

THE LINK

As plans go full steam ahead for LIL XI a nice surprise was made know to the planners of this years LIL. The local Miller Beer distributor, last years corporate sponsor has agreed to sponsor LIL XI.

Other noteworthy items for those that may not have been able to attend last years event. Once again LIL will be held in Portland Oregon, where this year we will have the entire Conference Center to ourselves. This means that clothing is optional once inside the doors. This also means that all nightly play parties are being held on the premises. Cost for the nightly parties is \$20.00 for a single and \$30.00 for a couple per party. Advanced tickets may be purchased but be aware there is no refund on unused tickets.

Also note that most meals are included in the cost of the event, not only does this save you time by not having to run around trying to find something to eat, but also gives you more time and money for the important stuff like parties, and shopping at the vendors Market.

As of press time there were still plenty of places a person could be useful. So consider becoming a volunteer. Not only will you receive a discount off your LIL registration but you'll get the personal satisfaction of knowing you helped make yet another LIL fun and successful.

Haven't sent in your registration yet? Do so, remember the earlier you register the less you pay. Cut off for the next price tier is July 15th, so get you registration sent in soon. Also rumor has it that the airlines are getting ready to have a fare war so start looking for some great deals on air fare.

Below is a tentative schedule of events. Remember that the early arrival dinner must be paid for in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. This years theme is Medieval Madness and I have heard it is a not to be missed event. I know I plan on attending if possible.

Tentative Schedule of Events	
Thursday - October 3	
Noon - 8:00PM	Registration
8:00PM - 10:00PM	Early Arrival Dinner
11:00PM - 3:00AM	Nightly Party
Friday - October 4	
	Continental Breakfast
9:00AM - 7:00PM	Registration
10:00AM - 5:00PM	Workshops
10:00AM - 6:00PM	Vendors Market
Noon - 2:00PM	Lunch
6:00PM - 7:00PM	Cocktails
7:00PM - 9:30PM	Opening Ceremonies
11:00PM - 3:00AM	Nightly Party
Saturday - October 5	
	Continental Breakfast
9:00AM - 7:00PM	Registration
10:00AM - 5:00PM	Workshops
10:00AM - 6:00PM	Vendors Market
Noon - 2:00PM	Lunch
6:00PM - 7:00PM	Cocktails
7:00PM	Dinner
8:30PM - 10:00PM	NLA:International Stage Show
11:00PM - 3:00AM	Nightly Party
Sunday - October 6	
10:00AM - 5:00PM	Workshops and Vendors
9:00PM - 1:00AM	Nightly Party

I personally would like to thank in advance Jeff Rose, this years LIL director as well as the various committee members that are working hard to put this all together for us. Without you guys none of this would be possible, and sometimes we get so caught up in the excitement of things we forget to say thanks. Since I plan to be real caught up in everything, please consider this my THANKS in advance.

See you in Portland

Michelle Harris
Editor
THE LINK

Room Reservation Alert

Anyone planning or even thinking about attending LIL XI should make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. We were just recently made aware of an Amway Convention being held the same weekend as LIL and hotels close to the Conference Center are booking up fast. As of the 15th of June the following hotels had no rooms available.

Best Western at the Convention Center	4th & 5th sold out
Rodeway Inn	sold out
Portland Thriftlodge	sold out
Holiday Inn Downtown	4th - 6th sold out
Best Western Rose Garden	4th & 5th sold out
Red Lion Lloyd Center	4th sold out.
Travelodge	sold out

As of the 15th of June the following hotels still had rooms available.

Comfort Inn Convention Center	LIL room available
Mark Spencer 503-224-3293	
Residence Inn 503-288-1400	
Wayside Motor Inn 800-547-8828	not sure of distance to LIL
Delta Inn 503-289-1800	" "

This list in no way covers all the hotels in the Portland area, nor should it be considered an endorsement or non-endorsement of any hotels listed. It is just being supplied as a guide for making reservations. Contact Niccole at All Star Travel at 1-800-484-9721 access code 7272, for the most current information.

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Austin TLP Highlights

LETTERS FROM THE CHAIRS

Female Co-Chair by K.T.Chase

Male Co-Chair by Mark Frazier

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Right: Lynda B, (NLA :Dallas) and Shane Carr Bo-Derrecking Rikki (NLA:Dallas) during the outing on Lake Travis at Austin's TLP in May.

Below: The end result, Rikki in all her glory.

If your chapter has photographs that would like to be considered for publication in **THE LINK**, see requirements below. All persons in photo must sign back showing permission to publish.

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Greetings, Fellow Members;

Our organization has come a long way since my taking office twenty-one months ago. We have made great progress in overcoming problems of the past. We can now look forward and build our future on a more firm foundation.

In the past few months, it has been a pleasure to attend events the Texas chapters have presented. I would to thank Houston and Austin for their financial assistance in making it possible for my being able to attend and to those members who extended their most gracious hospitality by opening their homes to me, for my all to brief visit. I must say, the cooperation of all three chapters and their interaction with one another has been most impressive.

When I receive newsletters from chapters and read their list of events, I am proud to see the effort they are putting forth to achieve the expectations of chapters and to serve our community at large. When chapters assist each other even in the smallest ways, it brings us all closer, and builds a strong sense of community and family. We need to keep building upon this foundation. We are not here to compete against each other. We are here to continue to create a strong and united force.

A strong and united force for what? To survive whatever life throws our way. For example, The Houghton case. Here was a seemingly average upstate New York family. The Houghton's children had no idea their parents practiced SM until their estranged roommate broke back into their home, stole a private video and turned it over to authorities. This family has been torn apart by a most blatant violation of trust and privacy. These types of destructive people are ever-present in our community, and we must be aware of how these kinds of circumstances could happen to any of us, at any time. Our privacy and our freedom to express ourselves as consenting adults should never be an issue used against us. Confidentiality and privacy are among the most basic of rights that we as Leather/SM/Fetish people need to maintain and protect.

Our community prides itself on its traditions and integrity. Most of us are wise enough not to air our personal conflicts in a public forum. But when personal issues that individuals or groups have with one another become public, there is a total lack of respect and consideration for our community that can only prove to be an embarrassment to all of us. For example, as one right-wing organizer was quoted on a recent ballot measure campaign, "The gays are all busy fighting among themselves. We've got them exactly where we want them." The conflict we create among ourselves clearly leaves us vulnerable. Our abilities are hindered when we permit sophomoric rhetoricians to divert our focus from more important issues.

With this being an election year, we are faced with candidates and politicians whose agendas will directly impact all of our lives. Now, more than ever, our organization needs to become a well-informed and motivated force to protect all of our community. It is of the utmost importance that we remain focused and continue to build rather than destroy. We are on a path of positive progress. I encourage you to attend Living in Leather XI in Portland, October 3-6, for a glimpse of where this path might take your chapter and you as an individual, as we head into the 21st century.

