



Alameda County Leather Corps Newsletter

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Photos from ACLC Travel Fund Fundraiser courtesy of Dan Lloyd and Rich Stadtmiller.

ACLC CigArt Leather Art Show

Join us for an evening of art for auction, fine cigars and more at the Cigar and Art event hosted by Mr. Alameda County Leather, Ray.

June 17, 6pm – 10pm The Cave Downtown, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550 (map) Bootblacking by Pony. Suggested \$5 donation for entry (deducted from art purchase).

CigART Beneficiary: The Crucible

A leader in the Bay Area arts community, The Crucible is widely recognized for its exceptional learning experiences, rich and varied arts programs, skilled and committed faculty, and unparalleled educational facilities. The Crucible inspires creative exploration and ex-pression through welcoming, hands-on arts education and experiences for people of diverse ages and backgrounds. As an innovative hub built around the industrial arts, The Crucible is a catalyst for individual growth and vibrant community connections.

<http://thecrucible.org/about-the-crucible/>

Education: Gender/Sexual Orientation and the Non-Binary Revolution

Join us on Thursday, June 22nd, 2017 from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at BAYC/OurSpace (22245 Main Street, Hayward, CA 94541).for a highly intriguing discussion regarding gender and identity. Most of us have non-standard aspects to our personality. While this discussion will be focused largely on gender identity, it will offer valuable insights into our own make-ups regardless of specific issue.

This evening will be presented by Schon Wade who is an African American Butch and has been a member of the leather community for 16 years. She is a former President and Treasurer of Alameda County Leather Corp and a member of Mama's family as "Mama's Voyeur". She enjoys learning about people from their personal stories and loves to have philosophic discussions that express individual points of view.

Schon has a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology and is currently working on completing her Doctoral Dissertation towards her degree in Education. Her dissertation, *The Impact of Language Skills of African Americans Towards Attaining Leadership Roles*, is a study of how language might influence African Americans achieving leadership roles within American businesses.

She has been married to Deborah Hoffman-Wade for 28 years. Their family consists of Mike Gelfand, Deb's boy, Oscar de la Dawg and 2 cats, Bert and Ernie. They all live happily together in Richmond CA.



SF Pride Festival

Sunday, Jun 25, 2017 San Francisco Pride Festival! Once again ACLC will have a cocktail booth at Pride. We still have open shifts to volunteer. Since the funds raised at this event are for ACLC operating funds, it is an opportunity for members to directly support your club.

An online volunteer sign-up sheet is ready to accept your commitment to work at least one shift for our SF Pride beverage booth. Go to <https://www.volunteersignup.org/EHEFY>

East Bay ABC Certification Training

You must have a valid ABC alcohol server card in your possession to work the booth. There is a certification training being held in the East Bay on

Sunday, June 18, 2017 - 10:00 am, Club 21 2111 Franklin Street

Oakland, CA 94612. Server training is free; you can register for this class at <https://training.pride-beverages.com>

Castro Valley Pride

On Sunday July 8th 12-5pm, at Castro Valley High School, the tribes will gather to celebrate Pride with our friends and neighbors. ACLC will have an informational booth there, so drop by and support our local LGBT community.

2017 Contest:

Come out and watch our contestants sweat it out. The evening will climax with the announcement of the new Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather 2017.

This event will also be the official step down of our current titleholders, Mr. Alameda County Leather 2016 Ray Middling and Ms. Alameda County 2016 Aisia Fletcher.

An unofficial victory gathering will follow at The World Famous Turf Club, where you will get your first chance to schmooze with the new Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather 2017.

This year, we'll be holding a unified event on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Hayward.

Contest Beneficiaries

Bay Area Youth Center

BAYC provides support and a safe space for at-risk youth who identify as LGBT and may be at risk for homelessness, drug or alcohol abuse, physical or emotional abuse. It provides service to youth in the East Bay/ Hayward area.

Charlotte Maxwell Clinic

The Charlotte Maxwell Clinic ("CMC") provides free integrative care for individuals fighting serious cancers. The main focus is to provide quality care for low income and destitute women in the greater Bay Area. From CMC's website:

CMC provides integrated medical services to over 800 clients, primarily in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties, through a volunteer base of over 400 healthcare practitioners. CMC is a California licensed free public health clinic and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

A long-time donor, ACLC is prominently featured on CMC's Supporters webpage.

Alameda County Leather Corps is proud to be a partner in helping this work move forward. For detailed information on this beneficiary visit their web site at: <http://www.charlottemaxwell.org>

Recent ACLC Events

St Patrick's Pups


Once again The World Famous Turf Club hosted us on Mar 19th for ACLC's annual gift exchange. The gifts were awesome and a great time was had by all! Many gifts were traded back and forth to the maximum numbers of swipes. Everyone went home with something...maybe not so much what they wanted, but something remarkable. A wide selection of pups, dogs, handlers and dog catchers for a playful afternoon of fun, food, entertainment, raffles and fisting the leprechaun. Benefitted the East Bay SPCA



IMsL Welcome Home Party for Aisia Fletcher

Our very own Aisia Fletcher won the much coveted title of International Ms. Leather 2017, and we welcomed her back with a party at the Turf Club on Sunday, April 30th, 2017!

