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County Community Consortium Serves as a Model for New Federal Drug Testing Program

On November 22, 1988, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, announced the establishment of a \$6 million AIDS drug testing initiative, which will increase the availability of experimental treatments to persons with HIV disease through private practice physicians. The program will promote a research model similar to San Francisco's County Community Consortium, an alliance of nearly 90 community doctors, including many BAPHR members.

Donald Abrams, the longstanding BAPHR member who helped create the Consortium, said the Bay Area drug tests have shown that community doctors are perfectly capable of conducting "state-of-the-art, compassionate trials." Fauci acknowledged that the new Federal initiative is partially a response to AIDS treatment advocates, including Project Inform and the *AIDS Treatment News*, recent recipients of BAPHR Community Service Awards.

Fauci also expressed his hope that this research model will encourage the participation of patients who are often not enrolled in more formal testing programs at major medical centers, including patients who are black or Hispanic, women at risk and intravenous drug users. But there will be no compromise with the scientific integrity of the trials under the new program, he said. In every community, experienced research physicians will be in charge of monitoring the testing protocols. "It's not going to be easy, but this is not an easy disease," Fauci said.

Given this new funding potential, Abrams and other local physicians plan to apply for research funds for at least five new trials of various drugs, including the use of clofazamine against mycobacterium infections. Previous trials conducted by the County Community Consortium have been financed by pharmaceutical companies and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Consortium physicians have been meeting monthly and as of July BAPHR sponsors the granting of CME credits for participants. The next meeting of the Consortium will be on January 18th at 5:30 pm at the San Francisco Medical Society.

Have You Renewed Your BAPHR Membership?

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Don Abrams, MD, accepts his Outstanding Member Award from Vice-President, Bob Scott, MD, at the Eleventh Annual BAPHR Awards Banquet. Abrams is one of several BAPHR members who helped create the County Community Consortium recently recognized by Federal AIDS officials.

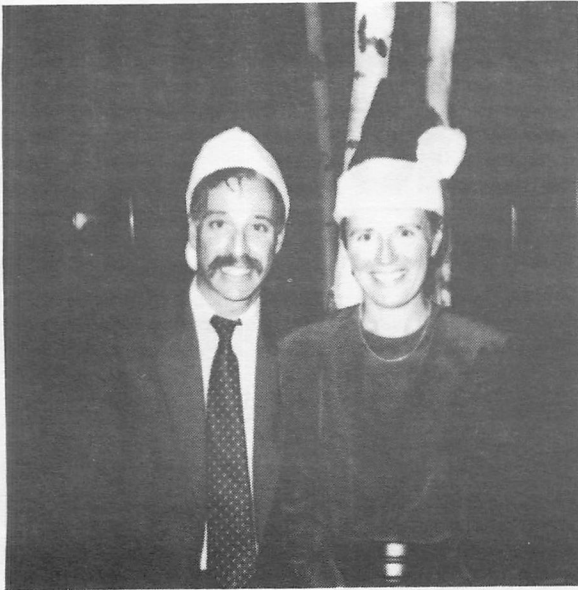
Gebbie Speaks at Awards Banquet

Kristine Gebbie, RN, MN, a member of the Presidential Commission on AIDS, addressed members of BAPHR and guests at the Eleventh Annual BAPHR Awards Banquet on November 18th at the Nikko Hotel in San Francisco. She also accepted an award for Admiral James D. Watkins and the Presidential Commission for their superb work.

Gebbie briefly described the process the Commission followed in preparing their report, but her address focused more squarely on the scientific, legal, bureaucratic and sociological factors that influenced the majority of Commission members. She remarked that it was Admiral Watkins' insistence that nothing be included in their final report that was not raised in formal testimony during the public hearings held nationwide. She believes this alone accounts for the humanity expressed in the final report the Commission recently delivered to President Reagan.

The majority of Commission members hoped their report would shed light not only on a rational and compassionate response to the AIDS epidemic, but also spark a dialogue on

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BAPHR-BALIF Holiday Party Coordinators, Lenny Simpson, MD, and Melinda Griffith, JD, "donning gay apparel."

200 Go to Oz for Holiday Ho, Ho, Ho's

It definitely was not Kansas, when members of BAPHR and BALIF got together for the third annual holiday party in the spacious, festive, and enchanting room called "OZ" in the Saint Francis Hotel. High above Union Square with the beautiful view of San Francisco and the Bay, almost 200 members and guests gathered to show an uncommon solidarity of medicine and the law. The attentive hotel staff attempted to accommodate the over 100 BAPHR-BALIF members who did not RSVP in advance.

A special appearance by a hunky Santa Claus, represented by John Bleyle, and an engaging Sarah Claus, AKA JoAnn Castillo, was especially appreciated. Bob Reisman and Tony Taricco were the handsome and efficient photographers who chronicled the event.

