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Editors Note

Thanks for those of you sending in announcements. It is the goal of the E-Bulletin to help readers find out about events/meetings in their area. Congratulations to Myrtle Beach! They have opened their own GLBT Community Center. The Center has daily open hours 2pm to 6 pm. Please help us spread the word of all these great activities and forward this to others. If you received this as a forward from someone, you can join the list of those who receive the bulletin by sending an email to: SCPrideCenter@aol.com

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(Myrtle Beach) Local Cop to Head GLBT Community Center

2007 Officers Named

Myrtle Beach, SC - Dec 06, 2006 Residents in the Grand Strand GLBT community care little for stereotypes, such that the newly-appointed president of The Center Project, Chris Stephens, doubles as a corporal for the Horry County Police Department.

The Center Project board of directors has announced Stephens as its 2007 president. Outgoing president Patrick Evans has been named executive director of the organization, which operates the GLBT community center serving South Carolinas Grand Strand and Pee Dee Regions.

Other 2007 officers are J Mark Bayer, vice-president, David Bennett, Secretary, and Clark Vereen, treasurer. The Center Project's 2007 officers are all lifelong residents of Horry County.

Expansion, Youth Services Among Growth Plans

Stephens has served on the board since it was organized in January 2006, six months prior to the center's opening. "Our goal for 2007 is to expand our operations and extend our reach," Stephens said. "I want us to connect with every person in the community who could benefit from the many services we offer." Plans for the coming year also include the addition of a professionally managed youth services programs.

Learn more...

About The Center Project

The Center Project was established to create a gathering space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. In June, 2006 the organization opened the 3,000 square foot center that houses meeting and activity rooms, a library, cyber center with high speed Internet and wireless LAN, a drop in center and an outdoor recreational area. A variety of support groups and free, confidential HIV testing are available. The Center Project is funded entirely by private donations. Located at 307 Highway 15 in Myrtle Beach, the organization is currently seeking grants to expand its services in 2007.

For further information or to make donations, call The Center Project at 843-626-4953 or visit their web site at www.thecenterproject.com.

Website: <http://www.thecenterproject.com>

The Center Project

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Remembering...1st South Carolina Gay and Lesbian March

DVD for sale

Through the generous donation of local artist Regi, we have copies of a DVD documentary of the History leading up to the first SC PRIDE rally and march. "Remembering...1st South Carolina Gay and Lesbian March" is a wonderful documentary the gives the details of the events that led to the first Pride march. DVDs are \$20.00 which includes shipping and handling or can be picked up at the center on Sundays from 1-5 PM for \$15.00.

To order send your check made to:
SCGLPM to P. O. Box 12648, Columbia, SC 29211, attention: SCGLPM DVD.

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Operation Shoebox is a Great Success

A Little Holiday Cheer

This holiday season 45 soldiers stationed in Iraq will be receiving a Christmas present from the members and friends of the Charleston, SC Alliance For Full Acceptance. Even though members who are openly gay can not serve, they wanted to serve our troops who are far from home this season.

Michael Schwarzott, whose son Joshua is deployed in Iraq, is a member of the leadership group of AFFA. He brought this idea to the board in October as something to show our community's support for our soldiers, and as a way of reaching out to them.

Operation Shoebox is a program set up by the Bluestar Mothers, to send needed items to the soldiers that are deployed in combat zones. How it works is you just fill a shoebox with things like toiletries, personal hygiene, candy, non-perishable foods etc. For a complete list you can visit their website www.bluestarmothers.org

AFFA collected 45 shoeboxes, which filled 7 shipping boxes that weighed 237 Lbs., that were sent out priority mail to Mike's son Joshua, who is going to play Santa to his fellow soldiers, making sure that the men who don't receive mail or packages get them first. Each box contained a note from the person who put it together to the soldier, and a card with their address on it for the soldier to write back to them. AFFA also included the following note card:

Dear Service Men and Women,

On behalf of the Alliance for Full Acceptance, a social justice organization achieving equality and acceptance for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender people, we want to thank you for your service and bravery.