Continuing to be at your service,
K.T.CHASE

Making a Difference

As you read the nominations, you become keenly aware that there is one nomination that blank. There were no candidates who accepted the nomination for Female Co-Chair.

Some of the considerations which may have weighed heavy in declining the nomination could have been fear of failure, fear of attacks on your character, confronting conflicts, time management and ones financial independence.

As the counterpart to the Female Co-Chair, let me confirm that all of these things must be taken into consideration when running for any position. All should be pondered but not dwelled upon.

Fear, attacks and conflicts are things which are confronted everyday. Time management or "free time" becomes the largest single obstacle one must consider. Do you have to time to do an "effective job"? If not then one should decline any nomination. Financial independence is not a factor that needs to be considered. NLA- I is financially secure (unlike 1994-1995).

The position of co-chair is not an easy task to undertake. One must act as a facilitator coalition building, communicator, and a business person at any given time or a simultaneously. The position can become very time consuming if you can not manage time. Yes, it can be expensive if "no" is not a part of your vocabulary.

Last year when I was NLA-I Treasurer, your outgoing Female Co-Chair, and I spent about 70 hours a week at times resolving problems and helping plot our future course. Large amounts of our personal moneys were spent on the organization for anything from phone calls to printing and mailing **THE LINK**. Both realized that there was no money for reimbursements. We realized that it was something we wanted to do because of the devotion we felt towards the organization. The problems of last year are in the past. Our jobs have become much easier.

Today we spend about 10-15 hours a week completing NLA-I work. The board is strong and works as a cohesive unit and assumes responsibility for projects they are working on. We have a working budget, so most expenses are reimbursed and in a very timely manner.

K.T. I would like to say thank you for a job well done.

When K.T. steps aside and into the position of Wisdom Keeper on the board, it will leave a chair vacant. Yes, but only for a time. Until a special election can be held later in the year an interim Co-Chair will be appointed by the EC.

Now is a time when our female members must step forward and become involved. Your position will not be a difficult one to settle into. You will have the support of the board and myself.

Why does K.T. not run for another term? I think that was best answered in her statement in the last issue of **THE LINK**. But, realize she would have to place her life/business on hold to serve another 3 years on the board. Would it be fair to ask her? No, I think not. I believe that if asked K.T. would do it but at the end of her next tenure, she would do like most of the past EC, she would back away completely due to burn out. Our members are too valuable for us to let that happen again.

I can understand wanting parts of your life and privacy back. To enjoy quality time with loved one and make plans for the future. K.T. has served the position of Female Co-Chair very well. She will continue to serve NLA-I.

In closing I would ask the females to consider running for the position during the special election. K.T., the board and myself are available to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact us.

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Statement of Purpose

To establish and maintain a worldwide communication, information, education and support network for sisters and brothers of the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

To promote with power and pride the right of all adults to engage in Safe, Sane and Consensual sexual expression.

To increase communication and understanding among women, men and transgenerals of Leather/SM/Fetish interests and lifestyles.

To facilitate political activism, visibility and education in order to destroy stereotypes, misconceptions, and media misrepresentations about the Leather/SM/Fetish family in the community at large.

To provide, through our publications, educational material and *LIVING IN LEATHER* conferences, a forum for sharing of knowledge, viewpoints and practices of a diverse group of men, women and transgenerals.

To build, strengthen and defend individuals, organizations, publications and businesses within our community, especially against threats to their freedom of expression, freedom of press, right to free association and right to equal protection under the law.

To develop outreach to women, those people of color, transgenerals, the hearing impaired, those physically challenged and other minorities who have been traditionally discriminated against or poorly represented in the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

To develop fund raising for deserving projects, clubs, organizations, defense funds, and/or other charities which have given or are giving direct service to the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

To fight for the decriminalization of all sexual acts between consenting adults.

To preserve a record of our history, traditions and culture.

STATEMENT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

NLA International (NLA:I) has called on the Leather/SM/Fetish community to take the lead in reducing domestic violence through education.

NO GROUP IS FREE OF DOMESTIC BATTERING AND ABUSE, BUT FEAR, DENIAL AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE HAVE SLOWED PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THIS SERIOUS SOCIETAL PROBLEM.

NLA:I is committed to reducing this violence by attempting to:

1. Show that community action can reduce domestic violence;
2. Hold batterers accountable for choosing to be violent; to encourage victims to take legal action; to deny drug or alcohol abuse excuses; to encourage the batterers to seek treatment, and the victim to seek support;
3. Listen to and support those who have had the courage to tell us; to help them end their shame and isolation;
4. Educate the legal and social service systems about the difference between consensual SM and domestic violence, and to encourage their appropriate intervention;
5. Take responsibility for educating our community about the forms of domestic abuse and their extent and severity, and
6. Promote information and where to get help.

Domestic abuse takes many forms: physical violence, isolation, outright and subtle psychological or emotional abuse, economic control, sexual abuse and the destruction of personal property. Non-consensual manipulation, terror and assaults are not part of Sadomasochism.

NLA advocates relationships and friendships based on personal responsibility, honesty and integrity in which power and pleasure derive from mutual respect.

Biography's of NLA :I Nominees

FEMALE CO-CHAIR

There were no nominees that agreed to run. There will be a special election to fill this chair, and an interim Female Co-Chair will be named by the EC.

TREASURER

SPENCER BERGSTEDT

Spencer has served on the EC for the past two years as a member-at-large. He is the former President of NLA:Seattle and a member of numerous leather organizations. Spencer has actively worked in the gay, lesbian, leather and transgender communities for over 12 years and has served in officer positions on numerous boards of director. He is the past Treasurer of Alice B. Theatre, and has held the presidents position on 4 boards. He is a lawyer in private practice in Seattle. His experience and skills with non-profits, finances and the law have been put to good use with NLA:I. Two of his articles have appeared in past issues of THE LINK.

MELISSA J. "MADAME TALYN" BROADWAY

Talyn is the current CEO and Treasurer of First Gay and Lesbian Credit Union in Dallas. She served in the past as Secretary, Education Chair and 1994 Director of "Beyond Vanilla" for NLA:Dallas. Talyn also served as Southwest Regional Chairman for Stonewall 1994. She has been a presenter at LIL IX and other NLA events and is a sponsor of various domestic violence prevention outreach programs.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

ATHENA LYONS

Athena is the Secretary of NLA:Columbus and former Secretary of the Dungeon Guild of Columbus and is member of The Dragons Leather Club. She is the recipient of the 1994 Order of Merit Award from NLA:I. Athena has held the titles of Ms. All-Ohio Leather 1994 and won the Dragon Leather contest 1996. She has presented leather workshops and keynote addresses and is a strong and active advocate of safe, sane, consensual BDSM, both on computer and at leather events.

