

COMMUNITY Notes

ENLACE enlistment

Next Saturday is a good time to join the ENLACE "family" and have a good time while doing it. The Gay Latino/a group is looking to attract some new members to its April 27 "Family Affair" membership drive and dinner at La Cazuelita's Restaurant from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Along with the official business of eating, elections for the new board, and signing up new members, there will be music and dancing.

The \$15 cover includes dinner, and old and new members are advised to come hungry. RSVP by calling the ENLACE line at (703) 671-3235. La Cazuelita's is located at 500 8th Street, S.E.

Gays and God

Theologians from as far away as San Francisco will attend a public forum to address diverse perspectives on "Jesus, Gay People, and the Church." Discussion will focus on Gay ministries and ex-Gay ministries, biblical material relating to the subject of homosexuality, and issues of ordination.

The forum, sponsored by The Washington Metropolitan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol St., N.E. For information call Mel Willis (703) 971-4342 or Frank Jones (703) 521-7010. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$15 at the door or \$10 for students and people with limited income.

Volunteer for Pride

Fast approaching is D.C.'s 16th annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Day Festival and **Pride of Washington is calling upon members of the community to volunteer** their talents for the June 23 event.

"Volunteers are needed," said Pride spokesperson Adam Ebbin, "to help with the parade, concessions, fundraising, community outreach, safety, mailings, and backstage."

A general planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p.m., at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Disciples, 1638 R St., N.W. The deadline for Festival booth applications and for Parade entry applications is May 15. For further information call (202) 298-0970.

Volunteer for awards

The Washingtonian Awards, an annual Gay and AIDS community fundraising event, **needs volunteers for this year's Awards** to benefit Food and Friends and the Lesbian services of Whitman-Walker Clinic.

Volunteers are needed for com-

munity outreach, grant writing, merchandise and ticket sales, and production assistance as well as for work on a float for Gay Pride Day. The Washingtonian Awards is slated for Monday, August 12, at Tracks. For more information call Jeffrey Pendleton at (202) 338-3867.

Whirling dervishes

A night of food, dance, and entertainment will be co-sponsored by the Gay Roman Catholic group Dignity and Axios, a Gay Eastern Orthodox group. "Journey Along the Silk Road to Central Asia, the Transcaucasia, the Balkans and Beyond" is slated for Saturday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m.

The evening features ethnic foods and drink like manty, dolma, Tabboum, Kabsah as well as desserts, coffee, and Brioschi. There will also be line dancing, male and female belly dancers, coffee grind readings, and a talent search for dervishes, which are people who can perform the whirling ethnic dance.

The journey begins at Ascension and Saint Agnes Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 12th and Mass. Ave., N.W. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members. For reservations and information call Laurens of Armenia at (202) 483-2242 or Mr. Ray of D.C. at (202) 387-0156.

Going once...

A preview and silent auction of a variety of interesting and intriguing items kicks off the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club's art auction at 7 p.m., on Saturday, April 27. A **professional art auction, including works by Gay artists**, will follow at 8 p.m., and two guest auctioneers, D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Ward Two Democratic Council candidate Jim Zais, will each auction off an item.

An \$8 door donation includes hors d'oeuvres and a budget-priced cash bar. The auction site is the First Congregational Church, 10th and G St., N.W., in the fellowship hall. For more information call Mark Sullivan at (202) 863-0083.

...Going twice

The auction action continues as the Capital Club, which is the donor and support arm of the Gay Men's Chorus of D.C., will hold its **third annual auction to benefit the Chorus** on Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

Auction items include fine art, professional services, theatre tickets, and vacation packages. There will be several live auctions, a silent auction, and a raffle in the course of the evening.

Tickets are on sale at Lambda Rising bookstore and at the door for \$10, which includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The auction takes place in the auditorium of the Charles Sumner School, 17th and M St., N.W. For details, call (202) 338-7464.

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