

## NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the National Council will be called to order in Chicago, Illinois, on May 25, 1992, at 9:00 AM and shall be adjourned no later than 2:00 PM. All National Council Members should start making plans to attend. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the International Mr. Leather competition.

## EXEC. COMMITTEE NEWS

In preparation for the May Executive Committee phone meeting, all Committee Chairs, National Officers, and Agents are required to submit their reports, motions, and agenda items to the International Address (P.O.B. 17463, Seattle, WA 98107) by April 15, 1992.

## LIVING IN LEATHER VII

Major contracts have been signed to bring LIL VII to Chicago, Illinois, October 9 to 11, 1992. Conference headquarters and major hotel is the historic Blackstone Hotel at 636 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605. Reservation number is 1-800-622-6330, & rates start at \$80/night. Backup hotel is the Grant Park Best Western at 1100 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, 60605. Reservation number is 1-800-528-1234, and rates start at \$75/night. Coordinating the conference is Paradise Enterprises. Registration fee for members will be \$80 until July 1; for nonmembers, initial fee is \$110. Fees increase after July 1.

Next month, the QuarterLink will feature full details on Living in Leather VII—the Conference you will not want to miss!!

## NLA Chapter News

**NLA: Seattle** (founding Chapter of the NLA Network) reports the best-ever MAY DAY celebrations are about to occur. Celeste is coordinating activities, which received a helping hand at a fund raising auction on Feb. 29 (with great goods donated by businesses & individuals). Celeste assures all that the activities & workshops, parties, dungeons, & vendors' area will "knock your socks off!" Headquarters Hotel is the Downtown Ramada Inn, 800-2-RAMADA. MAY DAY occurs May 1 to 3.

**NLA: Indianapolis** (Circle City Leather) has scheduled meetings for March, April, & May, the second Saturday of each month, at the Metro night club (707 Massachusetts Ave) from 6:30 to 9:45 PM. Their officers are Ed Tobin & Tracy Jennings Co-Chairs, Diana Martin Recording Secretary, Anita King Financial Secretary, & David Hawn Historian. Their new address is 965 Woodruff Pl.W. Drive #2, Indianapolis, IN 46201, or call 317-638-8109.

Big news from **NLA: Austin** is the first Leather Pride Weekend, May 1 to 3, in Austin. Events include parties, a Street Fair, Leather Symposium, a Tex/Mex feed at the Chain Drive, the Mr./Ms. Texas Leather Pride Contest (featuring Shan Carr as M.C.), participation in the Austin Tavern Guild's Splash Day at Hippie Hollow, an NLA Party Boat at Lake Travis, & Closing Ceremonies. Contact the Chapter for more info.

**NLA: New Orleans** has memberships coming in & initial Bylaws written. In order not to conflict with limitations on cross membership imposed by other L/L organizations, an educational/community outreach format for NLA-NO has been adopted. Initial officers are Dotie Gilmore President, Brian Eschette Vice President Programming, Kipp Mullen Vice President Operations, Steve Smith Secretary, & Michael Edwards Treasurer. "Leather Lagnappe" social events will be the first Friday of the month. Contact this Chapter in Formation at P.O.Box 50133, New Orleans, LA 70150-0133.

**NLA: Dallas** offers a new, improved, popular Beyond Vanilla seminar series, starting from the basics & building to the limits, starting March 18 & continuing the following 5 Wednesdays, at the Community Center at Brown & Reagan at 7:30 PM. This series has been a heavy success in the past, & attendance is encouraged. Dallas has proudly presented its first Tupperware Party from Hell on March 6.

**NLA: Kansas City** presents a Leather Fantasy Show at DB on March 28th, following an afternoon of workshops. Serving as officers until the annual meeting April 8 are Janet R President, Jay H Vice President, David E Treasurer, Vada M Recording Secretary (with Ken H Assistant), Paige N Corresponding Secretary, David P Computer Communications, & Joe K & Shawn M Members at Large. Bylaw work is well underway.

**NLA: Deaf International** holds its first General Member Meeting during the Memorial Day Weekend in Chicago, May 22 to 25, in conjunction with International Mr. Leather. They announce the 2nd Deaf International Leather Festival (in conjunction with Deaf Leather Enterprises) August 6 to 9 in Baltimore, MD, with the Mr. Deaf International Leather Contest & Show.

**NLA: San Diego** has hosted its annual bash with Leatherfest IV March 13 to 15. Events included demos & workshops, banquet & parties, vendors, & a fun run.

**NLA: Detroit** is doing well in its regensis, building in membership & staging activities, including its recent trek to Windsor, Ontario, to view Saio or the 120 Days of Sodom. Its second Linkletter has just appeared.