With you, we stand for the American principles of freedom, equality, safety, and sacrifice. Thank you for being on the front lines to help put those principles in place everywhere. Our hearts reach out to you and your families during this holiday season - you are not forgotten.

We hope these gift boxes make things a little more comfortable for you. Our hopes are that you all will be home safely soon. Take good care and know that we are with you.

Best wishes,

Board, Leadership Group, Staff, and Members Alliance for Full Acceptance
P.O. Box 22088
Charleston, South Carolina 29413

This project was really great to put together, and the morale boost to the soldiers will be tremendous. We have become ambassadors of goodwill to 45 men, from all over the US, stationed in Hawaii, who will know that the GLBT community is in support of them, and maybe for the very first time have a personal interaction with someone from our community!

I challenge other groups from the Carolina's to take on a holiday and do the same thing. When you touch someone's heart, they don't forget. Think what this will mean when they go back to their home states in the future!

We had \$90 donated to send out the cartons. The total came to \$252 to send joy and good cheer to our soldiers in Iraq. Would you consider helping us cover the mailing expense and send a donation noted for Operation Shoebox?

If you can make the check payable to AFFA, and Mail to

Alliance For Full Acceptance
P.O. Box 22088
Charleston, South Carolina 29413

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, or the AFFA office at
email: wgress@affa-sc.org
phone: 843-883-0343
web: <http://www.affa-sc.org>

Happy Holidays,

Michael Schwarzott
mikeschwarzott@comcast.net

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A Year of PRIDE

Order your very own twelve-month calendar featuring photos of the queens who have held the title of Miss SC Pride.

A limited number of calendars will be printed. Calendars will be delivered on or before December 18th. All proceeds from this project will benefit the Harriet Hancock Center Foundation

To order your calendar, please complete this order form and return with payment to:
HHCF, PO Box 12648, Columbia, SC 29211
ATTN: Calendar

Name:
Address:
City:
State:
ZIP:
Phone Number:
E-mail Address:

Yes! I want my year to be filled with PRIDE!
Please reserve ____ calendars @ \$25 each in my name.

I have enclosed a check payable to the Harriet Hancock Center Foundation for the total amount

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Upcoming Events

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(Columbia) Give the Gift of Good Cheer

The festive monthly meeting of the Guild will take place on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at Za€™s Brick Oven Pizza beginning at 6pm.

Join us for our annual holiday party featuring dancing from Vista Ballroom, photos with Santa Claus and gifts for everyone!

The Guild loves our new meeting location Za€™s Brick Oven Pizza located at 2930 Devine Street (one mile up from Five Points). Free parking, outside patio, warm atmosphere.

The Guild is a proud member of the South Carolina Equality Coalition and the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement. Learn more about their support of LGBT rights in our state by visiting www.scequality.org or www.scglpm.org

The Guild

where business is family

Share this e-mail with a friend and tell them about the Guild. They can receive Guild Alert messages by sending an e-mail to: GuildAlert-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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(Columbia) SHOP AT TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES AND SUPPORT THE CENTER!

12-17-06

A great gift idea can be found at Ten Thousand Villages, 4711-9 Forest Drive, near the back of the Forest Park Shopping Center. To find that special gift for that special person, why not go to Ten Thousand Villages on Sunday, December 17th from 1 until 6 pm. On that day, 20% of all purchases will go to the Harriet Hancock Center Foundation.

The Forest Acres store is one of over 160 Ten Thousand Villages stores throughout the country – the store that has been trading fairly since 1946. At Ten Thousand Villages, fair trade is a partnership based on dialogue, mutual understanding, respect and direct contact between themselves and their artisan partners in developing countries. Working with unemployed or underemployed artisans, Ten Thousand Villages helps them bring their crafts and cultures to North America, and to support themselves and their families.

So come on out to Ten Thousand Villages on Sunday, December 17th, from 1 until 6 pm, and do your Holiday shopping. Remember, 20% of all purchases will go to the Harriet Hancock Center Foundation. Ten Thousand Villages, 4711-9 Forest Drive, near the back of the Forest Park Shopping Center. You can call the store at (803) 743-9500. To learn more about Ten Thousand Villages, visit their web site tenthousandvillages.com.