SAM JESKE

NLA:I Membership Chair. President NLA:Austin 1994/95 and 1995/6. Co-Chair NLA:Austin 1993/94. Coordinator TLP III 94. Member of NLA since 1993 and GWNN from its inception. Library technician at University of Texas. Owned by a lovely silken Maine Coon named Tyrone and serves his every need. Performs two rope tricks (neither one very well). Delights in his own particular peculiarity. And speaking of misfits, owns an Amiga computer. Regrets some past actions, savors others. Has selective memory. Can tie his own shoes. Plays with himself. Spaces out. Smiles devilishly. Chuckles quietly.

JIM RICHARDS

Jim was the Co-Chair of NLA:I from 198-91, sat on the EC from 1992-93, is currently a member-at-large of the NLA:Dallas EC and is filling a position with the NLA:I EC. Jim was the host and co-coordinator of Dallas Conference 1987 and was Co-Chair of SSCA prior to its merger with NLA in 1988. In 1992, Jim received the Man of the Year Award from The Leather Journal.

JEFF ROSE

Jeff was Mr. Portland Leather 1993. He participated in and assisted with fund raising for the "March on Washington". In addition, he has assisted with several other organizations efforts such as San Francisco's AIDS projects, The Leather Archives, Seattle's AIDS projects, and so many AIDS, educational and political efforts in the Portland area that they're to numerous to name. He has been a board member of NLA:Portland since 1993 and served as President during 94-95. He is the co-founder of the Bill & Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship. A scholarship set-up for third year law students, dedicated to the fight for civil rights for all, who will practice in the state of Oregon. He served as Assistant Director of Living In Leather X and is currently Director of Living In Leather XI.

There were a number of nominees for the various positions on the NLA:I EC. Some chose to decline the nominations for a variety of reasons and only those who accepted their nominations are listed here and on your ballots. Nominations were received by Elections Chair Spencer Bergstedt and the nominees were contacted to determine their acceptance/declination of the nomination. Each nominee was asked to submit a biography for publication in The Link. Ballots were prepared by NLA:I Female Co-Chair KT Chase and NLA:I Secretary will be responsible for tallying the results.

Please mark and return your ballots on or before the 15th of September.

NLA Dallas Holds Movie Night Fund-raiser for The Houghton Case.

The following is a review of one of two films shown by NLA:Dallas at The Dallas Eagle for local fund-raiser in June. The other film will be reviewed next issue.

A video directed by Michelle Handelman
M+M Productions Ph: 510-245-1709
77 mins.

Reviewed by Lynda Blakeslee, Dallas NLA

If you've ever wanted to know what girls do when "they just want to have fun", the BloodSisters is THE educational documentary for you! Although the audience for this stimulating production is obviously the leatherdyke community, the excellent political and historical discussions about the SM community will appeal to all viewers. Key women in the San Francisco lesbian leather scene provide thoughtful narrative interspersed with saucy vignettes of actual SM play. Of particular note is author/activist Pat Califia's astute comment on the politics of SM within the feminist community. She provides the historical background of the early leatherdykes' efforts to be acknowledged as having the right to their SM orientation: a time in the development of feminist theory when masochism was considered "patriarchal" disease for which feminism was the "cure". I think this aspect of the film particularly valuable to newcomers to the scene as well as for fellow leathermen in understanding why women in the leather community are often still so closeted.

As informative as this video is, make no mistake about it...this is one hot film! There are some beautiful scenelets depicting the erotic energy between tops and bottoms as they play. The pleasure of both players is evident as limits are sought. One caution here: for leather curious women, many of these scenes are advanced play and one needs to remember, arenegotiate within safe, sane and consensual guidelines. The viewer is treated to some very sexy moments of domination by Skeeter...certainly made this top consider being on her knees for a minute or two.

The film is well produced and accompanied by a fun SM-themed sound track. Nasty girl rock'n roll about safe sex and about the merits of being well trained..."I won't be topping from the bottom anymore." I felt that the momentum slowed somewhat during the portrayals of the leather contests but then this reviewer admits to always being more interested in the juicier (pardon the pun) parts of any film. Blood Sisters is an important and positive contribution to media depiction of the SM community.

Check your leather friendly bookstore or video shops for Blood Sisters or Call: Shades of Grey 214-521-GREY or email: kbrown1166@aol.com \$39.95 includes shipping and handling

Houghton Case Update

June 18th 1996

The Houghtons appeared in criminal court today with their attorney and learned the prosecutor still had not responded to the defense request for discovery.

The prosecutor then offered the Houghtons the same plea bargain proffered at their last court appearance - if they agreed to plead guilty, the charge of reckless endangerment against Selina would be dropped to disorderly conduct, and the three misdemeanor charges against Steve Houghton would be dropped to a single Class E charge. The Houghtons' attorney again rejected this offer and repeated his request for the prosecutor to disclose the alleged evidence against the Houghtons. The next criminal court date is July 16.

At the family court level, the Houghtons will be in court on June 21.

Defense Fund Tally as of June 18th 1996

Total Collected	\$15,691.71
Amount to Attorneys	\$ 9,606.00
Balance	\$ 6,085.71

The Houghtons will be in Columbus Ohio the weekend of June 27-29 for events during Columbus Ohio's Leather Pride week.

Donations can be sent to:

The Boudoir-Noir Defense Fund
Box 5, Stn F
Toronto, Ontario Ca. M4Y 2L4

make checks payable to
The Boudoir-Noir Defense Fund.

A host of fund-raising events are schedule in all parts of the country, check with your local chapter to see what they planning.

For current fund, and case updates as well as a list of events scheduled by other groups around the country check out the Noir website.

<http://www.boudoir-noir.com>

Remember folks if this can happen in NY state, it can happen in any state. Get active in your community, talk to your friends, help educate the general public that consensual BDSM isn't a sickness, its a lifestyle choice. It may seem futile one voice at a time, but remember we are collectively the voice of many, and we will not be silenced.

Biography of K.T. Chase Female Co-Chair, NLA-International, 1993-1996

Like the head of a major department store chain who has worked his way up from stock boy to CEO, K.T. Chase has invested a grueling percentage of his body and soul into the betterment of the Leather/SM/Fetish community in particular, the NLA-I, for the better part of the past decade.

Following a period of active membership in the Oregon Guild Activists of SM (ORGASM), Chase was selected to its Vice Presidency in 1990 and became its President a year later. In these capacities, she played a critical role in the screaming—quite literally—success of the dungeon parties at LILs IV and V. Chase gave up her presidency in the spring of 1992 in order to focus on spearheading early fundraising efforts against the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) infamous Ballot Measure 9. That measure was a more constricted version of Colorado's Amendment 2, recently struck down by The U.S. Supreme Court, and if passed, would have denied civil rights of not only homosexual and bisexuals, but of Leather/SM/Fetish people as well.

