2-8 BLACK & WHITE MEN TALLAHASSEE
TOGETHER--9th Convent.
- 7 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Bar Night
- 7 LOGE 70 SCHWEIZ ZURICH,SW
Alpentour Bike Run
- 7-9 SIGMA WASH,DC
Party/Anniv 5
- 7-9 MS PANTHER KOLN COLOGNE,GER
Lthr.Mtng.on Tour
- 7-9 MSC BARCELONA BARCELONA,SP
Leather Connection
- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Homemade Toys GLC
- 8 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
- 8 SEATTLE MEN IN LTHR SEATTLE
Mr.Wash.Drummer Contest
- 8 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND
Meeting
- 8 P.E.P.:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Orientation 7PM/Party 8PM
- 8 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Picnic Hauska Hee
- 9 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Meeting
- 9 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
- 9-16 PACIFIC COAST MC L.A.
18th Black Mountain Run
- 10 SIGMA WASH,DC
Meeting--Torture GCC
- 12 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE
Enemas Paradise
- 13 PEP:WASH.D.C. WASH.D.C.
Rap Night
- 14 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting

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- 14 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Advanced SM Wksp/Demo (tent.)
- 15 *FIFTEEN S.F.
Bondage Night
- 15 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night 9PM Bearristers
- 15 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Play Party 10PM(tent.)
- 16 SO.BAY LTHR/UNFRM GRP SAN JOSE
General Meeting
- 18-20 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Retreat
- 19 SM GAYS LONDON,ENG
8th Birthday Party
- 20 FIREDMANCERS DALLAS
Club Night 8PM Hidden Door
- 21 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Club Night Phoenix
- 21 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 21-23 Leather Weekend GUERNEVILLE,CA
1989
- 21-23 LM DUSSELDORF DUSSELDORF,GR
Kirmessparty
- 22 Or.Leaher Daddy's PORTLAND,OR
Boy Contest
- 22 VASM VANC.,BC
Mr.B.C.Drummer Contest Ms.T's
- 22-23 MSC VIKING COLOGNE,GER
Liege,Belg.,Tour
- 23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
- 23 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC
Bar Night
- 25-29 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
SM Film Festival(tent.)
- 27 PEP:WASH.D.C. WASH.D.C.
Rap Night
- 27-30 Mid-Atlantic Drum- WILMINGTON,NC
mer Weekend
- 28-30 COPPERSTATTE LTHRM PHOENIX,AZ
Anniv.Wknd 5/Tonto 2 Run
- 28-30 MSC. FINLAND FINLAND
Finlandization 3
- 29 Mr.Oregon Drummer PORTLAND,OR
PDX Eagle
- 29 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC
Bar Night

AUGUST

- 4 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Basics SM Wksp/Demo (tent.)
- 4-6 POCONO WARRIORS SCRANTON,PA
Mountain Wknd 6
- 5 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT
Bar Night Brook
- 5 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Play Party (tent.)
- 5-7 Pride Weekend, VANCOUVER
Mr./Ms.Vancouver
Leather Contest
- 6 LOGE 70 SCHWEIZ ZURICH,SW
Club Night Barfusser
- 9 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE
Mummification Paradise
- 10 PEP:WASH.D.C. WASH.D.C.
Rap Night
- 11-13 MSC HAMBURG HAMBURG,GER
Europe's Leatherparty
- 12 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
- 12 *SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD SEATTLE
Mr.Northwest Drummer Contest
- 12 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND
Meeting
- 12-15 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO
Mollie Brown Run
- 13 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
- 13 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Meeting

LEATHER/PRIDE WEEKEND I
August 4 - 7 1989, Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. and Ms. Vancouver Leather wish to invite one and all to attend the first ever Leather Weekend in our beautiful City.

As our Gay Pride Parade takes place Monday August 7th, we thought it appropriate to hold the third Mr. and Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest and Weekend to kick off Gay Pride Week, 1989.

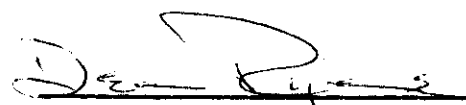
We are planning that this Weekend be an annual event for Vancouver and would appreciate your support in having this Weekend marked firmly on your Leather Calander of Events.

The Weekend will be full of events and free time for you to enjoy the beauty of our wonderful City. The Weekend will culminate with the largest turn out, to date, of Leather in our Gay Pride Parade on Monday, August 7th.

