

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Caucus of Public Health Workers

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Welcome to
Pennsylvania!

Special points of interest:

- Renew your membership in the Caucus
- Make your reservations for the Annual Caucus Dinner by 1 November 2002
- Attend the Caucus Business meeting on Sunday, 10 November
- Sign up to volunteer at the Caucus Booth

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Philadelphia Program Jam-Packed with Education and Social Activities

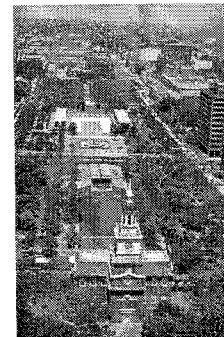
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Caucus of Public Health Workers will present an exciting program at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, PA, 10-13 November. Of special note this year, the conference goes from Sunday through Wednesday, a day shorter than in the past. The LGBT Caucus program will consist of six oral sessions and two concurrent poster sessions, representing 49 paper submissions and one panel presentation. All sessions have received continuing education credits. Please see the program summary for specific credits for each session. All sessions will

be held in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC), unless noted otherwise. Along with the presentations, the Caucus will also sponsor the annual business meeting, two socials (including the local host city event), the women's breakfast, and the annual dinner. And the best part of the whole week – not one session was assigned the later evening times!!

A special thanks to all who submitted abstracts for consideration this year, and those who participated in the abstract review process. The range of topics and high caliber of submissions this year made selecting participants for the

program both challenging and frustrating, as each submission would have made a valuable contribution to the program. ♦

– Kevin Roe, MPH(c)



Philadelphia's Historic Old Town showing Independence Hall & Park (Above)

Putting the Public Back In Public Health

130th APHA Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

10-13 November 2002

Annual Dinner Moved to Tuesday : Caucus to Pick Up Cost Difference

Since the APHA conference is one day shorter this year, the annual Caucus dinner had to be moved to Tuesday, 12 November 2002 instead of the normal

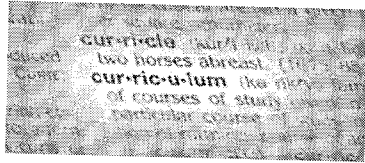
Wednesday evening. Mark your calendars now and save the date.

The planning committee attempted to find a LGBT restaurant to hold the event; however, they were

unable to locate a LGBT restaurant that was both handicapped accessible and able to accommodate a party of at least 50 people. Likewise,

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Caucus to Assess LGBT Curricula and Research within Schools of Public Health



Curriculum: Are we included?

How supported are students in your department/division who are interested in conducting LGBT health research?

Have you ever wondered which programs and departments within the US schools of public health offer planned curricula on LGBT health? Or which schools of public health have faculty members who are conducting LGBT health research? Do you wonder to what extent public health students have conducted dissertations on LGBT health and which schools they attended?

These are just a sample of questions that we hope to be able to answer through a survey being conducted by three Caucus members affiliated with both the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health (Matthew Moyer and Michael Shankle) and the UCLA School of Public Health (Heather Corliss).

The main purpose of the project is two-fold: to provide information to prospective and current pub-

lic health students interested in pursuing academic endeavors related to LGBT health and to document the hypothesized under representation of LGBT health within public health education and research.

In June of this year, a copy of the questionnaire was mailed to all department/division heads within the schools of public health. An inadequate response rate has prompted the mailing of a second copy of the questionnaire. It has been difficult to convince mainstream public health professionals of the importance of this project. (Consequently, those of you reading this who are affiliated with a school of public health, please ask your department/division head if he or she has returned the questionnaire!) Depending on the response of the second mailing, we hope to have results available on the

LGBT Caucus Web site sometime next year.

This project was conceived at the 1998 APHA Conference in Chicago during a LGBT Caucus meeting. Then Caucus chair, Tony Silvestre, agreed to provide support and assistance to the three students/emerging professionals who felt compelled to undertake this study, in part, due to feelings that LGBT health issues were inadequately covered within their own public health education. Subsequently, Susan Cochran, professor in the UCLA Department of Epidemiology, also agreed to provide mentoring assistance. We wish to thank those who have supported this project and hope that it will lead to some interesting and fruitful findings. ♦

— Heather Corliss, MPH



Visit the LGBT Caucus Booth in the Expo Center!
Booth Number #1333

Volunteers Needed to Work Booth

We will need volunteers to staff the Caucus booth in the Exposition Center at the APHA Annual Meeting again this year. Come meet great people, have a fun time, and recruit, re-

cruit, recruit! Shifts will be scheduled in one or two hour intervals during Expo hours. So check your schedule for free times and grab a friend and come join the fun!

