

#### Our Mission

The purpose for which this corporation is organized is to promote educational and charitable activities through social interaction among people with an interest in leather, Levis and uniforms.

#### Our Pledge

I agree to abide by the By Laws of ACLC, including the "Code of Conduct". I promise to never bring dishonor to ACLC, and to hold as first priority in all ACLC activities the well being of my fellow members, my community and my club.

#### Know your By-Laws!

Article IV Membership, Section 2: Eligibility. Membership in A.C.L.C. shall be open to all individuals pro-vided that the individual is interested in the stated objectives of the organization,

Article II The individual shall be at least 21 years old; verification of age may be required. Membership shall be granted to the individual after completion of goals stated herein and in the membership application.

Section 3: Non Discrimination. Membership shall be open to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, disabilities, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Section 4: Refusal. A.C.L.C. reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone. Membership is a privilege not a right.

# You can be a part of the greatness of ACLC

APRIL 2015 TO JUNE2015

Our operating expenses are solely funded by getting beverage booths typically at San Francisco Pride, Up Your Alley (Dore Alley) and Folsom Street fair.

How does ACLC do this, you ask? In the beginning of the year we set a budget to figure out what our minimum overhead costs will be (storage, postage, insurance, etc.) and this is where the beverage booths come in.

In the last couple of years, there has been a decline of people coming out to work these events and a group of people that have had to work the whole entire day. I would like to challenge ALL of the membership and non membership to change this.

These booths are not only fun to work but they build comradery within the club and the community. Something we are missing.

As stated in the beginning these our operating expenses for the

year. Why is this fact so important? This means all of our other events like Santa Slave Auction, Lucky in Leather, Contest, etc beneficiaries get the entire net proceeds of the event. How amazing is that! To be able to handle over a check to Operation Dignity for \$2,000\* or Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic for \$1,200\* knowing that these funds will be used directly in our community in the east bay and could help one of our own brothers or sisters during their own time of need.

More importantly we have now found a meeting space (Bay Area Youth Center) that is now aiding in supporting the next generation who will benefit from us because we have provided education to their youth, become an ally and financial support

There is still time to sign up for the pride booth this week on Sunday June 28th all shifts are available even if you can only come for a hour to help relieve someone who will be there all day, it will help.

You will need your ABC Card. Currently there are no free classes left but you can do it online at the following websites:

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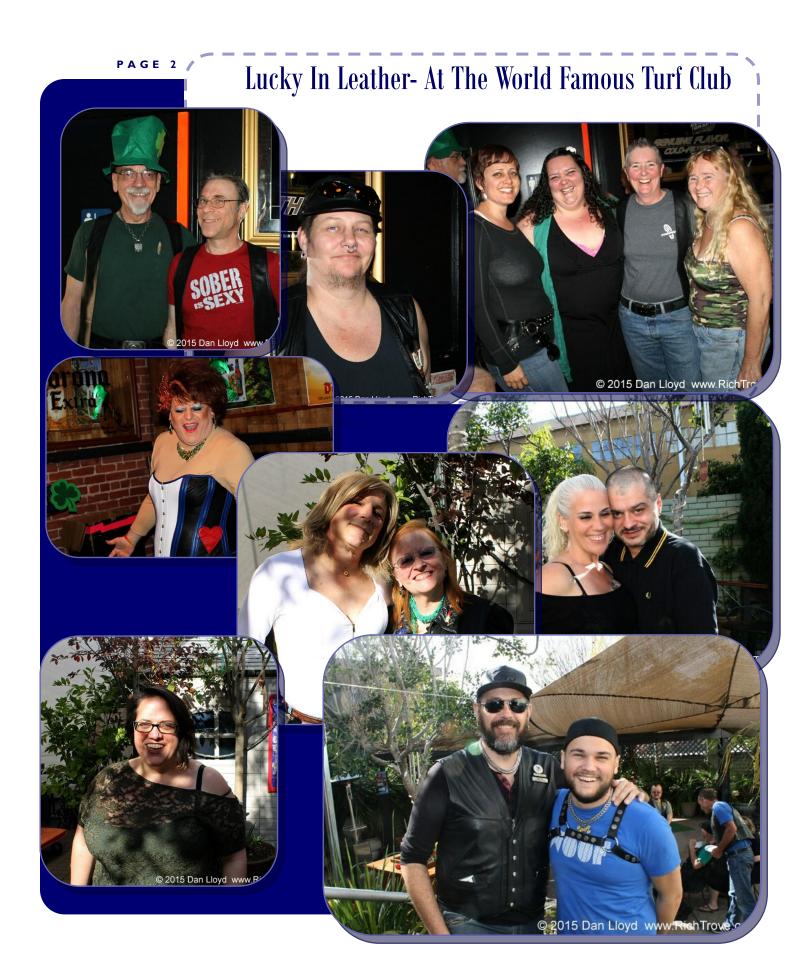
www.alcoholcaliforniaservers.co m/training/4580360761

Our booth is located at Fulton and Hyde. It is a hard liquor booth. We have an electronic sign up sheet at the following site:

https://www.volunteersignup.org/ D3TME

Thank you in advance for volunteering your time!