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(Charleston) Equal Time (radio)

Saturdays @ 9:30 am
Station: WLTQ AM 730

Don't forget to tune in to WLTQ AM 730 this Saturday at 9:30 am for our radio show. "Equal Time" is hosted this week by AFFA's very own Charlie Smith. "Equal Time" now leads Saturday morning talk shows with the largest share of the listening audience!

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(Columbia) Rainbow Radio

Sundays @ 10 am Station: WOIC 1230 AM

12-17-06

Topic – “Mental Health and the Holidays”

Guest – Reverend Timothea Sharpe, counselor with Midlands Pastoral Care and Counseling Associates

Commentary – Leslie Dennis, “Amendment One”

Sponsor – Listeners Like You

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.scgipm.org/rainbowradio). Rainbow Radio shows are available online for download or podcast at www.scgipm.org/rainbowradio. For more information, contact Rainbow Radio at SCPrideCenter@aol.com

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(Columbia) **SCGLPM Christmas Party**

You are cordially invited to attend the SCGLPM Christmas Party.

When: Monday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Harriet Hancock Center,
1108 Woodrow Street

Dress: Casual

Pizza, light appetizers, desserts and a variety of beverages will be served.
Please feel free to bring a dessert, appetizer or beverage.

A "White Elephant" gift exchange will be held and if you wish to participate please bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift.

RSVP if you plan to come by emailing Harriet at Pridemomsc@aol.com or by calling the Center at 771-7713.

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(Columbia) **Lesbian Book Club**

Next meeting: Sunday, January 7 at 6pm

Book: Price Of Salt by Patricia Highsmith

The Columbia Activity Network's Lesbian Book Club meets the first Sunday of every month. The group meets from 6-8pm at the Harriet Hancock Community Center, 1108 Woodrow St., Columbia. For more information, contact Cindy Wilson at Cynthia.Wilson@sprint.com

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(Charlotte) **Carolinas Black Pride Movement is proud to present our 2nd annual**

**Martin Luther King Jr.
Gala Reception & Awards Presentation**

Saturday, January 27, 2007

Venue: Urban League

Reception Hall

740 West 5th Street

Downtown Charlotte, NC 28202

V.I.P. Pre-show Reception with Honorees & live band (5pm)

Door Open (6:30pm)

General Admission \$25 / VIP \$40

Semi-Formal (Dress to Impress)

www.carolinasblackpridemovement.com

info@carolinasblackpridemovement.com

704.890.5816

Evening Highlights:

Keynote Speaker: Rudy Carn

Co-Founder/Executive Director of

National AIDS & Education Services for Minorities, Atlanta Ga

"We want to work with everyone who believes the lives of black gay men matter.

We are especially committed to building a strong network of black gay men across this country who are advocates for their own lives," stated Rudy Carn.

Audre Lorde & Bayard Rustin
Community Leadership Award 2007 Honorees:
Bambi Gaddist - Executive Director of S.C. HIV/AIDS Council
www.schivaidsCouncil.org
the late Jeff Addison of Brother2Brother Charlotte
www.brother2brother.org

Spoken Word Artists, Live Band & Dramatists

Silent Auction

Heavy hors d'oeuvres/Wine Tasting

To further honor the life and contributions of Dr. Martin L. King Jr (MLK Jr.), our inaugural Community Leadership Awards recognize individuals in leadership who serve with the convictions of M.L.K. Jr.- as demonstrated by outstanding initiative, inspiration to others and significant contributions to improving the quality of life for lesbian, gay, bi sexual and transgender (lgbt) residents of the Carolinas . This work may confront social justice issues, health & wellness, promote arts, culture or/and the humanities.

IN THE WORDS OF CORETTA SCOTT KING

Coretta Scott King, speaking four days before the 30th anniversary of her husband's assassination, said the civil rights leader's memory demanded a strong stand for gay and lesbian rights. "I still hear people say that I should not be talking about the rights of lesbian and gay people and I should stick to the issue of racial justice," she said. "But I hasten to remind them that Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' " "I appeal to everyone who believes in Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream to make room at the table of brother- and sisterhood for lesbian and gay people," she said. - March 31, 1998.

