

# Newsletter

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## Education

### 1. How do you offer or accept an offer of "service" to someone in a D/S dynamic?

**C:** I like having a lot of crystal-clear communication with definitions and specific details of exactly what they are looking for in the exchange. Although recently someone took notes of what I was saying and then started doing things exactly as I had said. So sometimes there are different approaches to starting a service agreement.

**G:** I always say- make sure the person I am giving to and receiving from me are on the same page-what I am offering is what you want. Communication is key. I can make a 4-course meal but if what you wanted is pizza then it's a failure.

**J:** The art of service is to be mindful and thoughtful. I negotiate what the service is being offered, ask about a start and stop time, or is it perpetual vs a single play offer.

**N:** As a "service" provider in my professional life I rarely want to offer service to another in my leisure time. But I enjoy receiving service from others; still, I'm selective about accepting open-ended offers because it is still an exchange of time between us. Therefore, I try to be gracious and ask for time to discuss the details of the service offer. There's a big difference between "I would like to provide leather care to your boots, today" and "I would like to come do service for you on weekend". Either way I want specifics, some trust and clear expectations in advance of an agreement.

**\*G-Story:** S and I were together 12 years about 10 years into it I realized I had been depriving her of something she liked, I never bought home onion rolls and said then I saw her out eating an onion roll and I said I thought you didn't like onion rolls and she said no I don't like onion bagels. Now I bring her onion rolls whenever I visit.

### 2. Do you have a favorite type of service to give or receive?

**C:** Yes, I love when given coffee, bring it and doesn't matter how it is done, I just enjoy knowing you thought of me. I'm an easy bitch!

**G:** Yes, several types and it would depend on whether we have a sexual connection from top or bottom. I'm a service top and 1/2 of what I enjoy is giving. I like to hurt people the way they like and giving the sensation they crave and consensually taking them farther. I like to spoil beautiful women rotten and hurting them is a bonus. I see beauty in "all" shapes and types of people. Courting is my favorite sport.

**J:** My favorite type is selfless service: the kind you do that isn't asked for, but you know will be appreciated later and anticipatory service.

**N:** My favorite personal service to receive is "drink service" from coffee in the morning to evening cocktails. I enjoy having it provided without my effort. I am happy to cover the cost; it's the attention to my preferences that is special. The negotiation is simple-May I get your drink? Yes/no and thank you.

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## Education Cont.

**3.** Do you have a service that you seldom give or receive?

**C:** No, nothing unless I reserve something for a personal reason. I have had a special gift I offered that I would give to only a selected few people.

**G:** I don't smoke cigars and I might fake it or sub-contract a service if I don't give it. (As long as that was the agreement)

**J:** Sexual services are not usually offered on a casual basis.

**N:** Accepting service is reserved for a selected few in specific arrangements. I think service is special and I value it, so I don't accept it from just anyone.

**4.** How do you reward someone that gives you service?

**C:** it always varies on the person, each person needs or/ and wants different things and receives things differently based on what they desire, people are complex and want something specific to their needs.

**G:** I pre-negotiate up front and I try not leave disappointed because unmet expectations lead to resentments. (ex: rewards might be play, sex, make a great meal, an invite to something or someplace such as access, maybe teach a skill they want, could occ. be cash or a present. ) Ask for what you want because unspoken expectations or rewards are explosive.

**J:** Depends on what the person wants and what we negotiated (I.e.: sex vs. ice cream)

**N:** depends on the exchange maybe a thank you or acknowledgement of appreciation and whatever was agreed upon in advance.

In Summary: The difference between "service" and "being friendly" is a combination of the persons intention in the actions, clear communication with both parties in agreement or on the same page at the same time best done in advance not after.

**N:** I get drinks often for my friends, but I am doing intending to do it as a Service, I am doing it as a friend

## **President Letter-July-September 2023**

Dear Members,

We are wrapping up our last quarter for this board and the next newsletter will be in November with a newly elected board. It has been a pleasure working with Andrew, Bianca, Joan and Sweetie this year. We have raised more than our budget projected and produced two new events (Mendocino Pride and SF Bear Contest). We have not increased our membership as hoped but we are more visible in the larger Northern Calif. Leather community.

