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President's Letter

Hello again!

It's hard to imagine our 2021-2022 year is coming to an end this quarter in September. We will have our elections of the new board with familiar faces nominated and willing to serve in the upcoming year. We will celebrate our 29th Anniversary to welcome new members and the success of this year with our tradition of giving out grant money to other community organizations that we support for their mission.

Our goals as a board that we set for the past year were:

- Cover our expenses and raise money for our community partners
- Increase membership
- Member outings outside the east bay
- Create and publicize QR code to membership application-online
- Encourage attendance at board meetings to mentor potential new board members
- Provide more education for leather community members (through interviews and other video productions on our YouTube channel)

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- Handle all the legally required work of the board such as policy updates, pay bills and taxes, provide quarterly education to the members (through this newsletter)
- Manage our storage space.
- Expand our membership.

Since our members have continued to move out of the East Bay to many other locations in and out of California. We are challenged to stay connected and promote our mission to provide educational and charitable activities through social interactions among people with an interest in leather, levi, uniform, and fetish wear. I am happy to say we met all the goals above this year and exceeded my expectations in most areas.

It has been a very successful year and I appreciate all the work our board members and club members contributed at every step of the way. I want to thank Caity for all her work as she steps off the board to start law school at UC Berkeley. She has done great work with updating policies, keeping us on track with minutes from the meetings, setting up our elections platform, helping with our online auction and so much more. Most of the board members have contributed more than 10 hours a month to the club, and it is a labor of love. Thank you, Joan, Andrew, Caity, Sweetie for serving and keeping our mission alive in Northern California.

With Gratitude, Nyna

Clips and Clamps 101: Sensation Play

by *Mistress Nyna*

If you enjoy squeezing and pinching sensations on your body parts then using clips and clamps might be a fun next step to try. Erotic arts stores and online stores sell a variety of clamps used in this form of play and there is always the old standby of using household wooden clothespins.

There are many styles of clamps with various degrees of pressure, pinch or discomfort that can be applied to your erogenous parts and along with other stimulation will heighten the sensation of the spot upon the release of the clamp. When the blood flow rushes back into the area and endorphin (oxytocin) is released and full sensation returns. This body chemical is associated with a feeling pleasure and goodness. The many styles of clamps include: the tweezer style, with mild easily adjustable attachment, to stronger clamps such as alligator style, clips with bondage chains, vibrating and weighted clamps.



But as always safety first- Communication first

if you are playing with someone other than alone-is this your first time, tried it before and want to explore more or different aspects. What is your interest? Let them know any areas of your body that is off limits or restricted due to surgeries, or other medical concerns. Disclose if you are on medications that cause increased bleeding or other complications.

Then start with the lightest pressure and trial of less sensitive body parts for the least amount of time-say start with 15 minutes. Discuss with your play partner safe word, but also know that the sensation will increase upon removal so despite minimal discomfort initially it may increase over time and upon removal. If applying to the nipple, start at the base of the areola when hard. Tighten only to comfort and when removing avoid tugging, ripping the clamp off. Instead loosen the pressure and remove slowly. Clamps and clips can be applied onto skin around the breast/chest and other fun areas to explore include genitals and skin folds along the arms.

Aftercare with this can still be important-be gentle, discuss what you liked or not with your play partner. It's about exploring new sensations, having fun and pleasure.

Ed Soares - In Memoriam



Drew and Ed on their wedding day

On June 16th, 2022, Ed Soares, a beloved member of ACLC, passed away.

Our hearts go out to Ed's family and friends, particularly to Drew, Ed's husband and also an ACLC member.

Alameda County Leather Contest 2012

A Look Back 10 Years

Christy Busch

Why did I decide to run for the title, what a great question! There were many reasons, it was my time back to a community that remains today due each of us stepping up and taking our turn. I liked that as a titleholder we were able to produce events that centered around our kinks, and gave back to the non-profits that touched us as people. My year we had everything from boot events, art events, even water sports! We raised money and had fun in the process. I mostly ran so I had a great excuse to buy more clothes. Femme until the end!

The value I gained as a club member and titleholder was enormous. It introduced me to many long-term friends, allowed my voice to be a little louder, and allowed my eyes to see in a much broader sense. From my year as a ACLC titleholder I gained the wisdom to start Queer Sphere, a group based on connecting younger and new-to-leather queers and matching them with a Mentor with experience in the leather community.

“I learned what leather leadership means-mentorship, accountability, responsibility, honesty, integrity, pride and not just what looks “hot” or serves my needs.”

--Quote taken from Nina from the last newsletter, I thought it needed one more turn to hit your mind and inspire you.