- Host Sponsor -

Brother2Brother, Inc.
www.brother2brother.org

info@carolinasblackpridemovement.com
www.carolinasblackpridemovement.com

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(Charlotte) **HRC Annual Dinner 2007**

Saturday, February 24, 2007
Charlotte Convention Center

Dan Mauney, LaWana Slack Mayfield and Rodney Tucker have been named co-chairs of the Human Rights Campaigns (HRC) 2007 Carolinas Dinner.

The annual dinner will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center on Sat., Feb. 24, 2007. The Westin Hotel will serve as host hotel (for the third consecutive year) during the 2007 HRC Carolinas Dinner weekend in Charlotte. Last years HRC Carolinas Dinner drew a record crowd of 1,400-plus, becoming one of the largest HRC dinners in the country and earning the national HRC Dinner Committee of the Year award. It is the second year in a row that the Carolinas dinner has received national recognition.

HRC hosts annual dinners throughout the country as fund-raisers to support its many efforts to achieve the organizational mission to build an America where Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT) families and individuals can be open, honest and safe at work, at home and in the community.

The 2007 HRC Carolinas Dinner committee is seeking volunteers to assist with the event. For more information, e-mail info@hrccarolinas.org, or visit www.hrccarolinas.org.

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(Columbia) Pride Yard/Garage Sale

DONATE TO THE PRIDE SALE !!!

The Pride Yard/Garage Sale is looking for donations. Items may be dropped off at the Harriet Hancock Center any Sunday between 1-6 pm, or call the Center at 771-7713 to arrange for pick up if you have large items and no way to get them to us. We will be having the sale in the parking lot across the street from the Center in February and we want to fill it up. Appliances, clothes, furniture, and small table items are all welcome.

Remember, don't return those unwanted gifts, DONATE THEM TO PRIDE !!!!!!!

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(Columbia) Pride Idol Returns March 2, 2007

Pride Idol returns March 2 to Columbia's PT's Cabaret. This 5th fun and funny fundraiser features lots of live South Carolina talent. 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, the longest reigning Ms Gay Pride and the current Miss Castle at Large. 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, Nik Evans and Rachel Flowers as the best of the best in South Carolina; winning the opportunity to be featured at the SC Pride celebration on May 19. Do you have what it takes to be the next Pride Idol?

For contestant and ticket information, contact SCPrideIdol@aol.com

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(Columbia) SC Pride 2007

Next Pride Committee Meeting: 1-7 @ 1pm

SC Pride 2007 is now only 8 months away. Preparing for Pride is a year-long effort, and we need all kinds of help in making SC Pride 2007 a great event. People are needed to: decorate the park, create fundraising ideas, assist with the parade, stay at the community center to provide directions to the event, check in vendors, assist with fundraising events, sell beverages, assist with VIP tent and refreshments, manage the stage, find sponsors, and clean up.

SC Pride Committee Meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 o'clock pm in the Harriett Hancock Community Center, 1108 Woodrow St., Columbia. If you are interested in helping, please attend a meeting or email: SCPrideCenter@aol.com

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Preparing for Columbia SC Black/Latino Pride 2007

Palmetto Umoja reminds members and volunteers that it's time to get in the arena again, and start planning for Columbia SC Black/Latino Gay Pride 2007. For more information, visit <http://www.freewebs.com/palmettoumoja/>

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Community Connections

(Notices of Meetings by region when a special speaker or program is not indicated.)

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(Spartanburg) Spartanburg Chapter of PFLAG

Meets the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are confidential. For meeting place or further information, please call (864) 574-1253 or email PFLAG-Spartanburg@pflagupstatesc.org.

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(Greenville) Greenville Technical College Lambda Gay-Straight Alliance

Meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 1:30 in the Student Center. GTCLambdaGSA@yahoogroups.com
Or contact Scott Young at 864-346-9576

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(Greenville) Greenville Chapter of PFLAG Meeting

Meets the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are confidential. For meeting place or further information, please call (864) 232-2988 or email PFLAG-Greenville@pflagupstatesc.org.