**NLA: Portland** holds its General Membership Meeting April 20 at the Embers. Work is continuing on the anti-OCA drive, including a recent benefit held by Chapter title-holders Kevin Koesel & K.T. Chase.

*The National Leather Association and the Executive Committee as its agents supports the formation and continued existence of active chapters which, in turn, support the National Statement of Purpose. The NLA encourages Chapter participation in the operation and long-range planning of the organizations.*

## N.L.A. CALENDAR

**MARCH, 1992**		
13-15	SAN DIEGO Leatherfest IV	San Diego, CA
14	BUFFALO (CIF) Bar Night	Buffalo, NY Buddies
14	INDIANAPOLIS Meeting 6:30 PM	Indianapolis, IN Metro
15	HOUSTON Bar Night	Houston, TX Venture-N
16	AUSTIN General Member Meeting	Austin, TX
16	METRO NEW YORK Rap Social	NYC, NY Jackson Hole
17	SAN DIEGO Directors' Meeting	San Diego, CA
17	CHICAGO Meeting	Chicago, IL
18	DALLAS Beyond Vanilla Seminar	Dallas, TX Community Ctr.
19	BUFFALO (CIF) Meeting	Buffalo, NY Buddies
19	HOUSTON Guest Bartending	Houston, TX Venture-N
20	SAN DIEGO Beverage Bust	San Diego, CA The Hole
21	NEW ENGLAND Election Meeting	Boston, MA Paradise Cafe
22	NEW ORLEANS Meeting	New Orleans, LA
23	METRO NEW YORK Rap Social	NYC, NY Jackson Hole
24	SAN FRAN. BAY AREA Open Meeting	SF, CA Eagle
25	DALLAS Beyond Vanilla Seminar	Dallas, TX Community Ctr.
28	KANSAS CITY (CIF) Leather Fantasy Show	Kansas City, MO
30	METRO NEW YORK Rap Social	NYC, NY Jackson Hole

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The procedures for the 1992 National Council and Female Co-Chair elections are beginning. In order to nominate individuals for these positions, you must be a member in good standing of the NLA; nominees must also be members in good standing. The nominees for female Co-Chair must have belonged to NLA for at least one year. Persons may nominate themselves. All nominations must be postmarked by May 15, and mailed to "MP Breslin--N.C.Nominations" at 11240 NE 132nd St., #207, Kirkland, WA 98034. Be sure to include the names of nominator and nominated. In order to ensure a fair election (there are fifty-three at-large National Council members to be elected in 1992) we would like to have a list of 65 to 75 names to choose from on the ballot, representative of the wide divergence of orientations, races, genders, and locations of our membership. Nominate as many people as you wish! The National Council meets twice yearly, in the spring and at Living in Leather. Among its major duties are the election of the Executive Committee and certain officers, and the approval of the annual budget.

**From Chuck Higgins, NLA Co-Chair**

When I decided to run for National Co-Chair of this organization, I made a personal vow to NOT sit on my hands and let things go their own way. In my view, my job means planning, leading, organizing, and following through.

As a result, I am aware that the mood of our organization calls for us to become more international in scope. With the newest Chapter-in-Formation in Australia, it is appropriate to consider formalizing connections with other continents and regions. At the January 26th, 1992, EC phone meeting, we moved and approved the establishment of designations for liaison/coordinators, for Canada, Europe, Australia and any other appropriate geographic area. The Co-Chairs would appoint representatives, who would be accountable to the Executive Committee and would provide brief reports for each **QuarterLink**.

We have named Martijn Bakker of Amsterdam to be European Liaison/Coordinator and he has accepted. He travels extensively throughout Europe and has opportunities to make many connections with the European leather community. If you have questions to pose to him, they may be addressed to Mr. Martijn Bakker, Weteringschans 253, 1017 XJ Amsterdam, Netherlands. Jan Lyon and I encourage the membership to submit questions, and consider suggestions for similar liaisons elsewhere. We can continue on the path of "Unity in the Community."

