

Set in **HISTORIC** Washington Square Park,
the New Orleans AIDS Memorial will provide a
HEALING sanctuary for family and friends
and will promote understanding of the human
tragedy of the AIDS epidemic.

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for our community in the face of the enormous pains
caused by this devastating disease.



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* All contributions at the above levels shall receive permanent acknowledgment at the Memorial site.

** Contributors at the \$2,500.00 level and above shall also be entitled to acknowledgment on a bench near the Memorial.

Please make all check payable to:
NO/AIDS Taskforce
c/o New Orleans AIDS Monument
601 Tulane Ave., STE 500
New Orleans, LA 70119

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Many Stories, One Voice Conference to Commemorate Upstairs Lounge Fire of June 1973

Washington - Many of the hundreds of pro-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Christians who will converge Sept. 4-7 in New Orleans, La., for the Many Stories, One Voice conference will revisit the site of a devastating fire that killed 32 people at a local gay bar known as the Upstairs Lounge.

The tragedy that occurred on June 24, 1973 — 35 years ago — was the deadliest fire in New Orleans' history. Many members of the local Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), including its pastor, the Rev. Bill Larson, died at the fire, which was widely reported as arson. The members of MCC had congregated after their religious service at the Upstairs Lounge as they did every Sunday.

"The Upstairs Lounge Fire, epitomized by the lifeless body of the Rev. Bill Larson, silhouetted in the window of the lounge, and the charred bodies of so many others, was one of those moments in history when hatred and fear seemed to hold sway. That nearly every religious leader in New Orleans refused to offer words of condolence or healing to the LGBT community at the time, but instead offered condemnation, further solidified the power of death. But, as people of faith, we know that death is never the final answer," said Rev. Rebecca Voelkel, Institute for Welcoming Resources and faith work director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Amidst the deafening silence of so many religious leaders and the vocal hatred of others, leaders of the Metropolitan Community Churches were welcomed by the folks at St. Mark's United Methodist Church of New Orleans. In a great act of courage and affirmation of life, St. Mark's opened their doors for the memorial service for those killed in the fire," she added. "Their witness bore life in the moment, but it also planted seeds that have, 35 years later, come to life as the Welcoming Church Movement. Now there are some 3,100 congregations across the U.S. that are publicly welcoming and affirming of LGBT people."

One of the powerful moments that will happen at the Many Stories, One Voice conference will be when attendees participate in a jazz funeral to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Upstairs Lounge Fire. "This jazz funeral will give participants at the conference an opportunity to both grieve and remember those killed in the Upstairs Lounge Fire. But it will also give participants the opportunity to grieve

and remember all of those whose lives have been lost to injustice or oppression and those who have fought the good fight. We will remember those killed in Katrina and its aftermath, those spiritual mothers and fathers of the pro-LGBT Christian movement and all those for whom the power of justice, faith and liberation have inspired their ministry," said Voelkel.

Many Stories, One Voice: The North American Convocation of Pro-LGBT Christians is a conference that will offer new tools and training in the areas of faith-based community organizing, media training, board development, fundraising, research, biblical studies, theology, capacity-building and other concrete skills. Participants will also engage in discussions about issues of race, class, ability, age, embodiment, gender identity and sexual orientation.

Many Stories, One Voice is convened by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in partnership with more than 30 pro-LGBT Christian organizations representing progressive, moderate and conservative traditions. For more information or to register, please visit www.manystoriesonevoice.org.

The National Religious Leadership Roundtable (NRLR), convened by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is an interfaith network of leaders from pro-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) faith, spiritual and religious organizations. We work in partnership with other groups to promote understanding of and respect for LGBT people within society at large and in communities of faith. We promote understanding and respect within LGBT communities for a variety of faith paths and for religious liberty, and to achieve commonly held goals that promote equality, spirituality and justice.

The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the political power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community from the ground up. We do this by training activists, organizing broad-based campaigns to defeat anti-LGBT referenda and advance pro-LGBT legislation, and by building the organizational capacity of our movement. Our Policy Institute, the movement's premier think tank, provides research and policy analysis to support the struggle for complete equality and to counter right-wing lies. As part of a broader social justice movement, we work to create a nation that respects the diversity of human expression and identity and creates opportunity for all. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., we also have offices in New York City, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis and Cambridge. The Task Force is a 501(c)(3) corporation incorporated in Washington, D.C. Contributions to the Task Force are tax-deductible to the full ex-

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New Orleans AIDS Memorial to be Dedicated Nov. 30

World AIDS Day will be commemorated a day early in New Orleans this year when the long delayed New Orleans AIDS Memorial is dedicated on Sunday, November 30 in Washington Square Park. The neighborhood surrounding Washington Square was very much the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic in its early days in Louisiana. The Memorial has already been fabricated and simply needs to be assembled, installed and landscaped.

Because the Tulane School of Architecture has taken the AIDS Memorial on as a school project, it has been possible to keep the remaining costs to a minimum. The budget for completing the Memorial is \$45,000 and there are many levels available for participation.

