

# Alameda County Leather Corps Newsletter August 2017: Vol 25, Issue 4

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Scenes from ACLC's liquor booth at SF Pride.



**ACLC Newsletter** 

## Mr. & Ms. Alameda County Title Contest 2017!

On Saturday, August 19, 2017, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, is the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather title contest!

This year's theme (which our President assures us is *not* Star Trek related) is "ACLC: The Next Generation".

This year, we'll be holding a unified event on Saturday, August 19, 2017. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, and we'll serve a light dinner, provide a no-host bar, and have a great time at the Veteran's Memorial Building 22737 Main Street in Hayward.

Note: Contestant applications are still being accepted!

This year's beneficiaries are BAYC/Our Space and the Charlotte Maxwell Clinic.

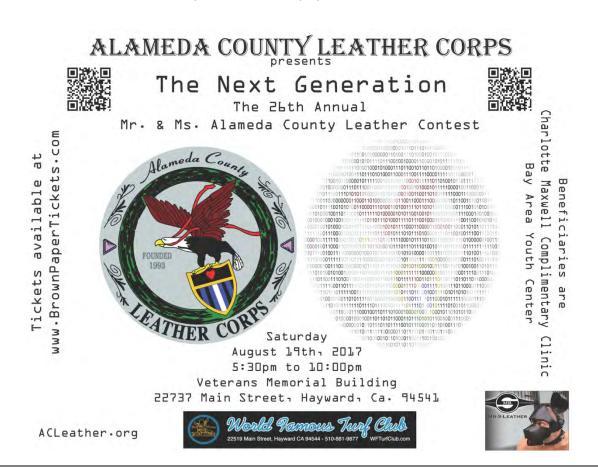
Our silent auction this year will feature an original painting by the late (and much-missed!) Master Morris.

Come out and watch our contestants sweat it out! The evening will climax with the announcement of the new Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather 2017.

This event will also be the official step down of our current titleholders, Mr. Alameda County Leather 2016 Ray Middling and Ms. Alameda County 2016 Aisia Jones Fletcher.

An unofficial victory gathering will follow at The World Famous Turf Club, where you will get your first chance to schmooze with the new Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather 2017.

Tickets are available online at <a href="http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2981059">http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2981059</a>



#### **Contest Beneficiaries**

### **Bay Area Youth Center**

BAYC provides support and a safe space for at-risk youth who identify as LGBT and may be at risk for homelessness, drug or alcohol abuse, physical or emotional abuse. It provides service to youth in the East Bay/ Hayward area.

#### **Charlotte Maxwell Clinic**

The Charlotte Maxwell Clinic ("CMC") provides free integrative care for individuals fighting serious cancers. The main focus is to provide quality care for low income and destitute women in the greater Bay Area. From CMC's website:

CMC provides integrated medical services to over 800 clients, primarily in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties, through a volunteer base of over 400 healthcare practitioners. CMC is a California licensed free public health clinic and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

A long-time donor, ACLC is prominently featured on CMC's Supporters webpage.

Alameda County Leather Corps is proud to be a partner in helping this work move forward. For detailed information on this beneficiary visit their web site at: <a href="http://www.charlottemaxwell.org">http://www.charlottemaxwell.org</a>

#### Run for the Board!

We have several Board positions opening up as Board members have termed out or resigned, including:

- President (2 years)
- Secretary (2 years)
- Member at Large (2 years)

We must fill these positions, or the Club will shut down.

Our Vice-President, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and (other) Member at Large will remain on the board for another year to provide continuity for our new board members. (Mr. Allan will continue to provide webmaster, email, and social media support to the Club.)

Please come to our August and September meetings to nominate and vote for the next Board...especially if you intend to run for the Board!



#### **Recent ACLC Events**

### June 17th: ACLC CigArt Leather Art Show

A number of very lucky guests had the opportunity on June 17, 2017 to enjoy "CigArt", a leather art show and cigar social, organized and hosted by Mr. Alameda County Leather, Ray Middling.

Some terrific artwork was auctioned off, and fine wine and cigars enjoyed by all. Pony provided bookblacking services.

