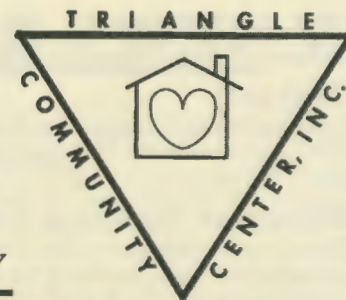


Triangle Community Center News & Views

Free to Members and Subscribers

Vol. 7, No. 8
August 1996

MANY HEARTS ♥♥♥ ONE COMMUNITY

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

WED, JULY 31 New Haven Gay/Lesbian Community Center Planning meeting for individuals and groups, New Haven Library 7-9. (203) 782-2000.

SUN, AUG 4: **Sunday at the Center Tag Sale!** Bring your stuff from 1 PM on. Sale begins at 2 and will continue until the youth start showing up or all the stuff is sold. Sale will be advertised in the Hour so expect "members outside of the community" to show up. See Flyer.

SAT, AUG 10: **Triangle Kids Pool Party**, for gay and lesbian parents and their kids. Info, (203) 255-5520, (203) 323-6278.

FRI. AUG 16: **TCC Friendraiser** at Len and Damian's in Shelton, 6-9 See inside for directions.

SUN, AUG 18: **TCC Time-OUT Picnic**, Scalzi Park, Stamford 11:30-4:30. Food, fun, volleyball, silent auction. Rain Date Sunday Aug 25. See article below.

SUN, SEPT 1: No Sunday at the Center because of Labor Day holiday.

WED, SEP 5: **Through Sun, Sep 8, Boston - NY AIDS Ride #2.** Info, (212) 242-RIDE.

WED, SEP 5: **Through Sun, Sep 8, National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association** convention, Miami FL. Info, call (305) 538-9999.

SAT, SEPT 14: **Triangle Kids Pool Party.** (203) 255-5520, (203) 323-6278.

SAT, SEPT 21: **TCC Friendraiser** at Tom & Walter's home in Bridgeport, 6-9. Directions next month. Note it is a Saturday.

WED, SEPT 25: **New Haven Town Meeting** for newly forming New Haven Gay/Lesbian Community Center. 200 Orange St, New Haven, 7-9. (203) 782-2000.

For the latest update on What's Happening in the area
check our TCC home page on the internet.
<http://members.aol.com/tccenter>

In
This
Issue

Calendar	14
Editors Desk	7
Friendraiser	3
From the Board	5
F Y I	7
Gaily Forward	6
Letters	2
Point of View	4
TCC News	3
Trivia	6
Worth Repeating	8

TCC TIME-OUT PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Plans for the second annual TCC-sponsored "Time-OUT Picnic" are well underway. The picnic is set for Sunday, August 18th at Scalzi Park in Stamford (see directions) and is open to the public. The picnic gets underway at 11:30 and winds up around 4:30.

The picnic is a post-Pride response to the wishes of many people for a large scale event open to the community at large. Last year's event—possibly the first public outdoor lesbigay event in Fairfield County—had an attendance of nearly 100 people. This year's picnic promises to be even bigger with more fun and lots of food and sunshine.

A separate area of the park has been reserved expressly for the picnic. The park offers a great picnic area as well as recreation areas—like volleyball and tennis courts. A highlight of the afternoon will be a Silent Auction of items donated for the event—certificates for restaurants, videos and hair stylists, and many, many other items and services just being offered.

Of course the afternoon will include lots of food—hamburgers and hotdogs grilled to order, fresh corn on the cob, ice cold drinks and whatever else you choose to bring.

WHAT TO BRING

To help make this truly a community and family type picnic, guests are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sports equipment and a food item according the following list:

- Last name beginning
 - A to E: Appetizers
 - F to J: Non-alcoholic beverages
 - K to O: Dessert
 - P to T: Salads
 - U to Z: Fruit

RESERVATIONS / TICKET PRICES

Advance reservations before August 16 are \$10 each, \$12 after. Children under 12 and differently abled are half-price. To make reservations please call Maria and Cindy at 203-595-9799.

VOLUNTEERS

To volunteer your help—there are lots of "part-time" duties the day of the picnic—please see the sign-up sheet posted at the Staffer's Desk at the Center or contact Michael Pavlicin at 866-6993.

▼ NEWS & VIEWS

RAIN DATE

In case of rain ("steady rain at 9 am") the picnic will be postponed until the following Sunday, August 25th. (For questions about rain postponement, call 858-1827 the day of the event only.)

DIRECTIONS TO SCALZI PARK

From I-95 Southbound: Take Exit 7 (Atlantic Street, Rte. 137). Go straight off ramp through first three traffic lights. At fourth light turn right onto Rte. 137 North (Washington Blvd.). Follow Washington Blvd. through downtown Stamford for 1.3 miles. At traffic light, turn left onto Bridge Street. Just over the bridge, Scalzi Park will be on the left.

From I-95 Northbound: Take Exit 7 (Greenwich Ave., Rte. 137). Go straight through light at the end of exit ramp. At next traffic light, turn left onto Rte. 137 North (Washington Blvd.). Follow Washington Blvd. through downtown Stamford for 1.3 miles. At traffic light, turn left onto Bridge Street. Just over the bridge, Scalzi Park will be on the left.

From Merritt Parkway: Take either Exit 34 (Rte. 104) going north or Exit 35 (Rte. 137) going south and follow signs toward downtown Stamford. At the major intersection where Rtes 104 and 137 join, proceed directly forward onto Summer Street (one-way southbound). Just past Ridgeway Shopping Center, turn right onto Bridge Street. Scalzi Park will be on the left.

There is plenty of parking. Picnic will be next to tables and volleyball area near the front of the park.

LETTERS

HEARTS AND FLOWERS TO SAMMY

As this month's newsletter goes to press, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) has just been resoundingly passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. This is the measure which, if passed, will deny Federal benefits to any same-gender couple which enter into civil marriage. It also says that states are not obligated to honor any same-gender marriage contracted by any other state. I am assuming that you the reader has heard a lot about the Hawaii initiative on gay marriage and the full court press to forestall it. What you may not know is how the Connecticut delegation voted.

First the good news. Hearts and flowers (and lots of heartfelt thank you notes) are deserved by Samuel Gejdenson of the 2nd district, the only member from Connecticut to vote against it. Talk about political courage. He does not exactly have a safe seat. Edward Munster has tried twice before to win the seat, and came within 21 votes of doing so in 1994 — and is all set to try again. If Sammy is ever feeling down about how his constituents feel about he is doing his job all he needs do is drop in on a meeting of the New London People's Forum to get a warm and tumultuous welcome.

