

# THE NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION

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### CHAPTER NEWS

#### CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP IN N.L.A.

The NLA has 9 Chapters and several more in formation. If you wish to join one of these, you may do so in one of two ways: either by joining the National Organization, and checking the box which allows us to notify any local Chapter of NLA (and They will contact You), or by selecting the Chapter of interest from the list below, and writing directly to them for information. Chapter dues may differ from area to area, so do write first.

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- NLA:ARKANSAS P.O.Box 4392, No. Little Rock, ARK 72116
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- NLA:DALLAS (Chapter-In-Formation) c/o Richards, 4012-B Cedar Springs, Dallas, TX 75219
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- NLA:DETROIT P.O.Box 725368, Berkley, MICH 48072
- NLA:LOS ANGELES 7985 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 109-217, West Hollywood, CA 90046 (213)-656-0258 ext.117
- NLA:NEW ENGLAND (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.Box N-1111 New Bedford, MA 02746
- NLA:PORTLAND P.O.Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208
- NLA:SAN DIEGO P.O.Box 3092, San Diego, CA 92103
- NLA:SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA 484 Lake Park Ave., #16, Piedmont, CA 94610
- NLA:SEATTLE P.O.Box 20674, Seattle, WA 98102
- NLA:VIRGINIA (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.Box 4286 Richmond, VA 23220-8286

#### NLA:ARKANSAS

NLA:ARKANSAS, the Officers' Club, is moving its meetings to its members' private homes, to escape the distractions of bar settings. The second Saturday of each month, there will be a meeting and program, followed by the traditional bar night at Chaps in Little Rock. November 18 is a special bar night at Chaps in Memphis, Tennessee. There will be a raffle and auction, and games with half the proceeds going to the San Francisco Bay Area Leather Community Earthquake Relief Fund.

NLA:ARKANSAS had a most successful slave, services, and goods auction (the first ever "slave" auction in Little Rock) on October 14, raising \$300 for the Arkansas AIDS Foundation.

In 1990, watch for annual elections (Jan. 13) and the big first anniversary run in July. Also in the works are plans for Christmas activities, a future Arkansas Ms Leather contest, proposals to stage Leather Fantasy '91, fundraising for San Francisco Earthquake Relief, and membership outreach. Future program meetings are being planned on leather care, erotic bondage in a motel room, a trunk show, and putting together a cheap toy bag.

#### OPEN LETTER FROM NLA: SFBA

##### GREETINGS: WE HAVE SURVIVED THE EARTHQUAKE

To our fellow San Francisco/Bay Area residents who mobilized so quickly to insure the well being of our leather family - you have demonstrated the strength of our community. To our family members across the U.S. and Canada, thank you for the telephone calls and offers of help. We should all be proud the way we rallied in this time of need.

We are shattered, rattled, rolled and safe. However, we know a few people in our community whose homes are destroyed or uninhabited. Others have suffered as well. A fund has been established to aid these people. This fund is available to any members of our pan-sexual community (regardless of organization membership status), and will be administered by the N.L.A.; S.F./Bay Area Chapter. Thank you to San Diego for notifying us that your previous scheduled fundraiser will partially benefit us. Contributions should be mailed to: National Leather Association, 484 Lake Park Ave., \$16, Piedmont, CA 94610. Checks should be made payable to: N.L.A. Telephone inquiries can be made by calling John Ferrari at (415)-465-6008.

The support and compassion that you have demonstrated already is sincerely appreciated.

In Leather Solidarity, John Ferrari (and for Ruth Marks), Co-Chairs, NLA:San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

### N.L.A. CALENDAR

#### \*\*DECEMBER, 1989\*\*

- 1 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 2 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Workshop:Cutting/Piercing
- 3 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 3 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
General Mtng 6 PM Wolf's
- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:12
- 9 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program
- Bar Night Chaps
- 10 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 11 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
General Meeting Embers
- 12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 7:30 IROC Care
- 15 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Bar Night Eagle
- 17 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 24 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 31 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle

#### 1990

#### \*\*JANUARY, 1990\*\*

- 7 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 8 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
General Meeting Embers
- 13 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program
- Bar Night Chaps
- 14 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 14 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting GLC
- 19 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Bar Night Eagle
- 21 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 28 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle

#### \*\*FEBRUARY, 1990\*\*

- 4 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 10 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program
- Bar Night Chaps
- 11 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 11 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting GLC

#### \*\*NOVEMBER, 1989\*\*

- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 10 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program
- Bar Night Chaps
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 12 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 13 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Election of Officers Embers
- 14 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 7:30 IROC Cafe
- 17 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Bar Night Eagle
- 18 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Memphis Bar Night Chaps, Memphis  
Auction/Raffle/Fundraiser
- 19 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 22 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
SM Relationships 7:30 GLC
- 25 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Christmas Shopping Show &  
Auction with Mr./Ms.  
Vancouver Leather 9PM Lotus
- 26 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle

**N.L.A.:SAN DIEGO**

After many members took the great Safari North to Portland, much sharing of information and community news preceeded getting back into local event work.