Jay Harcourt, Membership Chair, will have a sign up sheet at the welcome social and business meeting, or you can drop by the booth to sign up for shifts. ♦

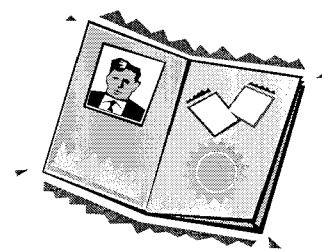
Membership Update

We look forward to seeing everyone again this November in Philadelphia. As usual, we have a great program planned, and have not forgotten to plan some terrific social activities for Caucus members as well. Don't forget that APHA Annual Meeting time is also Caucus membership

renewal time. As a Caucus, we receive no financial support from APHA and rely only on dues and donations to support Caucus operations and functions. Membership dues remain at \$30 for regular members and \$15 for student members. If you're coming to

Philadelphia, don't forget to stop by the booth (#1333) to renew your membership and catch up with colleagues and friends. If you can't make it to the meeting this year, you can renew your membership by mail with the enclosed membership form. ♦

— Jay Harcourt, MPH(c)



Renew your membership in the Caucus Today – See page 7 for Membership Application.

LGBT Elder Project Awarded

JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) and the Greater Boston LGBT Aging Project have been jointly awarded a \$40,000 Farnsworth Trust/Medical Foundation grant to conduct a research project exploring issues around home care services to LGBT elders. The funds will support focus groups, a pilot evaluation for an existing LGBT elder service provider training curriculum, and an analysis of how state home care policy affects LGBT elder access.

JSI is a locally based, internationally known consulting and research organization dedicated to improving the public health of underserved communities and enhancing the quality of health care services. According to Dianne Perlmutter of JSI, "while some research has been undertaken in this area, there is still lit-

tle empirical information regarding LGBT elders. Funding for research is difficult to find. LGBT elders are difficult to find and survey, as well; past experiences in the elder-care system often make them fearful of disclosure. Studies on older Americans still do not routinely gather information on sexual orientation and gender identity, which makes identifying problems and advocating for solutions nearly impossible. So this really is groundbreaking work."

This work is a continuation of research started over a year ago in the Boston area. JSI released results from a smaller project concerning access to health care and services for LGBT elders in July 2001. This information was used as a centerpiece at an all-day summit focused on LGBT elders, and continues to be utilized in research and orga-

nizing efforts both locally and nationally. Additionally, the Greater Boston LGBT Aging Project, comprised of individuals representing various segments of the elder care system, meets regularly to discuss ways in which policies and services can be improved.

Jodi Sperber, the project's coordinator, is excited about the opportunities this brings, stating this is "a historic step in our effort to shine a light on LGBT elders and their caregivers and ensure their equal access to health care and social services. We are confident that this will positively contribute to the body of knowledge that is being created by researchers and community organizers across the country, and we hope that this current work leads to bigger and better efforts in the future. ♦

—Jodi Sperber, MSW, MPH

"Studies on older Americans still do not routinely gather information on sexual orientation and gender identity, which makes identifying problems and advocating for solutions nearly impossible."



Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives Sponsors Host Party



PCHA staff welcomes Caucus by holding annual Monday night Host Party

This year's Host Party takes place on Monday, 11 November, from 7:00PM- 9:00PM, and is sponsored by Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives (PCHA).