BAPHR Foundation Gives \$24,000

The BAPHR Foundation recently presented grants totaling \$24,000 to 13 organizations in the Bay Area for projects that support the health and wellness of the gay and lesbian community. "Many organizations submitted worthy proposals," said Peter Middendorf, BAPHR Foundation spokesperson. "We wish we could have supported them all."

The organizations and projects receiving support during this granting cycle are:

- Diablo Valley M.C.C. for a gay/lesbian wellness retreat.
- San Francisco Suicide Prevention as seed money for an AIDS Nightline.
- Project Open Hand as capital contribution for a new kitchen.
- Operation Concern-GLOE for health seminars for gay/lesbian elders.
- 18th Street Services to print brochures on substance abuse.
- Project Inform for printing of AIDS reports.
- BAPHR to help fund a symposium on gay/lesbian health.
- Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force as seed money for a day care and respite care project.
- Face To Face-Sonoma County as seed money for an AIDS newsletter.
- Lyon-Martin Womens Clinic for seminars on lesbian health.
- Berkeley Womens Health Collective for supplies for combined MD/chiropractic pilot project at a lesbian clinic.
- Coming Home Hospice for an AIDS hospice project.
- Names Project for quilt supplies.

The BAPHR Foundation was created in 1981 in response to the need for a philanthropic organization dedicated to improving gay and lesbian health care. The BAPHR Foundation is supported by contributions from BAPHR members and the general public. To date, the BAPHR Foundation has presented grants totaling \$75,000.

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BAPHR Addresses SFMS

The following address was delivered by Leonard A. Simpson, MD at the 33rd change of command dinner of the San Francisco Medical Society on December 1, 1988 at the Cloissone Restaurant in San Francisco. BAPHR had a table of ten members and guests at the dinner. Dr. Simpson's remarks were well received by the medical society who were appreciative of our support and presence.

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights congratulates the incoming officers of the San Francisco Medical Society. We especially would like to acknowledge and thank the retiring officers of the Society for their support of our organization and its goals in the past year. In particular we would like to thank Doctor Jean Haddad for his enlightened stance, his articulate editorials, and his untiring work in defeating Proposition 102.

BAPHR, founded some 11 years ago (mainly in response to an earlier, retrogressive, and evil California State Proposition), has played a vital role in promoting quality medical care for lesbian and gay patients, a role in education of all physicians, and, in particular, a role in support of health care providers, no matter what their sexual orientation. Despite our overwhelming losses-over 20 physician members have died of AIDS-our organization remains strong and vital. BAPHR, currently comprising some 200 physician members, has enjoyed early, enthusiastic, and continued support by the San Francisco Medical Society. At our inception, Laurence White, recognizing the importance of our efforts, invited us to hold our meetings at the Society, a practice which has continued to date.

Many, if not most of our members belong to the San Francisco Medical Society, and we encourage all our San Francisco member physicians to join the Society in the hope of combining forces to meet our common goals. We are confident that this important relationship of mutual support and respect will continue in the future, as our efforts need to be heightened to defeat the medical, social, and economic effects of AIDS. Issues of AIDS treatment, of AIDS research and AIDS education, including those of discrimination, demand the attention not only of each BAPHR member, but of every practicing physician in the Bay Area.

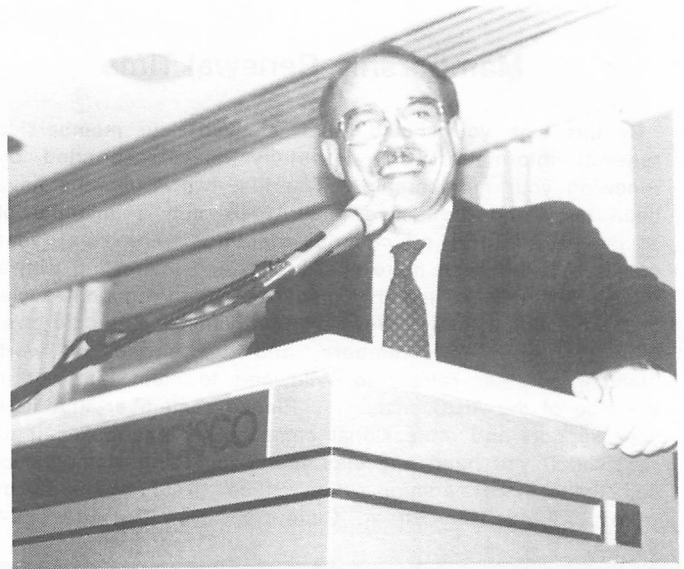
We would like to extend our hand and offer support to the members of the San Francisco Medical Society in this battle, as they have offered their support to us in the past. The knowledge and expertise that our members have gathered over the past seven years is invaluable, and we hope that each and every physician here in San Francisco will feel free to take advantage of this unparalleled storehouse of experience to defeat the ravages of the human immunodeficiency virus.