First, the Beer-Bust fundraiser held at Wolfes Nov. 3rd was most successful. Mr. Drummer Brian Dawson traveled south from Los Angeles and worked with local chapter members to raise funds for the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Earthquake Relief Fund. all attending had a most pleasant evening and in the process raised \$350.00.

Planning is in process for several future events. A joining Holiday Party is in the offing for San Diego and Los Angeles Chapters on Dec. 9th, most likely in L.A. The Chapter's own party will follow a little later in the month. Planned for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of March, Leatherfest, San Diego's biggest annual leather party, is also under construction. More details will be out with the Chapter newsletter to be issued soon.

**NLA:SEATTLE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

NLA:SEATTLE completed its third year with a smooth transition to new officers and Board members with its November Semi-Annual general meeting. With more realistic membership levels quorum was achieved and the meeting opened on time (OK, 5:03 PM) and was concluded before 7 PM.

Most important was the election of 4 new officers. The membership elected President Cooper Aaxton, Vice President Wes Randall, Secretary A. Niles Baird, and Treasurer Howard Martin. All were eager to begin and have promised been strong support both from retiring local officers and National. New Board members are Roger Axline and Jeff Elf, and returning to the Board is Mary Ridge.

Additionally, it was passed to increase dues by \$10. annually (total now \$35.00 for Seattle Chapter), reflecting increase in National dues and local expenses.

Event planning include the 2nd Kinky Kouples Evening in February and the Seattle Chapter's biggest annual event, MAY DAY 4, for May 4-6, 1990. This year's event will include workshops, dungeons supported by the Seattle Dungeon Guild, and the MR. & MS. NLA:SEATTLE Contest.

Monthly workshops will be initiated on December 2 (call 206-726-4664 for info.) beginning with Cooper Aaxton leading a session on "Cutting and Types of Piercing." There will be a \$3.00 charge for non-members and \$1.00 donation for members.

Thanks for jobs well done were extended to outgoing officers and Board members Vik Stump, Jeff Henness, Rick Orr, Les Scamfer, and Honor.

Next Board meeting will be Nov. 14th at 7:30 PM at the IROC Cafe. As always, all Board meetings are open to all members.

**SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER**

On October 22, SMIL hosted a Leather Daddy/Leather Boy contest. Winners were Dave Lewis ("Daddy") and Cort ("Boy"). \$180 was raised for Rosehedge House, and \$121 for the San Francisco Bay Area Leather Community Earthquake Relief Fund.

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**PORTLAND ACTIVITIES**

NLA:PORTLAND and other Portland area clubs and individuals are cooperating on major fundraising for the San Francisco Bay Area Leather Community Earthquake Relief Fund, and for the SHANTI PROJECT, who lost a PWA residential building. The vigorous program of activities includes the following:

- Nov.10, 9 PM, Old Salts Night at the Anchors;
- Nov.11, 10 PM, Red Hanky Social at the PDX Eagle;
- Nov.12, 8:30 PM, "Marvelous Marvella Shakes You Up" at Silent Partners;
- Nov.15, 8 PM at the 927 ("Dress-'em Up and Take 'em Out if You Can Party")
- Nov.16, 10 PM, Trash Bash at the PDX Eagle.
- Nov.17-19, Party Weekend at Slaughter's;
- Nov.18, 8PM, Daddy's Boy at the Dirty Duck;
- Nov.19, 8 PM, Darcelle XV, Leather & Feather Show
- Nov.20, 10 PM, Monday Madness at the Eagle;
- Nov.25, 9 PM, "The Not-Necessarily First Annual International Ms. Leather Turkey Trot," Cafe Mocha;

All this culminates with the All-City Bar Bust and Eagle Finale on Nov. 26. For the bar bust, coupons will be printed, with tickets good for one beer or one soft drink at each participating bar, during the event only, for \$10. The Eagle Finale will include an auction at 7:00 PM.

Sponsors for the event include International Ms. Leather 1989 Susie Shepherd, ODX Eagle, HMIM Mr. Bill XVI, HIMI Velvet Monet XXXII, National Leather Association:Portland, ORGASM, Mr. & Ms. Gay Oregon, and the Knights of Malta. For questions call 503-223-8137 or 503-227-5764.

NLA:PORTLAND also announces 2-for-1 specials at NLA Night at the PDX Eagle, every Sunday.