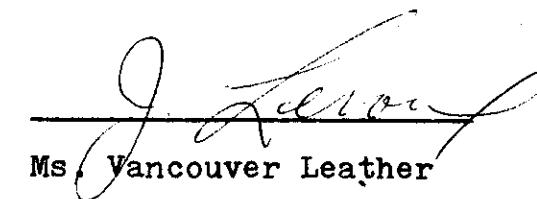
We enclose herewith Registration Forms.

We thank you for your support and hope you enjoy your stay with us in Vancouver, B.C.

Yours in Leather.



Mr. Vancouver Leather



Ms. Vancouver Leather

LEATHER/PRIDE WEEKEND

August 4 - 7, 1989, Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for Vancouver Leather/Pride Weekend includes Workshop, Contest, Sunday Brunch, Hospitality area and all Bar Events.

HOST HOTEL will be the DUFFERIN HOTEL, 900 Seymour St., Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3L9. Tel: (604) 683-4251. Hotel rates are \$35.00 single, \$40.00 double. Please mention M.M.V.L. when making your reservation for these discounted rates.

WEEKEND REGISTRATION on or before July 5th will be \$25.00 Cdn. After July 5th an additional \$5.00 Cdn. will be charged. Contest only tickets will be made available on a sliding scale of \$8.00 to \$12.00.

Please make cheques or money orders payable to M.M.V.L. in Canadian Funds and mail to: M.M.V.L. c/o MACK'S LEATHERS,
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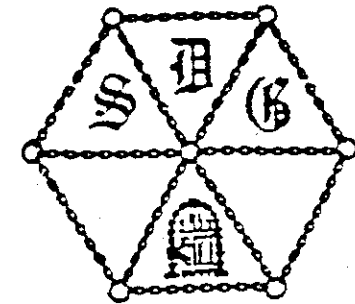
Package can be picked up on Friday Aug. 4th at Ms. T's Cabaret, 9 - 2am or at the hospitality at the Dufferin Hotel on Sat. Aug. 5th 12 - 4pm.

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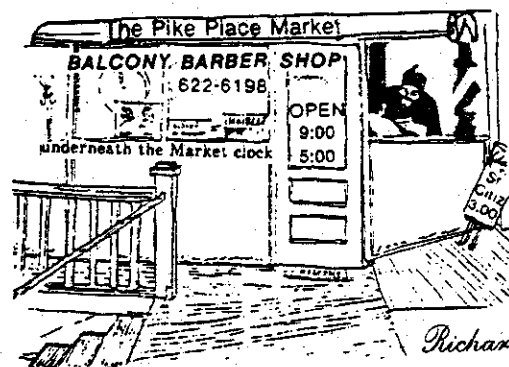
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- 14 SIGMA Meeting WASH,DC GCC
- 17 FIREDANCERS Club Night 8PM DALLAS
- 17-20 Mr.Mid-Atl Drummer Contest CHARLOTTE,NC
- 18 *OUTCASTS Program Meeting S.F.
- 18 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS Club Night NEW ORLEANS PHOENIX
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE All-City Picnic SEATTLE Maple Valley
- 18-20 CONSTANTINES Weekend Run S.F.
- 18-20 NLC FRANKEN Sommercamp/Hansel & Gretel NUREMBERG,GR
- 18-20 BEERTOWN BADGERS Bierstein V MILWAUKEE
- 19 *FIFTEEN Spanking Night S.F.
- 19 HARTFORD COLTS Bar Night 9PM HARTFORD,CT Bearristers
- 19 COPPERSTATE LTHRMN Sleezeball VI PHOENIX,AZ
- 20 MENAMORE LLC Meeting WILMINGTON,NC GROW CC
- 24 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS Aspen Run DENVER,CO
- 24 PEP:WASH.D.C. Rap Night WASH.D.C.
- 25 VASM Bar Night VANCOUVER,BC Ms.T's
- 25-27 ROCHESTER RAMS 14th Anniv.Run ROCHESTER,NY
- 25-27 MC FAUCONS Migration '89 MONTREAL
- 25-27 BLACK ANGELS KOLN Grillparty am Rhein COLOGNE,GER
- 25-28 SUSSEZ LANCERS MSC Brighton Bound '89 SUSSEX,GB
- 26 VASM Demo Night VANCOUVER,BC
- 26 MENAMORE Bar Night WILMINGTON,NC
- 27 VASM Board Meeting VANCOUVER,BC