We again extend our congratulations to the incoming officers, wish them luck, and anticipate working closely together with them over the next year.

S.F. Examiner Features BAPHR Quilt

In December, *The San Francisco Examiner* featured a large photograph of one of the BAPHR panels to the Names Project quilt. Leonard Simpson, BAPHR Treasurer and the one who is coordinating the production of the BAPHR panels, was also interviewed. He discussed the significance of the panels in memorializing BAPHR members and the role of the quilt in educating the public about AIDS.

Doctor Simpson was assisted in producing the panels by Doctors Richard Andrews, Ken Mills, David Kessler, and Robert Scott. The group has completed two panels, each containing eight names, have nearly completed a third group and have started the fourth. Each panel includes a lavender triangle, a caduceus, and the names of eight doctors.



Jim Krajieski, MD, expresses his appreciation for the peer recognition offered to him at the BAPHR Awards Banquet. "Krajieski's hard work and personal sacrifice to promote both human rights and quality medical care reflect the very mission of BAPHR."

Gebbie's Remarks (Continued from Front Page)

the future direction of public health administration. "Public health is a jumble of science and prejudice," she said. We must move to a place where the civil rights of both society and every individual--regardless of their race, ethnicity, culture or sexual orientation--are clearly stated, understood and respected. Genuine responsibility, not fear and legal entanglements, must fuel the protection of public health. Gebbie's entire address is currently being transcribed.

During the dinner, Community Service Awards were presented to Project Inform and *AIDS Treatment News*. Steve Heilig of the San Francisco Medical Society, Sari Staver a medical journalist, and BAPHR members Don Abrams and Jim Krajieski also received awards. A special appreciation award was presented to Larry Silverman and to Past-President, David Kessler.

New Directors Elected to BAPHR Foundation

Two new individuals have been elected to the Board of Directors of the BAPHR Foundation. They are Richard Graham, MD and Richard Poley, MD. Ken Everts, MD and Peter Middendorf were re-elected as co-chairs, Keith Fenton was elected as recording secretary, Sam Thal, MD was elected corresponding secretary, and Chris Kollaja was elected treasurer. Other board members are William Kapla, MD, Rose Mary Mitchell, Kent Sack, MD, William Shekter, MD, Ted Winn, MD, David Kessler, MD, and Edward Kaufmann, PhD.

Membership Renewal Time

By this time you should have received your membership renewal information and hopefully have responded by renewing your membership. The last twelve months have been busy and productive for BAPHR with a calendar of social events and educational meetings. The next year promises to be even more challenging and interesting with a regular schedule of monthly meetings advancing both social and educational goals. We plan to revitalize HIV care-giver support groups for members, and are already at work planning another retreat to Wildwood to stem burn-out in the face of the AIDS crisis. Please remember that it is your support and professional commitment that makes it all possible. If you need any information regarding membership, call the BAPHR administration office (415) 558-9353 or write to 2940 16th Street, Suite 309, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Will We See You At Our Next Meeting?

Join us at our
January General Meeting

Our Topic:

Positive Action Healthcare and VIRx

and don't forget our
February Dinner Meeting

with our guest
Steve Morin, PhD

For Details, Please Consult the Calendar of Events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds	Jan. 4	5:30 pm	SF General Hospital, Carr Aud.
Scientific Affairs Committee	Jan. 5	7:30 pm	Drs' Dining Room A Pacific-Presby. Medical Center
Executive Board	Jan. 10	6:30	470 Beacon Street, SF (Lenny Simpson 641-5845)
GENERAL MEETING Positive-Action Health Care and VIRx Discussion	Jan. 15	7:00	Dining Room, Level B Davies Medical Center Castro and Duboce, SF
County Community Consortium	Jan. 18	5:30	SF Medical Society
LA AIDS Symposium	Jan 20		Sheraton Plaza La Reina Los Angeles, CA
Lesbian Caregivers and AIDS	Jan 20-21		SF State University Seven Hills Conf. Center
AAPHR Board Meeting	Jan. 20-23		Key West, Florida
"AIDS in Asia"	Jan 24-27		Bangkok, Thailand
AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds	Feb. 1	5:30	Saint Francis Hospital, SF
Scientific Affairs Committee	Feb. 2	7:30	Drs. Dining Room Pacific Medical Center
County Community Consortium	Feb. 15	5:30	SF Medical Society
BAPHR DINNER MEETING Speaker: Steve Morin, PhD Politics and AIDS	Feb. 16		TBA
Executive Board	March 7	6:30	183 Douglas St. SF
Cancer in AIDS Symposium	April 12		Nice, Cote D'Azur, France
International Symposium on AIDS	June 2-6		Montreal, Canada
Retreat/Workshop on Physician Burn-out	June 16-17		Wildwood Ranch
AAPHR/BAPHR SYMPOSIUM	Aug 24-26		San Francisco

All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend any BAPHR meeting. Please call BAPHR office (558-9353) or the committee chair a few days before to confirm the date and time of the meeting.