PCHA was founded in 1979 to identify, advocate for, and support the well being and physical and mental health needs of sexual minorities and other high-risk groups inadequately served by mainstream health care. In 1981, the AIDS Task Force of Philadelphia was established as part of PCHA for the purpose of

reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS through prevention/education efforts and addressing the needs of those affected by HIV disease. PCHA is the oldest AIDS service organization in Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the fourth oldest in the nation. For two decades PCHA has provided a continuum of HIV-related services ranging from prevention and education efforts, HIV counseling and testing services for at-risk populations, care outreach, early intervention, case management, and nutrition

services for HIV-infected individuals. In addition to HIV-related services, PCHA provides a variety of health-related services such as mental health programs, a sexual health clinic, the Lesbian Health Initiative, and targeting at-risk youth in schools.

Come to the social and learn more about this organization as we meet and greet with PCHA staff and members of the LGBT Caucus. PCHA is located on 12th and Chestnut (1201 Chestnut - Third Floor). ♦

Council on Education for Public Health Encouraged to Add Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity to List of Accreditation Criteria

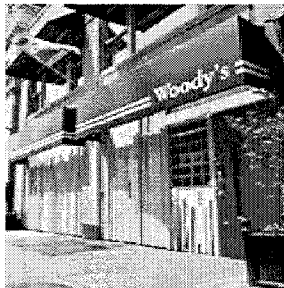


The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the independent agency recognized by the US Department of Education to accredit schools of public health and certain public health programs, was en-

couraged by the Caucus to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of criteria around which schools of public health should not discriminate. The Council is preparing to release its

updated criteria. Keep your eyes open. We will update you on our website and in our next newsletter. ♦

Woody's Bar Hosts Saturday Night Pre-Conference Social



Woody's Bar Sponsors Pre-conference Social on Saturday Night

Woody's Bar (202 S. 13th Street) will be hosting a special Saturday night (9 November) pre-conference social for Caucus members and their friends from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. A private reception room will be on the

second floor. There will be a cash bar. Snacks will be provided for the event. At 10:00PM Woody's dance floor comes to life, so feel free to stay and dance the night away. If you want to learn more about Woody's visit them

on the Internet at <http://www.woodysbar.com>. After the social, the ladies in our group may wish to visit Sisters, right around the corner at 1320 Chancellor Street. ♦

Business Meeting and Elections

As you can see below, we have a lot planned for this year's conference sessions, meetings, and socials. The Executive Committee hopes that you will be able to attend many of these events, and would like to invite all members, new and old, to the Business Meeting scheduled for Sunday, 10 November from 4:00PM – 5:30PM. In this brief hour and a half, we have lots of business to discuss. This is

the only opportunity for a full meeting with all members throughout the entire year. This is the only opportunity for all members to share ideas and help Caucus committees to plan for the upcoming year. As a group, we will be determining what our needs are for San Francisco 2003. Also, several elections to the Executive Committee will occur including: Chair-Elect, Program Chair-Elect, Student

Liaison, and a Newsletter Editor. Other positions are in their second term and will be voted on in 2003. So come and help us plan. It is a great opportunity for members' voices to be heard and to advocate for LGBT issues. This meeting will be at the Convention Center, please see the conference program for the room number. ♦



Election of 2003 officers held on Sunday, 10 November. If you are interested in running for a position, contact Michael Shankle at 412.383.2612 or by email at shankle@stophiv.pitt.edu.

2002 Philadelphia Program

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Monday, 11 November
(12:30PM to 2:00PM)

3184.0 Alcohol and Tobacco Use and Prevention in the LGBT Communities (Oral Presentation)

(2:30PM to 4:00PM)

3253.0 Transhealth: Transgender/Transsexual Health Activists Discuss Future (Panel Discussion)

(4:30PM to 6:30PM)

3319.0 LGBT Caucus Poster Session
3319.1 LGBT Health Poster Session II

Tuesday, 12 November

(8:30AM to 10:00AM)
4046.0 Topics In Aging Among LGBT Populations (Oral Presentation)

(4:30PM to 6:00PM)

4276.0 LGBT Youth Research (Oral Presentation)

Wednesday, 13 November

(12:30PM to 2:00PM)
5117.0 Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Health and Access to Healthcare (Oral Presentation)

(2:30PM to 4:00PM)

5181.0 Gay and Bisexual Men's Health (Oral Presentation)

BUSINESS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday, 9 November

(6:00PM TO 9:00PM)
Pre-Conference Event – Woody's Bar

Sunday, 10 November

(10:00AM)
Women's Brunch
(Location – TBA – Check the web site or stop by the booth) 617.413.4584 – Last minute questions