Am I still involved in leather and what have my past ten years looked like? What a whirlwind! The answer is yes I am still in the community and active. My first years of kink/leather had been in Sacramento back in the late 1990's (can you imagine?) I mention this because my first year's of learning and play came from attending events inside others homes, and I continue this practice by opening my home. Currently we offer monthly classes, workshops and play for a smaller-town community. I loved my time as a Ms ACL 2012, it was a great experience!



Alameda County Leather Contest 2012

A Look Back 10 Years

Jay Williams

Why did you run for Mr ACL in 2012?

I was working security at The World Famous Turf Club and the ACLC events attracted me to the club, then the members charmed me into running for the title.

What was the value or best thing about having a title?

Serving the community, raising money for other organizations like Tri-City Health and Charlotte Maxwell Clinic. Working with the board, the court system, getting to know leather people from all over the world at places like IML, producing ACLC events and knowing wonderful people like Mel, MsACL 2013, and the other titleholders during my board time. It was work and fun serving along with the board members, the founders and all the other club members.

Since my title year, I continued to represent on the board 2013-14 and 2015-17 as ACLC President, served on the 2014 Contest Committee and judged the 2015, 2016 and 2017 contests. I was involved nonstop for 7 years until I moved to my new home in Lodi with my pup Matt. But I remain an active member in the club and my friendships remain strong despite the distance and COVID restrictions of the last couple of years.

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEATHER CORPS PRESENTS

MR. AND MS. ALAMEDA COUNTY LEATHER CONTEST

STEAMROOM

EMCEES FOR THE EVENING

MICHAEL BRANDON AND SISTER PAT-N-LEATHER

MEET AND GREET
BBQ DINNER FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2013 6PM
WORLD FAMOUS TURF CLUB
22519 MAIN STREET
HAYWARD, CA

CONTEST
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013
DOORS OPEN 6:30, CONTEST 7PM
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
22737 MAIN ST
HAYWARD, CA 94541

BENEFICIARIES NCSF CONTESTEES COUNTS AND OAKLAND CHILDRENS HOSPITAL
WWW.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM/EVENT/370111
TICKETS \$ 25 IN ADVANCE, \$28 ON FRIDAY AND \$30 AT THE DOOR

SPUNK video.com

FACES

BOLT

Thanks Christy and Jay for this trip down memory lane!

Treasurer's Report

April-June 2022

Starting Balance	\$ 11,951.40
Income	1,202.99
Expenses	2,046.90
Ending Balance	\$ 11,107.49

Don't Forget: Dues Are Due!

Annual Membership dues are currently due. Full membership is \$25 per year and affiliate membership is \$10 per year.

Dues can be paid through:

- Venmo (go to www.venmo.com/u/ACLeather)
- Paypal (go to www.paypal.com and search "Alameda County Leather Corps")
- Use one of the QR Codes below
- Send a check to

ACLC
P.O. Box 2981
Castro Valley, CA 94546



Scan. Pay. Go.

@ACLeather



venmo

Jay Hemphill - In Memoriam

Leslie (Jay) Hemphill
11/13/1940 - 07/08/2022

Jay treasured Family, Friends,
Cooking and Organ Music.

Jay leaves behind his husband Michael, Brother John Hemphill, Sister in-law Donna Hemphill, Niece Susan Hawrylak, Nephew John Hemphill and Great Niece Jamie Hawrylak. Jay had of love of family, it meant a lot to him that my family welcomed him just as lovingly as his family welcomed him.

Jay retired from the Postal Service in San Francisco.



Jay was a member of the SF Bay Area Leather Community. Jay won the 2006 Pantheon Of Leather XVI Presidents' Award and Jay and his husband Michal won the 2008 Pantheon of Leather XVIII Couple of the Year.

Jay has volunteered at AEF/BCEF in Client Services as a grant writer weekly from 2001 to 2015. Jay produced the 2006 and 2007 No. CA LeatherSir/Leatherboy Contest. He's a former member of the BCC Board. He was on the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Leather Corps, A charitable organization, a member of Mamas Family, and has been Producer/Chairman of the San Francisco Leather Pride Contingent, from since 2005 to 2015.

Jay moved to Fort Lauderdale in 2015. He started to go to All Saints Episcopal shortly after he arrived. Jay loved organ music and one of his greatest pleasures was sitting in the church when the organist would play after the mass.



Alta California Leather Corps.
presents

Let's
Get

Sunday, August,
28th 2022

3pm - 6pm

Proceeds go to
the ACLC
charity fund

KINKY

Hot Demos!
Hot Auctions!

Meet & greet with presenters
at this kinky taster at the

WHITEHORSE BAR

6551 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609

New Members

Please welcome our new members:

Cody Elkin
Jeffrey Wayne
Reika Minxie

And welcome back, Bianca Vigil!

ACLC Board of Directors



President

Nyna Kaiser

Vice President

Joan Norry

Treasurer

Andrew Johnson

Secretary

Caity Lynch

Member at Large

Evelyn Sullivan