By now, Chase was six months into her term as Ms. NLA/Portland, a title she won less than a month after marrying (the Laws of the State of Oregon to the contrary and notwithstanding) her slave, Susie Shepherd (Portland Leatherwoman 1989, IMSL 1989). She was also Vice President of NLA/Portland having served as a member-at-large for the previous two years. In these capacities, she was instrumental in developing and expanding Portland Leather Pride from being a weekend event to a week long celebration of the Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle, and mentored numerous future activists and leaders of the local chapter.

In spring of 1992, Chase and her slave were talked into entering the first International Masters & Slaves contest—"C'mon, you guys—we have a heterosexual couple and a gay male couple; we need a lesbian couple to try to balance the competition." Chase and Shepherd protested, citing the looming battle with the bigots over Measure 9, but agreed to enter "just the for the spirit of the community," and won anyhow. Because their fundraising efforts were so focused on the battle on the home front, the first International Master and Slave traveled very little. But to promote their title, they purchased ads of support and congratulations for the programs in most major leather events that year, leading to various false "sightings" of them across the country. In these ads, the continued their fundraising, providing the addresses of the campaigns in Colorado and Oregon where leatherfolk could send their war dollars. The result were phenomenal: One morning, they picked up *The Oregonian*, Oregon's only statewide daily newspaper, to read the front page article about out-of-state dollars pouring in to fight Ballot Measure 9, and were delighted to see The Eulenspiegel Society of New York and Seattle Men in Leather named with mainstream organizations. In all, the Leather/SM/Fetish community was directly responsible for no less than \$65,000 dollars for that campaign.

Having completed her year as Ms. NLA/Portland, Chase continued the plan she had structured for herself a year before—to run for Ms. NLA-I. When she won that contest, she became the first person in the history of the leather community to hold two international titles simultaneously.* (Note: Chase insists on maintaining visibility at the local level, despite holding an International title. Turning 40 during her NLA-I year was so traumatic that she decided to make her birthday party a fund-raiser for Portland's Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. The idea was so successful that it became an annual event—she recently hosted her 4th Annual Birthday Party—and not only has brought in hundreds of dollars for charity in so doing, but has inspired other community activists to celebrate their birthdays similarly.) The zeal with which Chase carried the NLA-I title paved the way to her easily winning election to the EC of the NLA-I, upon stepping down—or "stepping aside" as she put it, from her title. Chase maintained a high profile in her continued commitment to the NLA—creating her 'entre' to yet another slot on the ballot—this time for Female Co-Chair, in 1994.

The rest is history—recent NLA-I history, that is. Chase became Co-Chair under the then newly formed by laws. For the past two years, she has demonstrated her passion for the Leather/SM/Fetish community by rolling up her sleeves and working diligently to bring the NLA-I up to being a more organized and financially stable organization. With the complete cooperation of the membership and the EC under the combined leadership of the late Albee Krause, Chase and Mark Frazier, NLA-I is operating in the black and is fast becoming the strong and vital force it was meant to be for all of the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

So what happened to Chase the person in all this? What about her life in the seemingly rare moments that have not been so freely given to her community? Her years in ORGASM came at what would be the conclusion of a long career doing full apartment renovations. The hours she spent dragging her tools from work site to dungeon-in-making were far too numerous to count. In mid-May 1992, upon the completion of an apartment she constructed almost single-handedly, all of her tools were stolen from her van, in what was clearly a targeted theft. The loss fell through a loophole in her insurance and without her tools, she had no employment. Upon her return from IML a few weeks later, however, a friend with late-stage AIDS moved in with Chase and her slave. Chase became a state-licensed caregiver, and John was her first of three consecutive close friends for whom she would give care fight up to the end. John died the night before she became Ms. NLA-I; Kevin her NLA/Portland co-Titleholders and co-performer for years (you should here her sing!) die three nights before she stepped down from that title and Don, Kevin's partner for over 11 years and a woodcarving mentor for Chase, died a few months before Kevin.

John's death created in Chase a need to express herself in a way she never had, and woodcarving was it. In less than a month, the inherent talent of Chase—who is Cherokee, Chippewa and Apache ("and 1/4 French") became abundantly clear. One Portland gallery offered to purchase her first major sculpture for \$300, an offer she turned down—but not their request for an full gallery showing a mere three months later. As an artist, she is Kaite Chase and her work focuses on endangered species and traditional Native American themes. Chase has won a number of blue ribbons, had three successful gallery showings and has frequently sold out her portfolio as she has traveled throughout the county on NLA business. She looks forward to sharing this aspect of herself at the vendor's space at Living in Leather XI.

Finally—and probably most important—is the newly regenerated life of Kaite Chase, the mother and grandmother. Separated from her son and daughter now 19 and 21 years old, respectively, by their very alcoholic, homophobic father more than 13 years ago, Chase wondered for years when this most fundamental aspect of her life would come back together. Shortly before his death in March 1995, Chase's father-in-law, Bill Shepherd, former attorney for the NLA, put into motion a chair of events which would lead to the reintegration of Chase and her children and as it turns out, her almost 2 year old grandson. Her mother's heart finding resolution after over a decade of anguish, and a brilliant future as one of Oregon's emerging artists of the 90's, join to make sure that Chase's stepping out of the Leather/SM/Fetish limelight, is like her, anything but boring.

Chapter Profiles New England, Columbus Oh, Metro NY

NLA: New England Chapter Profile

The chapter was founded by Joan Donnelly in 1991. A long-time member of the T-Bears and other groups around Boston, Joan had felt a real need for a group that wasn't purely social, that had the ability to bring other groups together and respond to the needs of the larger community.

The New England chapter began meeting at Paradise, a small gay bar in Cambridge. Early meeting topic presenters included Alan Chiras of Leatherforce 2000/Worcester AIDS Project on safe s/m play and local members of the Pink Flamingos. After disputes with Paradise management, meetings moved to the Boston Ramrod, a leather bar with a long history of supporting the community, and that has been our home ever since.

Under Joan's leadership, and later John Klein our current male-co-chair, the chapter hosted a "sash bash" at the Ramrod, with many former and then current Titleholders including Ms. NLA-I Laura Goodwin from Connecticut, and Mr. Boston Leather A.J. Steigerberger, organized for several years the Pride Parade's "Leather Contingent" and provided a van for those who could not walk the route to ride in.

We also hosted Pride fund-raisers, selling t-shirts and pins, and manned a literature table on the green during the Pride rally. Our most successful on-going community event has been the Fetish Fair Fleamarket, which Cecilia Tan founded in 1993, and which has grown into the largest leather/fetish event in New England, attended by young and old, gay and straight, women and men, goths, bikers, dommes, everyone comes to shop and see their friends.

The chapter has had many ups and downs as various board positions have been left empty for various periods of time, but two new board members recently joined us and John Klein and Cecilia Tan continue on as male co-chair and Director of Communications. In the chapter's future we hope to be more involved with legislation in Massachusetts, including the current fights to overturn the sodomy law and the ban on tattoo parlors.

