



Alameda County Leather Corps

March, April and May 2010

Bay Area Leather Alliance Awards, 2009.

**Nyna Kaiser is awarded the Philip M. Turner Lifetime Achievement
Erika Rawlins is awarded Entertainer of the Year**

Friday night at the 44th Annual Bay Area Leather Alliance (formerly ICF) Awards dinner, Nyna Kaiser was the first woman to be awarded the prestigious Philip M. Turner Lifetime Achievement Award. The packed room was full of local and regional friends and family. Nyna's work in community, her commitment to leather ideals and to ACLC was honored by the Directors of the Leather Alliance. The audience broke into thunderous applause as Nyna took the stage to accept her award. Congratulations!

Erika Rawlins, better known in our community as the infamous BubblinSugare, won the 44th Annual Bay Area Leather Alliance Entertainer of the Year Award! It was thrilling to watch Erika get the recognition for giving so much time and effort raising thousands of dollars for local community projects. The roar of the audience was all of our way of saying "Thanks and Congratulations!"



Alameda County Leather Corps

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, Levi's 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 provided 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.

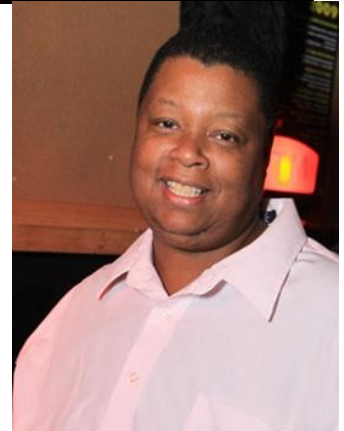
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Billy Aviles	President
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Deborah Wade	Ms. ACL 2009

President's Message from Billy

Hey All,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for supporting Santa's Slave Auction for another year. It is always a fun event and raises dollars for great causes! I also want to thank Richard for creating a fun and hot event, Daddy's Dungeon. If you missed it, you missed Richard's fire play experience and Deborah's Jeff Tucker experience. Wait they were both Jeff Tucker experiences....hmmmm.



I also want to thank our members who provide hundreds of hours of service to the community. We are a club that volunteers. We serve and work with other clubs and organizations to provide for our members, our local community and our Bay Area Community. I am proud of all of us.

Hope to see you at up coming ACLC gatherings!

Your Pres,
Billy

Welcome our new members:
Shadow and Kim. Welcome to
the ACLC family!



Shadow

Alameda County Leather Corps
Presents

"Lucky In Leather"

Featuring Our Annual
Fist the Leprechaun!

 Sunday,
March 14, 2010
3:30-7:30 PM

The World Famous Turf Club
22519 Main St., Hayward, CA

An afternoon of fun, raffles, drawings, games,
food, entertainment, and our usual shenanigans!

**Our beneficiary is the
Tri-City Health Center's Men Together Project**

For more information:
WWW.aclleather.org

Deborah asks Richard :

Why did you start CARAS? I started CARAS back in 2005, when I decided to change my area of research from child development to sexuality/adult development, and I discovered that the field of sexuality research, especially as it relates to BDSM, but sexuality in general, is a mess. I had come from an area of research that was very well funded, well-organized, where the science was making progress and there was a lot of coordination - to an area that was disorganized, not well funded, and where progress was in fits and starts. The biggest problem I found was the lack of connection between the community and sexuality researchers. Most of the research about "somasochism" had been done on prison populations and people in mental institutes. The healthy BDSM community had a healthy suspicion of researchers, and researchers were doing poorly designed studies that seemed to miss the point or the richness of BDSM as practiced by healthy people. Given the disorganization, I started CARAS with David Ortman and Robert Bienvenu as a way to change the situation. We are always guided by the basic idea that "knowledge is power."



What is the best thing about Puppies? The absolute best thing about Puppies is the playful nature! The exuberance, the energy, the fun -- while having a power exchange.

