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EDITOR'S NOTE: OUT IN CAMDEN? OUT IN ORANGEBURG? OUT IN FLORENCE?

Last week Rainbow Radio went on the road with our special OUT IN AIKEN episode.

WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR COMMUNITY IN UPCOMING EPISODES!

Are you out in Camden, or Florence, or Orangeburg, or Greenwood? What is it like to be out in your area? What resources are available? What is the community like?

Let us know and Rainbow Radio could feature you on our Columbia Air America broadcast! And, if you want, you can buy time to air the show again in your own community! Contact Rainbow Radio at SCPrideCenter@aol.com, or call 803.771.7713.

You can listen to previous episodes at www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio.

Rainbow Radio is South Carolina's first ever gay and lesbian radio show, airing weekly on WOIC 1230 AM, Columbia Air America station.

To support the show, send your donation to SCGLPM (mark the memo line of your check "Rainbow Radio"), PO Box 12648, Columbia SC 29211. For a \$35 donation, receive a special CD copy of the premiere show, which aired on Oct. 9. For a donation of \$50 or more, receive CD copies of the first six shows. For more information about Rainbow Radio, email SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

Charleston folks should stay tuned for the Alliance for Full Acceptance new radio show, which will tape its first program on Jan 18 (NEXT WEEK!) and air every Saturday morning on AM 730.

Rainbow Radio hopes to air more "Out in ___" shows this year! We want to discover the stories, organizations, and exigencies of gay and lesbian life across the state. Let us know about YOUR community! Or if you would like to sponsor a show (ONLY \$200!!), contact us at 803.771.7713. Email Rainbow Radio at SCPrideCenter@aol.com!

THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

(COLUMBIA) THIS WEEK ON RAINBOW RADIO: GLAAD AND THE MEDIA!

This week's episode of Rainbow Radio features Alex Shoor, the Southeastern Regional Media Manager for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, based in New York. Shoor will discuss the work of GLAAD and the upcoming media training he will be offering in South Carolina on Jan 19 (in Charleston) and Jan 21 (Columbia). This show is sponsored by Dick Hubbard and the Hubbard Group of Columbia. On Sunday, Jan 15, tune in to WOIC 1230 AM (or check the show out on the website at www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio). Rainbow Radio shows are available online for download or podcast at www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio. The show is currently seeking new sponsors for 2006 (with a special discount through Jan 15 for Business Guild members). For more information, contact Rainbow Radio at SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

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(AIKEN) MARLBORO STATION TO HOST FIRST PRIDE TOUR SHOW JAN 13!

Marlboro Station in Aiken will host the first of the Pride Tour shows on Friday, Jan 13, starting at 11 p.m. The show will feature Mr and Ms Pride 2005, Wolfe and Paris LaFeris, as well as Mr Pride 2003, Tex, and the Queen of Pride 2004, Ms Kiki Merlot, along with other performers. The Pride Tour shows travel the state to raise awareness about Pride, to promote the good of the gay and lesbian communities of our state, and to raise funds for Pride 2006. All proceeds and tips will go to support SC Pride 2006, which will be held Saturday, May 20, in Columbia. Future Pride Tour shows include a Jan 25 show at PT's 1109 in Columbia, and the Feb 4 Kiki Merlot's 50th Birthday Party, a "Wear Your Favorite Rainbow Color" Party! More details coming soon!

(COLUMBIA) QUEER DANCE PERFORMANCE IN COLUMBIA THIS WEEKEND!

Jack Kirvin will bring his queer dance performance "21 Cliches" to the Columbia Music Festival Association (CMFA) in downtown Columbia on Friday and Saturday, Jan 13 and 14. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. The evening performance of dance, poetry, and spoken word takes the text of an excruciatingly honest email and transforms it into movement. The performance suggests that even though dysfunctional romantic situations are cliché and uninspiring, they can be turned into something beautiful, reinvested with power and personal growth. Common clichés about dating are used to create poems, which are then translated into dance. Kirvin says the piece is "a commentary on trying to be gay and date in South Carolina." For ticket information, call 803.771.6303.

(STATEWIDE) ORDER YOUR 2006 NETWORK CALENDAR! INCLUDES SCEC AND GLPM PHOTOS!