NLA:Columbus Ohio Profile

Basically we have been around a few years. We have educational events second Sundays. Currently we are at Outland on Perry between First and Second in the Harrison West area. Meetings are at two in the afternoon. We sometimes have a Sat. Support group at a library at three to discuss the emotional aspects of SM relationships. We have numerous social and fundraising/charitable events, some with other clubs. Socials include bowling, the movies, dinners, play, bad bar tours, canoeing, flea markets, etc. Current co-chairs are Jan and Jerry. Brenda is treasurer, Athena is recording secretary, and Jason is newsletter and correspondence.

NLA: Metro New York

NLA: Metro New York Chapter is a pansexual organization. We cater to people of all sexual proclivities provided they follow the safe, sane, consensual guidelines. Our current president is Johnny Science. We hold many of our social events at the Hellfire club located on 9th Avenue between 13th & 14th Streets. We also have functions at The Center located on 208 West 13th Street just West of 7th Avenue. Our general membership meetings are at the Moonstruck Diner located at the SW corner of 23rd Street & 9th Avenue.

Our chapter hotline is (212) 802-9295.

Our mailing address is:
National Leather Association: Metro New York Chapter
P.O. Box 1084 - Murray Hill Station - New York NY 10056

Following is a list of our scheduled events:
(Some dates have not yet been confirmed by the Hellfire club. Please call our chapter hotline for information)

Mon. 7/1 -8pm	@ Moonstruck: NLA: Metro NY Annual Elections
Thurs. 7/11 -8pm	@ Hellfire: Foot & Boot Party (call chapter hotline for confirmation of the event)
Mon. 7/15 -8pm	@ The Center: Toys & Tales (Show & Tell)
Fri. 7/26 -7-10pm	@ Hellfire: Sweaty Bondage Party
Thurs. 8/8 -8pm	@ Hellfire: Corporal Punishment Party
Mon. 8/19 -8pm	@ The Center: The SM Q&A Game
Fri. 8/23 -7-10pm	@ Hellfire: Hot Buns Play Party

NLA: Metro New York Chapter invites all who are interested to attend our events. Functions at The Center are \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for non members. Functions at Hellfire are free for NLA: Metro New York members, members of other local SM organizations may be entitled to discounts with proof of membership (please contact Hellfire).

If you have a particular interest or area of expertise and you would like to actively participate in any events, or, if you have any suggestions please call us at (212) 802-9295 and leave a message.

Every NLA: Metro New York event is open to people of all Genders & Sexual Preferences. All NLA: Metro New York activities comply with NY State Laws & Safe Sex Guidelines. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PRACTICING SAFE, SANE & CONSENSUAL PLAY.

Information for Chapters and Their Officers by Dean Walradt NLA:I Chapter Rep.

In the aftermath of the San Francisco office and the San Francisco membership data base, NLA:I's Membership Committee Chair, Sam Jeske and Glenn Scott of Austin, Texas had a tremendous task before them. Rebuilding the NLA:I membership data base has taken several months (going on a year). They had to figure out, reprocess, redevelop, and basically rebuild from scratch the whole thing. One of the hard decisions was putting membership expiration on many months of material received for processing months past the date it was initially sent it. To save time many memberships were given extensions when the expiration date of 11/1/96 was assigned. This often resulted in a member actually receiving anywhere from three to eight months free membership.

Then the questions arose with those chapters who encourage their members to keep their chapter membership in line with their NLA:I membership so that member always met the chapter criteria of being a current NLA:I. For those chapters who make this a priority (as I think all should) may I suggest that as there members come due to renew for the chapter (but their NLA:I date is four or five months away yet), that the chapter pro-rate the chapter dues. Thus, the member pays their chapter dues from the month his chapter membership expires to the month their NLA:I membership expires. At this time the member will receive a renewal from the chapter (if one is sent out) and from International, and thus, all dates will correspond again.

The NLA:I EC is working on a "universal" membership application. Once the details are finished the basic NLA:I membership application can be adapted to each chapter. The four fold (8 1/2 x 14) application will have some generic areas of it which the local chapter can "cut & paste" their logo, address, and membership information to. The NLA:I application pretty much has everything a chapter will need to know if the individual joins through that chapter, and at the same time gets the information that the NLA:I's Membership Committee requires. Once the form is finished and approved through the EC (aiming for the August meeting), chapters will receive masters of the application and be asked to adopt the form with or without their local information. By the beginning of 1997 NLA:I membership may be required to be on this form to be accepted.

Finally as Chapter Rep. I am working with each chapter to make sure their membership rosters correspond with NLA:I's membership roster. Since it is required that members in chapters be members of NLA:I, it is important that chapters be able to get their roles in line with International's. The Membership Committee will be giving me monthly membership roles for all active NLA:I members. I am requesting that chapters send me their chapter roster so I can "balance" them. Since there are NLA:I members who do not want contacted by a chapter, this system preserves their privacy. Once a chapter's roster is balanced with NLA:I's that chapter will receive a bi-monthly report from NLA:I Membership on current chapter members.

Anthony F. DeBlase a.k.a Fledermaus
Member- at- Large

NEWS FROM TORONTO

Tony remembers being fascinate by movies and comics of men tied up and whipped when he was 6, and from that age he could often be found in th closet tying himself up and jerking off . In the years before he came out of the closet, he spent a lot of time in libraries looking up words like torture, slavery flogging, and punishment in the card catalogs and further satisfying his craving for written materials on the subject by writing them himself. In the early 70' he sent some of his stories to Larry Townsend and was amazed when they were included in one of Larry's first collections of fiction by other authors. Since the main story was set in a German castle and since Tony was working on his dissertation on bats at the time, he selected "Fledermaus" as his nom-de-port Many more stories followed for Larry Townsend, RFM, Drummer, Honcho, etc.

In 1977 he attended Inferno 5, Chicago Hellfire Club's first overnight SM run (why 5 was the first is another story), and by 1979 he was determined t stay on the guest list for this event so he joined CHC to make certain he could keep attending. He helped plan Inferno 8 in 1980, the first two night Inferno and devised the system of demonstrations, contests and the SM Flea Market, which are still important parts of Inferno. His experience with the King Tt exhibit while he was Chief of Security at the Field Museum in Chicago gave birth to the system of Duty Officers and Dungeon Masters at Inferno and othe CHC parties. A system that has contributed greatly to the safety and security of these events and has been widely copied by other organizations hosting pla parties, as have Tony's original written guidelines of "group S&M Courtesy".

Travels around North America in 1979 focused Tony's attention on the hundreds of SM men scattered through many states & provinces who had unqu ideas, techniques, philosophies, and precautions but no easy way to share them with others. So he decided to start DungeonMaster as a newsletter of "Saf & Sane"(the first time this phrase was used to describe our activities) Male SM, dedicated to the exchange of ideas among SM men. The newsletter was success and began to grow in size and distribution. The Sandmutopia Supply Co. was it's mail order division offering unique SM toys, supplies, books etc not usually available in leather shops.