(2:00PM to 3:00PM)

Executive Committee Meeting

(4:00PM to 5:30PM)

Business Meeting

(6:30PM to 8:30PM)

Caucus Social

(8:30PM)

Emerging Professionals Meeting

Monday, 11 November

(7:00PM to 9:00PM)
Host Party – Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives

Tuesday, 12 November

(6:30PM to 7:30PM)

Cocktail Hour – Maggiano's

(7:30PM to 9:30PM)

Annual Caucus Dinner – Maggiano's

Emerging Young Professionals (6:30PM)

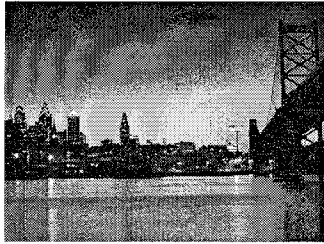
Thursday, 14 November

Executive Committee Breakfast Orientation (8:00AM)

*Special Thanks to
the Philadelphia
Host Committee:
Walter Lear
Richard Liu
Tony Silvestre*



Mark your calendars for an exciting program in Philadelphia.



Philadelphia Skyline and Ben Franklin Bridge at dusk

Philadelphia: 'The City of Brotherly Love'

For those of you who are planning a trip to Philly for the annual conference and have never been there, well, plan for a fun time. Philadelphia seems to be a gay-friendly city. If you plan to stay near the hotels and convention center, you will find most sights an easy walk in Center City. Do a little research by visiting the tourism web site at <http://www.goPhila.com> and you can explore gay Philadelphia, as well as

other tourist attractions. There is a "links" section with several categories that will list information for you. You can also call the Philadelphia Visitors Center at 1-888-90-PHILA to request a free *Gay Guide to Center City Philadelphia*. It includes a helpful map complete with numbers and addresses of all local establishments. For those who may look for special links to churches or synagogues or special

meeting groups, there are some listed through the gay and lesbian community center at <http://www.waygay.org>. The listing seems to be all-inclusive for the LGBT community.

If you plan to stay in Center City, and are flying into Philly, take a cab to the hotel, there's no need to rent a car. You'll enjoy walking to local clubs, museums, the antique

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*Annual Dinner
Reservations
MUST be made
by Friday,
1 November 2002.*



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Philadelphia is a more expensive location than previous cities. Instead of raising the cost of the dinner this year, the Executive Committee has decided to maintain the price of \$35.00 per person. The Caucus fund will pick up the remainder of the costs of the dinner

for its members. However, the Executive Committee will probably have to raise the cost of the dinner next year in San Francisco in order to cover the expense of increasing dinner costs.

This year's dinner will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, just steps from the Convention Center.

Space is limited to 50 people and reservations must be received by Friday, 1 November (See Reservation Form on Page 8). We hope you can join us for dinner. Register early since space is limited in one of Philadelphia premier Italian restaurants. ♦

Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Opens Membership



GLMA welcomes Public Health Practitioners

The health and well-being of the LGBT community is under attack at a rate greater than we have witnessed in over a decade. Major universities and fortune 500 companies deny or reverse domestic partner benefits. States enact laws and constitutional amendments banning gay

marriage and adoption and continue to ignore pleas for hate crimes legislation. The Bush administration issues policy statements permitting nearly unrestricted access to medical records by insurance providers. Hospitals refuse to let life partners of LGBT patients

to participate in medical decision making, despite the presence of a durable medical power-of-attorney. Attempts to chisel away at our rights are coming at us from every direction.

