

ACLCLC News

Words from our Club President

Hi all!

It's been a few months since our last newsletter, and I wanted to update you on what we've been up to.

When I last wrote, we were preparing for Baskets, Bonnets, and Jocks, our Easter event at the Sacramento Bolt. I'm pleased to say it was a rousing success. Thanks to the efforts of our Vice President Christy, Mr. SF Bear 2023 Manny Santos, and a bunch of other Club members (and non-members too!), we raised over \$1100 for Sacramento Pride. It was great to bring our special blend of fun back to The Bolt. More recently, ACLC, under the guidance of our own Board Secretary Joan Norry, produced the second Mendocino Pride celebration in Hopland. I do have to say that

I hold a special place in my heart for Mendo Pride, not only because it's a great event, but also because I think promoting small-town Pride celebrations is vitally important. By producing events like these, we give the residents of less-populated areas a space to be themselves, which they may be sorely lacking on a day-to-day basis. SF Pride is great, but it's tough to feel seen in a crowd of over a million.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out. It was a blast!

Finally, on June 9th (6/9. I assure you we didn't get that date by happenstance.) we produced our second beer bust of the year at the SF Eagle. As always, the Eagle was a rockin' good time and we certainly brought the food and the fun. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Looking ahead, SF Bear weekend is coming up August 15th through the 18th and ACLC is once again the fiscal sponsor for the weekend. Our own Cody Bear Elkin has got a bunch of stuff cooking: the raising of the Bear Flag, the Contestant Meet and Greet, a Cab-BEAR-et, the Mr. SF Bear Contest itself, and a victory beer bust.

The weekend is going to be amazing. Check out mr-sfbear.com for more information.

Also, I would be remiss if I didn't make sure to remind everyone of our monthly Zoom hang-out. It's the third Thursday of every month, so the next one would be July 16th. We start at 7:00 pm and go for about an hour. There's no agenda, just a general hang-out, updates on what people have been up to. It's a lot of fun, and you don't even have to put on pants. We send a Zoom invitation out to the ACLC Facebook group before each event, so keep your eyes out for that. Also, the Board meeting is the Wednesday before the Zoom get-together, so this month is July 10th.

All are welcome to attend the Board meetings.

It's shaping up to be a great summer and we hope to see you out and about. Be sure to take lots of photos and show us where you've been.

Cheers!

Andrew Johnson
aka Bootdog
ACLCLC President

Spring/Summer 2024

Mendo Pride



Treasurers report

Jan-march financial report beginning
balance 1/1/2024-\$8040.17 ending
balance 3/31/2024-\$9338.99 net
income \$1298.41 (after all expenses.

Education

"know our history"

30 years ago in 1994 -MrACL was Lance
Brittain, MsACL was Rhadika Gilmore, that
year we held two other contest ACLC Cheeks
and Chaps: winners were Den Calkins and
Yvonne Driver, then East Bay Cheeks and
Chaps winners Tim Johns and Lil Cooper.



Accl members represent at SplF with 6
members attending -4 past titleholders.
ACLC strong!

Honorary members celebrating 20 years:
Dirk Burns, Dan Hughes, Rich Stadtmiller.

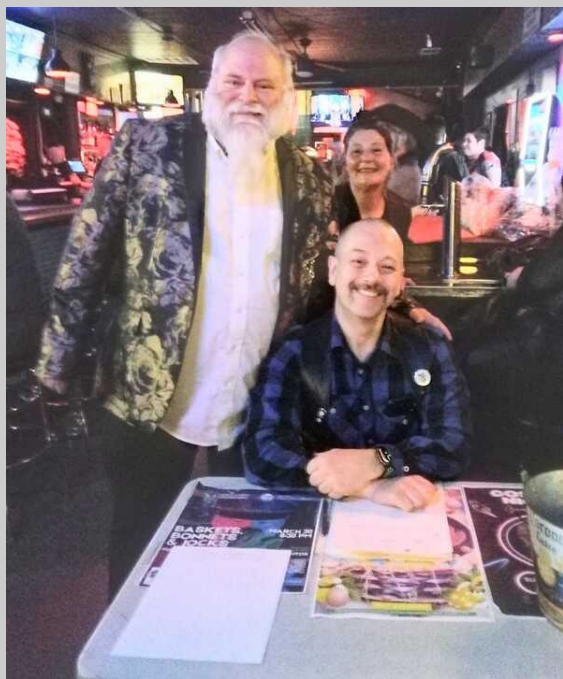
2004 (20 years) ACL titleholders: Tie
James (rip)& Fawn Luck. Fawn sends her
love to all from Southern California and
said about being Ms ACL"it was the best
thing that ever happened to me". She
misses us!

2004 Mr Alameda County Bear- Ben
Boudreau.

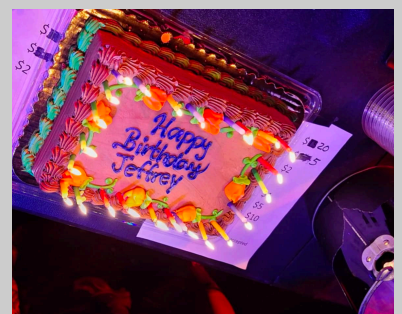
Timothy "Tie" James was mr acl 2004. He was
enthusiastic, funny, dedicated and a pain in my ass. Tie
loved being a titleholder and having the opportunity to
meet people and give back to the east bay community he
grew up in. He originally won the title with a platform of
raising funds for the hospice that helped with his mother.
He loved the opportunity of going to IML and endeared
himself to the international community and formed
friendships that lasted the rest of his life. Tie moved to
palm springs after his title year met the man of his
dreams, threw himself into community service there and
unfortunately his life was cut short by an infection and
complications of hiv.



Above: Hopland Flag raising
Below: The Bolt, Baskets and Bonnets



★ Congratulations Jim and Pony



Top Right: Jim and Pony
Bottom Right: Jeffery

