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HOT LINES





A Newsletter of the Gay and Lesbian Hotline

What's Hot This Month

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Well, there were some hot things, but since this is getting to you so late, they've already happened. Sorry. We promise to try to get Hot Lines to you more toward the beginning of the month.

What's Hot Next Month

Sunday, June 3 Staff Meeting. 2 p.m. at WWC, Room 155. ATTEND!

Sunday, June 17 Gay Pride Day. March in the parade with other Hotliners behind the WWC banner. Last year the parade stepped off from Malcolm X (Meridian Hill) Park on 16th St., NW, at 12 noon. It will probably be the same time and place this year, but check the Blade to make sure. The parade ends up at Francis Park Recreation Area, 24th and N Streets, NW, for the FESTIVAL! At the festival, the Hotline will have a table with other WWC programs. We will distribute brochure and chat with people about the work of the Hotline. Volunteers are needed to staff the table throughout the day. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. BE PROUD!

Notes From James - by Mr. Fisher

The membership and operations committee has come up with 10 new faces for summer hotline training, including four members of Enlace, the Latino organization. The hotline is working with Enlace to establish evenings eah week during which Spanish speaking operators will be available. After the four Enlace operators have completed training, the group will begin advertising and/or promoting the Spanish service for at least one night a week to start. This is a valuable and needed project that merits the strong support of every operator. There will be more details about the Enlace project forthcoming, and members will make a presentation during our June meeting. Joining the four operators will be an administrative volunteer who will work on the logistics of the operation, including the preparation of a Spanish data base.

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Also: Many thanks to Matt Beck, Luanne Farrah, Steven Andrews, Rich Waryn and Kevin Taylor for their time and expert judgement as membership interviewers.

On another note...Cur survey of hotlines (Gay & Lesbian) in the U.S. and Canada is going well. We sent out 127 surveys, and as of early/mid May have gotten about 20 responses. The deadline is June 1. The results will be compiled and presented at a Gay & Lesbian health conference (I can never remember the name) in Washington in July.

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Hot Spots

No social activity is planned for June, since the brothers and sisters will be gathering en masse on the 17th. Look for details regarding July's picnic in next month's Hot Lines . . . Members of the Hotline and Gay Men's Peer Counselling Group will begin meeting to draft the charter of the new Mental Health Services Steering Committee . . . Congratulations to four new operators: Steve Daly, Thomas Haller, Mark Hildebrand, and David Keer . . . Keep an eye on WWC's Volunteer Update - rumor has it that a Hotliner will soon appear as "Volunteer of the Month."

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