Everyone else voted no. Chris Shays, who represents the district including TCC, was asked a couple of weeks ago in Norwalk how he would vote on this measure and said publicly he supported it. He did so in terms considerably softer than the harsh homophobic statements of Henry Hyde, the bill's sponsor (does this man think he has no gay constituents?), but his vote was the same as Hyde's. DeLauro also voted for the measure, a move which should cause her friction from the large lesbian community in Stratford, as well as that in New Haven itself. When it was pointed out that DeLauro *madri* was responsible for the defeat of domestic partnership in New Haven, Rosa was defended with the response that she has differed from her mother on many issues. But on support of lesbian and gay families, like mother, like daughter.

The other two gentle ladies from Connecticut, Barbara Kennelly and Nancy Johnson, are veteran politicians who have only quite recently become educated about gay and lesbian issues, to say nothing about gay and lesbian lives. The only way Gary Franks would have not voted for this measure is if he had an unavoidable absence.

- Marianne Seggerman

Editor's note: Up to now, Connecticut's congressional delegation has had a pretty good record on supporting lesbian/gay issues: all but Franks are co-sponsors of the "Employment Non-Discrimination Act" (ENDA), the national gay-rights bill. Their defection on DOMA, particularly that of Chris Shays who has made a point of reaching out to our local lesbian/gay community, is disenheartening to say the least.

As we go to press, DOMA has not yet come up for a vote in the Senate, though when it does it is sure to pass, and President Clinton has promised to sign it into law. In the Senate, a number of gay-supportive senators including Kennedy of Massachusetts and Connecticut's Joe Lieberman are working to modify the bill so that it includes ENDA as an amendment.

If you wish to write to your representatives to express your opinions on this or other issues, we are printing in this newsletter a list of their addresses and phone numbers, including fax and e-mail where available. This list should be used rather than the one published several months ago, as it has their Washington offices. Clip it and keep it for reference.

ADDRESSES OF CONNECTICUT SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

It is recommended that, when you write to Congress on legislation, you use the Washington addresses below, rather than the local addresses found in your phone book.

The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd
444 Senate Russell Office Bldg (SROB)
Washington, DC 20510-0702
phone: 202-224-2823
fax: 202-224-1083
e-mail sen_dodd@dodd.senate.gov

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
316 Senate Hart Office Bldg (SHOB)
Washington, DC 20510-0703
phone: 202-224-4041
fax: 202-224-9750
e-mail lieberman@lieberman.dc.senate.gov

First District (Hartford)
The Honorable Barbara B. Kennelly
201 Cannon House Office Bldg (CHOB)
Washington, DC 20515-0701
phone: 202-225-2265
fax: 202-225-1031

Second District (Norwich)
The Honorable Sam Gejdenson
2416 Rayburn House Office Bldg (RHOB)
Washington, DC 20515-0702
phone: 202-225-2076
fax: 202-225-4977
e-mail bozrah@hr.house.gov

Third District (New Haven)
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
436 Cannon House Office Bldg (CHOB)
Washington, DC 20515-0703
phone: 202-225-3661
fax: 202-225-4890

Fourth District (Bridgeport)
The Honorable Christopher Shays
1502 Longworth House Office Bldg
(LHOB)
Washington, DC 20515-0704
phone: 202-225-5541
fax: 202-225-9629
e-mail cshays@hr.house.gov

Fifth District (Waterbury)
The Honorable Gary Franks
133 Cannon House Office Bldg (CHOB)
Washington, DC 20515-0705
phone: 202-225-3822
fax: 202-225-5085

Sixth District (New Britain)
The Honorable Nancy L. Johnson
343 Cannon House Office Bldg (CHOB)
Washington, DC 20515-0705
phone: 202-225-4476
fax: 202-225-4488

▼ NEWS & VIEWS

AUGUST TCC

FRIENDRAISER

BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO LEN & DAMIAN'S

A little bit about Friendraisers: Friendraisers are an important part of the social life at TCC. Originally, they were conceived as end-of-week happy hours, with buffet and cash bar, and were held at a local public house. The name was chosen to contrast this event with the many fundraisers that TCC was having, to give the fledgling organization a sound financial base. The point of a fundraiser was not to make money, but make friends, and to introduce new people to the TCC community. The admission donation was set low, just enough to cover expenses, and all were encouraged to invite their lesbian friends and help the Center grow.

Friendraisers have continued regularly, every month, for over five years now. They have evolved with time. Now most are held at members' homes, where the atmosphere is enhanced by the ambiance of the host or hosts. Members enjoy a hot buffet meal (costs are reimbursed by the Center) and a variety of beverages for every taste. Often the fundraisers are held on Saturdays instead of Fridays, to make it easier for the hosts to prepare. And the atmosphere has shifted from that of commercial happy hour to an informal party at a friend's home.

But the original idea of the fundraiser remains: The fundraisers are not only for you to meet old friends and meet new ones. They are also opportunities for you to bring your friends who are not part of TCC and introduce them to the group. An opportunity for all of TCC to make new friends and to grow in membership.

If you would like to host a fundraiser, or would like more information about what it entails, contact the Membership Committee's Marianne Seggerman, (203) 222-8294.

The next TCC Fundraiser will be held at Len and Damien's home, 25 Mulberry Lane, Shelton, on Friday, Aug. 16, 6-9 pm. A buffet meal will be provided; if you wish, bring a bottle (alcoholic or otherwise) to share. All are welcome; bring your friends. A voluntary contribution of \$8 members, \$10 non-members will be collected to cover expenses.

Directions:

From I95:

Take 95 north to exit 27A (route 25 and route 8). Continue on the highway until the road splits. Bear to the right (route 8) and take the first exit after the highway splits (exit 8 - route 108). At the end of the exit ramp make a left. Continue to the traffic light and make a left at the light onto route 108 north. Continue on 108 to a stop sign. Continue on 108 north approximately 3 miles from the stop sign and make the next right onto Bayberry Lane. Continue on Bayberry lane until it ends and make a left onto Mulberry lane. The house is on the right (gray house).

From the Merritt:

Take the Merritt north to exit 51. At the end of the exit ramp make a left at the light onto route 108 north. Continue on 108 to a stop sign. Continue on 108 north approximately 3 miles from the stop sign and make the next right onto Bayberry Lane. Continue on Bayberry lane until it ends and make a left onto Mulberry Lane. The house is on the right (gray house).

August 1996

TCC NEWS

"A SUMMER GARDEN PARTY" SUCCESS

Over ninety people attended the July Fundraiser held at Marion Castle, the Shippan Point home of Jay Kobrin and Gordon Micunis. A wonderful summer evening — literally the calm before the storm of Hurricane Bertha's Saturday rain — was enjoyed around the gardens and swimming pool and inside the ballroom. Our hosts deserve special thanks for sharing such an incredible setting and welcoming us to their home for this summer get-together.

