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Diamond State Rodeo Association

Little Rock, AR 72201

MADNESS IS HERE!! MID-SUMMER MADNESS WEEKEND, AUGUST 11, 12

The DSRA party of the summer is upon us! After months of planning and re-planning, things are all set to go for the DSRA Mid-Summer Madness weekend, August 11 and 12.

A variety of entertainers will be here to perform both Saturday and Sunday. Some of the Royalties joining us will be:

Roxie Heart Miss IGRA Runner-Up '90, Miss KGRA '89 Brucella Devall Miss TGRA '90 Kassie Miss KGRA '90

Other great entertainment is planned, and some terrific local talents will be performing as well; so be early to get a good seat!

Neal, the DJ from the Round-Up in Dallas, will be playing country hits for everyone, and dance lessons are planned for both nights. Learn the top dances everyone's crazy about!

Activities take place Saturday, August 11 from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. at RUMORS. A repeat of fun will follow on Sunday, August 12, at DISCOVERY III from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Everyone polish your boots, dust off your favorite hat, grab your best guy or gal and come out to this great weekend party. LET'S GO MAD!!

SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP

August 26th, the DSRA will elect a new slate of Officers to the Board. This important election will take place at a special meeting at CHRISTOPHER'S SALOON at 6th & Center. Activities will begin at 2:00 p.m. and election ballots will be available at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for casting ballots will be 7:00 p.m. The only actual business meeting will be the announcement of election results.

The newly remodeled CHRISTOPHER'S SALOON is very nice, opening onto a pool-side deck. The pool will be open at 2:00, and there will be a donation bar for refreshments. You are encouraged to bring meat or chicken to grill pool-side for dinner. Don Cyr is donating beans, potato salad, and utensils. Places to store your dinner items and a place to change into dry clothes will be available. (See ELECTIONS pg 2)

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

DSRA has been fortunate to have many of our commercial members and DSRA-friendly businesses donate door prizes for the elections meeting. Throughout the day, drawings will be held for items such as a \$25 flower arrangement, a gift certificate to Creative Embroidery, stationery and cards, and a variety of other great prizes. So, when you register to vote, be sure to get your winning ticket!

Please do not overlook this very important day. It should be a great time to visit, catch a few rays, and choose those individuals that will be on the DSRA Board for the next year. We need your vote!

ABSENTEE BALLOTS - If you would like to vote but will not be able to attend the elections, call 224-2281 for absentee ballot information. The deadline for obtaining these ballots is August 11th.

JOIN US FOR

HAPPY HOUR

DAILY 5 - 7 p.m.

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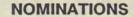
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The nominations committee is seeking applications from persons who wish to run for office. The DSRA needs motivated, dedicated individuals to serve on the Board. Is this you? Interest persons please call 771-1892 for information. Give this some thought - Everyone!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee meets monthly, a few days following the General Membership Meeting. Since the last report two months ago, the DSRA has added 14 new members. Membership now stands at 162. Plans are being made concerning our up-coming DSRAsponsored events. The committee will have a table set up at Mid-Summer Madness to promote the Membership applications will be available then. The next membership meeting will be held Friday, August 17th, at 7:00 p.m., at Steve N.'s house. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. (See Application on pg. 5)

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Volunteers are urgently needed for the DSRA Bylaws Committee. There are currently many recommendations for changes to our Bylaws that must be reviewed and published in the September issue of the Lariat. November will be the time-frame for our Bylaws to be amended. If you can help, have recommended changes, or if you just have questions, contact the president at 227-0803. Due to circumstances beyond our control, no recommended changes to the Bylaws are being published in this month's issue of the Lariat.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

