

Newsletter

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Education

Hello to all the wonderful people in our club....

Wow what a winter we had, I for one, snowed in for 13 days. I do hope each and every one of you made it through the storm after storm faring well. Now just a quick reminder, The Mothers Days Beer Bust is coming upon fast, also want to mention Mendo Pride, both great events to come out and support and ACLC is also hosting these events. I cannot wait to see some of the faces missing from my leather club family.

So, we are here to talk education in this segment, however most of us have been playing for decades and are past the time where we want to run out and hit every class in town. This new era of community now offers tons and tons of online ways to get your up-to-date info on new techniques, language, and new ways to think about the importance of consent.

I will be highlighting one source today, Auntie Vice. She is a writer and performer, focused on BDSM, kink and Gender.

Her Link: <http://www.auntievice.com>.

She also hosts a podcast, Fat Chicks on Top, and her blog Love Letters to a Unicorn. She also includes a whole page of vetted educators, events and even books.

Check out Auntie Vice. <http://LoveLettersToAUnicorn.com/resources>



Christy Busch

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Did you know strong steady friendships maybe as asset in your physiological health with better coping, lower stress, and lower blood pressure. So, spending time volunteering with ACLC might be good for your health. We are already 6 months into our board year and have filed all the required state and federal forms, produced 2 newsletters, and 2 events (Santa service and SF eagle beer bust). We are looking forward to hosting 2 more beer bust and our 30th Anniversary party on Oct. 14th at Hayward City Hall. We are helping host Mendo Pride May 20, and a Bear Contest in Aug. Joan and Andrew have really out done themselves this year. I hope to see you at the upcoming events and on Zoom the third Tuesday of each month.

This quarter we remember our history:

2003- 20 yrs ago President Michael Scivally-Joan Norry, Contest; Circus of Sin with Robbie and Joel. Friday night host was Jeff Tucker and Patrick Mac, Sat. Lenny Broberg and Donna Sachet. Beneficiaries were Children Hospital and Pathways Hospice. Lee Bell Ward winner was Karl Schuck. Honorary members: Trixie (Steve Crowley) and Ronnie Grisby (later joined as member) unsung hero-Uncle Drew, Contest.

2013-10 years ago President was Jay Williams-Contest was Steamroom, contest chair was Bob Kleypass. Friday night host-Tek and Kim, Sat. Mc: PatN Leather, Michael Brandon. Winner: Mel Yeager. Beneficiary Childrens hospital and NCSF. Lee Bell award -Billy Aviles, and Member of the year Uncle Drew, Honorary member Dan Lloyd.

We have 30 amazing years with great friends and raised over \$300,000 for charities.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you this spring, Nyna President ACLC



Next Board Meeting: Saturday, July 8, 2023

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Treasurer's Report

January – March 2023

As of 12/31/2022

Starting Balance 8,467.27

Income 1,366.61

48.02 1/6/2023 Dues (with Paypal fees)

130.84 1/15/2023 Dues (with Paypal fees)

480.00 2/9/2023 February Beer Bust Sales and Tips

12.78 2/10/2023 Amazon Smile

25.00 2/27/2023 Donation

669.97 February Beer Bust Revenue

Expenses (325.00)

25.00 1/10/2023 RRF-1 Filing Fee

100.00 1/13/2023 Storage Space

100.00 2/3/2023 Storage Space

100.00 3/3/2023 Storage Space

Ending Balance 9,508.88

Transactions since end of month

(100.00) 4/1/2023 Storage Space

Current Balance 9,408.88

as of 4/1/22

Grub With Us

Wondering what to eat tonight? No worries, here is a recipe from LGBTQ+ chef Elise Wiggins.

Maple and Fig Lamb Ribs with Goat Cheese and Walnut Dust (serves five)

1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
4 tablespoons finely chopped rosemary
2 tablespoons fennel pollen
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon cayenne
2 1/2 teaspoons salt

2 half racks
1/2 cup Fig preserves
1/4 cup Champagne Vinegar
1/4 cup of Maple Syrup
10oz Young Goat Cheese
4oz Finely chopped roasted walnuts
5 tablespoons of roughly chopped Italian parsley

Marinate and cook ribs: Stir together oil, garlic, spices in a small bowl. Remove membrane from the lamb ribs. Pat lamb dry and rub with spice mixture. Transfer lamb to a large sealable plastic bag and seal, pressing out excess air. Marinate lamb, chilled, at least 8 hours.

Bring lamb to room temperature, about 1 hour. Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 350°F. Transfer lamb to a 17- by 12-inch heavy shallow baking pan and cover pan tightly with foil, then bake 1 1/4 hours. Meanwhile, stir together fig preserves, maple syrup and vinegar, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon cayenne and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a 1-quart heavy saucepan and bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Discard foil from lamb and carefully pour off and discard fat from pan. Allow to cool. Cut rack into rib servings. Brush lamb with some of marmalade glaze and roast, basting every 10 minutes (use all of glaze) and turning racks over every 20 minutes, until browned and tender and hot. To serve, stack 4 bones on top of each other, scoop a quenelle of goat cheese dip in walnut dust and plate beside the ribs. Garnish ribs with sprinkle of walnuts and roughly chopped parsley.