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ALAMEDA COUNTY LEATHER C Join us for food, raffle prizes, entertainment and fisting the Leprechaun! World Famous Turf Club 22519 Main St Hayward, CA 94541 Sunday, March 5th 2015 - 7pm 0

## Possible changes to our by-laws that will effect you!

A proposed change for the following bylaws: ARTICLE VII OFFICERS and ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The proposed changes:

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- With the exception of the Mr. & Ms. ACL titleholders, BOD positions will be held for a 2 year term and the election of BOD members will be staggered.
- The transition to the new pattern will be:
- President, Secretary and Member-at-Large #1 to be elected in 2015 and odd-numbered
   years after. Terms will be two years.
- Vice President, Treasurer, Member-at-Large #2 and Sergeant-at-Arms to be elected in 2015
  for a one-year term each. Subsequent elections for these officers will be held in 2016 and
  even-numbered years after. Terms will be two years.
- The proposed bylaw change was presented and discussed at May GA. Some suggestionsand adjustments were made.
- I Further discussion is scheduled to occur at the July GA
- I Voting by the membership is scheduled to occur at the August GA

If passed it will be implemented for the BOD elections scheduled to be held at the September GA

## **Upcoming General Assembly Meetings:**

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August 13th

September 10th

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## ACLC OUT AND ABOUT AT IMSL

















Hello ACLC Club Mates-

It's been 9 months since I took office and our Newsletter Editor, Denise, has asked me to give you all a "State of the Union" LOL.

We had a rocky start but some wonderful and talented people stepped up to fill the vacated ACLC BOD seats so thank you to Mr. Allan, Uncle Drew, Krystal, and Seamus. Our titleholders, Al and Luna will be providing their own update in this edition so I'll stay away from talking about their activities.

Our first big win came from partnering with <u>BAYC/Our</u> <u>Space</u> to provide us with BOD, GA, and Educational Program meeting space that is accessible to everyone but not in a public venue. So far all the feedback has been positive and I believe this is a win/win for both ACLC and BAYC.

# A note from our president

We've put significant effort into doing a better job of communicating and promoting ACLC events by creating a process to help us be more visible

on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Fetlife</u>, <u>Erobay Calendar</u>, the <u>ACLC Web-</u> <u>site</u>, <u>ACLC google cal-</u> <u>endar</u> and direct email via

### our Announcements email list. This process has helped us make sure Dan Lloyd and Rich Stadmiller, who give us all those great photos. know and are invited to our events. We will continue to refine the process and hope at some point to include press releases to the Bar Area Reporter, Leather Journal, and Leatherati publications.

## Our By-

laws committee have been busy pruning, updating and clarifying our clubs operating policies. We continue to move into to the electronic age by employing more online sign up sheets which facilitate those who can't attend GA in signing up to help out at our events. Speaking of GA's, all our GA meeting Agendas and Minutes are

accessible from the <u>ACLC website</u> so you can always catch up if you want to know what is going on with ACLC.

Our Education Committee has provided 3 outstanding programs; in January, March and June with two more in the works.

Our Members at Large put on a wonderful White Elephant Gift Exchange and Potluck in January. In April and May we hosted two very successful hospitality parties; one at <u>International Ms. Leather and Bootblack</u> and one at<u>Northwest Leather Celebration</u> in order to do outreach and promote ACLC. We produced a USO Uniform party to raise money for our titleholder's travel fund in April, an <u>IML</u> Sendoff Party for Al Parso in May, Leather Elegance and a Cigar Social with Master Scott in June.

I don't have an exact amount for you but my ball park guess is that to date, ACLC has raised approximately \$4500 in funds which have been distributed to Alexander Hamilton Post 448, Oakland Children's Hospital – AIDS/oncology units, Tri-City Health Center's Men Together Project, Our Space, BAYC's community center for LGBTQ youth ages 14 – 21, Operation Dignity, and Charlotte Maxwell Complimentary Clinic.