What is the difference between polyamory and non-monogamy? Well, polyamory is only one form of consensual non-monogamy. There are several others - swinging, open relationships where people can play on the outside as long as the play is not an ongoing relationship, polygamy, polyandry, polyfidelity or group marriage.

Polyamory appears to be multiple relationships of an emotional/sexual nature that doesn't line up, or have anything to do, with marriage as an institution.

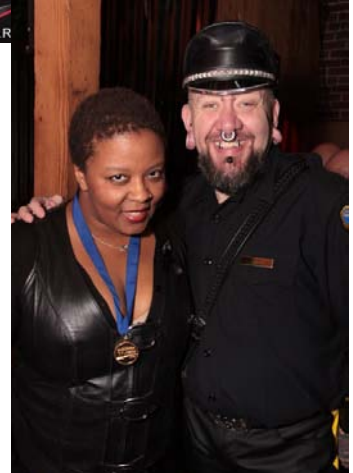
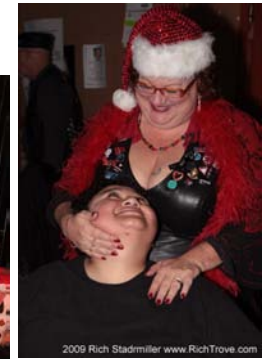
Whips? Why? Whips...yum. It is the challenge to my skill as a top, it is the way they translate my energy in a very intense way to the bottom, it is the fear factor that many people have around them. I must be completely focused and connected to throw the whip. I have to stop worrying about the mortgage, the tons of tests and papers I have to grade, the discussions I have to have with lovers, bosses, etc - it all has to be put aside for the moment so I can concentrate on the act of whipping. It is the vicarious thrill - I know what the bottom is experiencing, the quick fire, the intensity of that energy, and then the sudden way it recedes, while still throbbing...a complex experience, and the thrill of making that happen for a bottom is a source of great satisfaction. Any chance I get, I want to throw the whip. I'm working on my skills the the 8 foot bullwhip, and I'm doing pretty good. I've had one good scene with it, and I expect to have more. But it requires being outside - so the opportunities are somewhat limited.

Santa's Slave Auction

On December 5th the annual holiday fund raiser was held at the Turf Club per ACLC tradition.

One of the favorite community events, our neighbors from across the great divide (via the Bay Bridge) even brave leaving sight of the Coit Tower to enjoy the delights of East Bay decadence.

We sincerely thank all those who donated their services. We raised 1335.00 each for The Charlotte Maxwell Clinic and East Bay Gay Men's Choir.



Ms. ACL 2009–Deborah Wade



Nyna asks Deborah:

What attracted to leather corps as opposed to other groups? Well, someone asked me to donate at Santa's Slave Auction and I met this wonderful group of laughing people raising money. Truly, what attracted me was the diversity of genders and inclusiveness of sexual identities and proclivities. I also like that at every event, every meeting we laughed. A lot. Seems like in my youth we protested and built a community, in my adulthood I worked and in my crone years I am back to building community. The second thing that attracted me was the level of commitment to philanthropy. I am a leather lovin community building junkie it was like a moth to fire.

Why does it matter doing work in the East Bay? The East Bay is home. The East Bay is where we live. Sometimes, being an import, you have a clearer view of relationships of twin cities. The East Bay, to me, is the worker bee. Dig in, pick up the ladder and do the work. We haul the community and remind ourselves in the process that we are important and need to take care of each other. We were founded to build community in the East Bay, to carry on the philanthropic care of our community.

Of all your kinks, what is your favorite? Oh my, you noticed I have more than one? The first thing that comes to mind is rope. I have a rope kink. I love the feel of it sliding through my fingers. I love wrapping it around bodies trailing my nails and fingers over skin. I love the silkiness of satin cords, the smoothness of cotton, the bite of twine, the brilliance of colours that make it a sensual experience. I love tying and I love being tied. Just Yum.