While CHC was doing much for "hands on" SM education in Chicago and in other areas with it's "Whips on Wheels" program, Tony felt that a mor formal classroom presentation of SM techniques was needed. So, with the cooperation of many CHC members, he started the Sandmutopia Universit classes which ran for 3 years at Touché which were open to the general pansexual public. During this period Tony also produced and was featured in a serie of instructional SM video tapes, The Sanmutopia University series as well as on rather heavy SM story line video, Unfriendly Persuasion.

In 1986 Tony and Andrew Charles, his lover and partner since 1976, were planning to retire to the Seattle region when they heard that Drumme magazine was for sale. In a misguided moment they purchased Drummer, Mach and FQ from the previous owner and moved to San Francisco instead. The quickly discovered that in the age of AIDS, and the Meese Commission report on pornography, their timing was less than perfect. While Tony enjoye publishing their quartet of magazines, neither of them enjoyed the personnel supervision, dealing with suppliers, filling out government forms or any of th other business of running a business. By 1989 things were looking up. A new magazine, The Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal had started. Th was a version of DungeonMaster targeted at the entire SM community regardless of gender or orientation. While it certainly was not making a profit, it wa very well received. In April of 1989, while soaking in the hot tub one night (how California) Tony had an inspiration. The next day he had one of the sta designers convert his ideas to a drawing and within a few weeks a prototype was made. In May 1990 he was allowed to show his prototype of the Leathe Pride Flag on the stage of the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago. the flag went into production and was carried in the Stonewall anniversar parades in Portland OR (they were the first!), San Francisco, and New York City. Best of all, by late summer, Desmodus Inc. had turned a corner and som major financing had been repaid and things were moving smoothly.

Then came the earthquake! Personal and business losses mounted. The publications and mail order business came through but the financial cost, mainl due to a ruined, uninsured building and months of lost income while expenses continued or even increased, were a major setback. Though business starte to improve, Tony wanted OUT! In May 1992 Desmodus Inc. and all the magazines as well as the mail order business, the videos etc. were sold. The officia purchase price was \$1.00, plus some side agreements. Tony and his financial backer were considerably worse off financially than when they had begun bu they were delighted to be out from under the burden.

Now living in the Portland OR. suburbs Tony is enjoying spending his time as a house husband while still writing on a wide variety of topics and teachin every chance he gets. In addition to frequent short stories in a variety of magazines he writes a good column for Roundup magazine. A collection of his earl fiction, Flederfiction: stories of men and torture, was recently published by Bad Boy, and he is working on a book on the history of the gay make leathe community 1946-1976 to be published by Daedalus Publishing in 1998. He is also working on a history of the Chicago Hellfire Club and on a series c articles on the history of the leather community which will be published in The Leather Journal.

Tony is a member of the Chicago Hellfire Club, Delta International, NLA:J,NLA: Portland, Chaps, and Portland Leather Men. He is an Honorary membe of GMSMA,VASM, The 15 Association, and Atlanta SM Solidarity. He has served as a member of the board of NLA since 1988 and is not seekin reelection when his term expires this year. He has been a member of the board of the Leather Archives & Museum since its founding in 1992 and is ver active in that organization.

Tony has received numerous awards from CHC, NLA and AA for his activities as a member. He has been named Leather Man of the Year by NLA i 1987, Business Person of the Year by The Leather Journal in 1990, and in 1994 was awarded The Leather Journal's Lifetime Achievement award.

Tony DeBlase was born and raised in rural northern Indiana. He received an BA in Biology from Earlham College, in Richmond Indiana in 1964. He the spent 3 years as a member of the Earlham faculty teaching and serving in the administration of it's museums. He received his Ph.D in Zoology from Oklahoma State University in 1971. Tony's prime passion has always been teaching, and in developing and using museums for research and teachin purposes. He has taught university classes at Earlham, OSU and Roosevelt University in Chicago. He served on the administrative staffs of the Joseph Moor Museum at Earlham,the Conner Prairie Museum at Noblesville IN., The OSU Museum of Zoology and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. H has also written numerous scientific research papers and developed instructional manuals that were use at Earlham, OSU and elsewhere. In 1970 his fir college textbook, A Manual of Mammalogy was published.

When, in 1979. Tony left the administrative staff of Field Museum he started to redirect his talents and energies for teaching from zoology as a whole t SM as a specialty. When in 1989 a questionnaire was sent to him from the American Society of Mammalogist, of which he is a life member, he dutifull reported he was now specializing in "what some might consider 'aberrant' sexual behavior of one sex of one species; Homo Sapiens males." In response t their request for recent reprints of published papers he sent them copies of his articles on "Electrotorture/Electropleasure", "SM is Safe Sex!" and othe similar articles that had appeared in recent issues of Drummer. So much for outing himself to his previous professional peers.

Tony was invited to be a presenter at the first Living in Leather and has served in that capacity at every LIL expect 7, when he was out of the county. A LIL5 he was co-chair of the program committee. Organizing all of the panel discussion,workshops, demos etc. and he did the job on his own for LIL 6. H was chair of the committee for LIL 7 but when it became clear he would not be able to attend himself he recruited others to assist. And they got stuck wit the major portion of the job. (thank you Joseph!). After several years of vacation he is again this year in charge of arranging the workshops, demos, panel:

As the Link goes to press, NLA: Toronto is looking forward to the annual Pride Day celebrations in our city. Part of what we will be celebrating will be the recent amendment to the Canadian Charter of Human Rights, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, which was passed by the Federal Government in May.

The Chapter is also committed to a fund-raising event to benefit the Houghtons, to take place later this year. We are contacting other local organizations in our efforts to bring in a diverse group of supporters.

We want to welcome Syd C. and Paul D. as the new editors of The Flogger, our monthly newsletter. Thanks for stepping into this important volunteer position for the next six months, and for your continuing support for this Chapter.

There's plenty of news to come, too!

NLA: Toronto will enjoy a picnic on July 14th, at Hanlan's point on Toronto Island. It's a chance to get some fresh air and practice with our longer, space-hungry whips.

Summer educational workshops planned are "Animal Roles", July 27th, and "Moving Beyond Stereotypes", August 24th. These free workshops are open to the public and take place at the Toolbox, 508 Eastern Ave. from 2-5 PM.

Plans are underway for our "3rd" Anniversary. We've decided to make it a weekend celebration, Sept. 27 - 29th. We start with a bar night at Toronto's Black Eagle, then Saturday's "Branding, Tattooing, and Bloodsports" workshop, and finally Sunday brunch, fetish games, and anniversary banquet.

The contributions all of our volunteers make are very much appreciated. It takes time, forethought, and real effort to meet the needs and goals of this Chapter. With all this enthusiasm going into making these events happen, we hope that out of town members of NLA and their friends will be able to join us. Drop by our monthly meetings, the second Wednesday of each month at the 519 Church St. Community Centre, starting at 8pm, or, call us at 416-604-4882 for more information.