As we celebrate our 30th Anniversary I am proud of our club progressing into the greater Northern Calif. Area and surviving as a club. We are one of the few remaining leather clubs in the bay area. We will have our elections in September and a new President will take on the leadership of the board and club. We have tried to keep in touch with our membership with both the newsletter and zoom meetings due to the challenges of having our members spread out over Northern Calif. to provide education and networking opportunities. So far we have not found the perfect match to re-connect us and provide useful education, therefore we remain open to suggestions from our membership. (For example: some of our members are not on facebook or messenger). I am looking forward to our Anniversary celebration and spending time together. It will be by invitation or overlay as in the past years. It has been my honor to serve as ACLC President this year and last year, my 20 years with the club has given me countless hours of fun, many valued friendships and a community of leather lifestyle. When I joined in 2002 I wanted to give back to my local community and every year I am delighted to remain involved, active and part of ACLC.

 Nyna

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## Treasurer's Report

April – June 2023

As of 7/1/2023

Starting Balance 9,508.88

Income 95.59

Expenses (2,045.95)

General Fund 7,558.52

Sub-Accounts 3,107.45

(see attached)

Ending Bank Balance 10,665.97

Transactions since end of month

Bank Balance 10,558.97

as of 7/4/23

5.00 5/3/2023 Amazon Smile

15.59 5/19/2023 Amazon Smile

75.00 5/21/2023 Member Dues

100.00 4/3/2023 Storage Space

1483.95 4/12/2023 Board Liability Insurance

107.00 5/3/2023 Storage Space

248.00 5/21/2023 P.O. Box Rental

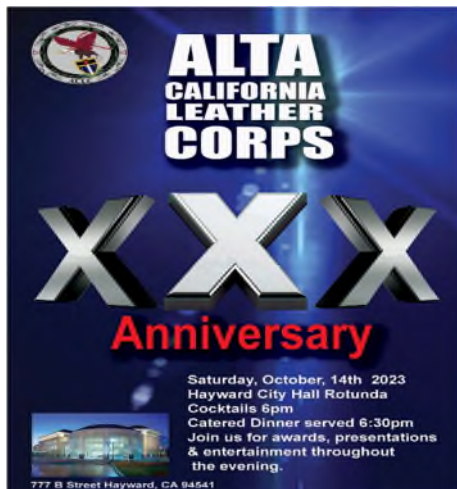
107.00 6/5/2023 Storage Space

1,839.64 Mendocino Pride

1,267.81 SF Bear

(107.00) 7/3/2023 Storage Space

## EVENTS



BEAR CONTEST - August 17-20 Cody Elkin, Jeffery Wayne and ACLC brought you the re-boot of the Mr. San Francisco Bear Contest.

Five amazing contestants vied for the title: Manny Santos, DaddyBear Rich, Wylde Honey, Levi Snyder and Brett Poe. Fur and manflesh were all over the place.

Congrats to the winner and new Mr SF Bear, Manny Santos! And check out that amazing winner's patch.

**ELECTIONS:** Check your email for your ballots



**Next Board Meeting: Saturday, April 1, 2023**

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## Spot The Patch





7/28/2023

Alameda County Leather Corps  
aclc-board@acleather.org


Dear: Alameda County Leather Corps

On behalf of the Ford Street Board of Directors, Staff, and clients we serve, we appreciate your support. The Community Food Bank in Ukiah relies on the Redwood Empire Food Bank, local donations, and dedicated volunteers to provide healthy food to our neighbors in need.

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.

Thank you for your donation of: \$1,479.21

With sincere gratitude,

  
Jacqueline Williams  
Executive Director

*The Community Food Bank is a Ford Street Project located at 888 N State Street, Ukiah CA.  
Please make your donation to Ford Street Project, 139 Ford Street, Ukiah CA 95482.  
Administrative Office: (707) 462-1934*

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