Our new Festival Beverage Booth committee has swung into action by applying for us to run alcohol booths at <u>SF Pride</u>, <u>Up Your Alley</u>, and <u>Folsom Street</u> <u>Fair</u>. In addition, they have arranged for ABC training opportunities and an online sign up sheet for shifts at our SF Pride Booth which is located at Hyde & Fulton. Unfortunately we were not awarded an alcohol booth at Up Your Alley but hope to get one at Folsom Street Fair, so keep your fingers crossed. It is through our work at these fair booths that we raise the funds on which our club operates and allows all the funds raised at other ACLC events throughout the year to go to local charities.

Coming up we will have a <u>Beer/Beverage Bust at the</u> <u>SF Eagle on July 18</u>, our <u>Mr. & Ms. ACL Contest Meet</u> <u>& Greet on August 21</u>, our <u>Mr. & Ms. ACL Contest on</u> <u>August 22</u> and our ACLC Anniversary Party on October 24<sup>th</sup> which will be held at the <u>World Famous Turf Club</u>. I hope to see you all soon and remember ... the work we do improves people's lives. Together we make a difference.

## Wyatt Gale

President, Alameda County Leather Corps 2014-15

# **Updates from Mr. ACL 2014**

We've been to a lot of events, we've raised money for our favorite charities, and now we are looking for contestants to step up as we step down in August! The year is going fast! From Santa's Slave Auction, Kinky Bake Sales, Leprechaun's, going-away parties, cigar socials and welcome home parties, it has been quite a year. It has been a privilege to represent ACLC at so many events including IMsL (I got the tee-shirt!), Northwest Leather, Sober Leather (where I was den daddy), Mr. Bolt, Mr. Palm Springs Leather and so many more. It has been a lot of fun and a great experience.

Of course the highlight of my year was representing ACLC as a contestant at the International Mr. Leather contest. It wasn't even on my radar until several title holders at last year's Folsom Fair tried to explain that IML isn't all about competition but more about building camaraderie with a very special group of men from all over the world. I

am grateful to Thib, Jay and all the other past contestants who convinced me that even a 'mature' leatherman would benefit from going to IML. They were so right. It is hard to explain but I'm now a part of the 37th class of IML competitors and part of a team of men who will support each other and are forming a nonprofit to address the epidemic of suicide among young men in our community. It was worth going to all those board meetings just for the privilege of attending IML and representing our club! Please feel free to ask me about the experience. I love talking about it and everyone who knows me is tired of hearing about it! If you haven't seen the pictures on facebook, I'll be glad to share them.

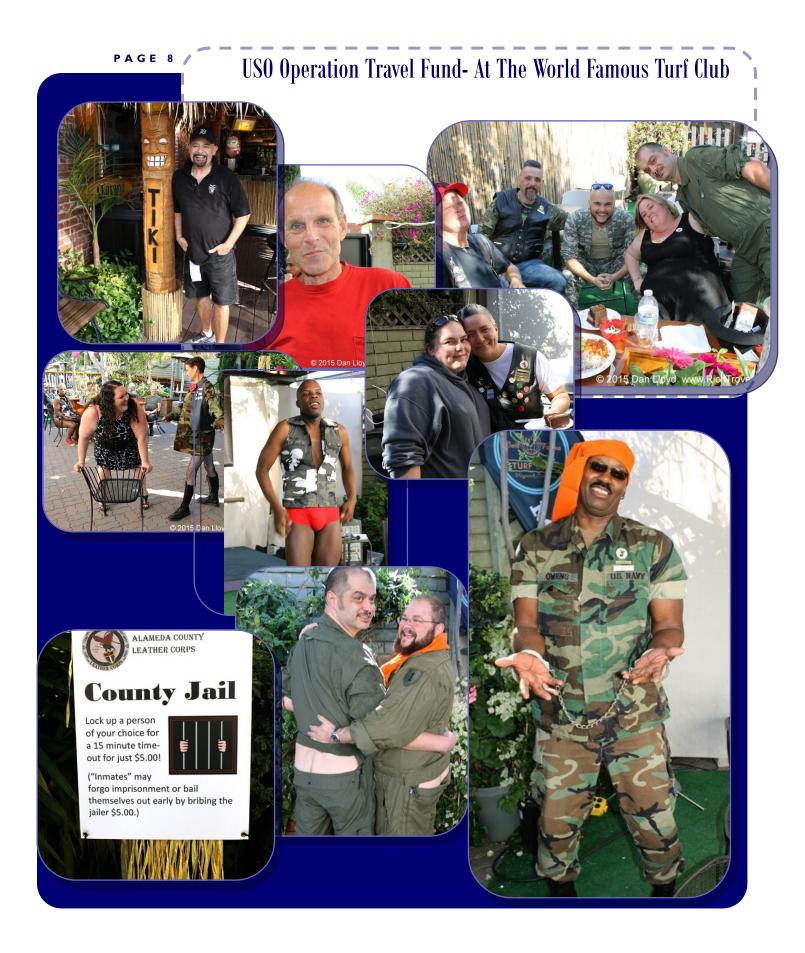
As the year winds down for Ms. Alameda County Leather and Mr. Alameda County Leather (me,) we will reflect on things accomplished, experiences and the many things we've learned from some of the fabulous people we've met. I have asked that my part of the donation money from the contest go to the Bay Area Youth Center where we are now meeting. BAYC provides vital services to LGBT kids in our community coming out of foster care. The state cuts them off when they turn 18 and many end up homeless because they just don't have the job schools or many other kinds of knowledge to make it on their own.