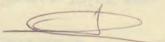
There are a lot of topics that could be discussed in this letter, particularly since this month is our Mid-Summer Madness weekend and the annual elections. It is time, however, to talk about your BOD! No, that is your Board of Directors for the DSRA. I say "yours" since the BOD was elected by the membership, charged with its duties by the membership and cannot function without support from the membership. I do not need to discuss individuals, particularly since a new Board is about to be nominated and elected. It is important, however, to refresh your memory on what the positions are and how the BOD functions. BOD is made up of Officers, standing Chairpersons, Trustee, and (if we expand) Satellite Club Director(s). Officers include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. The Chairpersons are membership, public relations, fund raising, entertainment, and rodeo events. If my math is correct, that makes ten (10) people (assuming one person per office/position). Additionally, special committee chairpersons may be included as ex-officio members. The BOD's actions are governed by the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Articles of Incorporation, Federal and State laws, ethical standards, moral standards and what's good for the DSRA. That is a lot of "stuff" for a bunch of unpaid, busy, dedicated people. What the BOD does, in one form or another, must be approved or sanctioned by the membership. With all that said, let me make my point.

The Board of Directors tries like hell to do what is best and right for the DSRA. Not every member will agree with everything we do. For that matter not every member of the BOD agrees with everything

we do, but we are a democratic organization and, as such, only a majority (BOD or Members) is needed for the DSRA to function and do "things".

As the President, I would never allow the BOD to do anything that was not legally, morally, or ethically right nor would I permit any action that was not for the good of the DSRA. It is also true, however, that I will not allow any one (1) or two (2) BOD members to block an action that is for the good of the DSRA; regardless of the positions they hold. That is the truth! If you (as members) do not believe me, then do not re-elect me as president if I am nominated. This I promise: I will take your vote as a mandate that you want the DSRA to grow and do bigger and better things. I will also assume that you are telling me that your are behind me and willing to Think about it! Show up help. at the annual election and exercise your right to choose.

Health & Happiness



R.A.I.N.ing Money

We were pleased to have Trudy James from the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network speak at our July meeting. At that time our President, John, presented her with a check for \$100 from DSRA. This money was primarily raised at our recent softball cookout at Reservoir Park. Charles Jacques also presented Ms. James with \$100, representing the first money raised from shining boots in his run at the title of Mr. Ms. James was thrilled, saying it was the first time she had been presented money at a speaking engagement! everyone for making these donations possible! (See pg 9)

DSRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 1990

3rd Special BOD Meeting at Ronnie's 7 p.m.

11-12th MID-SUMMER MADNESS (See

article and flyer)

12th General Membership Meeting

at DISCOVERY III

17th Membership Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. at Steve N.'s house. 18th Texarkana trip to establish satellite club. (See article) 26th DSRA ELECTIONS (SEE ARTICLE)

8/30-9/2 MGRA Round Up (See article)

SEPTEMBER 1990

7-9th San Diego Rodeo

9th General Membership Meeting-Installation of new BOD.

21st Special BOD Meeting

22nd Fellowship Cookout at CHAPS

6 p.m.

22nd Bar Night at CHAPS 9:00 p.m. till midnight. Cowgirl and Cowboy bartenders.

OCTOBER 1990

5-7th IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix 14th General Membership Meeting 19-21st Diamond State Roundup -The major event of the year!

SEPTEMBER DEADLINE

Articles for the September issue of the Lariat will need to be submitted by Thursday, August This deadline will be the last day the Editorial Committee will take articles for the September issue. So, if you are responsible for general information articles, up-coming activities, special announcements, reviews or anything else the members need to be made aware of, give your material to Wesley T. (758-8726) by this date.

Articles should be in ready to print form; that is, with dates and spelling checked, and information presented clearly and thoroughly, without irrelevant details.

PARTY TO HOUSTON

The DSRA is sponsoring a "party bus to Houston, Texas, for the TGRA Rodeo November 9, 10, 11. The cost is \$40 for round-trip transportation only. There will be a cash bar on the bus, so you can let go and enjoy yourself! Since seating is limited, it is very important to make your reservations for this bus trip as soon as possible. We need to see how many people are interested in going in order to finalize the bus trip. Once in Houston, you will be on your own, so be sure to make your lodging arrangements soon. Rooms have been going fast! The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency Houston. Call 713-654-1234 and be sure to tell them your are with TGRA. Room rates are \$61 for 1-4 persons. Remember, it is important to make your reservations for transportation and lodging now. For more infor mation, call 224-2281, 376-068 or 663-7110. (See pg 12).