Granite paving stones honoring an individual or remembering a loved one are available for purchase for \$100 per stone. Contributions of \$500 or more will also be recognized with a permanent acknowledgement at the site. The prominence of acknowledgement will correspond to the donation level and range from Buddy to Major Benefactor. Contributions of \$2,500 or more will also be granted the right to remember or honor an individual with an inscription on a park bench.

All contributions should be made payable to the NO/AIDS Task Force, which is serving as the fiduciary agent for the Memorial Committee. A notation should be made on the check that the contribution is designated for the AIDS Memorial. The NO/AIDS Task Force is the state's oldest and largest AIDS service agency. Its mailing address is 2601 Tulane Avenue, Suite 500, New Orleans, LA 70119.

The Memorial consists of a series of glass discs depicting the cast faces of a number of individuals, some of whom are HIV infected and who represent the many faces of AIDS in this region. Tragically, some of the individuals whose faces were cast for the Memorial have since died of the disease. The Memorial site will be paved with stones engraved with the names of some of those who have died of the disease or honoring individuals for their efforts in fighting AIDS.

The dedication of the Memorial will begin at 2pm on Sunday, November 30. Rabbi Edward Cohn of Temple Sinai will speak and a number of area artists and groups will perform.

For additional information about the Memorial, please contact the AIDS Memorial Committee chairperson, Susan Levingston at 504.443.3090. For information about making a contribu-

tion, please contact fund-raising chairperson, Jack Sullivan at 504.524.1421.

HALLOWEEN'S IN NEW ORLEANS Announces Halloween 25

Halloween's in New Orleans, a 501c(3) company supporting Project Lazarus in New Orleans, announces the details of 2008's 25th year of fund-raising events in New Orleans, held October 23-26.

The weekend will kick-off once again inside of Saks Fifth Avenue with Saks Loves the Silver Screen. The party will feature premium open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a DJ, entertainment, the Halloween silent auction and, of course, shopping at Saks! Saks will donate 10% of sales to Project Lazarus, valid all weekend (October 23-26, 2008).

Friday night the place to be in New Orleans will be Shiny Disco Balls at Generations Hall with not one, but two DJs and not one, but two dance floors! DJ Roland Belmares and DJ Chad Guidry will keep you moving all night long and the DC Cowboys will return to New Orleans for a rare Friday night performance. This party will be open bar and for the first time ever, will feature a VIP Host Lounge on Friday night.

Better rest up for Saturday's main event, Silver Party, at The Sugar Mill. One of the largest costume mandatory parties in the country will not disappoint. Headlined by DJ Brett Henrichsen of MasterBeat with lighting by Bryan Holcombe. Our midnight show should not be missed, and this year will feature THE GREATEST MOMENTS IN HALLOWEEN IN NEW ORLEANS' HISTORY and a performance by Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu from San Francisco. Dance, open bar and a VIP Host Lounge will keep you going well into Sunday morning.

100% of proceeds from all events, including the silent auction, benefit Project Lazarus. Payment may be made at the door by cash or credit card or passes may be bought in advance at our website.

For more information on Halloween 25 or Halloween's in New Orleans, contact either of the Board Chair, Jennifer Calzada at Jennifer@halloweenneworleans.com or Bruce Gallassero at Gallassero@msn.com.

Halloween's in New Orleans is a 501c(3) company, which began holding an annual weekend of fund-raising events in 1984. Halloween's in New Orleans is supported by Hosts and Patrons, whose donations make up the annual event budgets. Monies taken at the door of each event and generated by the silent auction make up the annual donation to Project Lazarus. The mission of the Hosts of Halloween is to provide funding for Project Lazarus, a home in New Orleans for men and women with AIDS, so that they may provide health care and support services for their residents. Project Lazarus, which provides direct AIDS services, is the sole beneficiary of all funds which are raised.



The Corner Pocket's Calendar Boy Contest brings Mitch to the bar



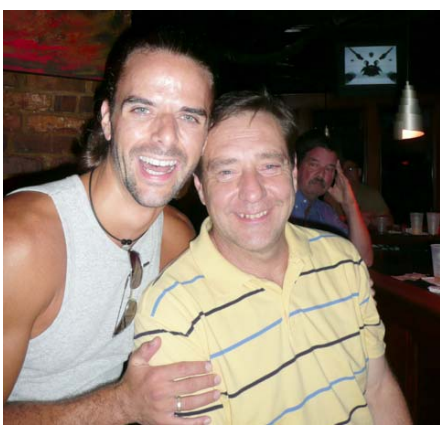
Bar Baron Michael Elias, SDGM XXXIV Electra City and dancer Hector at The Corner Pocket