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(Anderson/Clemson) Anderson/Clemson PFLAG Meeting

Next Meeting 1-25-07

The Anderson-Clemson Chapter of PFLAG meets every fourth Thursday at 7:30 PM. The first meeting in 2007 is January 25 at the Founders' House at 230 Pendleton Road, Clemson, SC. You may call 654-5959 or 864-944-8620 for information.

For location and more information, please call 864-654-5959 (during the day) or email PFLAG-AndersonClemson@pflagupstatesc.org

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(Columbia) CODA Codependency Group

Tuesdays @ 7pm

CODA, a codependency support group which has been meeting at the Harriet Hancock Community Center has recently moved to the Shandon Presbyterian Church for their weekly meetings. Meetings will take place on Tuesday at 7pm in room 207 of the church. For more information, contact Josie Dunbar at jodunbar@aol.com

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(Columbia) PFLAG Meeting

PFLAG Columbia meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal Church in the Community House which is located next to the parking lot behind the church. The address is 5220 Clemson Avenue (just off Forest Drive about 1 mile east of Richland Mall). For further information call Harriet Hancock at 803-781-0515 or visit our web site at www.pflagcolumbiasc.org.

If you're not in Columbia and you would like more information about your local area PFLAG group, contact the Harriet Hancock Community Center at (803) 771-7713 or at SCPrideCenter@aol.com

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(Columbia) OutSmart

OutSmart has new office hours! OutSmart will host open house at the Harriet Hancock Community Center (1108 Woodrow St, Columbia) on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9pm.

OutSmart has regular weekly meetings for LGBTQ youth ages 16-22 every Friday at 6:30pm. For more information, contact info@outsmart.org or call (803) 779-6586.

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(Myrtle Beach) **True To Yourself (AA)**

Date: Mondays From: 8:00pm

Location: The Center Project – Myrtle Beach
More info: summersinmb@aol.com

*The Center Project is closed during this meeting.

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(Myrtle Beach) **Myrtle Beach Chapter of PFLAG**

For meeting place or further information, please call (843) 347-1619 or email breeder@sc.rr.com.

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(Charleston) **Charleston Chapter of PFLAG**

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the We Are Family Office. For further information, please call (843) 559-2996 or email champsinschool@aol.com

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Submission Guidelines

The SCGLPM E-Bulletin is scheduled to be distributed on Wednesday mornings. All materials to be posted in the E-Bulletin must be sent to SCGLPMBulletin@yahoogle.com or PeaceLvr1963@Yahoo.com by Monday night. Not all email servers are the same and delay in sending your message may cause delay in posting it in the E-Bulletin. Announcements and articles received after the deadline will be published in the next edition, if the article or event is still timely.

To submit events, meetings or announcements, follow this format:

- What** is the name of the event?
 - When** is it happening? (date, time and duration)
 - Who** (group's name) is putting on the event?
 - Where** will it be held? (location)
 - Why** is it happening? (fundraising, raise awareness)
- Brevity is key to having people read about your activity and them showing up. Lengthy emails may be edited. Providing this information will aid your group in attendance at the event. The person sending the email should provide a contact if further information is requested. Let me know if contact information is to be published with the email or not.

Thanks for your assistance,

Beth

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Check Out These Websites for Additional News and Events

scglpm.org scequality.org 365gay.com scgaynews.com scglbg.org

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Save The Dates:

- 1-27-07 Martin Luther King Jr. Gala Reception & Awards Presentation-Charlotte
- 2-24-07 HRC Carolinas Dinner-Charlotte
- 2-24-07 Pride Yard/Garage Sale-Columbia
- 3-2-07 Pride Idol at PT's Cabaret
- 5-19-07 SC Pride! at Finlay Park in Columbia, Theme – “Equal Rights Are Human Rights”

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

The SCGLPM Bulletin is an electronic news bulletin distributed weekly by SCGLPM and the Harriet Hancock Community Center. Please forward the bulletin to interested friends and allies. Through this bulletin, GLPM hopes to facilitate communication among GLBT communities, organizations and our allies throughout the state.