Please come out to our beverage booth Sunday [June 28<sup>th</sup>] and volunteer or buy drinks. We have a beer bust on the [July] 18th and make plans to be at this year's contest in August [on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>]!

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## Mr. ACL 2014





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A special thank you to all of our veteran's active and inactive who attended this event. All proceeds will benefit the Alexander Hamilton Post 448 which is local to us here in the bay area. http:// www.post448.org/

Thank you also to Thib Guicherd-Callin for being our roast master for the night and making sure our two title holders knew how much they were "loved."

# **Important Upcoming Events**

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## **Schedule of Events**

- June 28th– 11:00am to 6:00pm
   S.F. Pride Beverage Booth at Fulton and Hyde
- July 9th– 7:30pm General Assembly Meeting at B.A.Y.C.
- July 18th 4:00pm ACLC Beer Bust at S.F. Eagle Food and beer bust for purchase
- July 18th– 10:30pm Alameda
   County Ducal Coronation clean up at Veteran's hall
- July 26th– Up Your Alley, Dore Alley, no beverage booth, enjoy!
- August 2nd- 10:00am Board of Directors meeting at B.A.Y.C.
- August 13th- 7:30pm General Assembly Meeting at B.A.Y.C (Nominations will be taken for next years Board of Directors at this meeting)
- August 21st- 6:30pm Meet and Greet at the World Famous Turf Club for our 24th Annual Contest
- August 22nd– Doors open at 6:30pm; Contest starts at 7:00pm 24th Annual Alameda County Leather Contest at Hayward's Veterans Memorial Building
- August 30th– 10:00am Board of Directors meeting at B.A.Y.C.

Our calendar is also available at:

Www.aclcweb.org/calendar/

# A.C.L.C...WHY Bother? Written by Joan Norry and Nyna Kaiser

Recent events in the news can make people feel powerless to effect change and as we celebrate the ABC's of Pride we are reminded that our engagement, reaching out and visibility are some ways to address our feelings of powerlessness in making change. Another way to make change is to make direct contributions to organizations that directly make a difference.

A.C.L.C provides numerous opportunities to achieve that, including education, socialization within the community, direct financial support to other local organizations and working with other groups such as San Francisco Pride and Folsom Street Events. We can feel more empowered when we are taking action and are involved with something bigger than ourselves.

Historically the need for direct community involvement and fundraising has been more clear and visible; currently the need still exists for individuals and organizations that continue to struggle to provide support and services to your community.

Being sexually active and kinky on an individual level is exciting and rewarding, contributing more than an individual maximizes your potential to create change. Every dollar contributed at events goes back to serving your local community needs, volunteer hours held defray administrative costs so that money raised is not taken from community contributions. We need all types of community involvement, individual, financial and volunteer time to create a better community.

We encourage everyone to participate at every level and feel the rewards that are





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## **Call for Contestants**

The Alameda County Leather Corps is looking for male and female contestants who want to help their community through outreach, education and fund raising for other East Bay organizations. ACLC is accepting applications for contestants through August 7, 2015 Email for details: aclcwebmaster at gmail.com PAGE 14

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## **Cigar Social at The World Famous Turf Club**

A special thank you to Master Scott for hosting this with ACLC and all of your donations. All proceeds to benefit Oakland Children's Hospital Infectious Disease Ward













## 2014-2015 Board of Directors

President: Wyatt Gale Vice President: Kim Croteau Secretary: Allan Hurst Treasurer: Randy Hensley Sergeant-at-Arms: Drew Blanchar Mr. A.C.L.: Al Parso Ms. A.C.L.: Valerie "Luna" Chase Member-at-Large: Krystal Cade Member-at-Large: Seamus Henson



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