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	Please check the following activities you are interested in working with Rodeo participation Western dance Public relations Fundraising Concessions Membership committee Entertainment committee Other By siging this MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, the undersigned applicant agrees to, as his/her duties as a member, conduct himself/herself so as to conform to the BY-LAWS of D.S.R.A., Inc. The undersigned further agrees, in connection with his/her participation or attendance in/or at any event held by or for the benefit of D.S.R.A., Inc. to always comply with all applicable laws. FAILURE to honor the commitments set our above may cause termination of membership and the undersigned so acknowledges. FAILURE to pay all dues or assessments, if any, shall give rise to termination of membership. For and in consideration of the acceptance of this membership application and of my being a member of D.S.R.A., Inc. with all its benefits and privileges, the undersigned does hereby agree to protect and indemnify and hold harmless D.S.R.A., Inc. from any and all damage, injury or death which might occur during the undersigned or to the undersigned's property in preparation for, during, at or immediately following any function held by or for the benefit of D.S.R.A., Inc. and also from any and all liability whatsoever in regard thereto whether any cause of action may occur to you, your executor, administrator or assigns.						
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WELCOME TEXARKANA!

August 18th is the day the DSRA will officially establish it's first satellite club Members from the Texarkana. Little Rock area will meet with interested men and women from the Border City to discuss the goals and objectives of the DSRA and Soon afterwards we will have a Border City Bash to party with the Texarkana club and with our friends from Northeast Texas. All DSRA members are encouraged to travel to Texarkana on the 18th and meet our new members. Please call 224-2281 for information and join us!



Hair Care Center



1407 John Barrow 225-1300



DANCE LESSONS

Tuesday night dance lessons have proved to be a big hit! Beginners and "old hats" have turned out to do the 3-step, 2-step, line dancing and more. Those who never thought they could, learned they really can. So, if you are wanting to learn, now is your chance. Tuesday, August 7th at 7:00 at RUMORS will be the time Some of the "old and place. hats" will be teaching the newest dances, along with the old tradi-This is your last tionals. chance before Mid-Summer Madness, so do not miss this opportunity!

Interested in advertising? Call 224-9329 for information and cost.

ATTENTION!!!

The location for the August elections has been changed!!! THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT CHRISTOPHER'S SALOON WHICH IS LOCATED AT 6TH AND CENTER.

POTLUCK "FLOODED" WITH FELLOWSHIP

There was a good turn out at Kanis park for the fellowship potluck, July 22nd. Unexpected rains kept everyone under the pavilion where there was plenty of great home-cooked dishes and good country music. As the evening progressed some members left, and then returned. cause of their return was not the great company but rather the creek had risen over the road leading out of the park and it could not be crossed. The weather had apparently given us more time for fellowship than was planned. Some of the more determined members devised a plan. With some fancy driving most people were able to get out by going "over the river and through the woods". Everyone finally departed and there was no reported damage to any cars. Thanks to those who came out and to those who got us out!

PINS Do you have your DSRA hat pin yet? Be sure to get yours at the next meeting! Additional pins are available for \$2.

CAPS Black embroidered DSRA baseball caps have arrived! We also have white caps with blue or red embroidery. They are available at all DSRA events, or see Steve M. Get yours now!

BANDANNAS DSRA bandannas will arrive shortly, just in time for Mid-Summer Madness. Red, black and blue will be your choice of colors. Numbers are limited, so be sure to get yours early!

IT'S TIME TO THINK RODEO

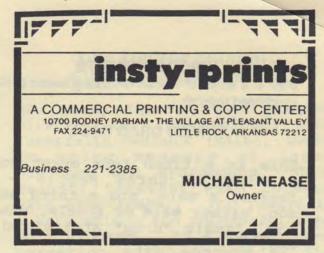
The Texas rodeo will be held in November and this should be a big showing in terms of contestants and spectators. All DSRA members who said they were interested in rodeo competition on their application soon will be contacted to see if they want to compete in Houston this Fall. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss what will be necessary for participation.