But before we go, NLA: Toronto wants to congratulate our member, Duncan MacLachlan, on his great performance at IML in May, and wish the best of luck to our Member-at-Large, Jo, as she competes for the IML title, in Philadelphia. You are both fine representatives of this Chapter and this leather family!

duly submitted,
Paris Sea
Co-chair, NLA: Toronto

GOOD NEWS! BY VI Johnson

GOOD NEWS!

GOOD NEWS... NLA: Dallas is already working on their award winning educational seminar **Beyond Vanilla**, to be held August the 3rd, 1996. The special guest for the day will be Race Bannon.

GOOD NEWS...**Sandmutopia Guardian** #20 has just printed an update on the Spanner Case. "On December 14, 1995 the Law Commission in England issued recommendations for updating the law on consent and offenses against a person....The Law Commission proposed that in general it should not be a criminal offense to injure a person who: 1. is a capable adult 2. has given full and informed consent 3. Suffers no permanent injury." Let's hope that the U.K. adopts the changes, and that the Law Commission has some effect on the World Court when the case comes before them later this year. GOOD NEWS...NLA: Toronto is very proud of **Ernie** who is the new Mr. TOOLBOX. Our northern brothers and sisters had a very successful weekend of seminars and good times, as well as a special guest, Mr. Guy Baldwin. Keep up the fabulous work. GOOD NEWS... and congratulations to Seattle Men in Leather on their 7th anniversary. May there be many many more. GOOD NEWS... some wild women and men in the City of Brotherly Love are talking about forming an NLA Chapter . YES!!!GOOD NEWS...New Mexico was really On Fire during the weekend of March 22-24. Their Mr. and Ms. New Mexico Leather contest was the best I have ever attended (and I have been to some incredible contests). There were 8 contestants who all had it TOGETHER. Could one of you 8 be our next Mr. or Ms. NLA? GOOD NEWS... Mr. NLA (David) was spotted in Dallas, judging the Mrs. Texas Fantasy contest. We were well represented. Ms. NLA (Stacy) was last seen somewhere in the Australian outback (roping a kangaroo?) talking to leatherfolks about the NLA.

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(Editors note,we hope that this issue sees Vi safely tucked into her new home)

NEWSLETTERS, NEWSLETTERS, NEWSLETTERS

....or too many newsletters, not enough time!

by Dean Walradt NLA:J Chapter Rep.

How many newsletters does your chapter receive? What happens to those newsletters? What good are newsletters? How many trees would be saved?

If you or whoever collects the mail for your chapter just tosses the newsletters received from oth chapters, organizations or clubs, then, yes save the trees. Take a minute to write that club, organization, c chapter and request that your chapter be dropped from their mailing list. This save trees, duplication cos and postage (in the case of NLA:Toronto a lot of postage since the other 11 NLA chapters they mail to au in the states).

It also save you and your chapter from keeping abreast of what other chapters are doing whether it t social, educational or service. If you are like my local chapter we are always looking for ideas in all thre areas, and thus as the chapter secretary and keeper of the PO Box I ravage these newsletters for idea information, and/or articles I might add to our newsletter. Too often in the past I have heard individua responsible for a newsletter complaining because there just isn't enough information out there to p together a decent publication. I also suffer from member-itis, members who may have input and ideas, bu who can't or won't submit them!

Believe me there is a lot of information, good information, good articles on safety, education procedures, concepts, etc. I encourage all chapters that produce newsletters to put in their disclaimr section a section allowing other chapters to reprint their material without permission with the followin considerations by the reprinter:

1. give credit and thanks to the author and the source of the piece.
2. Forward the source the entire publication it appears in if they aren't already on your mailing list.

Every other month when I go to print I have an abundance of material I couldn't get to for lack of space.

A couple of ideas for your chapter secretary or whoever collects the mail or ends up with all thos newsletters. Buy a large three-ring binder and three-hole punch at your local office supply (est. cost abo \$10.00 maximum between the two), and a set of dividers (1-32 for \$3). Punch the newsletters whic received (and after being read) and keep them in the binder organized and handy. If you are good wit post-it-notes, stick a post-it-note on the page of an article you might like to consider for your ow newsletter (and thus, all your members benefit).

Then when gathering data for your publication pull out the note book, flip to the post-it-note. Voila! a additional article! I keep these newsletters for a calendar year at a time, and of course, some articles I ma file away for future use when space or subject permits. Another chapter I am in contact with keeps them fr tow months at a time and let's their members know at meetings which newsletters have been received. I fi one list the other newsletters and the chapters and clubs they come form in our publication and encourag readers and members to contact me if they would like to borrow the copy.

Chapter Chairs Committee Meeting Called

As approved during the 1995 elections three of four proposed amendments were passed, and one of those amendments created a new standing committee, the Chapter Chairs Committee. Immediately following LIL X Co-Chairs K.T. Chase and Mark Frazier called for a special election to fill the position created by the approval of this amendment, The Chapter Representative. The Chapter Representative represents the Chapter Chairs Committee in a 2 year term voting position on the NLA: I EC. The Chapter Chairs Committee is mandated to meet yearly according to the amendment.

As that Chapter Representative, Dean Walradt, has called for the annual meeting of this committee to take place during LIL XI in Portland Oregon October 3-6, 1996. Dean has requested that LIL XI Program Director, Tony DeBlase, schedule the meeting sometime during the three days of workshops being scheduled this year during LIL XI. A special notice of the meeting, its date and time will accompany Dean's quarterly report to the chapters which will be mailed to all chapters (& potential chapters) shortly after the scheduled August 4 E.C. meeting.

Each chapter is encouraged to either mandate their presiding officer(s) (if they plan on attending LIL XI) to attend this meeting or to designate a chapter member who is attending LIL XI to the position and responsibility of Chapter Representative to the Chapter Chairs Committee. Though the committee will not be electing the NLA: I EC Chapter Representative, the planned meeting will be important to the continuing efforts of NLA: I to communicate with its chapters and the chapters to communicate with NLA: I and its EC.

Chapter members, chapter officers, chapter boards and executive councils are encouraged to send agenda items and discussion items either with their representative or preferably earlier by mail or fax to Chapter Rep. Dean Walradt (address and fax number at end of this article). Expected topics from Dean to the committee includes a year-to-date update on NLA: International, discussion on the newly approved NLA: I Chapter Handbook, NLA: I membership rosters verses chapter membership rosters and a look at the future direction and plans of NLA: I.