Now more than ever, we must protect the interests

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LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER CAUCUS OF
PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Degree/Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

APHA Member? Yes: _____ No: _____ Membership Number: _____

APHA Section? _____ SPIG/Other Caucus? _____

Annual Dues Enclosed? (General Dues \$30, Students \$15) Yes: _____ No: _____

Donation Enclosed/Amount? _____ Total Submitted: _____

Membership Status: Renewal: _____ New Membership: _____

NOTE: LGBTCA Dues Run from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting.
(Dues Support Costs Incurred at Annual Meetings and Production/Mailing of Newsletters/notices)

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: LGBT CAUCUS

Please indicate confidentiality preferences:

_____ I give permission to use my name in the APHA Caucus recertification process.

_____ Please withhold my name in the APHA Caucus recertification process.

_____ I give permission to release my name to other Caucus members for organizational purposes.

_____ Please do not release my name to other Caucus members.

Mail Completed Application to:

LGBTCA
c/o John Grima; PO Box 36309, Los Angeles, CA 90036-0309
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL

LGBT Annual Dinner Reservation Form

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1 NOVEMBER 2002
ONLY 50 TICKETS AVAILABLE

NAME: _____

_____ YES, I will be attending the LGBT Caucus Annual Dinner on Tuesday, 12 November, 2002 at Maggiano's Little Italy (1201 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Telephone: 215.567.2402)

I would like to be a Stonewall Sponsor (\$100 per person): _____ (# persons)

_____ I authorize my name to be listed in the Dinner Program as a Stonewall Sponsor.

I would like to be a Rainbow Sponsor (\$50 per person): _____ (# persons)

_____ I authorize my name to be listed in the Dinner Program as a Rainbow Sponsor.

I would like to reserve:

Caucus Members: (\$35.00 per person): _____ (# persons)

Non-members: (\$65.00 per person, includes one-year membership): _____ (# persons)

For individuals who cannot afford the full price, financial assistance may be available.

Contact John Grima (323-571-0351 or jfjtg@aol.com) for more information.

Menu will include the following:

First Course Calamari Fritte Barb's Spinach and Artichoke al Forno Caesar and Maggiano's House Salads	BEVERAGES Freshly Ground Coffee, Freshly Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, & Ice Tea Cash Bar (begins at 6:30PM)
Second Course (Served Together)	
Pastas Lasagna with Marinara Sauce Shell Pasta, Roasted Vegetables, Tomato Pesto Broth	Entrée Chicken Parmesan Fresh Fish of the Day
Vegetables Sauteed Spinach Garlic Mashed Potatoes	
Third Course New York Style Cheesecake or Tiramisu	

I would also like to make an additional contribution of \$_____.

_____ NO, I will not be attending the LGBT Caucus Annual Dinner, but
I would like to make a contribution of \$_____.

Please make your reservation(s) early.

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM ASAP
Checks payable to LGBT Caucus
John Grima
PO Box 36309
Los Angeles, CA 90036-0309

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In June, Dr. Cheryl B. Prince, Chairperson of the APHA Executive Board, emphatically responded to the Caucus' request. They assured the Caucus and APHA members that they would make "every effort not to hold the Annual Meeting in a state that has Sodomy Laws." Since APHA meeting locations are selected some eight years in advance, this new policy will apply only to plans for future APHA meeting sites. The Executive Board and APHA are unable to modify arrangements for the next eight years. Likewise, the Executive Board stated its continued efforts to help assure that new sodomy laws are not adopted and that the existing ones are repealed.

To learn more about the Caucus' involvement with sodomy laws visit the Caucus web site at <http://www.stophiv.com/~lgbtc>.

Creating a strong foundation for LGBT health requires the involvement of every member of the community.

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of LGBT patients and providers. We must recognize the inherent strength that comes from speaking with a unified, powerful voice of authority. We must create sound health policy and public health initiatives, and continue the struggle to educate providers about the unique needs of LGBT patients.

In February, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association's (GLMA) Board of Directors took bold steps to change the face of LGBT health advocacy and education by overwhelmingly approving a by-law amendment that has flung our membership doors wide open. No longer to be perceived as a physician-only organization, GLMA is proud to announce that full voting membership is now available to health professionals across all disciplines. Charting a course of greater inclusion for LGBT providers will improve advocacy, policy and health initiatives that have far-reaching implications cannot be ignored.