Information from membership applications show we have 2 bull riders, 1 bronc rider, 2 ropers, 7 barrel racers, 5 pole benders, and 1 steer wrestler. In addition, 17 members own horses and 2 are ex-rodeo clowns. As you can see, we have the competitors. It is now a matter of getting together, organizing, and just doing it.

We had three contestants representing Arkansas in Oklahoma City, our first rodeo participation as the DSRA. It is the goal of the DSRA to have contestants entered in every event. It will not be long before the DSRA will be a force to be reckoned with!

IGRA CONTESTANT POINT STANDINGS

The point totals have come in following the Texas and Great Plains Regional Rodeo. Five DSRA members are listed in the rankings. Steve P. is ranked 3rd in Pole Bending, 8th in Barrel Racing, and 22nd in All-Around Cowboy standings. Other DSRA members listed in the point standings are Steve M., Gary S., and Jerry S. in Goat Dressing; and Mark G. in Bull Riding. top five point winners in each event will be invited to attend the IGRA Rodeo Finals in Phoenix in October 5 - 7. We will be cheering everyone on to the finals!



ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL RODEO
TRUSTEE'S NOTES FROM DENVER

The rodeo weekend began early on Friday for the IGRA Board of Directors. Contestants, fans, and visitors arrived throughout the day, but the officers and trustees had already started their first meeting by 10 a.m. A quick site-seeing trip was my only break, as it was mostly business until 8:00 p.m. No time The Mile High Hoeto rest yet! Down had already started, and I got to spend some time renewing friendships made at previous rodeos and visiting with some of the many men and women who had traveled to Denver that weekend.

Saturday morning the rodeo began with the contestants meeting. The temperature was a tolerable 100 and not a cloud in the sky. Food, beverages, entertainment, people, and rodeo all day long. No time to rest yet! The "Party to Remember" began at 7 p.m. Great Fun!

The activities repeated themselves on Sunday, culminating with the Awards Ceremony that night. Finally a time to rest. Next stop is San Diego for RODEO '90, September 7 - 9.



ON PAGE 5 YOU WILL FIND A MEMBER-SHIP APPLICATION. GIVE THIS TO A FRIEND TO FILL OUT AND TURN IN AT MID-SUMMER MADDNESS.

RODEO EVENTS

(First in a series of articles describing events in IGRA sanctioned rodeos)

WILD DRAG RACE

This is a timed team event consisting of three people - a female, a male, and a third person, either male or female, wearing female "drag" attire and a wig.

The event starts with a steer positioned in a bucking chute. The steer will have attached a halter and a 25 foot rope. cowgirl is outside the chute, holding the end of the rope. drag and cowboy are positioned 40 feet in front of the chute. Time starts when a judge drops a flag and blows a whistle to start the timer. As the steer leaves the chute, the cowboy and drag may assist the cowgirl in getting the steer down the arena toward the finish line. At some point the drag must climb or throw himself on the back of the steer and ride across the finish line. stops when all four legs of the steer, with the drag on top, cross the line. The team with the fastest time wins.

This is an event in which anyone, even first time rodeo goers, can compete.



DIAMOND STATE ROUND-UP

The DSRA Round-Up Weekend, tober 19-21, will be here in less than 75 days. This is the fall "happening" for the DSRA. will be the first BIG event for the new BOD! That's the weekend when the Mr., Ms., and Miss DSRA competition will be held, and we will have our first in-state practice for camp rodeo events. There will be scores of out-ofstate guests, judges, royalty, and friends coming to Little Every member, organiza-Rock. tion, and bar in town will be involved in one way or another. So, enjoy Mid-Summer Madness but, block your calendar in for October 19, 20 and 21.

The DSRA Round-Up weekend will be the last chance for TGRA to publicize their Houston rodeo. We already have over 35 members set to go, but with a little help from our Texas members we can get over 80 people from Little Rock at the Houston rodeo!