The Fundraiser was a tremendous success. Most important is the number of people that attended and made the evening fun and interesting. We welcomed new members to our community from such far away points as Ireland and St. Louis. The basic intent of the monthly Fundraisers is to meet new people and to welcome them to the Community Center. But also, financially, the event raised \$700 for TCC.

A buffet dinner of roast chicken and summer salads, open bar, coffee and desserts were provided by the Special Events Committee, with the expert help of TCC friends Paul Piccuito and Marge Foster. Thanks also to Andy Rubenstein for his piano accompaniment to the evening. - MP

(The next Fundraiser is scheduled for August 16, at the home of Damian Kane and Len Horey in Shelton — see article in this newsletter for details.)

LESBIAN LIT GROUP DISCUSSES ODD GIRLS

On Tues., Sept. 3, the Lesbian Literature Reading Group will discuss *Odd Girls And Twilight Lovers* by Lillian Faderman.

If you'd like to support women-owned businesses, this and other future books that the group will be reading can be ordered from Bloodroot (203) 576-9168. Copies may also be available in the TCC Library.

Interested persons can contact Karen at (203) 371-8487 for more info. A \$3 donation per person from those participating will help support the Center.

PARENTING WORKSHOP WILL BE OFFERED AT TCC

There will be a two-session workshop offered in September or October (dates to be announced later) for gay and lesbian parents as well as those considering parenthood either through donor insemination or adoption.

Gay and lesbian families are faced with significant legal issues and challenging relationship and parenting issues. This workshop will address couple dynamics and processes parenting, internal/external homophobia, the roles and interaction of the co-parents, the role and impact of extended families and families of choice, legalities around insemination and adoption, co-parenting and legal ties to the child or children, guardianship and power of attorney, the status of second parent adoptions in Connecticut, and other issues. There will be two sessions, one and a half hours each, one evening a week for two weeks.

The workshop will be given by Michelle C. Loris, Ph.D., Psy.D., M.F.T. who holds a doctorate in psychology and is a Connecticut licensed marriage and family therapist, and Victoria T. Ferrara, Attorney At Law, who is a partner with the Westport-based law firm of Sherwood, Garlick, Cowell, Diviney and Atwood, P.C. Michelle and Victoria have an 18-month old son and are the co-founders of Connecticut Kids and Families, an organization for gay and lesbian parents and their children.

For more information and dates, see the next issue of this newsletter, or call Michelle or Victoria at (203) 256-8414.

1996 JUNE PRIDE APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to a number of generous donors, TCC's annual June Pride Fund Raising Appeal has raised \$1,210 to date. Unfortunately this is only 80% of the budgeted goal of \$1,500 for this year's appeal. We still hope to see success in meeting this fairly reasonable goal, as we've been able to do in the past.

The June Appeal is a crucial fund raising project in meeting the annual budget needs of the Center. The donations received are utilized to pay such basic expenses as the operations costs of the Center — rent, utilities and insurance. Whenever the Fund Raising Committee, or any other committee, does not meet the planned income for a project or special event, the Center's budget is impacted.

Whether you use the Center or simply care about its future, your financial contribution is necessary. If you have not already given to this year's fund raising appeal, please do so now. Simply return a check or pledge an amount to be billed to you. (Attn: Fund Raising Committee, TCC, PO Box 4062, Norwalk, CT 06855)

Working together we can make this a 100% success...\$1,500! - MP

▼ NEWS & VIEWS

programming all day. W28AJ channel 28 West Haven CT has it weekdays 8 to 9 am, 6 to 8 pm and 11 pm to 1 am. At 6 pm you can see Direct Line with NET founder and president Paul Weyrich, who coined the phrase "Moral Majority" while working for his pal the Rev Jerry Falwell in the 1970s. For those in northern Fairfield County there is an all-religious right TV station, WTBY channel 54 Poughkeepsie, operated by Santa Ana, California-based Trinity Broadcasting. Right-wing lawyer Jay Sekulow has a weekly Friday night show. It's on 24 hours a day.

Many of my friends have asked why I persist in listening to or viewing these broadcasts.

During the Second World War, the great movie maker Frank Capra produced a series of motion pictures entitled "Know Your Enemy" so that the people in this country knew why they were fighting, knew the evil that the Axis side really was trying to perpetrate on the world. And I feel today it is essential to "Know Your Enemy." Since these are the people electing candidates as "stealth candidates," candidates who don't reveal their agenda of intolerance and repression until after they're elected to the school board, or the state house, or congress, or the presidency. But you can hear their hate talk and learn their true agendas if you tune in the right broadcasts.

A key ingredient of successful propaganda is that it is believable, and that the speakers seem rational, so as to gain the confidence of the majority of people.

Hitler did not say he was going to take over Europe and then the world, as he was rearming on a massive scale for that purpose in the 1930s.

On May 21, 1935 he said: "The blood shed on the European continent in the course of the last 300 years bears no proportion to the national result.... In the end France has remained France, Germany Germany, Poland Poland, and Italy Italy.... If these states had applied merely a fraction of their sacrifices to wiser purposes the success would have certainly have been greater and more permanent... The principal effect of every war is to destroy the flower of the nation... Germany needs peace and deserves peace!"

The speaker? Obviously a completely rational man, a man who understands the folly of war, understands the need for peace. The speaker? Adolf Hitler. (Quoted in William Shirer's *Rise and Fall Of The Third Reich*, p 285 of the Touchstone books edition.)

Any listener would hear this and say "This is a completely rational man, a man of peace, a man who understands the true result of war." Right?

Just like Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition, when asked by Yale students in New Haven of the Christian Coalition's position on gays, said "Why it's one of complete tolerance and understanding." Right?

I must also say before concluding that the American people very much sat in judgment of the German people after the 12-year era of Nazi darkness. We said to the Germans: "How could you have allowed this to happen?" But remember, it didn't happen the first day Adolf Hitler became chancellor. It happened in incremental, tiny steps. The mass killings in the camps didn't take place until nearly a decade after Hitler's takeover.

What were the German people guilty of? The Germans, as far as I can understand, are guilty of this: they allowed words of hatred to go unanswered. Words of hatred are a call to action.

They were under tremendous economic duress, looking for a tough guy to fix their economic problems. They got one. And they held their noses, and didn't respond, and said things like, "Once they're in power, they'll have to forget this radical stuff and act responsibly."

But today, in the 1990s, we must remember the quote, "All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to say and do nothing."

Remember the words of those apprehended after the young gay man was thrown off a bridge in Bangor, Maine more than 15 years ago. Those apprehended said, no one in authority, in school, in church, in government, no one anywhere, said it was wrong to bash gays.