Tatum struts his stuff at The Corner Pocket Calendar Boy Contest



Bartender Jeff serves the crowd out for cocktails & dancers at Lafitte's



Bartender Matt joins Golden Lantern Bar Baron Rick at Cafe Lafitte in Exile



AMBUSH PAPARAZZI

Actor Marshall Harris & Rab Dab's Dave Rabalais cocktailin' at Oz



Men of Manwatch Dancer's Dominic & Roberto flank Oz GM Tommy Elias



Bartender Allen joins new Oz bartender Jonathan at Oz's Drag Dingo



Cameron & Tyra Van Ryan at Oz Show Night



Oz's special guest MC Bianca Del Rio direct from New York



Paulina joins bartender Allen at Oz Show Night



Jerry & Jim celebratin' at Oz



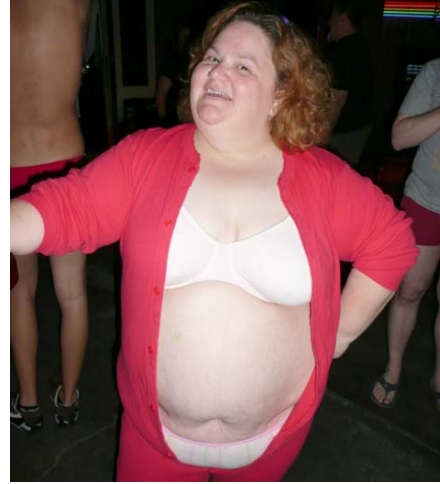
Costa & Neel welcome you to Rawhide



Todd slings cocktails at Rawhide 2010



Bartenders Beaumont & Streeter did the honors at Good Friends Underwear Party



Good Friends Karaoke MC Rikki Gee got in on the Underwear Party at Good Friends



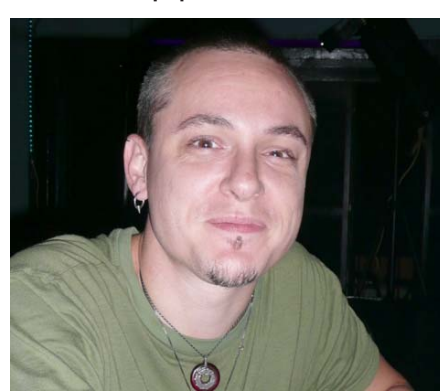
Philip & Brock join the Underwear Party at Good Friends



The staff: Beaumont, Chris, Blake, Streeter & manager Joey host the Underwear Party at Good Friends



Golden Lantern's Rick & rescue baby Scooter pop into Good Friends



Bartender Anthony welcomes you to The Corner Pocket

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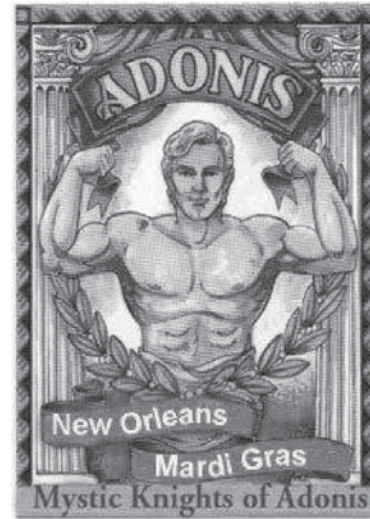
"Love Adonis Style"

Parade - Saturday, February 14, 2009 11:30 am.

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"Carnival Fantasy – come along for a gay ole time"

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Rates starting at \$ 482.56

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Vision's Christmas in July Blowout



Mr. Southern Renegade Pensacola & Sha Sha Glamour at Vision's Twist Xmas in July



DJ Robbie brings Tiffany live to the stage at B-Bob's



DJ Chromatic & DJ Robbie hail from B-Bob's



Larry kissed a girl and he liked it... at Vision's Twist



Horny Reindeer Lex & Rex at Vision's Twist



"The Lez-Bears" Wendy & Brenda pop in for Bear Night at B-Bob's



Watchin' the show at B-Bob's



Contestants in Vision's Twist Wet T-Shirt Contest



Rexanna wows the crowd at Vision's Twist Turn-A-Bout



Cody and friends celebratin' at B-Bob's



Robert & Tim on a night out at B-Bob's



Santa Vision's owner gets a feel from Mistress Santa Vision's manager



Turkey Bowl Fund-raisers pop into Vision's Twist



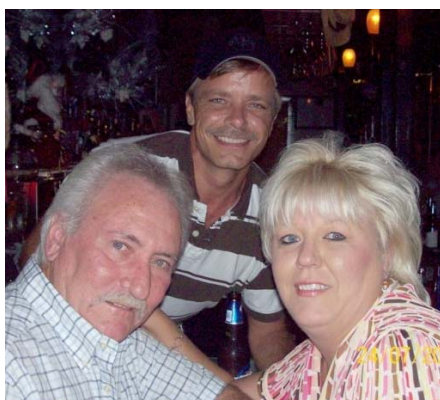
Leather, Uniform & Biker Night brought "The Divas of Leather" Jud & Terry to B-Bob's



Tiffany brings the crowd to fever pitch at B-Bob's



Matt, Billy & Mateo in Wet Boxer Contest at Vision's Twist



Sexy REXY (c) with Manny & Laura at Vision's Twist



Leon, Kevin & Patrick join Leather, Uniform & Biker Night at B-Bob's



Born to party at B-Bob's

CONTESTS, CELEBRATIONS, COCKTAILS ~ MOBILE, ALABAMA ~ BOB BRUNSON, CRAIG POWELL, LEON WEEKLEY