In Memoriam

Don Brown, MD

Brad Truax, MD

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Tennessee Williams Topic for March Meeting

Paul Moor, an authority and friend of Tennessee Williams will be the featured speaker at the next BAPHR general meeting on Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 pm. It will be held in the spectacular penthouse at 2200 Sacramento Street, San Francisco. On entering the building, ask the doorman for Dr. Ken Everts.

The topic of the talk, *Tennessee Williams Before Fame Struck* promises to be a revealing and personal account of his early life in New York before his rise to fame as a playwright.

Moor was a *Time-Life* correspondent in Germany for 30 years where he was also associated with the psychoanalytic institute. He is currently a music critic and writer and is contributing editor of *HiFi* magazine and regional correspondent for *Musical America*.

Gay Shrinks to Celebrate in SF

The Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLA) will meet during the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in San Francisco during the week of May 6-11, 1989. This will be the 11th anniversary of the organization of psychiatrists, residents and medical students and the meetings are open to all members or potential members. A pre-convention educational conference will be held in the hospitality suite, tentatively in the St. Francis Hotel on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An AIDS memorial meeting and opening reception will be held on Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. A business meeting will be held Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. followed by a dinner for lesbian psychiatrists. On Tuesday, May 9, a business meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m.. The Awards luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 10 with a closing party at 7 p.m. that evening.

In addition several workshops and symposia relating to gay and lesbian issues will be offered by AGLP members as part of the regular APA annual meeting. For further information, look for the AGLP Welcoming Table at the Moscone Convention Center.

BAPHR To Host Hospitality at ACP

For the third time, BAPHR will have a hospitality program at the annual meeting of the American College of Physicians in San Francisco. The ACP is the largest and one of the most prestigious organizations of internal medicine specialists and this will be the foremost scientific meeting of the year in internal medicine. The ACP meets from April 13-16 at the Moscone Center and BAPHR'S event will be held on Friday, April 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. This will tentatively be held in the BAPHR office, 2940 16th Street, Suite 309, but those planning to attend should call the office (415) 558-9353 to confirm these arrangements.

BAPHR Burn-Out Retreat Planned

So often the most skilled physicians and psychotherapists are the chosen few called upon to treat the patients with the greatest need for care. For professionals, this natural dynamic can eventually lead to tremendous feelings of overwhelm and helplessness. This scenario is far too easily visible among the BAPHR membership as we all scramble to respond the ever-increasing caseload of HIV-infected patients. We may even be facing this disease ourselves or comforting loved ones.

While the "burn-out" syndrome is not new, the oft-cited prescription also seems too trite to be true. We hear that we must "relax more, and take care of ourselves." The question then becomes "how?" How do I impose a limit in the face of such human misery? How can I balance my life with those I've pledged to serve? Is the cavalry really coming over the hill? Should I retire? What does support look like for me? How can reliable and unconditional support be made manifest on a regular basis?

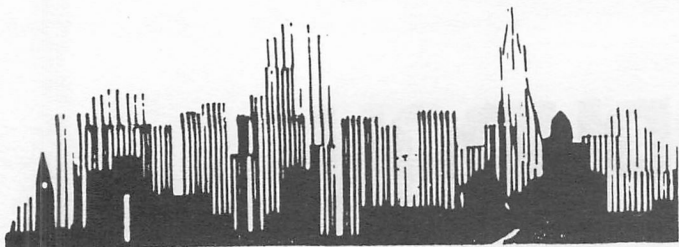
In response to these questions, BAPHR is sponsoring a "Physician Burn-Out" Retreat scheduled for the weekend of June 16-17, 1989 at the Wildwood resort in Sonoma county. Our intention is to marry our goal with the process by presenting a relaxed yet meaningful program for those in need of a fresh and healthy perspective.

Our guest facilitator will be Don Clark, PhD, author of *The New Loving Someone Gay*, and organizer of "Time Out with Don Clark," exotic holidays designed exclusively for physicians approaching "burn-out." "We must all re-learn how to create recreational time that is truly relaxing for us as individuals," says Don. "We can't afford not to. We're too good to not prepare ourselves for the increasing need ahead." Don's approach is informal and low-key. Don assures, "In no way, shape or form will our retreat be the usual "burn-out" program. We're not going to be confrontational or high intensity. This won't be an encounter group. We are going to be light and non-demanding, just as we all want to be with ourselves."

