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THE BOARD OF THE SC EQUALITY COALITION RELEASED TODAY THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

We regret to announce that Linda Ketner of Charleston has resigned from the SCEC board for personal health reasons.

As Linda explains, "First and foremost, I'm not dying so don't buy your black yet! . it's important for me to eliminate the 90-hour work week. I'll be absolutely fine once I get a little balance back in my life. The organization is in great hands, and with all of your help we'll be the first state to defeat this dumb amendment. I do plan to continue to help, so will look forward to working with all of you in a volunteer capacity!"

We on the SCEC board will miss Linda's energy, her insight, her political savvy, and her incredible leadership. Linda organized the 2002 statewide summit that led to the creation of the SC Equality Coalition, and she has served on the board from its founding, most recently as chair.

The board of SCEC wishes to express our deepest gratitude to Linda for the extraordinary work she has done, not only to create and strengthen the SC Equality Coalition, but also to strengthen and organize our communities across the state. Linda has agreed to remain in communication with the board on an advisory basis.

The SCEC leadership team now consists of Ed Madden, chair; Jerry Binns, vice chair; Johanna Haynes, treasurer; and Reba Parker.

We will soon be announcing the hire of a campaign manager. With our executive director Michael Drennan, our part-time volunteer coordinator Melissa Moore, as well as a campaign manager, we are confident that SCEC will continue to develop and run an effective and powerful campaign against the Family Discrimination Amendment, a campaign that will surprise South Carolina, a campaign that we can be proud of, and one that we could not have done without the work and wisdom of Linda.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

(COLUMBIA) THIS WEEK ON RAINBOW RADIO: GAY FILM!

This week Rainbow Radio will talk to Larry Hembree, the new director of the Nickelodeon Theatre in Columbia. Larry gives his take on the Oscars and talks about the plans for this year's Pride Film Festival set for May 16-22 in Columbia. Next week we will feature folks from the "Tour of Duty," a nationwide tour by armed services members who were discharged from the military because of their sexuality. Rainbow Radio airs every Sunday at 10 a.m. on WOIC 1230 AM, Columbia's Air America affiliate. Or check out the show on the website at www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio. Rainbow Radio shows are available online for download or podcast at www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio. For more information, contact Rainbow Radio at SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

(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 SCPrideIdol@aol.com.

(COLUMBIA) BEAR LODGE MEETS MARCH 4

The Columbia Bear Lodge will hold its regular dinner on Saturday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fuddrucker's restaurant (1801 Bush River Road).

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(COLUMBIA) SCEC DELEGATE MEETING TO FOCUS ON MOVING CAMPAIGN ACROSS STATE

The SC Equality Coalition will hold its next meeting on Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Columbia. There will be a short update on the amendment campaign, and the meeting will focus on the Community Organizing Plan. Are you ready to help SCEC get the word out in Florence or Greenwood or your neck of the woods?! Come learn about the Community Organizing Plan and how you can make a BIG difference in South Carolina! The Unitarian Fellowship is located at 2701 Heyward Street in Columbia. For more information or to rsvp for lunch, email Michael Drennan at ed@scequality.org.

(CHARLESTON) SCEC WEBSITE WINS AWARDS

The SC Equality Coalition website, created by Blue Ion, received two Addy Awards, presented by the Advertising Federation of Charleston. The website won a Gold Addy for Animation or Special Effects - Internet, as well as the Special Judges Award for Storytelling. The awards were announced in the Charleston Post and Courier on Sunday.

(CHARLESTON) AFFA MEETING TO FEATURE DIRECTOR OF SLDN

On Tuesday, March 14, at 5:45, AFFA will host C. Dixon Osburn, the co-founder and executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN). SLDN's mission is to end discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by "Don't Ask Don't Tell" and related policies. The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel at 68 Wentworth Street in downtown Charleston.



SAVE THE DATES:

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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