What does spiritual S/m mean to you? It means mental connection, a physical sensation, emotional depth of attachment and a release of passion. Deep contemplation, some forms of shamanic journey's and S/m bring me to the same place: ecstasy. Being slightly (heh) masochistic, for me it is attune to spiritual ecstasy. As Teresa of Avila said "*I saw in his hand a long spear of gold, and at the iron's point there seemed to be a little fire. He appeared to me to be thrusting it at times into my heart, and to pierce my very entrails; when he drew it out, he seemed to draw them out also, and to leave me all on fire with a great love of God. The pain was so great, that it made me moan; and yet so surpassing was the sweetness of this excessive pain, that I could not wish to be rid of it...*" Spiritual ecstasy is not a loss of will but an experience of dramatic heightening of awareness of the body/pain/spirit connection. There is a total concentration of on the connection to the other and the connection becomes an exercise in vulnerability because, at least for me, I lose an external awareness of my surroundings and lose myself in the connection of body to pain to pleasure to sexual bliss.

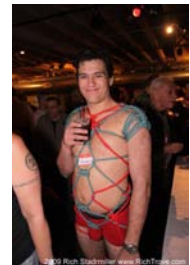
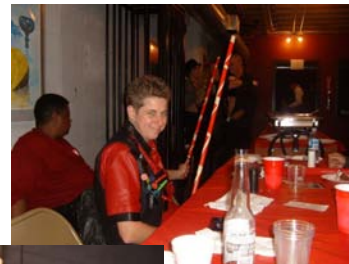
The Leather Alliance Holiday Dinner



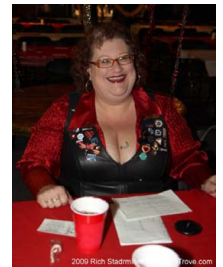
The Bay Area Leather Alliance Holiday Dinner is to thank those who volunteered throughout the year in the leather community. It was held December 6th. Steve Ward, an ACLC Auxiliary Member, chaired the event. The Candy Canes were a big hit! Ho! Ho! Ho!



ACLC members contribute countless hours to the Bay Area Leather Community.



Three of the largest projects of the Leather Alliance were chaired by ACLC members or supporters and ACLC members were on the committees. The Progressive Dinner, the Holiday Dinner and The Leather Alliance Weekend are all events our Club has supported with volunteers. Along with countless hours of beer busts, mc'ing, parade planning, budget examining and many other activities throughout



Daddy's Dungeon at Renegades, Feb 13, 2010

Richard Spratt, Mr. ACL 2009 hosted a fund raiser in San Jose at Renegades. The Renegades family was warm and welcoming and everyone who attended had a great time. Richard gave demonstrations and fantasies using floggers and single tails while Jeff Tucker demonstrating the art of wax play and fire play. Rumor has it that Richard may have screamed like a girl as the demo bottom for fire play and Deborah was on her knees selling raffle tickets. Laughter, education, hotness and fun to benefit CARAS.

CARAS is dedicated to the support and promotion of excellence in the study of alternative sexualities, and the dissemination of research results to the alternative sexuality communities, the public, and the research community. What is CARAS? Founded in 2005, the Community-Academic Consortium for Research on Alternative Sexualities (CARAS) is a national-level, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports research addressing understudied sexual communities, with a current focus on BDSM/leather/kink/fetish sexualities and consensual non-monogamous relationships such as polyamory. Employing a community-based research model, CARAS has assembled a network of academics, clinicians and respected members of these communities who will work directly with researchers to promote scientific and other forms of scholarly research. One of the great gifts of CARAS is a video for mental health workers providing them with education on the BDSM community.