What does full voting membership mean for our newest members? More than anything, membership with GLMA demonstrates your unwavering support for promoting a safe,

supportive environment for LGBT patients and providers. Beyond that, our members enjoy access to some of the strongest resources and support available in the LGBT health arena: link with hundreds of your peers across all disciplines working to improve the environment for LGBT patients and providers; attend GLMA continuing education programs, the largest of their kind in the world, at discounted member rates and receive cutting-edge information along side hundreds of other providers across all disciplines and geographic locations; receive subscription to the *Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association*, the only peer-reviewed scientific journal devoted to healthcare of the LGBT community; receive a copy of the quarterly *GLMA Report* and stay on top of GLMA activities, policy initiatives, national news and member activities; join the GLMA Provider Advocacy Network and be kept abreast of local, regional and national initiatives that have far-reaching implications for LGBT patients and providers; be listed on-line in the LGBT Healthcare Referral Directory and let LGBT patients in your community link with supportive providers; and join the Board of Directors of GLMA and help shape

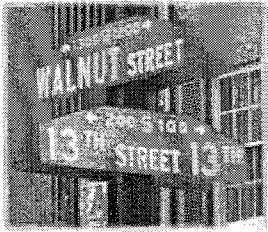
the future of GLMA and LGBT health policy.

In our 21st year and almost 2000 members strong, GLMA is an authority on LGBT health. Media organizations, mainstream healthcare organizations and other LGBT groups turn to GLMA every day for information on a wide host of topics that impact our community. Beyond that, GLMA continues to promote change through various health and policy initiatives. Recent accomplishments include some of the most powerful LGBT health programming to date.

GLMA was a major player behind the Healthy People 2010 Companion Document on LGBT Health - a major source for health planning, research and policy initiatives for the next decade. GLMA launched a highly successful Hepatitis A awareness campaign. GLMA's "top ten" list, outlining the most important topics LGBT patients should discuss with their providers has received nationwide acclaim. The Lesbian Health Fund is the only philanthropic endeavor devoted exclusively to improving lesbian health through scientific research.

Providers from every discipline bring unique experience and

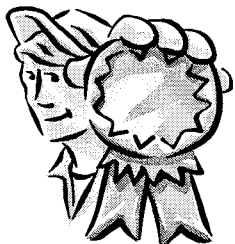
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district (Spruce street), Rittenhouse Square (19th & Walnut Street), Olde City, South Street. . . Oh, don't forget to attend a few of the LGBT Caucus sessions. For a quick lunch check out the Market on 12th Street, next to convention center. For a little walking tour, you can begin at City Hall, which is the geographic center of Center City, and where Broad and Market Streets meet. Look up and see William Penn standing atop of City Hall. From there you can head in any direction to sightsee. Head East on Market and look for the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Walk around in Independence National Historic Park, as did Ben, John, and George at the birth of our country two centuries ago! Keep going and you hit Olde City, which has some great restaurants and is close to Society Hill. Head West on Market and veer off to Chestnut and Walnut streets and you find the business district and some fun malls and

If you like art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art is quite impressive. (www.philamuseum.org).



What have you been doing for LGBT Health?

News and Notes from Members

The next issue of the newsletter will contain a section for members and our friends to tell us about their accomplishments. Win an award?

shops. Rittenhouse Square has some excellent restaurants, vegetarian (and non), near the square and be sure to check out the park, great place to hang out. For those looking for some cultural things to do, head South on Broad Street, (also named Avenue of the Arts), and here you will find the district for theatre, opera, music, and dance. New renovations over the past couple of years really makes this area light up beautifully at night.

The gay area for fun, sight-seeing, and partying is in the vicinity of 8th and South streets off of Broad. 12th and 13th Streets between Walnut and Spruce is a good place to start, kinda the heart of the gay neighborhood. There is the William Way Community Center, 12th Street Gym, Afterwords, and Millenium Coffee. If you have been looking for some reading material or want to update your DVD collection be sure to stop by Giovanni's Room, 12th and Pine Street. Some of the more popular bars are found in this area. For