This is why we must be aware of what is being said, track it, and respond. The lessons for not doing so can be found by studying the history of this western civilization, and going back no more than 70 years.

The first amendment protects the right of the hate-mongers to speak. We cannot allow censorship. But it carries a tremendous responsibility, as the Germans found out. Silence equals death!

We must tell the story of the right-wing hate mongers, expose them to the light, and do it in the best and most effective way: using their own words and citing their own deeds.

Michael Collins, TCC publicity chair, is writing a book on the history of broadcasting.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

A FEW THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

by Dave Carroll, Recording Secretary

It really is much easier to find things to complain about than to be grateful for.

The weather was cold and wet the day of the Pride Parade. Not very many people showed up, and those who did all seemed to be trying to walk down Christopher Street at the same time. (I maneuvered through the crowd very carefully, knowing that if someone accidentally bumped into my bladder it was all over.) The lines for the Port-a-Potties seemed interminable... Wait a minute, what's wrong with this picture?

The fact that we had something to be proud of and were able to gather together to show our pride was more important than the damp and cold. Besides, the guy selling sweatshirts didn't fleece us too badly. The crowd on Christopher Street was certainly friendly, and the time spent waiting in line for the facilities went quickly, thanks to an interminable supply of tacky jokes from the couple in front of me. And, best of all, the cost of dinner was offset (albeit modestly) by the eight pennies I found while marching down Fifth Avenue So, the day was half full of good things, rather than half empty from the negative aspects.

The same applies to TCC. It is certainly easier to complain about what we don't have or do than it is to focus on where we have come from and what we have accomplished. Sure, lots of things could be improved, and we can't afford to rest on our laurels for even a minute. Yet, if we focus on our strengths and pull together, we can accomplish a great deal more. We have to be thankful that we have TCC and have to strive to keep it going. Fill the cup half way, and someone will surely come along to fill it the rest of the way.

This monthly column is contributed on a rotating basis by the various members of the TCC board of directors.

THE DANGER OF DISNEY

by Roger Hooverman

When I heard that the Southern Baptists had voted to boycott Disney, my first reaction was to run out and buy a Disney video. I would also have started boycotting the Baptist Church, but as a practicing atheist I never set foot inside a church anyway, except for weddings and funerals.

"In recent years," the Baptists resolved, "the Disney Co. has given the appearance that the promotion of homosexuality is more important than its historic commitment to traditional family values."

What, Disney, the world's foremost producer of family entertainment, is now "promoting homosexuality?" They sure are! Among their sins, as enumerated by the Southern Baptists, are:

- Providing health benefits to domestic partners of employees. Like a growing number of other national corporations (currently over 450) Disney has instituted a policy of extending health benefits to the partners of its gay and lesbian workers. Many of us would say that's not only fair, but a good business practice. Any company that depends on imagination and creative talent as much as Disney does is bound to have a large number of gay employees, and providing good benefits is one way of gaining and keeping them.
- Hosting "Gay Day" at Disney world. Disney spokespeople point out that the annual June event is organized by outside gay organizations, and all Disney does when they gay folks arrive is collect their admission and welcome them in, just as they do any other guests. The only way they could prevent a "gay day" would be to post guards at the gates and refuse admission to anyone perceived to be gay or lesbian!
- Producing, through Disney-owned subsidiaries, books and movies the Baptists found morally objectionable. These include the movie "Priest" (a recent TCC movie night feature), which deals openly with the double life of a homosexual priest, and "Growing Up Gay", a book aimed at teenage gays and lesbians. So it's not just the parent Disney company the Southern Baptists are trying to control, but every one of the many other companies Disney owns, most of which don't pretend to have anything to do with family entertainment.

To put things in historical perspective, the Southern Baptists are the group who split off from the regular Baptists over a century ago over the issue of slavery. The Southern Baptists said that, according to the way they read their Bibles, it was okay to keep slaves. It was not until year's convention that finally got around to issuing a formal apology for that viewpoint.

But the Southern Baptists are not alone in criticizing Disney. Many other right-wing groups have found it expedient to hold up Disney as the pillar of evil. After all, Disney is better known than they are. Most vocal among them is the "American Family Association" and it's crackpot leader, the Rev. Donald Wildmon, who have now signed on to the boycott. They make the Baptist's complaints look absolutely rational.

Wildmon is the character who a few years got a lot of publicity by announcing that there was a scene in Disney's "Lion King" where if you looked fast enough, you could see the word "SEX" spelled out in a cloud of dust. More recently, he found fault with "Toy Story" on the grounds that the names of the characters "Woody" and "Buzz" were references to sex and drugs.

Now he has now caught Donald Duck using the "F" word! In a recent AFA newsletter, he claims that in a Walt Disney "Cartoon Classics" video, Donald actually says "Fuck You." It's "very sick humor," says Wildmon.

I, for one, have never been able to understand a word the Duck says. But then religious people have an advantage, since one of the Gifts of the Spirit is the ability to interpret tongues....

So much outright nonsense comes out of the religious right these days that it's hard to conceive how anyone can take them seriously. Even

TRIVIA

by Seggerman

ANSWER TO JULY!

It may have been Barney Frank's story, but the actual byline on the front page of the May 30, 1987 Boston Globe of Barney Frank's coming out was Kay Longcope.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION!

A free membership (or a one-year extension) to anyone who gets this one. One of the wealthiest men in his country in January 1991 referred to it as "burning his bra." What was he talking about, and who is this openly gay (and very wealthy) impresario?

Send your submission to: Trivia contest, c/o TCC, PO Box 4062, East Norwalk CT 06855. Partial credit (three months membership) to anyone correctly getting just the name.

Hint: if you're thinking Dreamworks, guess again.

one of the Southern Baptist preachers who had spoken most strongly in favor of the boycott admitted that he and his family intended to use their own season passes to Disney World — after all, they were already paid for.

Some have asked how it is that, with all the real problems in the world — poverty, homelessness, child abuse, drugs — religious people have the time to care about such trivia as how many gay people visit Disney World and what Donald Duck really said. But working on real problems is hard, and often not very rewarding. Knocking gays on the other hand is easy, especially for groups who've had years of practice; and watching cartoon videos looking for dirty words is a fun thing that the whole family can do together. Then when you're done you can call a press conference and, riding on the Disney name, get a lot of free publicity.

The irony of all this is that Disney has for years been promoting in its films exactly those ideas most inimical to the political extremists of the religious right, though not the ones they are making all the noise about.