Alameda County Leather Corps presents

Daddy's Dungeon

at Renegades
500 W. Taylor St.
San Jose, CA 95110
www.renegades.com

Saturday, Feb 13
8 - 11 pm

Intense Demos, Erotic Fantasies
& Roleplay



Daddy's Dungeon
sponsored by
Alameda
County
Leather 2009
Richard Spratt



to benefit
CARAS
www.caras.net

**ALAMEDA COUNTY LEATHER CORPS
PRESENTS**

*Leather Fantasies & Gender Illusions
A night for Kings, Queens & Kink*

April 3rd, 2010
Humanists Hall
390 27th street Oakland
Emcee's Bubblinsugare & Rick Russell Mr. Bott 2009
Door 7:30pm show 8pm - 10pm
\$12 - \$15 Sliding Scale at the Door
Show, Raffle Prizes, Auction

Proceeds benefit LA&M Women's History Project
WWW.Leatherarchives.org/whp
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Alameda County Leather Corps'
Board of Directors
Presents

Leather Elegance

*An Evening of Dinner and Dancing
To Celebrate Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather 2009
Deborah Szadara Wade and Master Richard Sprott*



May 8, 2010
6:30 Cocktails
7:00 Dinner
Dancing

Elios Restaurant
260 Floresta Boulevard
San Leandro, CA 94578-4164
(510) 351-0463

\$35.00 per Ticket or \$60.00 for Two.
Tickets available at Frantix

For more information: www.acleather.org
Dress/Formal Leather or Uniform

silent Auction to Benefit the 'Cildholders Travel Fund

Alameda County Leather Corps
Presents
The 19th Annual Mr. & Ms. ACLC Contest

**BLACK & LIGHTS
&
BLACK LEATHER**



Friday August 6, 2010 Meet & Greet 7pm-10pm
MC's Girl Nim & Lance Brittain
The World Famous Turf Club, 22519 Main St. Hayward CA.

Contest Saturday August 7th Doors open 6:30pm
MC: Bubblinsugare '2009 Entertainer of the Year' Show at 7pm-10pm
Humanist Hall 390 27th St. Oakland CA.
\$25 advance \$30 door Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com
for more info www.acleather.org

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Website:
<http://www.aclweb.org>

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Calendar Update!

March 2010

- 4th—Board Meeting, 7:30pm The Lighthouse in Hayward
- 5th—Leather Alliance Awards Dinner, 6:00pm, San Francisco, Hotel Whitcomb
- 6th—Mr. SF Leather Contest, 6:00pm, San Francisco Hotel Whitcomb
- 11th—GA Meeting, 7:30 pm, The Lighthouse in Hayward
- 14—Lucky in Leather, 3:30-7:30, The World Famous Turf Club in Hayward

April 2010

- 1st— Board Meeting, 7:30pm The Lighthouse in Hayward
- 3rd—Leather Fantasies and Gender Illusions, 7:30 Humanist Hall, 390 27th St., Oakland
- 8th— GA Meeting, 7:30 pm, White Elephant! The World Famous Turf Club in Hayward!
- 16-18—IMsL, ACLC Hospitality Suite, Titleholder Roast and Mama's Family, Saturday 11:00-1:00pm, Holiday Inn, San Francisco.
- 23-24 California Leather/boy/Bootblack Contest, Palm Springs.
- 24— The Golden Dildeaux Awards, The Golden Gate Guards, SF Eagle. 7:00PM
- 30th—Northwest Leather, San Jose, CA

May 2010

- 1-2—Northwest Leather Fest, San Jose, CA
- 6th- Board Meeting, 7:30pm The Lighthouse in Hayward
- 8th Leather Elegance: A Celebration of our Titleholders, 6:30 Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner, Elios, 260 Floresta Blvd, San Leandro
- 13th- GA Meeting, 7:30 pm, The Lighthouse in Hayward

August 2010

- 6th—Mr & Ms. ACLC Contest Meet and Greet—The World Famous Turf Club, Hayward
- 7th—Mr. & Ms. ACL Contest—Humanist Hall, Oakland

For a complete Bay Area Calendar: SFBA Leather Alliance website: <http://www.sfbayarealeatheralliance.org>