

COMMUNITY Notes

In house lunch

Unwrapping sandwiches and uncasing salads today at noon alongside other U.S. House and Senate staffers are members of a newly established group, the **Lambda Congressional Lunch Group**. Lesbians and Gay men working in either chamber of Congress are invited to meet on Fridays at noon for a brown bag lunch and provocative discussion. Confidentiality is assured by organizers. Those interested may mail their name and number to P.O. Box 10824, Rockville, MD 20849-0824.

Pressed relations

Community leaders who work on the other side of the spotlight have a chance to learn how to manage the press at a **Media Relations workshop** sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Silver Spring (GLASS) on Monday, Nov. 26. Topics of discussion including going "off the record," homophobia in the mainstream media, and dealing with reporters. A panel of old hands at the art of public relations, led by P.R. expert, George Evans, will lead the discussion. The program will be held from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Silver Spring at Wheaton Regional Library, lower level, 11701 Georgia Ave. For details, call George at (301) 647-0603 or GLASS at (202) 628-4158, ext. GAY.

Committee on community

Community representation will be on the table for discussion again on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at a **Pride of Washington 1991 Committee meeting** at 7:30 p.m. A new eight committee structure for the organization will be announced and volunteers will be sought to chair committees.

"We're very serious about making this a community event," said Pride '91 organizer, Greg Duras.

Formerly scheduled to take place at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, which shut down early this week, the meeting will be held at an alternate site. For information, call (202) 265-5507.

Gay profs

Meeting on unpredictable Fridays, Gay professors and members of the teaching faculty at the University of Maryland will have an opportunity to share coming out tales. Predictably, the group informally calls itself **Lesbian and Gay Faculty and Staff at University of Maryland**, College Park campus and meets "irregularly" on Fridays at about 7:30 p.m. All interested Lesbians and Gay men on the

teaching faculty may call Bill at extension 5-6698, or Katie at extension 5-7294 for further information about the group.

Gay Veterans

Gay and Lesbian veterans of the Vietnam War are invited to help organize a **new social and discussion group for Gay and Lesbian Vietnam War veterans**. Civilian Service personnel who served in the "theatre of operations" are also welcomed, and membership requirements consist of proof of an honorable separation and overseas duty. For further information, contact John at (202) 686-1792 or Roger at (202) 291-2460.

Cut a thon

On Sunday, Dec. 2, several local hair salons will host a **hair Cut-a-thon benefit**, providing those in need of a haircut a chance to keep the Whitman-Walker Clinic's foodbank trim and in shape. Participating area salons will provide services ranging from a haircut to a haircut plus manicure or raffle tickets in exchange for a \$15 donation to the foodbank. Amounts for required donation may vary, and all proceeds will benefit the Clinic's foodbank, which provides food to people living with HIV and AIDS in the Metro area. The fundraising event will take place from noon until 6 p.m. For more information, call (202) 797-3555.

Hotline expands

HOLA GAY, the newly established Spanish speaking component of Whitman-Walker Clinic's Gay and Lesbian Hotline will hold a **hotline operator volunteer training class**, slated to begin this December. Proposed more than a year ago by members of the D.C. Latino coalition ENLACE, HOLA GAY is the first bilingual Gay and Lesbian information and referral hotline in the metro area. Operators answer questions regarding Gay social events, AIDS/SIDA services in D.C., referrals to groups for parents disturbed by their son's or daughter's homosexuality, and legal, religious, and emotional problems. Spanish speaking volunteers are now needed to work as operators on Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. To register, call the HOLA GAY hotline at (202) 332-2192.

Ringing bells

Whitman-Walker Clinic staffers hearing bells ringing are not imagining things. Rather they are greeting and escorting people who are unable to climb the Clinic's front entry steps through a ground level side entrance. A call bell, recently installed at the Clinic's front entrance on S St., as well as wheelchair accessible restrooms and an elevator, reflect "ongoing efforts" at the Clinic to insure accessibility of its services to all individuals. For information about Clinic services, call (202) 797-3500.

— Naina Ayya