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Has it really been 10 years? Mel passed away a few years ago, and unfortunately, she isn't here to write this herself, so I have been given the honor of writing this bit of history in honor of my dear friend Mel Sparkles. She left behind a legacy of love and kindness.

Mel lived a hard life, but always made lemonade out of the lemon's life gave her. She was a loving person who cared deeply about all the people and animals in her life, she had hope when others would have given up. Winning Ms. ACL was an opportunity for her to publicly give to the community all the love and sparkle she possessed, so we could really see her. She embodied fun -draising!! Her first event was at the Bolt in Sacramento. It was "wet and wild" and raised money for a good cause while allowing us all to have a soaking wet good time. She just kept producing new events to benefit her community, while spreading live. Mel was passionate about including all people and she would actively seek out anyone who was new or alone and just start talking to them, so they would feel welcomed.

What she enjoyed most was service and being a titleholder was the consummate way of providing service to the community. Mel Sparkled as she flitted about both with and without her title husband. The club loved her and the level of enthusiasm she brought to every event she participated in as an audience member or lead role in a stage performance; each event made even more people see her beauty. Mel loved everyone she met, even people who others might have discarded. She made me kinder, and I truly miss her sparkle and the ways she viewed the world even when it was being harsh to her, because perception is really half the battle.

During her title year she traveled to as many events, near and far, as she was able to manage to squeeze into a weekend. Mel really tried to support all her communities (leather, drag, and queerdos of all sorts) and she did so by not only attending, but also volunteering her time doing whatever was needed at every event. Her energy was as boundless as her love.

She decided to run for IMsL and she just sparkled!! IMsL was a highlight for Mel, and she really loved the people she competed with for the title. She made ACLC proud and made new friends far and wide. Mel had a special way about her, and she made friends with many of her cohorts.

The love she had for all people was really an inspiration, but especially for those of us lucky enough to be friends or family to Mel, the unconditional love and energy she exuded is sorely missed. I am writing this remembrance to honor her memory, because I am a better person for having known her and feel that I am not the only human missing her loving kindness.

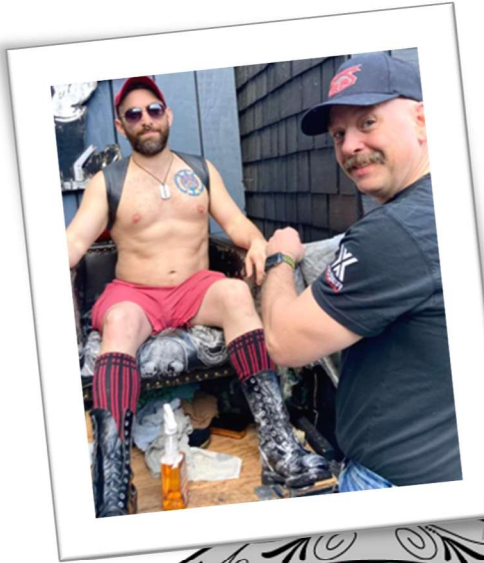
Kim Croteau for Mel Sparkle - Ms. ACL 2013



Just the Tip:

In pride month drinking from plastic cups is common. If you're drinking from one, you can use the indented lines on the side to keep tabs on how many drinks you consume. For liquor, the bottom line equals 1 shot. The second line from the bottom is for 5 oz of wine. The third line from the bottom is for 12 oz of beer. Drink responsibly.

Spot the Patch



Up and Coming

May 14	Mother's Day beer bust with Cody
May 20	Mendocino Pride
June 3	Sonoma Pride
June 9-10	LA Pride
June 10-11	Sacramento Pride
June 25	San Francisco Pride
July 8	Board Meeting
July 9	Beer Bust
July 31-August 7	Lazy Bear Week
August 13	Beer Bust
August 17-20	San Francisco Bear contest
September 5-19	ACLC Elections
September 9-10	Oakland Pride
October 14	Anniversary Party



Mother's Day
BEER BUST
 Sunday, May 14th
 3P to 7P
SF EAGLE
 398 12 Street SF.
 ...BECAUSE MOTHER KNOWS
 YOU NEED A BEER.
 PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ACLC
 SPONSOR OF THE 2024
 MR. SAN FRANCISCO BEAR CONTEST



2023
LA! PRIDE
 JUNE 9 & 10
 LA PRIDE IN THE PARK

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LGBT
 COMMUNITY CENTER
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SAC PRIDE
 JUNE 10 & 11, 2023
 CAPITOL MALL, SACRAMENTO, CA

HEADLINER ACT:
REBECCA BLACK

Get your tickets now
 at sacramentopride.org

QR code: SAC PRIDE

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LAZY BEAR WEEK 2023
 JULY 31 - AUGUST 7



May 20
MENDO PRIDE
 Hopland, CA

May 20
 1 pm Hopland Tap and Beer Garden
 6-8 pm Drag Show at Hopland Tap
 Community contestants encouraged to participate!
 \$5 donation at the gate nobody turned away for lack of funds
 Beneficiary
 Ford Street Project

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SONOMA COUNTY PRIDE 2023
COMMUNITY
 >>>>>>>>>> UNITED BY DIVERSITY
 JUNE 3, 2023 OLD COURTHOUSE SQUARE, SANTA ROSA CA.
 PARADE - 11AM FESTIVAL-12PM-5PM



SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE
 PARADE 06.25.2023