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 WINGS MEMPHIS Flight 5 Anniv.Run MEMPHIS,TN Mr.Southern Leather '90
- 1-4 CORPUS CHRISTI M.C. Beachhead IV CORPUS CHR,TX
- 1-4 WINGS Flight V MEMPHIS,TN
- 1-4 VIKINGS M.C. Lief Erikson Run BOSTON,MA
- 1-4 SPEARHEAD Round-Up '89--In Space TORONTO
- 1-4 COPPERSTATE LTHRMN Ft.Waldorf V Run PHOENIX,AZ
- 2 THUNDERBOLTS Bar Night WESTPORT,CT Brook
- 2 LOGE 70 SCHWEIZ Club Night ZURICH,SW Barfusser
- 9 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN Potluck PORTLAND,OR
- 9 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST Meeting PORTLAND
- 10 *OUTCASTS Steering Comm. S.F.
- 10 HARTFORD COLTS Meeting HARTFORD,CT
- 10 NLA:SEATTLE Auction SEATTLE
- 11 SIGMA Meeting WASH,DC GCC
- 13 DREIZEHN Inferno Report CAMBRIDGE Paradise
- 14 PEP:WASH.D.C. Rap Night WASH.D.C.

- 15 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS Club Night 8PM NEW ORLEANS PHOENIX S.F.
- 15 *OUTCASTS Program Meeting DOUGLAS,MI
- 15-17 NIMBUS Anniversary DOUGLAS,MI
- 16 T-BOLTS Bar Night HARTFORD,CT Bike Stop,Phil.
- 16 HARTFORD COLTS Bar Night 9PM HARTFORD,CT Bearristers S.F.
- 16 *FIFTEEN Branding S.F.
- 21 *Alan "Mr.S" Selby Fetish/Fantasy Night S.F.
- 21 FIREDANCERS Club Night 8PM DALLAS Hidden Door
- 21-24 Leather Pride Wknd S.F.
- 22-24 TSARUS Aida ENVILLE,TN
- 22-24 Reg.Lesb-Fem.Conf. SEATTLE,WA
- 22-25 *LION REGIMENT Mining the Gem Run BOISE,ID Silver City
- 22-25 MLC MUNCHEN Oktoberfestreffen MUNICH,GER
- 22 VASM Bar Night VANCOUVER,BC Ms.T's
- 23 Mr.Drummer Finals Contest & Show S.F.
- 23 COMM.PRES.SEX.LIB. 3rd Conference S.F.
- 23 VASM Demo Night VANCOUVER,BC
- 24 Folsom St.Fair S.F.
- 24 VASM Board Meeting VANCOUVER,BC
- 24 MENAMORE LLC Meeting WILMINGTON,NC GROW CC
- 28 PEP:WASH.D.C. Rap Night WASH.D.C.
- 30 MENAMORE Bar Night WILMINGTON,NC
- 30 MCRA LYON Nuit "Cul de Sac" LYONS,FRANCE

OCTOBER

- 1 MSC VIKING Rally COLOGNE,GER
- 6-8 *CINCINNATI CHAPS Bunkhouse II Run CINCINNATI
- 6-8 DESERT LEATHERMEN Mystery Run/Anniversary TUCSON,AZ
- 6-8 MS PANTHER KOLN ECMC-AGM Jahreshauptversammlung COLOGNE,GER
- 6-9 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS Anniv.15 NEW ORLEANS
- 6-9 NLA Living in Leather IV PORTLAND,OR
- 6th:Inn at Coliseum--Reg/Hosp
- 7th:Mem.Coliseum--Exhib/Wksop
- 8th:Mem.Coliseum--Exhib/Wksop
- 6-9 EMPIRE M.C. Anniv.25 NYC
- 6-9 MOT-CYC.MEN OF N.MEX Hot Air '89 Run ALBUQUERQUE
- 7 THUNDERBOLTS Bar Night WESTPORT,CT Brook
- 8 HARTFORD COLTS Meeting HARTFORD,CT
- 9 SIGMA Meeting WASH,DC GCC
- 11 March on Wash. WASH,D.C.
- 11 DREIZEHN Suturing CAMBRIDGE Paradise
- 12 PEP:WASH.D.C. Rap Night WASH.D.C.
- 13-15 ENTRE NOUS Provincetown Run PROVINCETOWN
- 13-22 Fantasia Fair 15th Annual PROVINCETOWN
- 14 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN Potluck PORTLAND,OR
- 14 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST Meeting PORTLAND
- 15 *OUTCASTS Steering Comm. S.F.