Hot off the press! Order your 2006 Progressive Network calendar today! The calendar notes important dates in SC history, and it features photos of your friends and allies at various Network events. Only \$10 each, or three for \$25! The calendar includes photos of SCGLPM couples applying for marriage licenses on Freedom to Marry Day 2005, as well as longtime allies Tom and Marilyn Summers staffing the SCEC booth at the South Carolina State Fair! To order your calendar, contact the SC Progressive Network at PO Box 8325, Columbia SC 29202, or 803.808.3384, or email network@scpronet.com.

(COLUMBIA) SCEC DELEGATE MEETING TO INCLUDE MEDIA TRAINING

The SCEC delegates meeting scheduled for Saturday, Dec 10, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Jan 21, 2006, 10-2, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia (525 St. Andrews Road). At the meeting, Alex Shoor, Southeastern Regional Media Manager from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, will offer training on working with the media for SCEC delegates and volunteers. ANYONE INTERESTED in the training or updates on the amendment campaign welcome to attend. More information coming soon. Don't forget to visit the new SCEC website at www.scequality.org, and order SCEC bumper stickers at www.cafepress.com/sceweb. For more information, contact Executive Director Michael Drennan at ed@scequality.org, or call 803.741.1590.

(CHARLESTON, COLUMBIA) GLAAD MEDIA EXPERT TO OFFER TRAINING

Alex Shoor, the Southeastern Regional Media Manager at the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (or GLAAD), will be in South Carolina and Georgia in late January to offer media training workshops for state activist and volunteers. At this crucial moment in our state's history, it is essential that we be prepared to speak clearly and directly with the media and the public about our lives and our families. Learn how to communicate effectively with members of the media and your communities (and your families and co-workers) on LGBT issues of faith, family, and marriage. The workshop will provide tools for developing your personal message to the media, building relationships with journalists, and conducting interviews with print, radio, and television reporters. The training is FREE, though some sessions are limited in seating. Please contact the local organizers. Among the organizations hosting and participating in the workshops will be the SC Equality Coalition, the Alliance for Full Acceptance, the SC Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement, and Georgia Equality. On Thursday, Jan 19, Shoor will offer a workshop with AFFA in Charleston, 6-9 p.m., at the 14 George Street Spoleto offices. For more information, or to register for the Charleston workshop, contact AFFA at info@affa-sc.org, or contact Shoor at shoor@glaad.org. Shoor will lead a workshop in Columbia on Saturday, Jan 21. The workshop is hosted by the SC Equality Coalition, and scheduled in conjunction with the SCEC delegate meeting (see story above) and the annual board strategic planning meeting of SCGLPM. To participate in the Columbia workshop, contact Michael Drennan at ed@scequality.org. On Sunday, Jan 22, Shoor will be in Savannah working with Georgia Equality.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS

(COLUMBIA) CENTER TO HOST LEADERSHIP SKILLS WORKSHOP

The Harriet Hancock Center will host a special leadership workshop on "Everyday Leadership" on Monday, Jan 23, 7-9 p.m. The workshop, led by facilitators from the University of South Carolina, is designed to help anyone discover their individual leadership styles and to help them develop their existing skills. It will be beneficial to those who are leaders in their communities, in their professions, or their families. The workshop will also offer insights into dealing with others who have different leadership styles. The workshop is part of the Center's ongoing Third Monday Workshop series, held on the third Monday of every month. For more information or to reserve a spot in the workshop, email SCPrideCenter@aol.com or call 803.771.7713.

(CHARLOTTE) HRC CAROLINAS DINNER MOVES TO CHARLOTTE

The 11th Annual HRC Carolinas Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb 25, at the Charlotte Convention Center. The fundraising benefit brings together the North Carolina and South Carolina lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities and straight allies for an evening of laughter, gaiety and an inspiring call to action. The evening will feature live entertainment, a cocktail welcome reception, silent auction, an elegant full course dinner, and high-profile speakers and guests. Also featured will be the presentation of awards to activists from both North and South Carolina. SCGLPM president Ed Madden will be among those honored this year. Past honorees include AFFA of Charleston and Columbia activist Harriet Hancock. Although the dinner has consistently been held in North Carolina, the event is geared towards both North and South Carolina. Historically, attendance from South Carolina has been low, but organizers, including co-chairs Jennifer Garner and Jay Biles, hope to see that change this year. "We'd very much like South Carolina to be a big part of the HRC Carolinas Dinner," says Biles. Tickets are \$175, \$195 after Feb 8. Call 1.800.494.8497 to purchase tickets to the event. For more information, visit: www.hrccarolinas.org.