So, keep this date open. You won't want to miss this opportunity for camaraderie and rejuvenation. Registration information is forthcoming and will be sent to all BAPHR members under separate cover.

Don't Let This Happen To You !

This will be your last BAPHRON if you have not paid your dues for 1989. BAPHR depends on membership dues to support the organization and its activities, including the BAPHRON. We can't do this without your help so write that check today if you have not already done so. There is a great year ahead.



PROGRESS NOTES

by Ric Andrews, M.D.

MOVING AHEAD

As you can see from this *BAPHRON*, we have continued the organizational momentum. The January dinner meeting was well attended and Steve Morin was very informative with his insights into the Washington bureaucratic process. Next month Paul Moor will intrigue us with some personal insights into the life of Tennessee Williams. The June Wildewood Retreat on Professional Burn-out promises to be the weekend of the Dazzling Dons: Don Clark and Donald Abrams. And the BAPHR/AAPHR Symposium in the Fall is going to be a blockbuster under the capable supervision of Ken Mills. Bob Scott's Social Concerns Committee is active again and will be our political arm, the Scientific Affairs Committee is updating our brochure, "Medical Evaluation of Persons at Risk of HIV Infection," and the Publications Committee has been greatly enriched by the journalistic expertise of affiliate, Paul Barnes. Lenny Simpson has reorganized our financial matters so we are much more current and efficient; he continues to work on the BAPHR Quilt and has arranged to have the office recarpeted and painted at our leasor's expense. And finally, Art McDermott continues to be at the center of the hub, keeping the office running smoothly.

So, what's next? We need a full time staff person. We currently are budgeted for only two days a week and must rely on far too many hours of volunteer time from the officers and some board members to do the work. I can see the need to expand the role of our staff to take on more responsibility. Such a person could eventually oversee the day to day operations of the office, coordinate meetings and other membership support functions, be an ongoing liason to the gay and medical community, help plan and realize annual goals of the Executive Board, and generally be the ongoing 'glue' that holds the organization together from year to year. For now I would like to ask the Board to increase staff time to three days a week.

Six years ago we had no office and no staff, only a telephone number and an answering machine. We need to prepare to take the next step. I believe our future depends on it.

Members Support and Chicken Soup

One of BAPHR's earliest purposes was membership support to serve as a peer support function to help members with personal or professional problems. This usually related to a member coming out as an individual or to special problems the physician might have relating to his colleagues or the medical community in general. Several support groups, professionally facilitated, were formed and functioned independently for several years, often adding new groups or members as needs changed.

With the acceptance of gay physicians, especially in the Bay Area, and with the advent of the AIDS crisis, a different type of membership support has become evident. The need for support of members who are ill or in some other kind of difficulty has been apparent for some time, and has been met on an individual basis, (sometimes not too successfully) by close personal friends of the member. There has not been a formal mechanism to recognize or to address this problem.

The need is real. Often it is assumed that because a member has had a circle of friends that he is well taken care of that someone will be there to help. Physicians, because of the nature of their profession, are often reluctant to ask for help for themselves from colleagues. It is the story of the cobbler's children having no shoes.

To help address this problem, BAPHR is forming a support network to assist any member, who because of illness or other problems needs some sort of help. Crucial to the successful function of such an effort is to identify individuals who have such needs, and Sam Thal has agreed to be the coordinator. Because it is sometimes important to maintain confidentially, this will be strictly respected according to the wishes of the member. Examples of needs might involve visits in the home or hospital, doing errands for someone who is ill or away, transportation assistance, caring for pets or plants, or bringing special foods. Volunteers who would like to participate in such an assistance program are also needed and should call Sam so he will know of their availability. This is not intended to replace organizations that are already in place for some of these problems but to supplement them and to give a more personal touch. Sam's phone number is (415) 285-6845.

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Double Bill Draws Big Crowd

Letters

Back in the late seventies, when the gay star was rising fast, we began an endowment fund to protect us against the possibility of a darker and leaner future. Subsequently that endowment fund metamorphosed into a formidable foundation, with which we are all rightly pleased.

Now, however, we are without the financial protection we imagined and there are only dues in BAPHR's bank, only enough to pay for two days a week of professional (office) help.

We could be a stronger force, better able to carry out our charge, if we re-instituted a fund whose annual interest could keep our office humming.

I am prepared to send a check if appropriate vehicle can be formed again.