- 19 FIREDANCERS Club Night 8PM DALLAS Hidden Door
- 20 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS Club Night NEW ORLEANS PHOENIX S.F.
- 20 *OUTCASTS Program Meeting S.F.
- 20-22 Dressing for Pleasure III Gala NYC
- 20-22 VANGUARDS 20th Anniv. PHILADELPHIA
- 20-22 GATEWAY M.C. Anniv.16 (Sweet 16) ST.LOUIS,MO
- 21 *FIFTEEN C/B/Tit Torture S.F.
- 21 HARTFORD COLTS Bar Night 9PM HARTFORD,CT Bearristers
- 21-22 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS Anniv.21 DENVER,CO
- 21-23 MSC LONDON 16 Anniv. LONDON,ENG
- 22 MENAMORE LLC Meeting WILMINGTON,NC GROW CC
- 26 PEP:WASH.D.C. Rap Night WASH.D.C.
- 28 NLA:BC Fetish & Fantasy Ball VANCOUVER
- 28 LEATHERLORDS Tyrant/Dictator Ball PHOENIX,AZ
- 28 MENAMORE Bar Night WILMINGTON,NC

NOVEMBER

- 3-5 T.D.A. Anniv.Celebration ATLANTA,GA
- 3-5 RURALS MC Fox Hunt ROERMUND,GER
- 4 THUNDERBOLTS Bar Night WESTPORT,CT Brook
- 8 DREIZEHN Meeting CAMBRIDGE Paradise
- 9 PEP:WASH.D.C. Rap Night WASH.D.C.
- 10-12 PANTHER L/L PROWL I,Anniv.Celeb. ATLANTA,GA
- 12 NLA:SEATTLE General Membership Mtng. SEATTLE
- 12 *OUTCASTS Steering Comm. S.F.
- 12 HARTFORD COLTS Meeting HARTFORD,CT
- 13 SIGMA Meeting WASH,DC GCC
- 16 FIREDANCERS Club Night 8PM DALLAS Hidden Door
- 17 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS Club Night NEW ORLEANS PHOENIX S.F.
- 17 *OUTCASTS Program Meeting S.F.
- 18 *LEATHER STAR Mr/Ms Puget Sound Leather 8PM TACOMA,WA 24th St.Tav
- 18 *FIFTEEN Mad Doctor Party S.F.
- 18 COMPANIONS 13th Anniv. PHILADELPHIA
- 18 HARTFORD COLTS Bar Night 9PM HARTFORD,CT Bearristers
- 19 Leather/Lace Brotherhood Feast BOSTON
- 19 MENAMORE LLC Meeting WILMINGTON,NC GROW CC
- 23 PEP:WASH.D.C. Rap Night WASH.D.C.
- 23-26 ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP Run
- 25 BUCKS M.C. Santa Saturday NEW HOPE,PA
- 25 MENAMORE Bar Night WILMINGTON,NC

DECEMBER

- 2 Or.Leaher Daddy's Contest PORTLAND,OR
- 2 THUNDERBOLTS Bar Night/Christmas Pty WESTPORT,CT Brook

WELCOME TO NEW AFFILIATE!!

The N.L.A. is pleased to welcome its newest Affiliate Organization, LEATHER STAR of Tacoma, Washington. Leather Star's primary purpose is to grant last wishes for terminal PWA's. A major fund-raising activity of Leather Star is the annual Puget Sound Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest, held the last Saturday before the U.S. Thanksgiving. You may contact Leather Star at P.O. Box 5482, Tacoma, WA, 98405 for information..

LEATHER STAR--Press Release 3-89

"Leather Star" is an AIDS resource organization, whose basic purpose is to grant a last wish to a dying person with AIDS. To accomplish our purpose we have many fund raisers throughout the year, with very little expense so we might grant as many wishes as possible. As a non-profit organization, we also take donations. "Leather Star" is licensed in Washington State.

