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Second Quarter Newsletter

Hi everyone and happy new year, 2020 was a mess and as I am sitting here writing this it is the eve of the inauguration and we are rolling out a covid vaccine that will hopefully set us on a path to easier times. I hope that you are all hanging in there and I miss you.

The club is plugging along and keeping up with the new way of doing events and gatherings the best we can. We held our first online event auction, Santas Service Auction, in December and it went very well. The total for the event approximately \$3650 will cover most of our annual budget and keep the club in the black for the next year, so a huge thank you to everyone who joined in to help when asked and to Lynn Flick for jumping on board as our tech person.

We are currently looking at several online events coming up in February, Bootdog is putting together a game night and Laurie is going to host an educational event on Cigar Play with past American Leatherwoman Steph Sanders as the presenter on Feb. 20th. What we really want on events is YOUR input, what are you looking for to keep you connected, how do we do outreach for members etc. Do YOU have event ideas? We want to hear them and work with you to make them happen, what can we do that's safe and fun and keeps us connected and raises money for charity moving forward. Reach out to us with ideas at info@acleather.org or send a message in the ACLC group chat for discussion.

We have also completed work on updating the bylaws and policies and will be posting them soon on the website. We are working on updating the website to show our new name and membership criteria etc. On that thought, if you are looking to hold an event outside of Alameda County, to support an organization where you live, we can now do that and support

more of our community with fewer limits of area. Let your friends know that they can now join ACLC and that membership is open to anyone in Northern California.

Dues reminder letters have been sent out, I want to thank our members who have paid and made additional donations of cash or items.

I am sad to have to again take a second here to remember another lost friend, Karl Schuck passed away on Nov. 24. He was a good friend and active member for many years. His obituary is in the newsletter and was posted in The Dec 16th Leather Journal.

So as not to end on a somber note, we look forward to seeing your faces in February for cigars and for the game night, take care, be safe and don't forget to look up.

In Leather Service

Joan

Treasurer's Report: 1qtr 2020-2021 Income : \$4886.14 Dues: \$395, Donations: \$350, auction: \$3644 Expenses: \$159.86

Reminder to pay dues for this year if you haven't already done so, and thank you to everyone that made extra donations. BIG thank you to everyone that participated in the Santa Service Auction!

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In Loving Memory

Karl Schuck, 1948-2020



Supplied by Joan Norry

I got the sad news last night that a longtime friend and emeritus member of ACLC passed away November 24, 2020. Karl Schuck contributed greatly to ACLC in the early years setting up cashiering policies and working on our nonprofit status. He was incredibly artistic and had a sharp sense of humor, always working on contest themes. Karl gave me the best piece of advice when I first became president of ACLC "You may not get the year you want but you will get the year you need." A long time member, Karl served as president and treasurer. Karl was presented the Lee Bell award in 2003, the highest honor awarded by ACLC. Karl was really active with the Golden Gate Guards too. Karl Schuck was raised in Bakersfield, California, where He lived with his family, brothers Tom and Jim and his parents Madge and Russ just across the street from the Tejon Theater off of Baker Street. No doubt growing up in the glare of the theater's bright marquee and the films he saw there got Karl dreaming about being an entertainer himself. Karl had a generous, beautiful spirit, which he fiercely protected with sarcasm and humor. But if you got under the surface, you had a friend for life.

Karl is survived by his brothers Tom and Jim and the beautiful family of choice he built along the way. He will be greatly missed.



Thank you for Joining Us At ACLC's Santa's Service Auction! The event was a huge success and raised \$3,650 in much needed funds during this time, when our traditional fundraisers aren't available. The services of ABW, IML, IMBB, Mr. and Ms. SF Leather, The Bare Chest Calendar Men, The Royal Grand Ducal Court of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and of course a whole host of ACLC talent generously donated and equally generously bid on. So many people worked hard behind the scenes to adjust this event to an online platform for your viewing pleasure, and we thank the whole team. Whether you donated your time and services, bid on the selection of talent, or just joined us to enjoy the show, we thank you!