Robert Akeley, MD

The emergence of a relatively large but previously closeted community, the bisexual community, has underscored their importance, especially in the era of AIDS. Bisexuals who are poorly educated in safe-sex practices can be a direct link between the gay male (high risk) community and the heterosexual community in the transmission of AIDS. Many bisexuals do not consider themselves part of the gay/lesbian community but also feel exempted from full membership in the heterosexual community. Most male blood donors who tested positive for HIV antibody admitted, on interview, to having sex with other men (77%), but felt they were "not gay" and thus not at risk (*Transfusion* 28:298-301. 1988). Many identified primarily with the straight community, but are reluctant to talk frankly to their physicians about their sexuality and think that the "gay docs" are only interested in gays.

Most sex educational efforts mention the fact that bisexuals are at risk, but the preponderance of the educational message is directed at gay men. I would like to see the term "Gay/Bi" used routinely in safe sex messages, and I am also proposing that BAPHR examine their own stature in this regard. The BAPHR By-Laws contain no references to bisexuals in their statements of purpose or goals: "Medical care for gay and lesbian patients...", "To support gay and lesbian physicians...", "Special needs of lesbians and gay men...", "Health needs of the gay and lesbian community...", "Gay health concerns..." etc. I think these statements should be changed to include bisexuals as well.

Not only would this change be an improvement in our By-Laws, but it would also make a statement to the bisexual community that we are aware of their special needs when the changes were made public. Our inclusion of bisexuals may act as an incentive for other organizations to follow suit, tending to unify a community which is now somewhat disparate. I request that this recommendation be acted upon as necessary by the Executive Council to effect a change in the By-Laws.

W.L. Warner, MD



After twelve years on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and private practice in Boston, Nanette K. Gartrell, M.D., announces the opening of her psychiatric practice in San Francisco.

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Nanette K. Gartrell, M.D.

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The January general membership meeting in Davies Medical Center brought out a near record attendance for the double bill presentation by ViRx and Positive Action Health Care. These are two highly advertized private organizations providing primary care, laboratory services, laboratory monitoring and research within the San Francisco HIV infected community.

Dr Robert Anderson articulately described the organization and programs of the ViRx Medical Group which is primarily involved in clinical trials of HIV related problems. He discussed two studies in progress using recombinant human erythropoietin for patients with anemia, either associated with AZT. or for persons not on the drug. Another study sponsored by Squibb Pharmaceutical Company will test the efficacy of Nystatin as prophylaxis or treatment of oral candidiasis. Dr. William Lang assisted in the presentations and discussion.

In the second half of the program, Drs Larry Waites and Frederick Santiago described the program of the group called Positive Action Health Care, a private clinic which treated HIV infected individuals using various modalities including a transfer factor and Dextran Sulfate. An unfortunate set of slides used by Dr Santiago were more embarrassing than helpful. The presentations were followed by a most lively question and answer period in which Dr. Alan Levin participated.

The program arrangements, including the bountiful refreshments, were coordinated by BAPHR Secretary, Dr. Ken Mills.

FDA's Frank Young Will Speak at AAPHR/BAPHR Symposium

Frank Young, Commissioner of the FDA, has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the AAPHR/BAPHR 1989 Symposium set for August 24-26. The FDA will also be facilitating a workshop presentation on community research models and programs on the afternoon preceding the conference. The three day event will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. An estimated 300 lesbian and gay physicians from across the nation are expected to attend.

The Symposium will feature two plenary sessions each day and an on-going series of concurrent workshops. Friday, August 25th is reserved solely for HIV-related topics and the day's program is being planned by Donald Abrams, MD. Remaining plenary sessions will address Lesbian Health Issues, the Insurance Industry's Response to Gay Health Needs, and the Ethics of Lesbian and Gay Health Care.

Scheduled workshops will address such issues as substance abuse, lesbian and gay violence, strategies for physician advocacy in public policy networks, and male physician familiarity with lesbian safe sex guidelines. All workshops will be presented twice to ensure maximum participation by symposium participants. Papers will soon be accepted from medical students for public presentation at the symposium. No poster sessions are currently planned.

Related social functions will include tours for significant others and guests of registered participants. The AAPHR Awards Banquet is set for the evening of Saturday, August 26th, and a BAPHR reception is being planned for the preceding evening.

The AAPHR/BAPHR Symposium program brochure and registration information is being designed. All paid members of AAPHR and BAPHR will receive program and registration information under separate cover. Corporate sponsors of the Symposium will be announced during the Summer months.

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IN MEMORIAM

STEPHEN R. WALTERS, MD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Steve Walters, 43, a founding member of BAPHR, who served as vice-president, died of complications of AIDS on February 2nd. He was a constant supporter of the organization and is well remembered for many projects he performed so well including the arrangements for many of our annual awards banquets and his work developing the referral panel. He was also a strong supporter of the BAPHR Foundation.

He had many other interests and accomplishments, served as president of the Langley Porter Alumni-Faculty Association, a founding member and building fund activist of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, and of several dance and theatre companies.