(COLUMBIA) CENTER TO HOST MEN'S SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

The Harriet Hancock Community Center will host a spiritual formation workshop for gay men on Monday evenings in February and March. Working out of the Christian tradition of prayer and meditation, the meetings will explore the contours of the gay soul and images of God, as well as the gender issues and forms of spiritual discernment that structure gay men's spiritual journeys. The group will also examine what it means to be a wounded healer and what it means to come into who we are. While the group will work out of the Christian tradition, participants do not have to profess any specific faith tradition to participate. Participants will be asked to commit to attendance at the six sessions and to confidentiality. This will not be a therapy group but an exploration of spiritual journeys. The men's spiritual formation group will be limited to eight people. Tom Glenn, a Presbyterian minister and a trained spiritual director will facilitate the group. There will be a \$25 registration fee. The group will meet on Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m., at the Harriet Hancock Center. Meetings will be held Feb 6, 13, and 27, and March 6, 13, and 27. For more information, contact the Center at SCPrideCenter@aol.com or call 803.771.7713.

(COLUMBIA) MUSIC, MOVIES AND MOTION TO SUPPORT COLUMBIA BLACK LATINO GAY PRIDE

On Feb 18, 7-9 p.m., Club Fusion will host Music, Movies, and Motion, the official event announcing Columbia Black Latino Gay Pride 2006. The event, which is cosponsored by Palmetto Umoja and by the Carolinas Black Pride Movement, will feature entertainment and prizes. Club Fusion is located at 920 Lady Street. For more information, go to: www.clubfusioncolumbia.com or www.carolinablackpridemovement.com or www.freewebs.com/palmettoumoja.

(COLUMBIA) PRIDE IDOL RETURNS TO COLUMBIA MARCH 4!

Pride Idol returns March 4 to Columbia's PT's Cabaret. This fourth fun and funny fundraiser features lots of live South Carolina talent and some of the state's most popular drag queens. What started out as a love for a certain reality TV show has grown into one of SCGLPM's best fundraising events. Past local celebrity judges have included Columbia's premiere Queen of Camp Patti O'Furniture, star of Columbia stage Bobby Craft, and Michael Callair, WWE Wrestler. Hosted as always by the fabulous Ms Nicole Roberts. But the audience is the final judge, so bring your tips and get the final vote! One lucky person will join past Pride Idol winners Leigh Burton, Elizabeth McLean and Nik Evans as the best of the best in South Carolina; winning the opportunity to be featured at the SC Pride celebration on May 20. Do you have what it takes to be the next Pride Idol? For contestant and ticket information, contact SCPrideldol@aol.com.

(ATLANTA) WHOSOEVER TO CELEBRATE TEN YEARS WITH CONFERENCE

Whosoever made history in 1996 by becoming the first online magazine for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Christians. Now Whosoever is making history again, marking ten years as the premiere resource for millions of GLBT Christians seeking spiritual wholeness. To celebrate that landmark, Whosoever will host a conference at Virginia Highland Church in Atlanta GA, July 14-15, 2006. The "Reaping the Spiritual Harvest" conference will feature many inspiring workshops and keynote speeches from Harry Knox, director of the Human Rights Campaign's faith and religion program, and Candace Chellew-Hodge, founder of Whosoever Ministries, who now lives in Camden SC and serves as the assistant pastor of Garden of Grace United Church in Columbia. Renowned lesbian Christian singer Marsha Stevens will give a special concert. Workshops will focus on such topics as spiritual self-defense, coming out to family, and ways to reclaim the scriptures as a source of joy and inspiration for LGBT Christians. For more information about the conference, visit www.whosoever.org/conference, or email Candace at editor@whosoever.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Jan 21: SSEC Delegate Meeting in Columbia
- Jan 23: Third Monday Workshop on Leadership Skills at Center
- Feb 12-18: Marriage Equality Week
- Mar 4: Pride Idol 2006!
- May 20: SC Pride 2006 in Columbia!
- June 19-26: Columbia Black Latino Gay Pride

[Check out the calendar at www.scglpm.org for more information.]

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