**MENAMORE LEVI LEATHER CLUB**

Just as we go to press, received the application for Affiliate status from MENAMORE LEVI LEATHER CLUB in Wilmington, NC. Menamore is designed to provide resources and a source of contact of individuals involved in or pursuing the Levi/Leather lifestyle. Its intent is to nourish camaraderie within the organization and the community, and to provide information on the varied safe, sane, and consensual practices of the Levi/Leather lifestyle. It seeks to provide information ON that lifestyle to the community, to encourage a more positive attitude and awareness of our position, contributions, and potentials within the community.

Menamore is open to all adults, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, or handicap. Menamore has several levels of membership: Active, Associate, Pledge, Honorary, and Affiliate. Menamore's first anniversary date is December 15, 1988. Their celebration will be in March.

**HONOR RECEIVED BY NLA--INC**

The Interim National Council of the N.L.A. is now listed as a member of the Mt. Mazama Club of "Leather Star." The recent Living in Leather IV Conference donated a Conference pass to a benefit auction, via the Seattle NLA Chapter, with proceeds to go to Leather Star; \$100 was raised in this manner. Remember that Leather Star has its second annual Mr. & Ms. Puget Sound Leather Contest on November 18, at the 24th St. Tavern in Tacoma, WA, starting at 8 PM.

**N.L.A. CALENDAR**

**\*\*FEBRUARY, 1990\*\***

- 16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Bar Night Eagle
- 18 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle
- 23 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Kinky Couples Night
- 25 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Bar Night PDX Eagle

**\*\*MARCH, 1990\*\***

- 2-5 NLA:DENVER DENVER  
Mr/Ms Leather Colorado  
Weekend
- 10 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program  
Bar Night Chaps
- 11 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting GLC
- 16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Bar Night Eagle

**\*\*APRIL, 1990\*\***

- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting GLC
- 14 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program  
Bar Night Chaps

**\*\*MAY, 1990\*\***

- 4-6 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
MAY DAY IV  
Mr/Ms NLA:Seattle Contest
- 4-6 NLA N.C.Meetings Seattle  
NLA LITTLE ROCK
- 12 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program  
Bar Night Chaps
- 13 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting GLC

**\*\*JUNE, 1990\*\***

- 9 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program  
Bar Night Chaps
- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting GLC

**\*\*JULY, 1990\*\***

- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting GLC
- 14 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK  
Meeting/Program  
Bar Night Chaps

**FROM THE GREATER BOSTON/NEW ENGLAND AREA**

Work is now going on to form the NLA: New England Chapter. Formation meetings are being held, and an energetic group of people is at work. If you are already a member and are interested in participating in this new organization, or if you have not yet joined, for information you may contact Joseph Shore or Joan Donnelly at NLA:NEW ENGLAND (Chapter in Formation), P.O.Box N-1111, New Bedford, MA, 02746.

**DALLAS AREA N.L.A. CHAPTER FORMATION**

Jim Richards and the energetic people of Dallas, Texas, are now forming NLA: DALLAS. For information please write NLA:DALLAS (Chapter-In-Formation), c/o J. Richards, 4012-B, Cedar Springs, Dallas, TX, 75219.

**NLA AT WORK IN VIRGINIA**

We are proud to announce that work has begun on forming a NLA:VIRGINIA Chapter. This looks like it will be an inter-city Chapter. David Meador (of Southeastern Conference fame) is helping to coordinate this endeavor. For information on joining and working on this, contact NLA: VIRGINIA (Chapter-In-Formation) at P.O. Box 4286, Richmond, VA 23220-8286.

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**FROM A LIL-IV ATTENDEE**

"Thought you might be interested in notes taken by a novice -- my first time at L in L. I am so grateful for the experience!

"I feel validated by the discussions that hit so close to my own private thoughts. The information gained in these workshops added value to my life that had not been there before. I came away a more valuable person than I arrived."

"Thank you for treating our life styles with the dignity and respect we deserve."

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE N.L.A.**

Please use the form below if you are joining the NLA for the first time or if you are renewing your membership. Benefits of membership include receipt of the NLA publication THE FIRST LINK, discounts at NLA events and at various businesses and merchants serving the Leather/SM/Fetish community, and participation in an national/international network serving the educational, social, and charitable concerns of our Leather/SM/Fetish family. Membership is open to all adults who support our statement of purpose.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

National Dues are \$25.00 annually (\$30.00 outside North America--U.S. funds).