In turn Chapter Representatives are encouraged to bring their latest chapter membership roster (if there are questions about chapter members' NLA: I status) as Dean will have the latest NLA: I membership roster from the Membership Committee in Austin with him and/or the Chair of the Membership Committee at the meeting. If a chapter has questions or issues about most anything concerning NLA: I they are encouraged to either send them with the representative or preferably get them to Dean prior to LIL XI. The sooner he has the question and issues the sooner he may be able to get answers and input from other NLA: I members such as the members of the Executive Committee and then be able to present that material at the meeting. This meeting will also be the place to present ideas and possible agenda items which the chapters and/or their representatives would like to see presented to the E.C.

You can reach Dean Walradt at:

Dean Walradt
710 - A Fairview
Houston Texas 77006-2806

or fax at:
1-713-528-2850
between the hours of 9am to 10pm CST.

Dean also encourages the chapter board or executive council to forward the name of their certified/official designated representative to this committee to him prior to LIL XI.

Proof of chapter and NLA: I membership as well as chapter certification will be required to obtain voting privileges in the meeting.

TREASURE'S REPORT

ITEM	BALANCE	
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 1996	\$1066.14	
LIL XI REGISTRATION	\$1430.00	
THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS	\$ 120.00	
LIL XI VENDOR REGISTRATION	\$1105.00	
MEMBERSHIP DUES 4-96 TO DATE	1190.00	
CURRENT BANK BALANCE 6/3/96	\$4911.14	
NON-POSTED CHECKS PORTLAND CONFERENCE CENTER	(\$2500.00)	#3021
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$2411.14	

A note from David.

In this day and age when it seems that the world is becoming smaller but personal time is becoming more and more scarce, there comes times when we must make difficult decisions on where to allot that time. I as Mr. NLA - I just recently had to make such a difficult decision in either going to IML in Chicago or a smaller event in an out of the way city. Thus is the reason I was not seen at IML. I am extending my warmest congratulations to this years winner Joe Gallegher. I look forward to meeting and working with him as well as each of you at upcoming events.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind each of you to be certain to get your registrations in for LIL XI in Portland Or. Also, be aware we do need volunteers at this event which translates into a discount for you. Please let us know ASAP if this is of interest to you.

Again please let me know if there is anything I can help with. Be it an event or just information. My Best Regards to each of you. It's been great meeting and having family out on the road. As leather people we truly are a rare and wonderful tribe.

My address is:

333 South State Street #185

Lake Oswego, OR. 97034

In Leather with much respect,
David S. Hofenacker
Mr. NLA-I 1996
Treasurer NLA - I

or use International's Address at:

3439 NE Sandy Lane #155

Portland, OR. 97232

Notice

NLA: I Chapter Representative Dean Walradt is planning on attending the following events. If you are planning at being at the same event and would like to meet with your Chapter Representative, write or call Dan to arrange such a meeting.
(See Chapter Chairs Committee meeting Called article above)

June 27 - July 2 Toronto Ontario Canada for Toronto's Pride Celebrations.

August 3 & 4 Dallas Texas for Dallas' Beyond Vanilla VII and NLA: I EC meeting

August 16 - 18 Dallas Texas for the Leather Knight's Camelot III run

September 6 - 8 Houston Texas for the Mr. Texas Drummer Contest week-end

Oct 3 - 6 Portland Oregon for LIL XI

NLA Chapter events for July and August

NLA: Atlanta
PO Box 7941
Atlanta, Ga. 30357-7941

No information submitted.

NLA: Houston
PO Box 66553
Houston, Texas 77266-6553

July 6&Aug.10 guest bartender at Pacific St.
July 12 &26 Guest bartender at Venture N
July 20 Educational Meeting, Ties that bind
Aug. 9&23 Guest bartender at Venture N
Aug. 24 Meeting, SM&TX.law&the Internet

NLA: Austin
PO Box 49801
Austin Texas 78765

No information submitted.

NLA: Los Angeles
7985 Santa Monica Blvd. 109-217
West Hollywood California 90046

No information submitted

NLA: Columbus
PO Box 2763
Columbus Ohio 43216

June 28th - July 7th Leather Pride Week
for details on all scheduled events:
contact Athena Lyons
614-470-2093, 899-9148
fax 614-899-9117

NLA: Metro New York
PO Box 1084 Murray Station
New York, New York 10056

July 1 Annual Elections
July 11,15,26 Parties Scheduled
Aug. 8,19,23 Parties Scheduled
Contact Info line for details 1-212-802-9295

NLA: Dallas
PO Box 7597
Dallas Texas 75209-7597

General Meeting July 2nd & Aug. 6
EC Meeting July 30 & Aug. 27
Aug. 3rd 8th Annual Beyond Vanilla
Race Bannon Scheduled Speaker

NLA: New England
831 Beacon St.
Newton Center, MA. 02159-1822

July 20 Meeting (Cross gender makeover)
Aug. 17 Meeting (Leather & Boot cleaning)
July 27th 7th Annual Fetish Fair Fleamarket
for info contact C-tan @ 617-864-0492

NLA: Deaf International
PO Box 30286
Columbus Ohio 43230

No information submitted.

NLA: Portland
PO Box 5161
Portland Oregon 97208

First Tue each mo. Board meeting @ The Eagle
July 20 Hot Summer Nights at CC Slaughters
Aug. 7 NLA Family BBQ
Aug.3-11 Portland Leather Pride

NLA: Detroit
PO Box 2844
Southfield Michigan. 48037-2844

No information submitted.

NLA: Toronto
Box 98, 268 Parliament Str.
Toronto, ON. M5A-3A4 Canada

July 10 & Aug. 14 Business Meeting
July 27 & Aug. 24 Workshops
July 14 Picnic
Aug. 18 Brunch

NLA: Florida
PO Box 4911
Ft. Lauderdale Florida 33338-4911

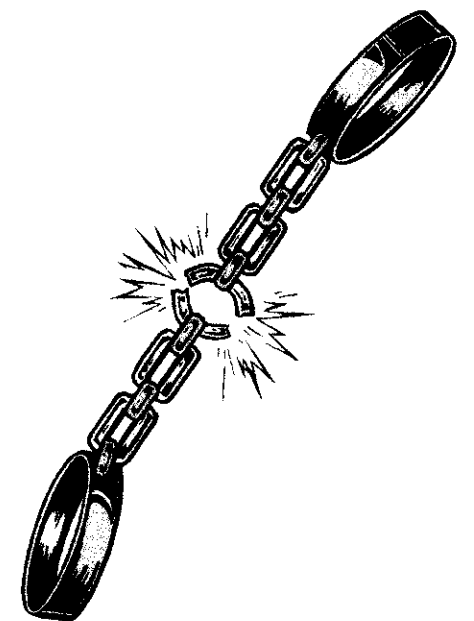
No information submitted.

NLA: International
3439 N.E. Sandy Boulevard #155
Portland, Oregon 97232

Current project
LIL XI set for October 3- 6 1996

If any of the above contact information is incorrect or incomplete please send updated information to the editor. Also if you have a phone # or Email address please forward that information also.

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Country	_____
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Portland Oregon 97232	



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