

Alameda County Leather Corps Newsletter

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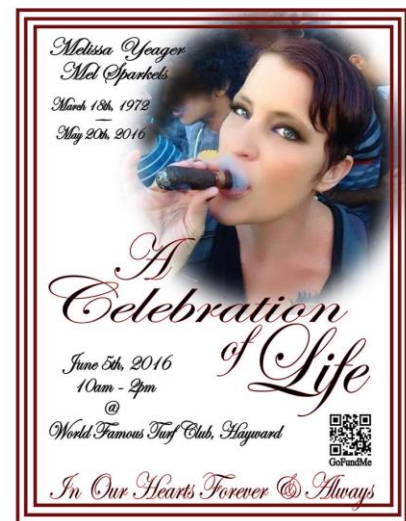
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Farewell, Girmel Sparkles

Melissa “Girmel Sparkles” Yeager, our beloved Ms Alameda County Leather 2013, has passed away. On June 5th, we hosted a celebration of her life with bubbles, sparkles, memories, stories, songs, poems, and hugs.

Mel, we love you and miss you and will hold you close in our hearts forever!.



ACLC Unleashed!

Save the date: July 23rd, 2016 for *ACLC UNLEASHED!*

Be there or be SQUARE!

On July 23rd, ACLC is hosting an animal play-themed party at The World Famous Turf Club!

We'll have demos, a silent auction, and some play time for the critters.

The fun will run from 3 PM – 7 PM. Fundraising beneficiary will be PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) East Bay.

ACLC Goes to The Races!

A group of ACLC members and friends showed up for Dollar Day at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley for a Day at The Races!

Alameda County Leather Corps: "Day at the Races" Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA 6/12/2016



A fun time was had by all. However, nobody is saying how much they won (or lost) on the ponies.

Contest News

Alameda County Leather Corps is currently seeking male and female contestants to run for the Mr. & Ms. Alameda County Leather title!

The Mr./Ms. ACL titleholders assist the local leather community through outreach, education and fund raising for other East Bay Non-profit organizations.

ACLC is now, through August 15, accepting applications for contestants Contestant applications can be found on the ACLC website: www.acleather.org

You can also email Jason Williams (President of ACLC) for more information:
MRACL2012@gmail.com

Beneficiary Profile: Operation Dignity



For contest this year, we will be making a contribution to a new beneficiary: Operation Dignity.

This agency is dedicated to providing transitional housing and support services to homeless veterans.

Operation Dignity has been serving veterans since 1993. Founder (and Vietnam veteran) Alex McElree has dedicated his life to ensure that no veteran suffers the indignity of homelessness and isolation upon their return home.

After returning from three tours of duty in Vietnam, Alex lost everything. He became homeless, battled alcoholism and experienced trauma from war experiences.

Once he recognized the acute needs of other homeless veterans, he vowed to do what he could to house and support them. Starting with only his Social Security check, Alex rented a house in Oakland, bought some beds and invited a few veterans to his home. Operation Dignity was born.

From our pioneering start, Operation Dignity has grown to a veteran-run, service-enriched 501(c)(3) non-profit, serving homeless veterans and their families, as well as homeless population of Alameda County, CA. Former and current Operation Dignity residents help operate our housing facilities by providing peer support to other veterans and supporting day-to-day operations. Many former residents are now even employed by Operation Dignity.

More information is available online at <http://www.operationdignity.org>

The screenshot shows the homepage of Operation Dignity. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Need Assistance?, Our Programs, Our Story, Blog, Volunteer, and Donate. Below the menu is a large banner with three images: a person in a wheelchair, a woman sitting with a dog, and a family. The banner is titled "Veterans Helping Veterans". Below the banner are four call-to-action boxes: "Providing a hand up, not a hand out.", "Need Assistance?", "Donate Goods", and "Volunteer". At the bottom of the page, there is a "Donate financially to help our veterans." section with a "Donate Now!" button.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 23, 2016: ACLC Unleashed!

A pet/furry/animal-themed fundraiser. Bring your favorite (two-legged) animal(s)!

Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: The World Famous Turf Club, 22519 Main Street, Suite 200, Hayward, CA 94541

Thursday, August 4, 2016: Board Meeting

Members and their guests are welcome to attend our monthly business meeting to observe and provide input to the running of the Corps.

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: BAYC/Our Place, 22245 Main Street, Suite 200, Hayward, CA 94541

Thursday, August 11, 2016: General Assembly Meeting

Come join us for our monthly meeting, to find out how much we raised at our previous event, what the next event will be, and a discussion about this year's Mr./Ms. ACL Title Contest!

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: BAYC/Our Place, 22245 Main Street, Suite 200, Hayward, CA 94541

Club Committees

We're still searching for more members to join one of our committees! Please consider joining a committee today; just contact the chair (first person listed under each committee below) and we'll get you started!

- Newsletter and Public Relations: Lady Cynthia, Mr. Allan
- Events: Jay Williams, Krystal Cade
- Contest: Kim Croteau, Krystal Cade, Jay Williams, Uncle Drew
- Education: Luna Bear
- Bylaws and Policies: Lady Cynthia, Mr. Allan, Mr. Randy
- Membership & Logo: Uncle Drew

Lady Cynthia: Get Well Soon!

On July 11, 2016, our intrepid Sergeant at Arms and Newsletter Editrix, Lady Cynthia, underwent cardiac valve replacement surgery. The operation was a success, and Lady Cynthia is well on her way to a full recovery!

Beth Elliott has graciously volunteered to act as Interim Sergeant at Arms during Lady Cynthia's recuperation.

Please give both of these ladies a big hug the next time you see them! (Well, hug Cynthia gently, we don't want any new parts to pop out!)

Thank you for reading this issue!

The newsletter can be found on the website.

Your Editrix,

Lady Cynthia

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