The event raised 592.90 for Oakland's Crucible Art School, who we profiled in our previous newsletter: <a href="http://thecrucible.org/about-the-crucible/">http://thecrucible.org/about-the-crucible/</a>

### June 25th: SF Pride Festival

On June 25, ACLC was out in force at San Francisco Pride, selling cocktails to the many revelers. Proceeds from this event, along with Fosom/Dore liquor booths and beer busts, provide operating expenses for the Corps. This includes paying for our club's insurance, storage unit, and post office box rental.

Our hard-working volunteers sold over \$13,000 worth of drinks! We'll find out how much the club will earn from our bartending gig in September.









# July 8<sup>th</sup>: Castro Valley Pride

On Sunday July 8th 12-5pm, at Castro Valley High School, ACLC provided an information booth for all interested parties. The booth looked great! A lot of people came up to ask what the leather flag was. Denise and Fawn worked the booth for most of the day, and Jay and Matt handled booth setup.

### **Upcoming Events**

# August 10<sup>th</sup>: General Assembly

Please join us at Our Space/BAYC, 22245 Main Street (Suite 103) in Hayward for our monthly General Assembly starting at 7:30 PM.

This month, we will be nominating candidates to run for the Board of Directors, so this is an important meeting to attend.

We will also be nominating and voting on Business of the Year and Member of the Year!



This will be our last GA before Contest, so there's sure to be a lot of details you won't want to miss.

# September 9th: Board Meeting

This is the current board's last meeting. Members and guests are welcome to attend. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM at Our Space/BAYC, 22245 Main Street (Suite 103) in Hayward.

### September 10<sup>th</sup>: Oakland Pride!

ACLC is planning to participate in the parade and we'll be staffing one of their liquor booths to help raise money for the Corps' ongoing operational expenses.

Watch our website at <a href="http://www.acleather.org">http://www.acleather.org</a> for more details as they become available!



http://www.oaklandpride.org

### September 14<sup>th</sup>: General Assembly AND ELECTIONS!

Please join us at Our Space/BAYC, 22245 Main Street (Suite 103) in Hayward for our monthly General Assembly starting at 7:30 PM.

This month, we will be electing new members to the Board of Directors, so this is an important meeting to attend.



# September 17<sup>th</sup>: Tie Dye Party!

Members and guests are invited to a Tie Dye party and Potluck at Lady Cynthia & YoYo's home in Hayward on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM (Address will be provided to those who purchase tickets.)

We'll serve a brisket or pulled pork. Guests are asked to bring salad, side dishes, or desserts.

For tie-dyeing, we'll provide all the chemicals, dyes, bags and rubber bands you need. Bring \whatever you want to dye.



Articles for tie-dyeing should be 100% cotton, rayon, linen, silk, bamboo or hemp for best results. Blends of those fibers also work.

Do *not* expect to get a good dye with polyester, nylon, spandex or any material using these as blends. We will complete the rinse and dry steps for you after the dyes have set.

Purchase a ticket to cover costs) for \$10 at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3056183

### **Date TBA: September Education Class!**

Mr ACL, Ray, will be hosting another education class in September. The details have not been finalized yet but will be announced on our website as soon as they are confirmed.

# October 28<sup>th</sup>: Anniversary Party

ACLC's 26th Anniversary is coming up in October. Come party with us at the World Famous Turf Club on October 28th.

### Thank You to our Club Committees!

The Board extends a huge *Thank you!* to everyone who participated in our club committees this year, including (but certainly not limited to):

> Newsletter and Public Relations: Lady Cynthia, Mr. Allan

> Events: Denise McLeod, Asia Fletcher, Ray Middling, Pony

> Contest: Kim Croteau, Ray Middling, Asia Fletcher, Jay Williams, Uncle Drew, Mr. Allan, Pony

➤ Education: Ray Middling

> Bylaws and Policies: Mr. Allan, Lady Cynthia, Jay Williams, Randy Hensley

➤ Membership & Logo: Uncle Drew

Thank you for reading this issue!

The newsletter can be found on the website.

Remember, all members are welcome to submit articles and photos!

Your Editrix,

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