ACLC's quarterly board meeting was held January 17th, on Zoom. Board meetings are posted on facebook, as well as emailed out to club members, and are open to the public. We were delighted to be joined during this past meeting! If you are interested in what the club is planning, are looking for ways to get involved, or especially if you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact any board member that you know, follow us on facebook, or email us at info@acleather.org

EDUCATION: Basic Needle Play by Mistress Nyna

Supplies Needed:

Various gauge sterile needles (the larger the number equals the thinnest, so 25 is thinner and a good gauge for starting rather than 18) 1 to 1 ½ length are easiest to handle.

Gloves, sharps container, protective surface item (chux, tarps) plastic trash bag for chux, paper towels, alcohol and gauze.

Preparation:

Discussion in advance regarding medical conditions, past experience with needles positive and negative, fears, desires and tolerance. Have safe words for slower, waiting and stopping.

Plan to have the receiver laying or sitting, with good lighting, body area to be pierced and access to space for the supplies within close reach.

Clean the area before, lay down protective cloth around the person, put on one or two pairs of gloves. Clean the skin to be pierced with alcohol

Open sharps container and outside packaging to needles be left capped

Technique:

Needles provide quick endorphins release, so go slowly and check in frequently.

When ready to insert the needle, uncap and hold bevel towards the body and keep skin taut, enter at a slight angle but parallel to the skin and come up to the surface within ½ inch. You can tuck the point back in or add a cap. Be careful with exposed needle point to not stick yourself upon exit or when adding cap. If beating, slapping, etc the needle should be tucked/capped and covered with plastic wrap. After insertion you can pull on needles with dental floss or rubber bands, add a little twist, tug, to increase tension.

Removal – easy out, slide along the skin parallel to pull down. Place directly uncapped needles into the sharps container. Bleeding is more likely to occur upon needle removal. Place sterile gauze over puncture sites and wait for bleeding to stop. Areas pierced may bruise during and after puncture.

Slowly change body positions after needles are removed, and adjust to the experience. The person pierced should monitor the puncture sites for a couple of days and if aftercare is arranged discuss the appearance of the sites for any signs of redness or swelling.

Needle play can be a fun warm up for the day or evening, and part of more experiences or solo activity. Having some food and fluids after is part of good self care for both parties involved.

Thank you once again to everyone who supported ACLC's Santa's Service Auction! Although it was a huge success, we miss you all and certainly hope that next year's can look more like this!



A year went by fast! Thank you so much to ACLC for your support throughout Caity's Ms. SF Leather title year! Thank you so much to everyone who supported Ms. SF Leather's online February celebration Leather Together on February 6th!



We want to hear from you! We know you're out there, volunteering, misbehaving, and most of all, Representing. Take a (street legal) photo in your finest ACLC patch, pin, or other assorted swag and send to info@acleather.org. We would love to feature you in our next newsletter!

Its not too late to support ACLC Member of the Year 2020 Frank La, your current "Mr. March" of the 2021 Bare Chest Calendar Men! You can buy your Bare Chest Calendar at <u>http://www.barechest.org/</u> Please select "Mr. March" from the dropdown menu for Calendar Man to Support when you buy!



Upcoming Events:

Please join us on the ACLC facebook group, "ACLC – Alameda County Leather Corps" at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/47216094228/</u> We'll be posting future opportunities to join Zoom chats and stay connected with your club!

February 20 - Join ACLC and Laurie Aguinaga for Cigar Education then Social!

Feb 20 at 3 pm on zoom. We will talk about basic cigar knowledge with Steph Sanders. They will share their knowledge with us. Then we will have time for Q&A. This will lead us to social time starting at approximately 4 pm PST.

Have your favorite cigar and beverage on hand as we enjoy each others company over zoom.

Any questions please contact organizer, Laurie Aguinaga on Facebook:Laurie Aguin or via email laguinaga@sbcglobal.net

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99736802484?pwd=eC9nTlJyWndtV2s0bXdVUGNkSHpPUT09

Meeting ID: 997 3680 2484

Passcode: ZG341B