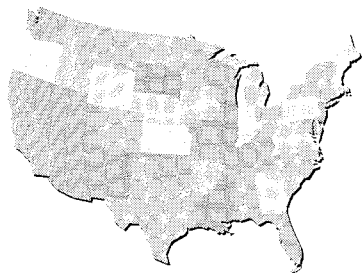
the boys it is Woody's and 12th Air Command, and for the girls it's Sisters. Off of Spruce there is Camac Street with Uncle's Bar, Venture Inn, Joe G's Tavern, Bike Stop (levi/leather), and the Inn Philadelphia. Another fun club for the younger crowd on the other side of the Convention Center is Shampoo, which is between 7th and 8th Streets on Willow Street. Gay night is Friday. Trendy gay-friendly places would include Bump, Trust, and Cosi coffee. For those of you who are avid 'two-steppers', Woody's upstairs on Friday and Sunday nights has country dancing from 8-11PM, and it is great fun for both men and women. Philadelphia 'brothers and sisters' reading this may sneer that I am not listing others, just note that there are lots of other bars, clubs and restaurants that I am not listing. Be sure to get a gay newspaper, the Philadelphia Gay News, (www.epgn.com) for all the listings and maps to find places that suit your

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Publish a LGBT specific article? Get a new job or receive a new LGBT specific grant? Tell us about it and it will appear in our next newsletter —

March 2003. Send an E-mail to lgbtnewsletter@stophiv.pitt.edu or mail the information to the address found on the back of this newsletter. ♦

Caucus Asks APHA to Boycott States with Sodomy Laws – APHA Responds



Sodomy laws in the US discriminate against LGBT individuals and pose a public health problem for the citizens' of the state that have such laws.

As reported in the March edition of the Newsletter, the Executive Committee made its case to the American Public Health Association to consider whether a state has laws against consensual adult sexual behavior (e.g. Sodomy Laws) when exploring locations for further APHA meetings. This issue was proposed by Caucus members at last year's Caucus business meeting. In a letter dated 25 April 2002, Shankle, Caucus

Chair, stated that, "Such legislation can have far reaching affects upon the APHA membership as well as upon the state's citizens. Most prominently, gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of APHA will be placing themselves at risk for arrest and prosecution when attending meetings in states where such laws exist." The Executive Committee then outlined the 16 states which have sodomy laws and requested that APHA boy-

cott these states from consideration of holding its annual conference. The Executive Committee argued that "APHA should not be holding meetings in or supporting the economies of locations where sodomy legislation contributes to poor public health practice, inhibits the distribution of disease prevention information, and further marginalizes already vulnerable populations.

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Special Thanks To:

Haworth Press, Inc.

For providing postage and helping with the printing costs of this newsletter. Be sure to check out their Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Catalog enclosed with this newsletter, as well as, their publications throughout the APHA Expo Hall.

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individual tastes. Philadelphians are friendly for the most part. The streets are very 'cruisy', so be aggressive and just ask for directions or suggestions from any cute onlookers, who may stumble by. Just put on your walkin' shoes and tour a little each day.

This is by far a brief

summary. Philadelphia has a lot to offer. As with every city, it comes with disappointments, but it really has cleaned up in the past year or so. Note, that since Philadelphia is known for its charm, narrow streets and row houses, places are small and some are not handicapped accessible. However, there are more options and lots of new things happening in the city. In some hotels, you

will find the staff helpful and knowledgeable, so just ask if you have questions or need some ideas of what to do.

If you want all of your questions answered – attend our social at Woody's on Saturday night from 6PM to 9PM, and look for Walter Lear, who is a Philadelphian and our Caucus founder. See you then!! ♦
—Matthew Moyer, MPH

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knowledge to GLMA. As GLMA continues to grow and further strengthen its importance in the healthcare arena, members will continue to play an increasing role because of your critical knowledge and expertise

in issues of importance to LGBT patients and providers. Join GLMA, show your support for LGBT patients and providers and shape the future of LGBT healthcare. Stop by the web site at <http://www.glma.org> and learn more about the

cutting-edge educational programs, advocacy efforts and policy initiatives already underway. ♦

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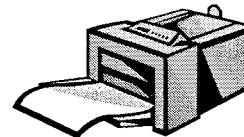
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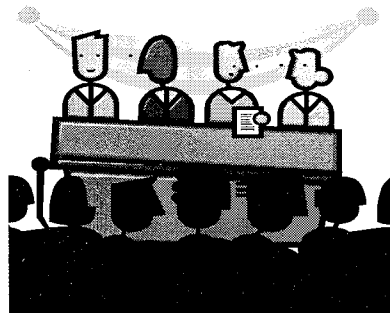
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