MISSOURI ROUND-UP VIII AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3

Ten Oaks Ranch, Joplin, Missouri, will be the site of the 8th annual Missouri Round-Up. weekend will kick-off with a "Welcome to Missouri Party" Friday night at Billy Jack's Lounge in Joplin. The Mr., Ms., and Miss Contest will be held, as will a fun-filled rodeo. Volleyball, vocal and dance entertainment are also planned. will be two days of food, fun, games, and music; admission will be \$3 a day for DSRA members. Things will wrap-up on Monday with a brunch at Billy Jack's Lounge.

For more information you can call Steve N. at 224-2281.

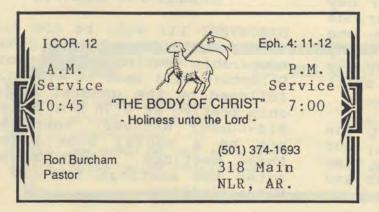
VOTE VOTE VOTE!!!

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER

The Seventh Annual Daddy and Ruth-Anne's Fish Fry was a resounding success! The event, hosted by Jim Norcross and Richard Martin, raised between \$2,200 and \$2,500 for AGLTF's 1-800 statewide information phone line. The DSRA helped publicize the evening and there were many members among the more than 250 people who attended. The next fish fry is tentatively planned for Fayetteville.

DSRA SUPPORTS LOCK UP I

The Officer's Club, NLA Arkansas, held its 1st anniversary celebration, "LOCK UP I", on July 13-15. As a member of the National Leather Association, the "O" Club celebrated with many current and past leather title-holders. Among them were Ms. Jan Lyon (current Ms. NLA) and Wes Decker (current Mr. Int'l Leather). The DSRA showed solidarity with the "O" club by providing the labor and conducting a cookout at CHAPS the night of July 14th. Additionally, one of DSRA's own, Mr. Charles Jacques, won the "Mr. NLA Arkansas" title. Congratulations Charles! Please don't forget how to wear cowboy boots and a hat! The "O" Club raised enough money to give \$1000 to AIDS-related charities. You did GOOD!



AIDS AND THE CHURCH -A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

Ms. Trudy James, State Program Director for the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN), works to bring members of local churches and synagogues ("Care Teams") together with persons with AIDS (PWAs). The result is a very unique and successful support program. In a recent conversation with members of the DSRA's editorial committee, Ms. James talked enthusiastically about her work and how she feels RAIN affects the lives of those "In the churches. I involved. see converts. People who used to be very homophobic will call me after working on a Care Team saying how wrong they had been about homosexuals. Some have become closer to their clients than to their own families. just wonderful."

Care Teams help PWAs with a variety of tasks, such as cleaning, cooking and grocery shopping, as well as filing insurance claims, and filling prescriptions. Sometimes, though, a visit is all that is needed. "One of my clients called and said a lady brought her children by to visit with him, and it was so nice because he had not been around children in a long time. Little things like this make a big difference in the life of someone with AIDS."

Because this program is congregation-based and the team meetings are confidential, team members are able to talk openly with each other about such topics as homosexuality, drugs and death. This type of conversation helps everyone to feel comfortable with what they do for and with AIDS patients. (Continued on pg 10)

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The initial apprehension expressed by both PWAs and church members is dealt with in the training program. Being honest she said, "The church members say they will not know what to say to a homosexual, ... and the PWAs say they do not want "bible thumpers" telling them how to live their lives. Our training program addresses all of these concerns, and we always tell members and clients never to do anything they are not comfortable with."

When asked if she was surprised with the success of RAIN, she said, "No, not really. I knew that lay-persons within the churches would want to help with the AIDS crisis if the program was presented to them clearly." With Care Teams from Jewish, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and nondenominational congregations, it appears she was right. But she says, "We have not had the success we had hoped for in the Catholic or Baptist churches, but we are still hoping."