Yes, we gays do have a strong set of social values and moral principles that inevitably make their way into Disney films. While these values are not held exclusively by gay people, I would venture to say that they are especially significant to us, because of the lessons we have learned, and the beliefs we need to hold in order to survive in a homophobic society. These beliefs have managed to find their way into one Disney film after another, influencing the world's youth for over two generations. And I wouldn't be surprised if the gay creative artists among the Disney staff don't take much of the credit:

- You must be true to who and what you are, and not pretend to be what you are not: Dumbo, Aladdin.
- It takes courage and struggle to find your true self; but when you do, you will triumph: Pinocchio, Cinderella, Lion King.
- It's okay to be different; society's freaks and outcasts can become heroes: Snow White's dwarves, Peter Pan, Roger Rabbit, Beauty's Beast, the Hunchback of Notre Dame, all films with mice as positive role models.
- It is good and brave to defy the unfair rules and prejudices of a narrow-minded society: Fox and the Hound, Lady and the Tramp, Robin Hood, Little Mermaid, Pocahontas.
- True love conquers all: Snow White, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Little Mermaid, and many, many others.
- And, the strongest moral of them all, one that appears in virtually every Disney film ever made, the message that the bigots of the far right fear more than any other, because it threatens their very basis of power: In the end, truth and goodness always win.

▼ NEWS & VIEWS

F. Y. I.

WOOG LEADS GAY RESPONSE TO CHURCH

BURNINGS

The gay and lesbian community in the New Haven County/Fairfield County region is responding to the rash of church burnings across the nation in recent weeks and months by raising money to assist the attacked congregations.

Gay journalist and author Dan Woog of Westport says he has established a special fund at a Westport bank, and the gay and lesbian community is being asked to come forward to make donations.

Mr. Woog, who is a TCC member and a founder of the youth group, OutSpoken, said the money raised will be donated to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), which will in turn distribute the money to the churches that have been attacked. "Any attack on the black churches is the same as an attack on the gay community. It demonstrates bigotry, hatred and ignorance," he said. He added that the money will be donated to churches attacked, regardless of their positions on gay issues.

Checks may be made out to the Gay Lesbian Church Fund and sent care of Dan Woog at 301 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880. He will then deposit them in the special bank account.

Anyone wanting more information may telephone Dan at (203) 227-1755.

AYAUP NEWS

The Friday evening coffee hours for Generation X gay men and lesbians in New Haven are on "summer hiatus", according to organizer Bryon H, whose organization, Alternative Young Adults United and Proud (AYAUP) is sponsoring the coffee hours.

They will resume Friday evening, September 20, 1996, and will be held the 3rd Friday evening of every month starting then. The Friday evening sessions run for 2 hours, from 6 to 8 pm. at Elm City Roasters at the corner of Elm and Orange Streets in New Haven.

AYAUP is also holding open forum discussions each Wednesday evening. No dues or fees are expected, meetings are open to everyone, and participants are invited to bring a friend. They meet every Wednesday, 7-8 pm, in the Film Study Building, 305 Crown St., New Haven.

The group provides people in their late teens and 20s from the New Haven county area a chance to meet others and discuss common issues of concern.

To increase its visibility, the group is sponsoring a logo contest. "All submitted logos will be judged on the basis of originality and creativity," said a spokesperson. All entries must be received by August 1. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Strawberry's Records and Tapes.

Members of AYAUP will be featured on the "Gay Spirit" radio program with host Keith Brown on Thursday evening, August 8, from 8:30 to 9 pm. The broadcast will be heard on WWUH-FM 91.3 West Hartford. Guests will be AYAUP co-chairs Bryon H and Marianne J. The Gay Spirit program has been heard for several years and is broadcast each Thursday evening on WWUH.

Anyone wanting more information may call Bryon at (203) 234-0820 or write him at P.O. Box 464, North Haven CT 0647-0464. There is also a page on the internet with information: <http://home.aol.com/AYAUP>.

AIDS OUTREACH PROGRAMS PLANNED

The Triangle Community Center is currently working with both StamfordCares and the Norwalk Health Department to set up AIDS outreach programs in the gay community. These programs would include such items as safer-sex education and HIV counseling, specifically directed from gay people to gay people. The programs are currently in the planning stage. Watch for more details in next month's issue.

August 1996

EDITOR'S DESK

SUPPORTING OUR ADVERTISERS

As you may have noticed, about one-third of each issue of *News & Views* is made up of advertising. That's not just there so I don't have to write so much copy. It's a valuable part of our publication.

In the first place, our advertising section identifies for you a wide range of area businesses and services — attorneys, counselors, travel agents, realtors, merchants and many more — who are either gay/lesbian/bi-owned or operated or at least openly gay-friendly. I, for one, believe strongly in giving my business to our own people wherever possible. Not just to support our own, but to get the special personal attention one gay person gives another. I selected my own travel agent, insurance agent, investment counselor, and tax attorney from among our advertisers, and I have never regretted any of those choices.

Secondly, advertising is an important source of revenue for our publication. Membership dollars alone don't cover the over \$600/month it costs to produce and distribute the newsletter. Well over half of that cost is borne by the paid ads. And, while our advertising rates are modest compared to those of many publications, when you consider that our distribution is only 1,000 copies per issue, we are no bargain. Our advertisers buy space in *N&V* not only to reach a targeted audience, but also to help support the Triangle Community Center. That's one more reason to support our advertisers, to tell them thanks, and to tell them when you visit them that you saw their ad in *News & Views*.

As one more way of thanking our advertisers and encouraging new ads, we are now reducing our advertising rates to regular advertisers. For those with repeat ads, we now offer a discount of 5% for three months, 10% for 6 months, 15% for a year. For TCC members, you can double those discounts: 10% for 3 months, 20% six months, 30% for a year. The new rates go into effect with this issue, and apply to current advertisers as well as new ones. For more information, call our advertising manager, Michele Stone, at (203) 316-0333.

One further benefit of being a regular advertiser is a free listing on our TCC Home Page on the internet. Under the section of "Listings" of gay/lesbian/bi organizations and resources, we include selected local business and services catering to our community. It's just a listing, not a display ad, and to be listed there you have to specifically request it and tell us just how your listing should read. If you have an e-mail address or a web page of your own, we can include a hyper-link to it, so potential clients can connect to you directly with a mouse click. Only a few of our advertisers are taking advantage of this opportunity now. If you are interested, sign on to our web page at <http://members.aol.com/tccenter> to see how it looks, then e-mail your listing to me at NewsViews@aol.com.

- RH

DEADLINE for the September News & Views is Saturday, August 17. Material received after that date will not be included in the September newsletter.

If possible, please transmit copy by fax (203 826-1225) or e-mail (NewsViews@aol.com). If you must submit hard-copy, please allow extra time for us to get it transcribed. Display and classified ads should be sent directly to the advertising manager, not to the editor.

Contributors to this issue: Dave Carroll, Michael Collins, Victoria Ferrara, Harvey Fierstein, Bryon H., Len Horey, Michael Pavlicin, Marianne Seggerman, Michele Stone.