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(above info. considered confidential)

I agree with the Goals of the NLA, and wish to become a member. I support the NLA & its efforts at activism & public service. I am at least 21 years old.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

You may release my name to the Chapter (if any) in my region. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you object to being contacted for NLA business by other NLA members? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with check or money order to:  
NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION:  
P.O.BOX 17463 SEATTLE, WA. 98107

**BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**



# NATIONAL CALENDAR

<b>**NOVEMBER**</b>			
10 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR "Old Salts" 9PM Anchors	19 LEATHER & LACE LOS ANGELES Program:Toymaking	3 *NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO Gen Mtg 6PM Wolf's	17 MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX ALBUQUERQUE Christmas Dinner
11-19 10 Yrs.on Folsom St. S.F. M.Chester Photos	19 LEATHER/LACE PHILADELPHIA Brotherhood Feast 119 Merrimac	3 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle	17 *ORGASM PORTLAND,OR Christmas for Kids
11 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Red Hanky Social PDX Eagle	19 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle	4 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Mud Wrestling	17 SE CONF LESB GAY MEN Raleigh,NC Steering Comm Mtg
12 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Marvella Shakes Good Silent Ptnrs	19 SO.BAY LTHR/UNIF GRP SAN JOSE General Meeting	5 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Polymorph Perverts	17 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle
13 SIGMA WASN,DC Meeting/Electricity GCC	19 *OUTCASTS S.F. Amateur Strip Nite	6 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO S/M Univ./Potpourri Clubhouse	18 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY
13 *OUTCASTS S.F. Orientation	19 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Leather/Feathers Darcelle XV	7 MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX ALBUQUERQUE Club Night	19 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Fat Admirers'Forum
13 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Election of Officers	19 *SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHR SEATTLE Brunch Encore	8 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC Bar Night Ms.T's	20 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Womens'Night/Chrstm Prty
13 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Full Moon Magic	19 Leather/Lace Bro- BOSTON therhood Feast	8-10 EAST MERCIS MSC LEICESTER,ENG Christmas Eventr	21 FIREDANCERS DALLAS Club Night 8PM Hidden Door
14 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Polymorph Perverts	19 SE CONF LESB GAY Raleigh,NC Steering Comm Mtg	9 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO Christmas Dinner Party Clubhouse	23 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Holiday party
14 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE Board Meeting 7:30 IROC Cafe	20 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Monday Madness PDX EAGLE	9 *SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHR SEATTLE Slumber Party	24 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC Meeting GROW CC
14 *ORGASM PORTLAND,OR General Meeting Embers	21 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. What is Safe S/M Sex	9 *ORGASM PORTLAND,OR SM Tech Workshop/Demo Embers	24 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle
15 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Womens' Night	21 SO.BAY LTHR/UNIF GRP SAN JOSE Board Meeting	9 GROW WILMINGTON Christmas Party	26 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Holiday Social
15 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Dress Up Party Club 927	22 G.M.S.M.A. N.Y.C. Pilgrim Punishment/Social	9 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC Meeting GROW Com Ctr	28 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C. Rap Night
15 VANGUARDS PHILADELPHIA Gen Meeting 8PM	22 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER SM Relationships 7:30 GLC	9 *NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK Meeting/Program	29-Jan.1 MOOR COCKS/IRON POUGHKEEPSIE GUARD "Masked Ball NY
16 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Beer Bust	23 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Thanksgiving Day Dinner	9 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR Potluck 7:30	30 TRIDENT,CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER Meeting Mailbox
16 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Trash Bash PDX Eagle	23 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C. Rap Night	10 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT Meeting	30 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC Bar Night
16 FIREDANCERS DALLAS Club Night 8PM Hidden Door	23 *SEATTLE MEN IN LTHR SEATTLE Orphan's Dinner	10 *OUTCASTS S.F. Steering Comm.	31 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle
16 LEATHER & LACE LOS ANGELES Business Meeting	23-26 ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP Run	10 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle	31 TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA OMAHA,NB New Yr's Eve Pigout Diamond Bar
17 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE Bar Night Eagle	24 Human Pet Show 2 Seattle 8 PM Balcony	10 TRIDENT,RHD.ISL. PROVIDENCE Meeting Galaxy	****1990****
17 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS Club Night Phoenix	25 TRIDENT,CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER Meeting Mailbox	10 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC Board Meeting 7PM VGLC	**JANUARY**
17 BUCKS PHILADELPHIA Social 9PM Bike Stop	25 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER Auction/Christmas Shopng Lotus	10 *SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHR SEATTLE Brunch Encore	2 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Circle