Our goal is to grant at least one wish a year to a dying PWA in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia). Our big event is the annual "Puget Sound Mr and Ms Leather" contest. The winners of our first contest (11-19-88 at the 24th St. Tavern, Tacoma) were Rick Orr and Cooper Axton. They are fine representatives of our organization, and the leather community, and are helping to prove: leather can care. Our title holders help us by holding many various fund raisers throughout the year. "Leather Star" welcomes any other group in the Northwest to hold a fund raiser for us.

At the next "Puget Sound Mr and Ms Leather" contest (11-18-89 in Tacoma) "Leather Star" will be awarding the first "Puget Sound Miss Leather." This is a title for the female impersonator (in the entire Northwest) who has done the most to help PWA's and promote and support their cause, and helped unify the entire Gay community. It is a title given for past efforts, which may have gone unrecognized. Our Board of Directors and title holders will decide on the recipient of this title. Nominations for "Puget Sound Miss Leather" are accepted until 10-28-89. Please send nominations, along with verification and justification, to Leather Star, P.O. Box 5482, Tacoma, WA, 98405.

If anyone is interested in applying for the wish (for themself or someone else), please write to Leather Star at the address above.

CINCINNATI CHAPS

Cincinnati Chaps has just announced their Bunkhouse II run, on October 6 to 8, 1989. Their Bunkhouse Run last year was a wild triumph, and an even better time should be expected this year. Cincinnati Chaps may be reached at P. O. Box 3104, Cincinnati, OH, 45201. CHAPS is an NLA Affiliate, and an important part of the Leather Renaissance in Ohio.

KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS

The Knights d'Orleans announce their fifteenth anniversary celebration in New Orleans, October 6-9, 1989. This long weekend in old New Orleans features great food, drink, fun and games, an anniversary banquet, run pins, awards, T-shirts, a show, and more. For information, write KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS, P.O. Box 50812, New Orleans, LA, 70150.

DRESSING FOR PLEASURE GALA

Constance Enterprises of New York City has announced its third annual U.S. gala, featuring a fashion show, a dinner dance, and designers of corsets, shoes, leather and latex fashions. Prices are \$150 and up. Write Constance Enterprises, P.O. Box 43079, Upper Montclair, NJ, 07043, for information.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The 15th annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men will be staged March 22-25, 1990, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Centers for the Conference include the Radisson Plaza Hotel, and the Raleigh Civic & Convention Center. For the last several years, the SE Conference has featured a growing series of workshops and discussions on the Leather/SM/Fetish community, and plans for continuing this tradition are very much in the works. For information, write SECLGM Inc '90, P.O. Box 28863, Raleigh, NC 27611-8863 or call at 919-833-1209.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO LONDON....

There is a Bed, Breakfast, and Dungeon facility available, at 27 Old Gloucester St., London WC1N 3XX, Telex 262433.

CONFESSIONS OF AN S&M GROUP LEADER

A 90 min. cassette tape recorded live at Friendly Philosophers Discussion Group, Albuquerque, NM, 1/23/89, is available. Intelligent public discourse re S&M/B&D by Nancy Ava Miller (founder People Exchanging Power--NM, DC, AZ) and Mistress Melissa (former president of PEP-NM). Includes fun Q&A with straight "vanilla" audience, plus (if requested) free S&M/PEP literature. Please send \$10 to: PEP Tape, 1113 Delmar NW, Albuquerque, NM, 87107. Non-profit! Proceeds go towards future or existing PEP groups. PEP--treating the S&M/B&D experience with acceptance, caring, respect, and dignity. Phone: (505)344-4114.

GUY BALDWIN TRIUMPHS

Guy Baldwin, recent winner of the Mr. NLA title in Seattle, WA, has just triumphed in Chicago to become International Mr. Leather, 1989. The contest was a tough one, and the many entrants battled hard for the coveted title, so Guy's victory honors him, and his sponsor, the NLA. You'll be seeing a lot of Guy this year, around the country, and at Living in Leather IV!

15TH ANNUAL FANTASIA FAIR

October 13-22, in Provincetown Mass., brings the 15th annual Fantasia Fair, for Crossdressers, their spouses, and friends. For information, contact Fantasia Fair, Lincolnia Station, POB 11254, Alexandria, VA, 22312.