WORTH REPEATING

A 12-STEP PROGRAM GUARANTEED TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

by Harvey Fierstein

[This commencement address was delivered by Harvey Fierstein in 1992, but is worth repeating. Thanks to cdiani@weber.ucsd.edu for calling it to our attention.]

Good evening. I am J. Danforth Quayle's worst nightmare — an American with a used mind. I believe that democracy was conceived to nurture and protect diversity, and that diversity is what makes this country great. I am gay. I am Jewish, which makes me some other people's nightmare, and I am a radical. I'm proud to be all of them. I am also naturally gray. Somebody should talk to Dan Quayle and tell him natural blondes don't have dark gray stripes on the sides — probably has a heterosexual hairdresser. I am also, as he attacked yesterday, a member of the Screenwriter's Guild. He also attacked Hollywood glamour. Somebody should tell him if he didn't look that way, he would be working for his father.

More dangerously to people like him, I can read, I can write, I can paint, I can sculpt, and I can sing; and I don't need a Gallup Poll to tell me how to do any of them. Furthermore, I have actually seen Murphy Brown. I am pro-pursuit of happiness, which means I am pro-choice. I am also pro-family, pro-commitment, pro-marriage, pro-divorce, and pro-money. I am pro-children whether they are gay or, God forbid, straight. And my concern with life does not end after the moment of birth. I am pro-women, gay and straight. I am pro-man, gay and...well, I'm still working on that. Progress, not perfection. And I'm pro-affirmative action for any individual or group that has suffered at the hateful banquet known as the American establishment.

I'm an actor and that means I accept almost anything as art. I'm a writer and that means that I think art raises the human spirit. And I'm an activist who thinks that Washington makes Hollywood seem like a temple of truth. I believe that if America has enough money to give every member of Congress a staff of flunkies, then we have enough money to provide health care for all. I believe that in the last twelve years we have proved that the heterosexual community can learn a great deal from their gay children and brothers and cousins — such as, attack the disease, not the person with the disease. I believe that the government, my government, has no place in my bedroom or my body. I believe it's time to stop pretending that alcohol and cigarettes are not dangerous and time to legalize marijuana. I do not advocate its use.

I am pro-unemployment because it is the last remaining government subsidy to the arts. I am for a foreign policy that would allow me as an American to walk any street in Panama, Kuwait, Korea, Vietnam, Libya, Iraq without thinking that my tax money killed some of these people. I believe that a forest is more important than a lumber company, a species of animal more important than an annual report. And that the future will not take care of itself, not with friends like us. The earth cannot possibly heal itself as quickly as we are ruining it.

I cry for refugees who flee persecution, political and monetary, in cargo ships and rafts and junks; forgive me, but I cry less for refugees who flee in Jaguars and limos dragging along staffs of servants and boxes of cash.

I believe in equal pay for equal work, and I condemn the lowering of the minimum wage. Those who want it, believe me, never had to work for it. An American family is now expected to live — these people want one person in the family to work and the other to stay home — on \$80 a week take-home pay.

I believe that people's relationship with their higher power is their own business and does not require a tax credit. Just what God needs

— another building. It has been my experience that people who quote the Bible have never read it, or at least don't understand the concept of context. Just once I'd like to go into a Christian home that was kosher. The Bible is much clearer on that than it is on homosexuality. Speaking of which, I was watching Pat Robertson and he was giving a lecture on art, and he said that all of modern art — I'm paraphrasing, but accurately — all of modern art is a Communist plot to waste America's resources of marble and canvas and paint. He showed a slide of a Henry Moore and said (this is a quote), "this American artist could just as easily have made this piece of marble-into a statue of George Washington."

I would like to see Phyllis Schlafly forced to stay home and take care of the kids, bake cookies, and listen to her own speeches. I think we'd win her over. I think Ron and Nancy Reagan should be forced to live on Social Security — with all of their children, including the one conceived out of wedlock. And while I'm on that subject, just once I would like to hear one of those pro-family speakers speak out against incest instead of single parents, or child molestation — more than 95 percent of which is heterosexually acted — instead of school test scores, or domestic violence instead of divorce rates. Save the family, they say — to them that means beat the wife into hamburger.

But return to traditional values. And while I'm on the subject of traditional values, there is one of them I'd like to bring back, the one where they took bank robbers and strung them up in town squares. George and Barbara, say bye to Neil.

My fellow Republicans, I think someone should tell Dan Quayle his first name. After that they should tell him that Murphy Brown is a fictional character. Dan Quayle — this is the man who went to Latin America saying, and I do quote this time, "If only I'd paid more attention in my Latin classes so I could address you in your native language." But I'm sure that was the media's fault. They listened.

Dear class of 1992. I have spent only a couple of hours with you, read a couple of letters from the office here, but I am reminded of the 60s. And my own childhood. To you, really, I'm nothing but a fart in a blizzard. But you are the hope of America. I cannot tell you how touched and honored I was to learn that you wanted me to come and speak to you at this joyous moment.

Some of what I've said to you I truly believe. Some was said for effect — it's called artistic license. Many of you will be exercising it for a living. And some of what I didn't say, I edited because I'm getting such a look from these two people, and Madam President knows where I'm parked.

But I do, seriously, have a bit of advice for you, and I hope you will take this in the best way possible. I have Harvey's 12-Step Program that I'd like to share with you.

- Never lie, and never let anyone cause you to lie. Truth, or the pursuit of it, is all we have.
- Never do anything you are ashamed of. If you're ashamed that means somewhere inside you think it's wrong; and if you think it's wrong, you shouldn't be doing it.
- Take full responsibility for yourself. You are the only one who can say what goes into or comes out of your body.
- Always admit when you're wrong. You'll save thousands in therapy later — and a few friendships too.
- Change your mind as often as possible. Just because you thought something yesterday doesn't mean you have to think it today. Don't ever become a prisoner of your own opinion.
- Beware of anyone who says they know. Trust me, they don't, or they wouldn't have to say they did.
- Take care of yourself first, then your family, then your friends. And if you have anything left over, share it.

▼ NEWS & VIEWS

- Do something, anything, every day to change the world. It doesn't have to be big, it could be giving a dime to a street person, planting a flower, picking up litter. Anything will change the world.
- When you have nothing better to do, smile. You'll have to trust me on the miracle this step brings.
- Make a bit of time every day to be alone and think. Five or ten minutes is enough. It will keep you sane.
- Have all the sex you want — safe sex. Get lust out of your way. It's the only way I know to make sure you fall in love for the right reasons. And I want you all to find true love.
- Learn something new every day. Read a newspaper article that you wouldn't normally read. Open a dictionary to a word you never heard, or never understood.