17 *ORGASM PORTLAND,OR SM Tech Workshop/Demo Embers	25 SATYRS MC L.A.,CA 35th Anniversary	11 SIGMA WASH,DC Meeting GCC	6 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT Bar Night The Brook
17 *OUTCASTS S.F. Program Mtg/Rope Bondage	25 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Turkey Trot Cafe Mocha	11 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Healing/Meditation	7 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Board Meeting
17 DEFENDERS OF ST.JOHN N.Y.C. L/L Memorial Mass 8PM	25 BUCKS M.C. NEW HOPE,PA Santa Saturday	12 *ORGASM PORTLAND,OR General Meeting Embers	7 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle
17-19 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND Party Weekend C.C.Slaughters	26 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR ALL CITY BAR BUST	12 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Dom.Men/Submis.Women	8 *SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHR SEATTLE Twinkie Roundup II
18 *LEATHER STAR TACOMA,WA Mr/Ms Puget Sound 24th St.Tav	26 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Grand Finale Auction PDX Eagle	12 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE Board Meeting 7:30 IROC Cafe	8 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Exciting Fashion
18 Q.S.M. S.F. Lecture:Musafar 1:30	26 *SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F. Social 2-6 PM	13 G.M.S.M.A. N.Y.C. S/M on \$5 a Scene GLC	9 *ORGASM PORTLAND,OR General Meeting
18 SF EARTHQUAKE REL.FND PORTLAND,OR Daddy's Boy Dirty Duck	26 *NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR Bar Night PDX Eagle	13 DREIZEHN BOSTON Meeting	9 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Consciousness Raising
18 *NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK Memphis Bar Night Chaps,Memphis	27 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Toys/Bondage/Spanking	13 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE Bar Night Eagle	10 *OUTCASTS S.F. Orientation
18 AUCTION/Raffle/Fundraiser	28 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC Bar Night	14 *SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F. Program:Beauty Pageant	10 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Womens'Night
18 RANGERS INC. AKRON,OH Lthr/Uniform Nite Adams St.	28 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. Dom Men/Subm.Women	14 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C. Rap Night	10 DREIZEHN CANBRIDGE,MA Meeting Paradise
18 GMSMA N.Y.C. Leatherfest Eagle	30 *SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F. Program:Ritual Scenes	15 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS Club Night Phoenix	12-14 CENTAUR MC WASH.,D.C. Mr.Mid-Atlant Leather Contest
18 *FIFTEEN S.F. Mad Doctor Party	**DECEMBER**	15 *OUTCASTS S.F. Program Mtg/Erotic	13 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CITY Meeting/Officer Install
18 QSM S.F. Burning/Branding Fakir Musafar	1 *NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs	15 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE Bar Night Eagle	13 *NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK Meeting/Program
18 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Meeting & Social	1-3 RODEO RIDERS MC CHICAGO,IL Polynesian Rodel	15 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO Christmas Party	13 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC Meeting GROW Com Ctr
18 G.M.S.M.A. N.Y.C. Leatherfest Spike Bar	2 Or.Leather Daddy's PORTLAND,OR Contest	15-17 SO.BAY LTHR/UNIV GRP SAN JOSE Russian River Trip	13 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR Potluck 7:30
18 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT Bar Night/Toys 9PM The Pub	2 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE Workshop:Cut/Pierce	16 CITY BIKERS DENVER,CO Christmas Party	14 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC Board Meeting 7PM VGLC
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			4-6 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE MAY DAY 4 & Hr/Ms
			5 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT Bar Night The Brook
			9 DREIZEHN CANBRIDGE,MA Meeting Paradise
			12 *NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK Meeting/Program
			13 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Bar Night Chaps
			13 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC Board Meeting 7PM VGLC
			13 TRIDENT,RHD.ISL. PROVIDENCE Meeting Galaxy
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			**JUNE**
			2 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT Bar Night The Brook
			8-10 TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA OMAHA,NB 6th Anniversary
			9 Mr/Ms Southbay Lthr SACRAMENTO Leather 8PM Little Rock
			9 *NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK Meeting/Program
			16 *NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE Bar Night Chaps
			10 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC Board Meeting 7PM VGLC
			10 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Meeting
			10 TRIDENT,RHD.ISL. PROVIDENCE Meeting Galaxy
			13 DREIZEHN CANBRIDGE,MA Meeting Paradise
			20-24 6TH INTERNAT.CONF S.F. ON AIDS
			30 TRIDENT,CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER Meeting Mailbox
			**MARCH**
			2-5 *NLA:DENVER DENVER,CO Mr/Ms Leather Colorado Wknd
			3 Southbay Leather SACRAMENTO Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest
			3 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT Bar Night The Brook
			9 Wash.State Mr.Leather SEATTLE Slave Auction
			10 *NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK Meeting/Program
			10-11 MENAMORE WILMINGTON Anniv.Weekend
			11 *NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC Board Meeting 7PM VGLC
			11 TRIDENT,RHD.ISL. PROVIDENCE Meeting Galaxy
			11 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY Meeting