**N.L.A. CALENDAR**

**\*\*APRIL, 1992\*\***

- QUARTERLINK DEADLINE**
- 1 DALLAS Dallas, TX
  - 1 Beyond Vanilla Seminar Community Ctr. NYC, NY
  - 1 METRO NEW YORK
  - 3 Executive Meeting New Orleans, LA
  - 3 NEW ORLEANS
  - 5 Leather Lagnaippe Social Austin, TX
  - 5 AUSTIN
  - 5 Executive Committee Mtng Seattle, WA
  - 5 SEATTLE
  - 6 Board Meeting NYC, NY
  - 6 METRO NEW YORK
  - 6 Rap Social Jackson Hole Portland, OR
  - 6 PORTLAND
  - 7 Meeting Chicago, IL
  - 7 CHICAGO
  - 8 Meeting 8PM Ann Sathers Dallas, TX
  - 8 DALLAS
  - 8 Beyond Vanilla Seminar Community Ctr. Kansas City, MO
  - 8 KANSAS CITY
  - 9 Annual Meeting/Election Houston, TX
  - 9 HOUSTON
  - 11 Meeting Indianapolis, IN
  - 11 INDIANAPOLIS
  - 11-12 Meeting 6:30 PM Metro Houston, TX
  - 11-12 HOUSTON
  - 12 Westheimer Colony Art Festival Seattle, WA
  - 12 SEATTLE
  - 12 General Meeting Vancouver, BC
  - 12 BRITISH COLUMBIA
  - 13 Board Meeting 11 AM Heritage House NYC, NY
  - 13 METRO NEW YORK
  - 13 Rap Social Jackson Hole Vancouver, BC
  - 13 BRITISH COLUMBIA
  - 13 Forum on Tops/Bottoms Attitudes with VASM
  - 15 DALLAS Dallas, TX
  - 15 Beyond Vanilla Seminar Community Ctr. Boston, MA
  - 18 NEW ENGLAND
  - 18 TV/TS Panel Paradise Cafe Portland, OR
  - 20 PORTLAND
  - 20 General Member Meeting Embers Austin, TX
  - 20 AUSTIN
  - 20 General Member Meeting NYC, NY
  - 20 METRO NEW YORK
  - 21 Rap Social Jackson Hole Chicago, IL
  - 21 CHICAGO
  - 22 Meeting Dallas, TX
  - 22 DALLAS
  - 26 Beyond Vanilla Seminar Community Ctr. New Orleans, LA
  - 26 NEW ORLEANS
  - 27 Meeting NYC, NY
  - 27 METRO NEW YORK
  - 27 Rap Social Jackson Hole SF, CA
  - 28 SAN FRAN. BAY AREA
  - 28 Open Meeting Eagle

**\*\*MAY, 1992\*\***

- FIRST LINK DEADLINE**
- 1 NEW ORLEANS New Orleans, LA
  - 1 Leather Lagnaippe Social
  - 1-3 SEATTLE Seattle, WA
  - 1-3 MAY DAY Weekend
  - 1-3 AUSTIN Austin, TX
  - 3 Leather Pride Weekend: First Splash Mr/Ms Texas Leather Pride Contest Austin, TX
  - 3 AUSTIN
  - 4 Executive Committee Mtng Portland, OR
  - 4 PORTLAND
  - 5 Meeting Chicago, IL
  - 5 CHICAGO
  - 5 Meeting 8PM Ann Sathers NYC, NY
  - 6 METRO NEW YORK
  - 6 Executive Meeting

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**AFFILIATE NEWS**

NLA welcomes the renewal of membership by **Cornhaulers L & L Club of Iowa**, P.O.Box 632, Des Moines, IA 50303-0632. Cornhaulers extends thanks and congratulations to NLA and its publications. We also welcome the renewal of **Knights of Leather**, P.O.Box 582601, Minneapolis, MN 55458-2601.

**Black Rose** hosts its Social Spring Fling--Mythological Creatures of the Spring at the Badlands Annex on March 24. Their regular meeting spot is the Metropolitan Community Church in Washington, DC. Call their message line at 301-369-7667 for more information.

**International Ms Leather** will be held March 21, 1992, at Club Townsend (177 Townsend St., San Francisco, CA) with doors opening at 2 PM. For further information, contact 415-871-0350.

**The Lion Regiment** (P.O.Box 1721, Boise ID, 83701-1721, or call 208-322-8174) hosts its fifth annual camp-out, "Wet & Wild '92," at Pine Flats, near Lowman, Idaho. Fees are \$60 each before July 15, \$75 after, and include beer, soda, parties, food, and perhaps surprises. This is a small, but outrageous, outing.

**Shelix** organizer **Bet Power** will be among those presenting at the Female-to-Male TV/TS Panel held by NLA: **New England** April 18 at the Paradise Cafe in Cambridge, MA. Shelix will celebrate its 9th Anniversary in May. Contact them at POB 416, Florence Station, Northampton, MA 01060.

**Oregon Guild Activists of S/M** announce the **Portland Leather Woman Contest** to be held May 24, 1992, at the Embers. **Portland Leatherman** will be held in the Fall.