That's my program. And this is my speech. A special word to all of the gay and lesbian graduates: As it was in the beginning, it will probably be in your time, too. From Plato to Walt Whitman, from Eleanor Roosevelt to Sappho — we are the cultural and social parents of ungrateful children. We give them the houses they live in, the clothes they wear, the art and music and food they enjoy. Do not wait for their thanks, but do the work for yourself. Art must be enough in itself.

Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, but define yourself.

Bennington Class of 1992 — go out there and make history!

EXTRA! EXTRA!

NEWS & VIEWS RAISES Its DISCOUNTS!

That's right! As a way of thanking our most loyal advertisers and as a way of encouraging new ads, News & Views has actually raised the discounts offered on six month and twelve month terms of service. And for the first time, the three month term will also carry a discount.

If you're a paid member of the center you'll be twice as thrilled with our new policy because as of this issue, any discounts you receive will be doubled. You did read correctly! This is a special treat for members only! Your double discount will be reflected in your next invoice.

All increases go into effect with this, the August, '96 issue of News & Views. For those of you who have paid in advance, all advertising charges from August on will be calculated using the new discounts. If you have any questions about the new discounts, problems with your invoice, or if you'd like to place an ad please call Michele Stone at (203) 316-0333. The new discounts are as follows:

Discount Rates				
Terms of Service	Non-Members		Members	
	Old	New	Old	New
3 Months	None	5%	None	10%
6 Months	5%	10%	5%	20%
12 Months	10%	15%	10%	30%

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE

Classified Ads

You can place a classified ad for \$2 per line non-members, \$1 for members. 1 Line = 53 Characters. Send your ad with prepayment to Michele Stone P.O. Box 8185, Stamford, CT 06850. All ads must be accompanied with contact name and phone. Make checks out to Triangle Community Center.

Services Needed

Position Available - Social Services - Program Coordinator P/T. Proficient in Case Management/Supervision. Good planning/organizing skills. Knowledge of housing issues, especially Scattered Site Model. Knowledge/Experience with HIV disease process and related service delivery system. Some Home Care experience desirable. Computer skills: MSWORKS. Education: BSW minimum, MSW preferred.

Reply to: Executive Director, Catholic Family Services, 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606-2892

Rentals

Roommate wanted - Gay female seeks same to share 2 bedroom apt in West Haven across from beach. 350/month plus utilities. Non-smoker preferred. (203) 933-5101

Newtown - Furnished room. Private bath. Kitchen privlidges. Must like dogs (203) 426-6535

100 Acres • Pool
Hot Tub • Trails

20 Charming Rooms
Peace & Privacy

The Highlands Inn

P.O. Box 118
Bethlehem, NH 03574
(603) 869-3978

A LESBIAN PARADISE

Michelle C. Loris, Ph.D., Psy.D.

Individual, Couple and Group Therapy

Ct. Lic. MFT

(203) 255-2767
By Appointment

DIANE M. REDDEN, M.S.

Art Psychotherapist

Specializing in
Individual and Group Therapy

Office hours by appointment

(203) 330-1933

Road Runner Catering

Specializing in:

Weddings • Commitment Celebrations
and "Coming-Out" Parties

76 Lake Avenue • Danbury, CT 06810
Tel: 730-1400 • Fax: 798-9611

MICHAEL D. ROME, Esq.

Martin and Rome, LLC

Attorneys-at-Law

Real Estate Transactions Estate Planning & Probate
Taxation: Business & Individual Personal Injury/Accident Law

137 Rowayton Avenue (on the Five Mile River)

ROWAYTON, CONNECTICUT 06853

(203)853-6677

Fax (203)853-6818

P-FLAG SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT TCC

"Big" Monthly Meeting: Every 1st Wednesday, 7:45

"Second" monthly meeting: Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:45

Spouses and Ex Spouses group: Every 3rd Thursday, 7:30

OTHER AREA GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bisexually Curious Support Group Bpt	(203) 264-5605
Chiltern Mountain Club	(203) 899-0270
Connecticut Kids and Families	(203) 256-8414
Connecticut Freedom to Marry Coalition	(203) 791-9553
40-Up Club. (social group)	(203) 261-4019
Gay Fathers Group	(203) 366-8003
GEMS (Mature GLBT)	(860) 688-1881
GuideLine (gay/lesbian phone info)	(203) 366-3734
Hartford Community Center	(203) 724 5542
Married Men's Bisexual Suppt Grp Htfd	(203) 262-1555
Metropolitan Community Church	(203) 389-6750
The Loft, White Plains NY,	(914) 948-4922
Triangle Bowling League	(203) 335-8948
Triangle Kids	(203) 255-6229
	(203) 323-6278
Western Connecticut Gay Men's Group	(203) 773-9947

We're glad to list your non-profit gay/lesbian/bi/tg group free of charge. Call (203) 849-1508. Please keep us informed of changes.

LEADING HOMES.

THE BUYERS REAL ESTATE COMPANY



MICHAEL T. PAVLICIN

EXCLUSIVE BUYER AGENT
BROKER

772 KINGS HIGHWAY WEST
SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT 06490

FAX/255-3705 HOME/866-6993

203/255-2278

e.mail/LHOMES13@aol.com

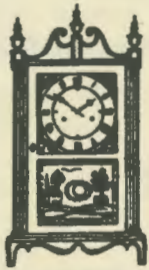
VICTORIA T. FERRARA

ATTORNEY AT LAW

(203) 227-9585

WESTPORT, CT
ADMITTED IN CT AND NY

Your contributions to *News & Views* — news, opinion, or whatever — are always welcome. For best results, fax your copy to the editor at (203) 846-1225 or e-mail it to



VILLAGE CLOCK SHOP

Karyn M. Critelli
1074 Post Rd.
Darien, CT. 06820
203•655•2100

ANTIQUe CLOCKS • SOLD • REPAIRED

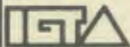
ALDIS THE TRAVEL PLANNER

46 Mill Plain Road
(203)778•9399

Danbury, CT 06811
FAX (203)744•1139

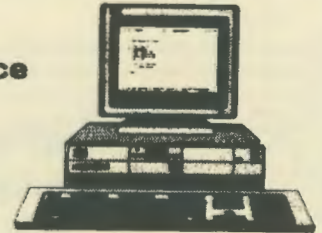


Three decades of GAY travel expertise



Emerald City BBS

Computer users! Join CT's fastest growing Bulletin Board Service serving the gay community! Meet new friends on-line, or browse through our file areas packed full of shareware, games, hot graphics and much much more!