ORGASM

Oregon Guild Activists of S/M recently staged a very successful Presentation and Hands-on-Workshop oriented to the novice, featuring George Nelson, Cherie Matisse, Vik Stump, Richard Sauer-Wooden, Sallee Huber, and Jerlich, offering tips and useful discussion, and with a hands-on demo displaying the usefulness of some very basic items (such as toothbrushes?) for the novice. From the size of the crowd (over 60), this was a smash! ORGASM will be continuing its activities through the summer, with a Play Party on June 17, an advanced Workshop/Demo on July 14 followed by a Play Party of July 15th, and another basic workshop on August 4, with Play Party on August 5th. An SM Film Festival for the July 25 to 29 period is in the planning stages. ORGASM will be the official sponsor of the Living in Leather IV Play Parties October 6-8.

MR/MS PUGET SOUND LEATHER

Leather Star of Tacoma, WA, has announced the date for this year's Mr/Ms Puget Sound Leather Contest. It will be held Nov. 18, 1989, at 8 PM at the 24th St. Tavern in Tacoma. We all remember a good time, and a good contest, from last year.

Scribbles

After the massive work involved in assembling, printing, and posting last month's exercise in monthly madness, doing a basic 1st Link seems childishly simplistic. Wayne G. deserves a "very well done" for that issue. While I'm at it, because of out of town commitments, better mention this issue, as he'll be doing most of the work on it also.

We've had very good response to the May issue, both for specific LIL information and general membership. There is plenty of interest in this year's Conference from around the country. With titleholders Guy, Jan, and Susie all traveling nationally, this interest will only grow.

SPECIAL RECEPTION

A reception for Leatherwomen and Leathermen will be held on Friday, June 23, as a fundraiser for International Ms. Leather Susie Shepherd and Ms. National Leather Association Jan Lyon, at 893 Folsom, in San Francisco, from 7 to 9:30 PM. Costs are on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$15. The reception will feature videos, food, drinks, vendors, and hot leather bodies. It will be followed by a Club Dementia women's play party. This will be a great beginning for the enormous San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom weekend and parade.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please keep us informed if you are moving or have moved; we have a big mailing list to keep up to date, and it costs the NLA money every time you move without telling us. We mail FIRST LINK at \$.167 a copy. If your LINK is returned with an address correction, it costs us 25 cents to receive it, and another quarter to mail it again. Each week, we receive numerous publications returned with address corrections: obviously, your prompt notification of an address change can save us money.

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FIRST LINK advertising rates are as follows: each side of 8 1/2 x 11 pages costs \$75 for businesses, \$50 for Non-Profit groups. For full-page (8 1/2 x 11) ads only, if YOU do the printing and send us 750 copies of the finished piece, we will charge only 75% of the above amounts.

Half pages cost \$50 for businesses, \$30 for non-profit groups. Quarter pages cost \$35 for businesses, \$20 for non-profit.

All of the above rates are per insertion ones. We offer a package deal for business-card-size ads. For commercial cards these run \$20 for one insertion, or \$50 for three consecutive months. Non-profit groups pay \$13 per insertion, or \$30 for three months.

NLA Affiliates are entitled to a further 10% discount. This might be a good time to consider affiliating with NLA.

All ads accepted must be CAMERA READY. We do NOT provide screening, layout, or type-setting services. Remember that the FIRST LINK reaches a large number of Leather/SM/Fetish individuals and groups each month.

Classified ads are now available. Send \$5 for the first 20 words, \$.25 for each additional word. We do not forward mail, and we do not accept sexual solicitations.

From time to time, the FIRST LINK is printed in greater quantity and distributed more widely; ad rates for these expanded issues may be proportional to increased size.

Advertising space will be available (at different rates from those given above) in our Living in Leather IV Conference Program. Details will be available at a later date.

Send your ad with your check or money order, payable to National Leather Association, to FIRST LINK, NLA, POB 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