**Rose Paradox Productions** coordinates the first ever Ms. North East Leather Contest April 3-4, 1992, at Paddles, Zone dk, in New York City. Highlights include M.C. Kay Hallanger (IMsL 1991), a Cocktail Party at the Vault (guest hostess Marie Constance of Dressing for Pleasure), a Leather Market hosted by NLA: **Metro New York** at the LGSC, etc. Beneficiaries are the People With AIDS Coalition's Sister to Sister Project, and Women's Health Action and Mobilization. Further information from 496A Hudson St., Suite D42, NYC, NY 10014, or by calling 718-353-4881.

**Threshold** has just distributed a terrific new resource list for the L.A. area, including toys, clothing, publications, clubs, and services. Contact them regarding availability at 2554 Lincoln Blvd., Suite 381, Marina del Rey, CA 90291.

The publication of the **Association Sportive et Motocycliste de France**, entitled **Les Chaines de l'Amitie**, is getting better and better, featuring articles, activities, commentary, and letters, along with good production and hot graphics. The A.S.M.F. Demons Night is coming up June 12 to

14. Information should be available from B.P. 2, 75965 Paris Cedex 20, France.

Wednesday, April 1, brings **Fit to be Tied** to the Vic Theatre at 3145 N. Sheffield, in Chicago. This celebration of Decadence and Discipline, **Leather and Lust**, is sponsored by the **Chicagoland Discussion Group**, **Wild Times Magazine**, and **Jezebel promotions**. It includes fetish fashion and leather wear of **Male Hide** and **Paul C. Leather**, and extensive bondage demonstrations. Information from 312-472-0449.

**Society of Janus** holds its General Meeting and officer election April 11 in San Francisco. **Janus March 26** program will feature how to buy basic leather working tools.

**Seattle Men in Leather** has just celebrated its third anniversary with a weekend in the wilds, **Equinox III**, held at **Pilgrim Firs** on the Olympic Peninsula. They're hosting the **Mr. Washington State Drummer** contest July 5 at the Off-Ramp in Seattle. For more information, write P.O.Box 20231, Seattle, WA 98102.

**ORGANIZATIONS LIST**

A brand new master listing of **Leather/SM/Fetish** organizations worldwide is available from NLA: International Headquarters (POB 17463, Seattle, WA 98107). It is based on the mailing lists of the Association; since NLA mails each month to 400+ L/SM/F organizations, it is up to date. Send \$6 cash or M.O.

**RUBBOUT I**

**Bill "Northwind" Houghton**, in association with **VASM**, the **Shaggy Horse Bar**, & some hip-booted friends, hosts **RUBBOUT I**, a rubber weekend, March 27-29 in Vancouver BC. Events include "snappy" socializing, a potluck party, a Living in Rubber demo., & wild times. No fees are involved, but due to limited facilities call Bill at 604-253-1258 for information. Bill invites all to "snap to it" & "wade" to Vancouver, & hope for rain!

**PANTHEON AWARDS**

First reports from the **Leather Journal's Pantheon of Leather** weekend indicate that, among the recognitions given, the **National Leather Association** was named **Non-Profit Organization of the Year**, and former Co-Chair **Jim Richards** was named **Man of the Year**. Our congratulations to Jim, and our hearty thanks to the **Leather Journal** for these significant honors!

**Scriblit by George Nelson**

As long as many of us are being non-consensually subjected to an increasing barrage of undesirable but brilliant political advertising telling all of us -- as stupid voters -- if we bother to vote at all -- how we will find their particular brand of tripe ever so much superior to all the other tripe.

At recent South Dakota primary activities, questions were presented regarding AIDS funding. Why did candidate Tom Harkins refuse to speak to these questions? Why did Bill Clinton's response sound both pre-written and carefully rehearsed? Why wouldn't Bob Kerry respond to questions regarding his refusal to co-sponsor the federal Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill? Why did he refuse an opportunity to say anything about AIDS?

I admit I do not always support ACT-UP methods or manners. However -- I'm very glad they're asking the questions.

This stupid voter is also noting who is answering and how.

("Scribbles" will be appearing only in the quarterly **QuarterLink** (next issue is May, 1992).)



**NLA MEMBERSHIP**

The NLA is open to all adults who support our statement of purpose. **National Dues \$30. (\$35. outside North America--U.S. funds)**. Fill out the form below and mail with check or money order to NLA at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

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

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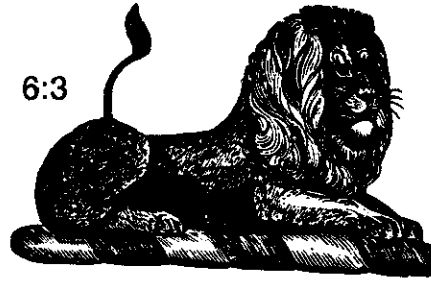
Release my name to the Chapter (if any) in my region. \_\_\_\_\_

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