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## VASM ANNIVERSARY VII

Much careful planning and community effort by Jim LaRue and other VASM Anniversary committee members paid off handsomely. As the Pacific Northwest's oldest organized SM group, VASM presented an entertaining, educating, and well-organized event.

Beginning with a very social meet and greet, festivities moved smoothly into an improvisational bondage contest. (What would you use 2 chopsticks and a large hair roller for?) Imagination was the key. An evening dinner at Ms T's, VASM's home bar, took care of formal speeches and recognition of visitors. Much interest and concern were directed toward the many friends in the San Francisco Bay Area and the recent earthquake.

The evening progressed with technical demonstrations on the many uses of electricity by Dean Dunlap and shaving by George Nelson. Both demonstrated techniques and equipment and responded to questions, and later did a little personal practice in the dungeon space organized for the event. The playground was well set up and well used.

Sunday closed the non-member events with a well-prepared brunch at Thurlow's Restaurant. With attendees from as far away as Winnepeg, this anniversary was the best attended in the organization's history.

The annual membership meeting and elections following chose Dave Lewis as President, Dean Ryane as Vice President, Jim Leroux as Secretary, Michael Scroda as Treasurer, and J. Hanson as Member-At-Large for the next year, and a busy calendar is being planned. Very well done to VASM for their event and congratulations on 7 years of activity and visibility for our Leather/SM/Fetish Community.

## GREAT NEWS FROM NLA:BC

As a membership benefit, NLA:BC has worked with the following Vancouver, BC, businesses to provide discounts for card-carrying NLA Members:

MACK'S LEATHERS, 1234 Granville, 10%  
OCTOPUS BOOKS, 1146 Commercial, 10%  
ULTRA LOVE PRODUCTS, 1151 Davie, 10%  
LOVE'S TOUCH, 1069 Davie, 10%  
THURLLOW'S RESTAURANT, 1221 Thurlow, 15%  
HERITAGE HOUSE HOTEL, 455 Abbott, 20%  
SATYR LEATHER SUPPLY, 940 Granville, 10%  
SECOND SKIN, 432 Homer, 20%  
THE DRAGON, #505 1755 Robson, 20%  
BOOKS UNLIMITED, 1083 Granville, 10%

The NLA:BC support group (see dates on the NLA Calendar) is now for everyone. It will be working closely within the larger NLA family and in future will be doing much greater outreach with other local kinky and non-kinky groups and individuals.

## THANKS TO DESMODUS

Our special thanks to Desmondus, Inc. They included a letter about the San Francisco Leather Community Earthquake Relief Fund as an enclosure in all copies of the most recent DRUMMER. Given the difficult conditions they must have faced in producing and preparing this mailing, this is a noteworthy gesture.

## LEATHER AA SUPPORT GROUP

In Seattle, a Leather AA Support Group is meeting each Wednesday at 8:00 PM for open discussions on sobriety. The group is open to leathermen and leatherwomen of all orientations. For information, call Howard at (206)-726-4664.

## G.M.S.M.A. LEATHERFEST

GMSMA of New York City announces their sponsorship of Leatherfest on Saturday, November 18, 1989, from 6 to 10 PM, at the Eagle in NYC. This event features socializing, eating, drinking, a 50/50 raffle, and a leather flea market. It is open to all women and men. Cover charge is \$12 (\$8 for GMSMA members) and includes food and 1 drink.

## CYNTHIA SLATER

Cynthia Slater (NLA woman of the year for 1989) died on October 26, 1989. A memorial service will be held, on a date not yet determined. If you would like to attend, please call (415)-626-2458 after November 11 for date and location.

The S/M community is trying to raise funds to fly Cynthia's three daughters to San Francisco for the memorial service. Contributions can be sent to the Outcasts, P.O.Box 31266, San Francisco, CA 94131. Please make checks payable to the Outcasts but mark them for Cynthia's daughters.

—Lunatic Fringe, Nov. '89

## INTERNATIONAL MS. LEATHER

### SUSIE SHEPHERD

#### SCHEDULE FOR NOV.1989-MARCH,1990

November:

10-12, Judge, Ms.Southern California Leatherwoman Contest, San Diego  
18, Mr. & Ms. Puget Sound Leather Contest, Tacoma  
19, Earthquake Benefit performance, Portland  
25, InSL & Earthquake Fundraise, Portland  
26, Earthquake Fundraising, Portland

December:

1, speak at AIDS Vigil Weekend, Portland  
2, Leather function in Salem, OR  
15, SM Christmas in So. California

January, 1990:

20, Mr. Gay Canada Contest, Vancouver  
27, Portland Leatherwoman Contest, Portland

February, 1990:

17, Coronation in San Francisco

March, 1990:

2-4, Leather Weekend & Judge Contest, Denver, CO

## "FIRST LINK" DEADLINES

The deadline for submission of materials for publication in the FIRST LINK, starting with December, will be the 10th of each month. If you wish to submit articles, advertising, or calendar materials, do make sure that it reaches us by the 10th of the month. It is particularly important to get "dateable" material to us quickly, because of our production schedule; material received by the 10th will be printed by the 18th and mailed by the 20th, and will reach our readers' homes starting around the 24th. We try to publish calendar material for our Leather/SM/Fetish family as comprehensively as possible (not only runs and fundraisers, but also programs, bar nights, and meetings). We are always happy to receive contributed articles, as well. Remember to send your FIRST LINK submissions to the N.L.A. at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA. 98107.