Ms. James did not hesitate when asked what she feels the community as a whole needs to know about this program or about AIDS. "The one thing I want people to know is what I hear all the time from the PWAs. When people learn that they have AIDS, all their friends desert them. Their gay friends, family, just everyone stops coming around. The one thing these people need, and any sick person, for that matter, is support. Let them know you still love them."

For more information about the RAIN program, call 375-5908. Our thanks to Ms. James for her time with the DSRA. We wish her and RAIN continued success.

CHERYL'S NOTES AND QUOTES

In being loved I am filled full.

In loving I am fulfilled.

The greatest gift is to fill a need unnoticed.

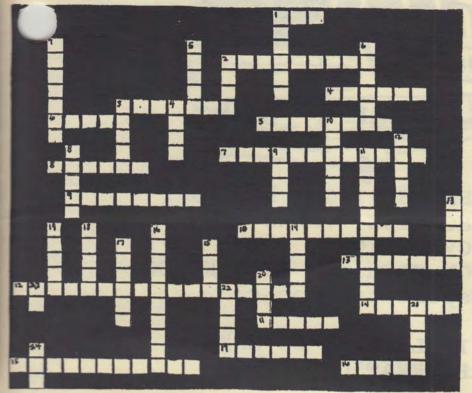
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AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DISCOVERY III will be the location for the August 12th general membership meeting. The Board of Directors will meet at 4:00 p.m., followed by the general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Due to Mid-Summer Madness, there will not be a social hour between these meetings. Plan to stavafter the meetings for all t MAD activities.

COWPOKE CORNER



ACROSS

- 1 saloon
- 2 Bonanza
- 3 Doc
- 4 Gene ____ (famous Cowboy)
- 5 wildly running cattle
- 6 gymkhana
- 7 bandanna
- 8 Lone or Texas
- 9 back to back, 10 paces & turn
- 10 gun, Colt 45
- 11 hangman's
- 12 Tumbling Tumbleweeds (group that sings..)
- 13 Blazing
- 14 cowboy hat
- 15 William Bonnie, known as...
- 16 saddle girth
- 17 head strap for leading a horse

DOWN

1	outlaw	14	Jingle, Jangle, Jingle
2	horse	15	Silver (Lone Ranger)
3	shoes	16	Dale Evans' horse
4	branding	17	drive
5	buck (wagon)	18	Lariat
6	Dead or Alive	19	chuck
7	U S Army	20	neck, (to guide a
8	star (Sherriff's)		horse)
9	John Wayne's nickname	21	horseshoer, black
10	Arkansas' Hanging Judge	22	horse cry
11	Roy Roger's theme song	23	gunfight at the Corral
12	Longhorn's	24	bridle mouthpiece
13	cowboy's leather leggings		ABUT ALTER AND

TOP TEN COUNTRY SINGLES

- 1. THE DANCE, Garth Brooks
- 2. HE WALKED ON WATER, Randy Travis
- 3. NOBODY'S TALKING, Exile
- 4. LOVE WITHOUT END, AMEN, George Strait
- 5. ON DOWN THE LINE, Patty Loveless
- 6. GOOD TIMES, Dan Seals
- 7. RICHEST MAN ON EARTH, Paul Overstreet
- 8. HILLBILLY ROCK, Marty Stuart
- 9. IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW, T.G. Brown
- 10. GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD WHISKEY, Hank Williams, Jr.

PARTY TRIP TO HOUSTON



D.S.R.A. IS SPONSORING A BUS TRIP
TO HOUSTON, TEXAS
NOV. 9,10,11
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TGRA RODEO.
(transportation only)

SEATING IS LIMITED SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.

COST IS \$40 (round-trip)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 224-2281 376-0689 663-7110

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Community Round-Up

Special Events

August

- 11 Training for Gay and Lesbian Switchboard volunteers, 11:00 a. m. 1:00 p. m.,
 Unitarian Universalist Church, 1818 Reservoir Road, Little Rock. For information
 call 758-7012.
- 26 Benefit for R. A. I. N. Heartsong Retreat at Discovery III. For information call 375-5908.

