

GLBTF NEWSLETTER

piled. Check your conference book for any last minute scheduling changes regarding meetings.

Also, I want to address two housekeeping matters regarding confidentiality and membership currency. First, subscribers should know that the GLBTF maintains the master mailing list for this newsletter. Also, future issues should arrive stapled with only the GLBTF logo visible. I apologize for the discomfort any subscribers felt as a result of receiving the last newsletter unsealed. It was an oversight on my part.

On personal note, I encourage all of you to "come out" in both your personal and professional lives. Do it according to your own internal timeframe, but don't delay the richness and fullness of your life any longer than you have to. For myself, coming out as a gay person has been one the most rewarding and freeing decisions of my adult life. We all deeply know the how difficult this process can be, so let me encourage you.

Secondly, if you have moved, let us know so we can update our list. If you know of someone who is a member of ALA who would be interested in receiving the GLBTF Newsletter, please tell them we are back.

The last issue did contain two blank pages due to a production error. You did not miss any news as a result.

Finally, on behalf of all of the members of the GLBTF we would like to thank the previous newsletter editor, Karl Fattig, for his tireless efforts in producing this newsletter.

Annual GLBTF Book Award Break

Awards will be presented at the second annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Award Breakfast on June 30th at the 1997 Annual Conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco by the GLBTF. The award for best fictional work went to "Hood," written by Emma Donoghue and published by HarperCollins. The nonfiction award went to "Geography of the Heart," written by Fenton Johnson and published by Scribner. Both authors will be attending the breakfast to receive their awards.

Since Isabel Miller's novel "Patience and Sarah" received the first GLBTF Book Award in 1971, a total of thirty-six books have been honored for exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual experience.

Other scheduled speakers include lesbian author, and Editor of Drummer Magazine, Wickie Stamps, as well as David Tuller, gay reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle and author "Cracks in the Closet." If you will be attending ALA this summer, please come. Ticket information is noted later in this issue.

GLBTF PROGRAM PLANNING NEWS

GLBTF Program Announcement ALA 1996 San Francisco

"No KIDin' Around: Womyn's Press in the
New Millenium"

The GLBTF Program Planning Committee is proud to announce the Annual GLBTF program: "No KIDin' Around: Womyn's Press in the New Millenium." The program will immediately following the GLBTF's Annual Book Award Breakfast on Monday, June 30, 1997 from 11:00 - 12:30pm. This program is being co-sponsored by ALA/WSS and SRRT/FTF.

Speakers will include:

Carol Seajay
Editor, Feminist Bookstore News

Nancy Bereano
Publisher, Firebrand Books

Mev Miller
Women's Presses Library Project

Jewelle Gomez
Author

If you would like to help with this or future programs please attend the Program Planning Committee meetings during our Annual and Mid-winter conferences. See the meeting schedule in this issue or contact the PPC chair:

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We are currently in the initial planning stages for the Annual '98 Conference. The program looks to be focusing on "Pink Information" with speakers representing patron bodies who need it. (Parents, teens, school administrators, etc.) The PPC meeting is on Sunday morning.

We'll leave in time to get to the parade starting point by noon. Bring your walking shoes to the meeting! We look forward to seeing you there!

We'll also be discussing our initiatives for ALA Mid-winter events in New Orleans and also for Annual 1998. As you may recall, our topic was leaning towards "Pink Information" wedded to the conference theme of "Global Access - Local Touch." We were talking about focusing speakers on various user population levels such as teens, parents, school administrators, etc. Come with fresh ideas. Remember, my term as PPC Chair ends in San Francisco. Who's next?

The members of the GLBTF along with other g/l/b/t librarians will also have a contingent marching in the SF Pride Parade. Along with the Pride festivities going on during the week, the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival is also on while ALA is in town! The LAC hopes to give us advance notice about the film festival, as well as other events, since tickets sell out quickly.

GAY PRIDE PARADE SAN FRANCISCO 1997

The GLBTF's Local Arrangements Committee has organized our participation in the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade. The Parade will take place on Sunday, June 29th 1997. More specific information will be announced at all ALA Annual GLBTF meetings.

The GLBTF is very excited about these coming events. We look forward to seeing you there!

BOOK REVIEWS

Reviews are a regular feature of the GLBTF Newsletter. If you would like to be a reviewer or receive reviewing guidelines, please contact:

Barbara R. Stevens
GLBTF Book Review Editor
(address listed below)

1706 Binyon Street Eau Claire, WI 54701.

If you have questions to ask before you volunteer, call (715) 836-2522 or e-mail: stevenbr@uwec.edu.

Gay and Lesbian Task Force Newsletter
Reviewer's Information

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Reviewers Needed

Have you ever found yourself taking issue with reviews of your favorite works? Do you enjoy knowing which of our issues are attracting the attention of the popular press? Have you haunted bookstores to spot the latest literary works with a gay, lesbian, bisexual themes? Are you interested in evaluating scholarly research which focuses on our community?

If your answer to any of the preceding questions is a resounding "Yes!" and you're not currently serving on the GLBTF Book Award committee, then we need you to consider serving as a reviewer for the GLBTF Newsletter book reviews section. Currently we have an urgent need for people to review poetry, literature, and scholarly works.

Reviewers may request the book review editor to obtain specific titles for review, or, may simply opt to receive works in a particular genre for review. Reviewers may also indicate how many books they wish to review at one time; although it is extremely rare for any single reviewer to have more than four works under review simultaneously.