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## CYNTHIA ANN SLATER

founder The Society of Janus  
August 7, 1945 - October 26, 1989

Cynthia died at 7 PM on Thursday, October 26, 1989 at Pacific Presbyterian Hospital in San Francisco. Her friend Claudia was with her. Cynthia's journey in the 4-1/2 years since her HIV diagnosis was marked by an attempt to juggle hope, productivity, denial, acceptance, love, anger, political and social action, sadness, fear and her own and others' humanity. How well she succeeded in keeping all the balls in the air can only be determined by those whose lives she touched. Her own sense is that she gave it her best effort.

Cynthia saw herself as an artist who worked primarily in non-traditional mediums. Although she wrote fiction and non-fiction (prose and poetry), painted, sculpted and cooked, she was most proud of her work in the non-traditional spheres. In these areas her accomplishments were many.

She founded the Society of Janus - the first pan-sexual S&M educational and support group on the West Coast (and only the second group of its kind in the world). She was the first self-identified S&M woman to go public to the world at large, educating, rabble-rousing and raising consciousness.

Additionally she created environments. From raking run-down rental units and creating a true ambience of home, which she freely shared with friends, taking bare cement patios or overgrown jungle lots and creating magical, healing gardens, to creating spaces where people of all genders and orientations could come together to support, learn from, and play with each other, she functioned as a bridge between many different worlds. In this she was a healer.

She is survived by her children, Susan Iapaolo, Cathy Sabella and Elizabeth Laviano, and her granddaughter, Kathleen Marie Laviano. She left this world blessed by her children on two counts: their willingness to work with her towards healing their relationship, and their acceptance and love of her real self.

She was also gifted by the love of her friends Joann, Chris, Pat, Candice, Jeremy, Maggie, Sypil and Bill, Sharon and Karen, Tricia, Claudia, David, Roland and Carla, Gayle, Ruth and Bettie, and many others; along with her Shanti volunteer Barbara.

Wherever she is now, if she is anywhere, she would like to be remembered as someone who faced and overcame many struggles with the help of her friends. As she has said many times, "Live's a bitch - but friends, beauty and the chance to contribute make it worth it."

A memorial gathering of her friends will be scheduled for the convenience of her children. Please call (415) 626-2458 for details.

C.S.

[The memorial service for Cynthia will be held Saturday, November 25, at 1:30 PM, at the Unitarian Church (1187 Franklin Street), Martin Luther King, Jr., Room, in San Francisco.]

## Scribbles

It seems like I only just finished the last issue of LINK. Due to printer problems, it was delayed a week even though it already was late following the Portland LIL activities. I guess it seems short because in fact it has only been a week since issue III:10 was mailed. It's a bitch getting back on schedule.

We're still receiving great positive response to LIL. If you haven't returned your questionnaire please do—they are very important for planning LIL V. Letters and news reports have been sent from around the country.

It was a great pleasure to participate in the recent festivities associated with the 7th Anniversary of VASM. I'm not sure I'd always want to have dungeon parties in a 3rd floor walk-up. Carrying a full play-kit up all those stairs is exhausting! And I think the equipment made from a wood A-Frame, a chrome car bumper, and Christmas lights was most imaginative. (Sorry—if you weren't there—you missed it!)

I look forward to the Mr. & Ms. Puget Sound Leather Contest in Tacoma (Nov. 18th). Last year this production was

## BONDAGE BEAUTY PAGEANT

Society of Janus, San Francisco, announces its annual Bondage Beauty Pageant on Dec. 14, 1989. This contest is open for everyone to enter. Prizes will be offered for winners in several categories. Write Society of Janus, P.O.Box 6794, San Francisco, CA, 94101 for information.

## SOCIETY OF JANUS SURVIVES 'QUAKE

There were no reports of fatalities to any Janus members as of Oct. 20, 1989, but some members have had structural damage to their homes and at least one member has had their home condemned and was forced to move. Desmondus's office at the Shipley address has had extensive damage. They were also moving Friday to a storage location. There is no information at this time where the new store location will be or whether any of the Desmondus publications will be effected. The Janus membership computer is ok, and the GROWING PAINS editor's computer has had no problems. Any proceeds from the October 21 Halloween activity will probably have gone to the NLA Earthquake Relief fund. Janus is an affiliate member of the N.L.A.

—S.K., Soc. of Janus

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great fun and this year should follow in the same tradition. Leather Star continues their charitable work and this is their biggest annual event. I strongly recommend it to our entire Northwest community.