▼ Match Maker service

▼ On-Line Games

▼ On-Line Shopping

▼ Over 48,000 files on-line

▼ STUDSNet message conferences

▼ News, Information, Entertainment

Call today, 300-28,800 bps, set modem for N/8/1

(203) 934-0026

JOANNE M. MARINO, C.C.M.H.C., N.C.C.
PSYCHOTHERAPIST

21 STRICKLAND RD., COS COB. CONN. 06807 (203) 869-0216

Diane Hyatt, MSW, CISW

▼ Solution-oriented short or longer term psychotherapy for Adults and Adolescents, specializing in, but not limited to:

49 Coolidge Avenue
Stamford, CT 06906
(203) 964-1847

- ▼ Depression
- ▼ Anxiety
- ▼ Post-Traumatic Stress
- ▼ Counseling for Partners & Family
- ▼ Specialized Psychotherapy Groups
- ▼ Case Consultation
- ▼ Clinical Supervision

1653 Capitol Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 332-0136

JOSEPH H. SWEENEY, CPA
• ATTORNEY-AT-LAW •

TAXES, WILLS, MEDICAL DIRECTIVES
SMALL BUSINESS REPRESENTATION
GAY & LESBIAN LEGAL ISSUES
LIVING BENEFITS NEGOTIATION

140 Sherman Street, 5th Floor
Fairfield, CT 06430-0454

P. O. Box 454
203/256-3717

PROFESSIONAL TAX SERVICE

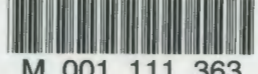
Member National Society of Public Accountants

PATRICK J. PHELAN

5 Brook Street, Suite 2D
Darien, Connecticut
06820-4513

(203) 655-2210
(800) 528-1080
Fax (203) 655-6234

Support our advertisers! Say
you saw it in News & Views!



M 001 111 363

NEWS & VIEWS

Support our advertisers! Say
you saw it in News & Views!

Maria C. Castillo, MSW, LCSW

Individual, Couples, and Family Therapy
Recovery from Abuse
Bilingual

(203) 261-3492
Monroe, CT

(203) 336-2708
Bridgeport, CT

JoAnn Attwood Nemis
VICE PRESIDENT



Complete Investment Services
Free Financial Consultation

DAVID LERNER
ORGANIZATION

(N.A.S.D./S.I.P.C.) INVESTMENT SECURITIES
1-800-685-2526 1-203-926-9800



DEROSA AGENCY

Insurance - Realtors - Appraisals

362 NORTH STREET
MILFORD, CT 06460

PH.: 878-1779 HM.: 874-1918

FAX: 878-2204

INSURANCE:
LIFE - HEALTH - HOME - AUTO - BUSINESS
REALTOR:
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL



SAUGATUCK COUNSELING CENTER
Individual, Couple, Family & Group Therapy

JOHANNA RAYMAN
M.S.W., L.C.S.W.

225 MAIN STREET, LL1 • WESTPORT, CT 06880 • 203.454.1549

Jane W. Griffith

Attorney at Law

Tax Strategy & Preparation

Estate Planning & Wills

Small Business Consulting

270 Alden Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515 203 / 389-8614

RENASCENCE PSYCHOTHERAPY
Licensed Psychologists
Serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual People
and their Families

ASSOCIATES

Westchester & Fairfield

Manhattan

914 - 763 - 8814

212 - 362 - 5985

Couples Therapy

For Lesbians and
Gays

Learn how to
make your relationship more like
the one you have always wanted

Maxine McCants, PH.D, MSW, CISW
(203) 227-3677

WHERE ARE WE? The Triangle Community Center Inc. is located at 25 Van Zant Street in Norwalk. From I-95, take Exit 16 and go south (from Stamford, turn right; from New Haven, turn left). Continue south under the railroad bridge and turn right on Van Zant St. (Route 136). 25 Van Zant is a large condominium office building on the right. TCC is in Suite 7-C on the ground floor, Tel. (203) 853-0600.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 28 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	29 Women's Rap 7:30	30	31 New Haven Commy Ctr planning mtg NH Library 7-9	Aug 1 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	2	3
4 AA 9-10 am Action Grp 11am Sun at Center Tag Sale OutSpoken 4-6	5 Women's Rap 7:30	6 Lesbian Lit Grp 7:30	7 P-FLAG 7:45	8 Men's Rap 7:30	9	10 Triangle Kids Pool Party
11 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 35+ Women 5-6:30	12 Women's Rap, 7:30	13 Gmosaic 7:30	14 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30	15 Men's Rap 7:30	16 TCC Friendraiser Len & Damian's 6-9	17 N&V Deadline
18 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6 TCC Picnic, Scalzi Park Stamford	19 Women's Rap 7:30	20 Fundraising/Spec Events Comm 7:30	21	22 Mens' Rap 7:30 P-FLAG Spouses & Ex- spouses 7:30	23	24
25 AA 9-10 am OutSpoken 4-6	29 Women's Rap 7:30	26 Gmosaic 7:30	27 Bi Rap Grp 7:30 TCC Board 7:30	28 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	30	31
Sep 1 AA 9-10 am Sun at Center OutSpoken 4-6	2 Women's Rap 7:30 Labor Day	3 Lesbian Lit Grp 7:30	4 P-FLAG 7:45	5 Men's Rap 7:30 Oral History 7:30	6 Boston-NY AIDS Ride	7 Boston-NY AIDS Ride

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

GROUPS MEETING AT OR SPONSORED BY TCC

A.A. - Don 762-9964

Bi Rap Group - Peter 838-2806; Robin 358-8391

Connecticut Business Guild - 225-6464

CT Outreach Society - (816) 657-4344

Free Association of Fairfield County - John (203) 268-8858 x304

Gay Men's Rap Group - Dave 838-1881

Gmosaic (People of Color) - Jonathan, 838-2937

Lesbian Literature Reading Group - Karen, 371-8487

OutSpoken (Youth) - Barb 366-5884; Dan 227-1755;
Doug 838-2367

Political Action Group - Michele, 438-4465; Charlie, 226-8652

P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays) -
Joan 544-8724; Lester 322-5380; Belinda 855-1203

P-FLAG Spouses & Ex Spouses Group - Joan 544-8724

35+ Women's Group - Faye 377-7288; Martha 288-6523;
Jeanne (914) 962-2032

Women's Rap Group - Debi 933-5103; Linda 866-4598;
Charlie 226-8652

All meetings are held at the Center and in the evening unless otherwise noted. A \$3 donation per person is appreciated with your participation in activities to help support the Center.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

MEMBERSHIP LISTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CONTRIBUTING MEMBER	\$35
CONTRIBUTING HOUSEHOLD	\$60
SUPPORTING MEMBER	\$125
SPONSORING MEMBER	\$250
SUSTAINING/BUSINESS MEMBER	\$500
SPECIAL MEMBER (YOUTH/SENIOR)	\$20

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. P.O. Box 4062
EAST NORWALK, CT 06855 ATTN: MEMBERSHIP
(203) 853-0600