All you need to do to become a reviewer is to provide the information requested on the form below and send it to:

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1997 Book Awards Breakfast

The GLBTF Book Awards Breakfast will take place Monday, June 30, 1997 at 8:30am in downtown San Francisco at the Crown Plaza Parc Hotel during the ALA Annual Conference. This year the event will be a served sit-down breakfast, rather than a buffet. The breakfast is the GLBTF's primary fundraising event to ensure the continuation of our annual book award.

In addition to the presentation of the awards to this year's winners, authors Fenton Johnson and Emma Donoghue, we will feature guest speakers author/editor Wickie Stamps and reporter/author David Tuller. Please make your reservations for this event early, as we are expecting this San Francisco event to sell out.

The Crown Plaza Parc Hotel's formal address is 55 Cyril Magnin St. in downtown San Francisco. The entrance is north of Market on Fifth St. (Note: Fifth St. becomes Cyril Magnin St. past Market). Phone: 415-392-8000.

To insure your reservation for this event, you must purchase tickets in advance! To purchase tickets, send \$30.00 per person by check or money order by June 1, 1997 made out to "ALA/SRRT/GLBTF" to:

Roland C. Hansen
Readers' Services Librarian
John M. Flaxman Library
37 South Wabash
Chicago IL 60603

any individual not affiliated with the publisher of the book being nominated. Authors may not nominate their own works. A short statement (30

Volunteer with the GLBTF !!!

Join us! Two vacancies on the GLBTF Steering Committee will be filled at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, Summer 1997.

- * GLBTF Male Co-Chair,
- * Program Planning Chair,
-Both for two year terms, 1997-1999

Additionally, we are always looking for energetic committee members, too. Nominated candidates must be members of SRRT, and of course ALA. Please mail your nominations to the GLBTF at the

GLBTF By-Law Changes Proposed

GLBTF member Cal Gough proposes that we amend our By-Laws by adding the two new provisions to page four ("Special Committees and Projects"). The changes would read: "The Task Force will decline to automatically endorse or publicly identify any product or service that is not available" and "Any member of the Task Force undertaking or asked to participate in a commercial venture is welcome to publicly identify himself/herself as a Task Force member in connection with the venture, but the member will make it clear that his/her participation does not constitute the Task Force's authorization or endorsement of that publication, project, activity, or product."

The following briefly summarizes the background regarding these proposed GLBTF By-Law changes. Authors and publishers (among) others periodically ask the Task Force to "endorse" their book or promotional event. Cal hopes that this revision

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gerald Hodges, Director of ALA Member Relations has forwarded the following request. The ALA Membership Committee would like to encourage all ALA leaders--especially ethnic caucus leaders--to help boost attendance at the Membership Meetings in San Francisco. Meetings are scheduled for:

Saturday, June 28th from 4:15 - 5:15pm and on Sunday, June 29th at from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Please check your conference booklet for locations.

FYI - How to Subscribe to GAY-LIBN

If you have an internet accessible email account, a good way to keep in touch with fellow G/L/B/T librarians is to subscribe to GAY-LIB, the electronic listserv dedicated to the issues and concerns of G/L/B/T librarians. To Subscribe to GAY-LIBN send an email message to:
LISTPROC@USC.EDU

The text of your note should only read:

Subscribe Gay-Libn Your Full Name
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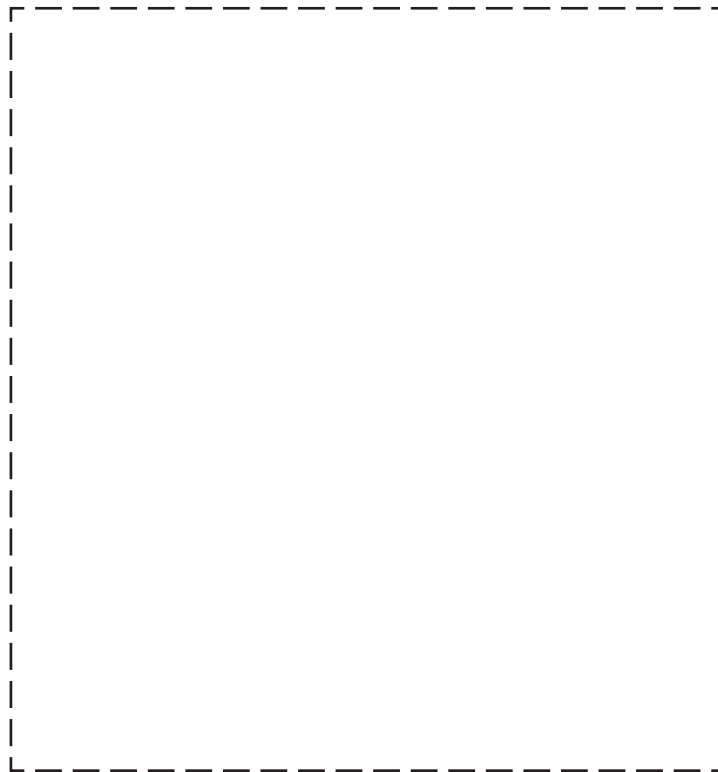
In next issue: How to subscribe to Lezbrian!

IN UPCOMING ISSUES....

Editor's note: These past two issues have focused heavily on providing you with an update regarding the GLBTF and the events of the ALA Mid-Winter and Annual Conferences. In future issues we hope to devote more space to items of additional interest, including book reviews, publishing updates, as well

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:

ATTENTION! All newsletter subscribers currently listed on the GLBTF subscriber list will be extended for a one year period (Spring 1997 - Spring 1998). The GLBTF appreciates your support and hopes that this extension will help reestablish our relationship with our subscribers.



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