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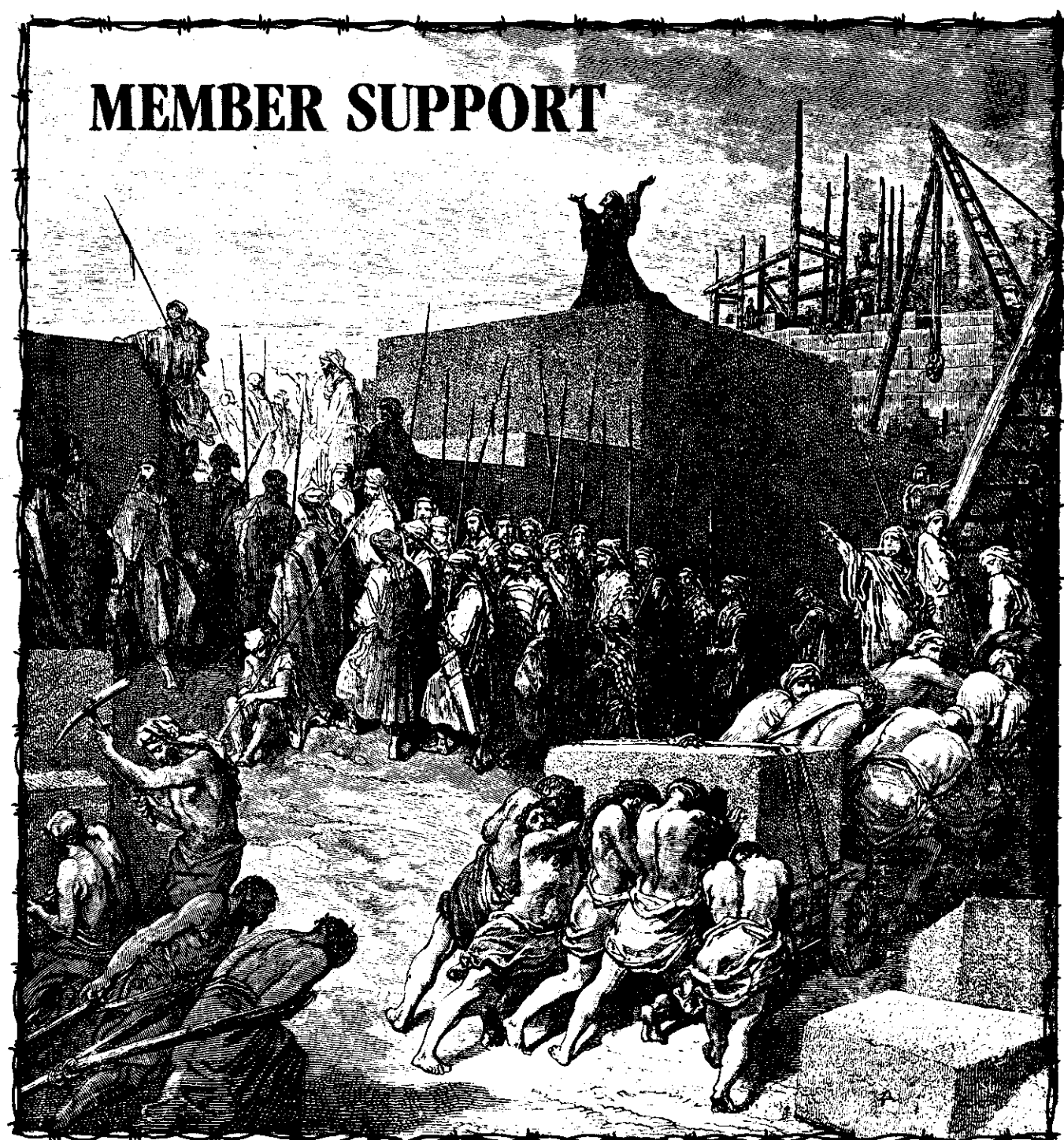
Speaking of titleholders, congratulations are again in order (for the 2nd consecutive month) to Guy Baldwin, selected Mr. International Leather, 1989. Dr. Guy has promised to be both very available and visible during his title year and will be stressing his message of unification in both our Leather/SM/Fetish and homophile communities.

Again this month there are several major club runs. Biggest happening is most likely the upcoming "Russian River Weekend," which should be a tremendous event.

I understand the Windy City Bondage Club and Hellfire-sponsored event "Bonfire" was a great success, much enjoyed by the many attendees. Many out-of-town guests attending the IML proceedings were welcomed by their well-known hosts and treated to famous Chicago SM Hospitality.

Before MAY DAY--I was looking forward to May, June, etc., for a more relaxed pace. Since then I've already made a trip to Vancouver and another to Portland. Between now and Labor Day are at least 2 more Portland trips, another to Vancouver, one to San Francisco, and 3 different local Drummer Contests, finishing August 12th with Mr. Pacific Northwest Drummer in Seattle. Although it sounds hectic, I admit I enjoy all these varied activities and I hope our members make an effort to attend at least one event this summer. Not only does it support one of our many local organizations, but it will give you a most pleasant and memorable weekend, usually at a reasonable price.

Don't forget to be out for your Pride Weekend!



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