The course of his illness was remarkable by his response to AZT, an observation that thrilled and educated many of us. When he first became ill with toxoplasmosis and encephalopathy, he appeared moribund and was not expected to survive more than a few weeks. Within a week of starting AZT, he was sitting up, talking with friends and eventually was able to take a cruise. The improvement lasted almost a year.

In addition to his father and sisters in Florida, he is survived by his lover, David Marks, as well as Jerry Goldstein, Seth Charney and many other dear friends. He is remembered as a loyal, charming, generous, compassionate friend and a true gentleman.

Memorial services were held on February 26. Memorial contributions suggested were the AIDS Emergency Fund and Coming Home Hospice.

Morin Dishes After Dinner

Stephen Morin, PhD, legislative aide to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi informed and entertained a large group of BAPHR members and friends at a dinner meeting at Neptune's Palace Restaurant at Pier 39. For many of us this was the first trip to that well known pier in years and the walk down the pier was part of the pleasure of the evening.

His easy going talk focused on process and procedures in Congress and by the administration in allocating funds for various projects and specifically AIDS legislation. The \$1.6 billion allocated in the Bush budget is unchanged from that in the Reagan budget and is targeted for research, education, and patient care but does not address the issues of confidentiality or discrimination.

It appears that the format of a dinner meeting is popular with BAPHR membership allowing for fulfilment of the stomach and mind.

Event	Date	Time	Location
AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds	Mar 1	5:30 pm	UCSF, Cole Hall
Scientific Affairs Committee	Mar 9	7:30 pm	Drs' Dining Room, Le Pacific-Presby. Med. C Buchanan & Sacramento St.
Executive Board	Mar 14	6:30	183 Douglas St., SF (Bob Scott)
County Community Consortium	Mar 15	5:30	SF Medical Society, 2nd Fl. 250 Masonic Ave, SF
GENERAL MEETING Speaker: Paul Moor "Tennessee Williams"	Mar 30	6:30	*2200 Sacramento St. #1604 *Ask for Dr. Events
AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds	April 5	5:30	St. Mary's Hospital, SF
NGLHC	April 5-9		Cathedral Hill Hotel, SF
Executive Board	April 4	6:30	268 Gold Mine Dr. (Sam Thal 285-6845)
ACP Reception	April 14	6-8	BAPHR Office, 2960 16th St. (near South Van Ness) #309
County Community Consortium	April 15	5:30	SF Medical Society, 2nd Fl. 250 Masonic Ave, SF
AGLP at APA (See article this issue)	May 6-11		Moscone Center, SF
International Symposium on AIDS	June 2-6		Montreal, Canada
Retreat/Workshop on Physician Burn-out	June 16-17		Wildwood Ranch
Gay Freedom Day Parade	June 25		San Francisco
Casino Night '89 BAPHR Foundation	August 26		Danville, CA (see insert, details to follow)
AAPHR/BAPHR SYMPOSIUM	Aug 24-26		San Francisco

All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend any BAPHR meeting. Please call BAPHR office (558-9353) or the committee chair a few days before to confirm the date and time of the meeting.

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Turning up the volume on our social voice

Social and community outreach has long been recognized by the membership as one of BAPHR's primary goals. In recent months the Social Concerns Committee of BAPHR has been meeting to discover ways to realize and revitalize this mission. The Committee feels that the role of BAPHR as a voice for social and political reform and as an advocate on health and lesbian/gay rights is no less important than its other roles in the areas of membership support and education. As a group of physicians and affiliated health professionals, BAPHR's has been an influential and valuable voice for lesbian and gay causes, and only more so in the era of AIDS. The Social Concerns Committee feels it is a voice, however, that has been too seldom heard.

Encouraged by similar sentiments from the membership, particularly

through the past BAPHR retreat and questionnaire, the committee has begun the cautious nurturing of BAPHR's public voice once again. And caution is the byword here. The committee is well aware from BAPHR's own history that no public stance should be taken which would develop dissension within BAPHR itself. Better to not speak outwardly than to divide the organization in controversy by doing so.

The Social Concerns Committee will be developing position statements or letters, but of course will not speak for BAPHR. Its suggestions, drafts, or proposals will be released only through the officers, with their unanimous support, or through the BAPHR Executive Board. In addition, the Committee will be presenting all of its public statements or letters to the members for their information and feedback by printing each statement in the BAPHRON. This will be done on an ongoing basis, and we will count on membership feedback to guide our actions. Several letters in fact are printed elsewhere in this current issue; letters advocating FDA reform in AIDS treatment availability, third party and federal funding for aerosolized pentamidine treatment, renewed federal funding for AZT, INS policy changes for HIV infected travelers, and other issues.