September

- 7 & 8 "AIDS a Test of Human Values"; conference sponsored by the Arkansas AIDS Foundation; Keynote speaker: Randy Schilts - author of <u>And the Band Played On</u>; fee - \$20.00. To register call the Arkansas AIDS Foundation: 663-7833.
- 10-13 R. A. I. N. Heartsong Retreat for HIV+ persons, Little Rock 4-H Center. For information and to register call R. A. I. N., 375-5908.
- 22 "Hot Weekend for the Hotline", Ron's Place, Fayetteville, fundraiser for the Switchboard.

Services and Support Organizations

- *American Civil Liberties Union, 209 West Capitol, Suite 214, Little Rock, AR 72201, 374-2660.
- *Arkansas AIDS Foundation (AAF), 5911 "H" Street, Little Rock, AR 72204, 663-7833.
 - -PWA's/HIV+ and Family, Friends and Significant Others support group, 6:30-8:00 p.m., every Monday, 210 Pulaski, Little Rock, free.
 - -Anonymous HIV testing, 7:00 9:00 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Call AAF for appointments.
- *Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force, P.O. Box 45053, Little Rock, AR 72214.
- *The Body of Christ, P. O. Box 1364, Little Rock, AR 72203, Sunday services: 10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p. m., 318 Main, North Little Rock, 374-1693.
- *Conway support group for persons with HIV, their families and friends, 7:00-8:30 p. m., <u>Thursdays</u>, Advent Lutheran Church, Front Street, Conway. This group is confidential. Call 663-7833.
- *Dignity, support and worship group for lesbian/gay Catholics and friends, 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday, chapel service every first Tuesday, Arkla Room, St. Vincent's Center for Health Education. Contact Bill Branch: 758-3512.
- *Gay and Lesbian Switchboard/AIDS Information Line 6:30-10:30.p.m., daily.
 In Little Rock 663-3340; outside Little Rock 1-800-448-8305

Services and Support Organizations (Continued)

- *Disabled Lesbians Support Group, 7:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, The Women's Project, 2224 South Main, Little Rock, AR 72206. Call 372-5113.
- *HIV Anonymous, a 12-step program for people with HIV, 8:00 p.m., Thursdays and Sundays (beginning August 9th), St. James Methodist Church, Room 43 (use entrance #6), 321 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.
- *Lesbian Support Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays each month, The Women's Project, 2224 South Main, Little Rock, AR 72206. Call 372-5113.
- *Metropolitan Community Church of the Rock, P. O. Box 1964, Little Rock, AR 72204, 753-7075. Sunday service, 11:00 a. m., 2017 Chandler, North Little Rock.
- *Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 7:00 8:30 p. m., second and fourth Thursdays each month, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1818 Reservoir Road, Little Rock. Call Shirley Herndon at 821-4865.
- *Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (R. A. I. N.), Christ Episcopal Church, 509 S. Scott, Little Rock, 375-5908.

National Round-Up

The Washington Blade (July 6, 1990) reported that Rhode Island fell just short of becoming the third state in the nation to protect Gay people from discrimination. (Presently Massachusetts and Wisconsin are the only states with Gay rights laws). A tie vote in the Rhode Island House of Representatives prevented the statewide Gay rights bill from passage. The bill had passed the state Senate. Advocates for the legislation are hopeful it will pass next year.

The governing committee of the Reform movement of Judaism in the United States voted to allow the ordination of gay men and lesbians as rabbis. The Reform movement, with more than 1.5 members in the United States, is the largest religious group to formally accept gays as religious leaders. (Reported in the Advocate, July 31, 1990.)

Last month the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, added sexual orientation to its human rights charter. The ordinance protects Gays from discrimination in housing, employment, credit, services and public accommodations. (Reported in <u>The Washington Blade</u>, July 13, 1990.)

A Gay alumni association of the Pennsylvania State University has been formed and the group is seeking members. For information write to Sim Aberson, 221 SW 7th St, Dania, FL 33004