The response we've received to establishment by the NLA:SFBA Chapter of an Emergency Assistance Fund specifically directed toward our Leather/SM/Fetish Community has impressed even me. Fund raisers have been planned, or indeed accomplished, by virtually every other NLA Chapter. The big weekend planned by the Portland community is especially noteworthy. More than just an example of our community generosity, it is a demonstration of the closeness and supportive nature of National Family. Many of us waited anxiously for any news from the area, and as soon as it was received we passed it to the rest of the country. The relief that our community escaped without major physical injury or death has been expressed across the country.

I must note that fundraising doesn't need to be limited to organized NLA

events. Please, any individual or group can make donations or organize fundraising. For example, Desmondus Publications has most generously mailed a letter from NLA:SFBA to all its subscribers. And should there be a surplus of funds, they shall be donated to AIDS related charities. We know of at least one SHANTI residence being very seriously damaged so the help is needed.

Congratulations to the new officers of Seattle Chapter. It was a pleasure to recognize the interest and dedicated energy of so many new organization members. I'm not sure how I'll handle a Board meeting without Vik saying "Do we have an Agenda" and "I need feedback." I understand her relief no longer having to do all the details of Chapter Chair. Now she only has to Chair a National Committee. Vik is also the last of the original officers to leave the Board. Vik was elected to the Board with our first election in November of 1986 and has worked hard on the Board ever since. Well done and thanks for all of us. The baby has grown beyond the expectations, or dreams, of any of us.

## FROM THE ORGASM NEWSLETTER

(reprinted from Oregon Guild Activists of S/M Newsletter of Nov. 1, 1989)

With Living in Leather IV just behind us, the SM community in Portland has never seen more players or had more fun. The three-day event at the Memorial Coliseum brought more than 450 people from around the world to our city, to mingle with local attendees. Workshops were presented, leather and SM goods were sold, and tremendous fun was had by all. If you didn't get a chance to go, next year's will be in San Diego....

If you didn't attend the three dungeon parties though, you really missed out. Because of popular demand, Sunday night was included as a third Dungeon party for LIL attendees and ORGASM members only. Over the course of the three nights, over 1,000 people played on our two-floor dungeon space (which at 15,000 square feet has been said to be the second largest indoor dungeon in the world!) ... You name it, they were doing it at the ORGASM/LIL dungeons! Some of the guests at the parties were bothered by some of the heavier scenes. Please keep in mind the diversity within this community and be aware that we are working on newer guidelines to allow complete diversity — from heavy to light — in scenes while still keeping everything Safe, Sane, and Consensual.

## LIVING IN LEATHER V

Living in Leather V is scheduled for Columbus Day weekend, October 5-8, 1990. Chairs of this Conference are Sallee Huber, Michael Blackburn, and Terri Foster. We are expecting 600 to 800 people to Conference in 1990, which will be better than ever. The Interim National Council of the N.L.A. has directed that the Conference expand to three days of workshops, and that it incorporate two new features, the national Mr. & Ms. NLA Contest, and a general meeting of the N.L.A. Expect information on registration and specific activities over the next several months.

## NEWS FROM DENVER

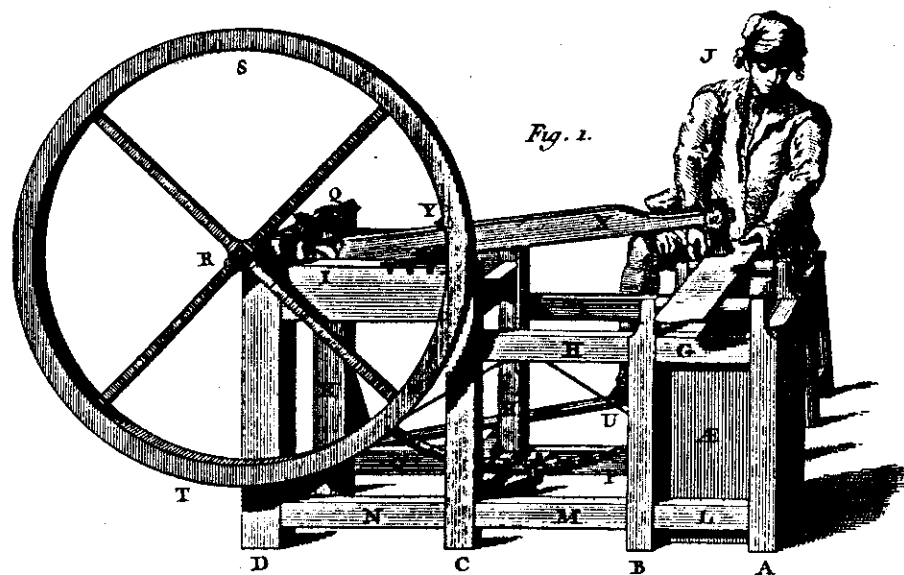
NLA:Denver is proud to Co-Sponsor MR/MS LEATHER COLORADO weekend March 2-5, 1990. Weekend packages will include both contests, an optional ski train day trip, and dungeons.

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