#GirlComplex




ACLC celebrates the ascension of **Aisia Fletcher**, Ms. Alameda County Leather 2016, to **International Ms. Leather 2017!**

IMsL VICTORY CELEBRATION FOR GIRL COMPLEX

When: Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 1pm to 3pm
Where: World Famous Turf Club
22519 Main Street
Hayward, CA
(Only three blocks from Hayward BART.)
What: Food, fun, special guests, and surprises!

Alameda County Leather Corps
www.acl Leather.org



Title Holders Travel Fund Beer Bust

On May 21st, 2017, ACLC supported our Mr. & Ms. Alameda County Leather with an effort to raise funds to cover some of the costs of their travel to compete in events as representatives of our club

Ms. Alameda County Leather, Aisia competed in and won International Ms. Leather in April and in May Mr. Alameda County Leather, Ray travelled to Chicago to compete at International Mr. Leather 2017.

Memorial Day Beer Bust

On May 28th, 2017, ACLC put on a Memorial Day Beer Bust along with BBQ at the SF Eagle. As you all are probably aware, ACLC has been in fiscal straights for operating funds this year. To help with this, the beneficiary of this fundraiser was US! Since our only set aside funds for operations are the beverage booths at Folsom, Dore Al-ley and Pride, this was used to augment our capital. The event was very successful raising \$1312.

Day at the Races

On June 4th, 2017 The Corps gathered at Golden Gate Fields for Dollar Days. Only \$1 for parking, admission, hot dogs and a full day of fun. It was a membership outing and a great time was had by all. (Any betting losses are on the bettor.)

Welcome Back from IML Party for Mr. Alameda County 2016

Ray Middling and Steve Geist traveled to Chicago at the end of May so that Ray could compete in the International Mr. Leather 2017 Contest.

ACLC's Pony Owens hosted a welcome home party on Sunday, June 11th, 2017 from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM at the Port Bar (2023 Broadway) in Oakland. Thank you, Pony!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 17th, 2017: CigART Show

Enjoy a show of art for auction, fine cigars and socializing at the one-of-a-kind cigar club in Livermore, California. Bootblacking by Pony. Suggested \$5 donation for entry (deducted from art purchase). Beneficiary: Crucible Art School, Oakland, California

Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Location: The Cave Downtown, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Thursday, June 22nd, 2017: Education Night: Non-Binary Genders

Schon Wade presents an intriguing discussion: As individuals speak out about how they define their gender and sexual orientation, how does this reflect past, current and future generations? Originally, gender and sexual orientation was divided into just gay/lesbian and straight, and then evolved into LGBTQ. Now we have non-binary identification. How will individuals self-identify and what influence will this have on future generations?

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Location: Bay Area Youth Center, 22245 Main Street, Suite 200 Hayward, CA 94541

Sunday, June 25th, 2017: SF Pride Beverage Booth

Please help us staff a beverage booth at SF Pride to raise operating funds for the club.

Time: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Location: Booth location To Be Announced ... check www.acleather.org for details!

Saturday, July 8th, 2017: Castro Valley Pride

ACLC will be hosting an information booth at Castro Valley Pride. Wear your colors and come out to join us!

Time: Noon to 5:00 PM

Location: Castro Valley High School, 19400 Santa Maria Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546

Sunday, July 9th, 2017: Board Meeting

It's our monthly Board of Directors meeting. Club members and guests are welcome. Please ring the top bell (it's white) for entry.

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Bay Area Youth Center, 22245 Main Street, Suite 200 Hayward, CA 94541

Sunday, March 26, 2017: Contest Committee Meeting

Members and their guests are welcome to attend our monthly Contest Committee meeting to help plan and execute this year's Alameda County Leather Contest!

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: BAYC/Our Place, 22245 Main Street, Suite 200, Hayward, CA 94541

Club Committees

As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work.” We’re still searching for members to join our committees! Please consider joining a committee today; just contact the chair (first person listed under each committee below) and we’ll get you started!

- **Newsletter and Public Relations:** Lady Cynthia, Mr. Allan
- **Events:** Denise McLeod, Asia Fletcher, Ray Middling
- **Contest:** Kim Croteau, Ray Middling, Asia Fletcher, Jay Williams, Uncle Drew
- **Education:** Ray Middling
- **Bylaws and Policies:** Mr. Allan, Lady Cynthia, Jay Williams, Randy Hensley
- **Membership & Logo:** Uncle Drew

Thank you for reading this issue!

The newsletter can be found on the website.

Remember, all members are welcome to submit articles and photos!

Your Editrix,

Lady Cynthia

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Alameda County Leather Corps – 2016-2017 Board of Directors

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