In keeping with this aspect of its work,

the Social Concerns Committee will monitor this social and political arena through its "network" of friends in the medical associations, sister organizations, political structures and the press. We will be working more closely with LIFE (Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality) in order to play a more relevant role in legislative concerns. We will pursue closer working relationships with "organized medicine" so that our voice will have even greater credibility within those circles. In addition, we will be streamlining our method of reaching our own membership about issues that need individual action, such as a letter or telegram to a congressman. We are developing the legislative and administrative resource files to keep us in touch with those who matter most within health and human rights legislation and policy.

These tasks are only a part of the mission that the Social Concerns Committee has proposed for itself. Other tasks it has outlined will be described in later issues of the BAPHRON. As with other BAPHR committees, even the newly revitalized Social Concerns Committee eagerly welcomes additional interested members. If our plans so far have appeal, please join us. We need you!

Robert Charles Scott, MD
Chair, Social Concerns Committee

Keeping Track

How to decorate a city

Gay architects and planners have worked in the Bay Area since the Gold Rush making major contributions to its design. Most were closeted and married. Their sexual orientation must be inferred from their writings and companionships. One noted architect was found dead, "toes up," in a tenderloin Turkish bath.

Gray Brechin, a noted architectural historian, teacher and writer will present *Designing the Bay Area, The Gay Contribution*, at our next general meeting planned for 6:30 p.m. May 18 at the home of Al Baum, 2009 Green St., near Buchanan. Parking at the municipal garage on Lombard Street.

Marching time

BAPHR members will assemble near Castro and Market on June 25th for the 20th Annual San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Parade. There will be no booth this year.

This is the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, marking the advent of modern gay liberation. The exact meeting place is to be determined.

Party for pride

Lenny Simpson, MD., will host a BAPHR cocktail party from 6 to 10 p.m. June 23 at 490 Beacon St., near Diamond and 29th Streets. The party will celebrate Gay Pride Week and will offer an opportunity for BAPHR and County Community Consortium members to meet in a social setting. RSVP to (415) 558-9353.

Professor talks about gays in Russian history

by Paul Barnes

Russia was one of the most liberal countries in the world when it came to tolerating homosexuality, according to Professor Simon Karlinsky of UC Berkeley, and the country remained tolerant until the Communists took power after the 1917-1922 civil war.

Karlinsky, who has done research on Russian gay life for an upcoming book, also believes today's "glasnost" and the AIDS epidemic is having a mixed effect on homosexual freedom in Russia. The new openness means homosexuality is being discussed in the press and, therefore, causing discrimination and violence against gays. But, Karlinsky suggested glasnost may lead eventually to the elimination of laws that now make homosexuality a crime.

Karlinsky was the guest speaker at a BAPHR meeting on March 30, and said that his research into Russian literature dating back to the 17th Century revealed a great tolerance for and participation in male homosexual practices.

The literature he researched, however, does not reveal the circumstances of lesbian lovers until close to the end of the 19th Century when lesbians became major editors and writers of the period, according to Karlinsky.

A professor of Slavic languages at Berkeley, Karlinsky said that two factors in literature show that homosexuality

was wide-spread; the loud preaching against it by clergy members, and the writings of foreign journalists who frequently complained about it when they returned home. "Everyone took it for granted," Karlinsky said. "The only ones who objected were foreigners and priests."

Tracing references to homosexuality from the 17th Century to the present, Karlinsky said the first laws against gay sex were written during the time of Peter The Great (between 1706-1716), but only dealt with sex between soldiers in battle conditions. Peter The Great saw the law was not enforced, according to Karlinsky, and Catherine The Great later reduced the penalty under the law. A new Criminal Code in 1832, under Nicholas I, made it a crime to rape a mentally retarded man, and allowed for prosecution of buggery if two witnesses would testify that they saw it happen. Karlinsky said he found only one case that ever went to trial.

But, literature continued appearing with gay themes and was well accepted until after 1912 when society and the press seemed to turn against homosexuals. Karlinsky said after the civil war and the Communist seized power things changed dramatically. Medical literature, for example, began referring to homosexuality as a mental disorder. Writers and painters who espoused gay themes before the revolution started handling more mundane subjects, started getting married and began seeking cures for their homosexuality.

Finally, in 1933 legislation against homosexuality was passed in Russia, not making it a moral crime, but a crime against the state.

Karlinsky, who peppered his talk with anecdotes about gay Russian royalty, diplomats who behaved at home but screamed their way across Europe, and

Russian explorers who trekked only into areas where they found new men to have sex with, noted that homosexuality has never disappeared in Russia. Despite claims that Socialism could cure homosexuality, that Communism cured homosexuality, and that testicle transplants from a heterosexual might cure homosexuality, gay life continued.

Again, referring to literature, Karlinsky said that after Stalin died and foreigners were allowed into Russia, they started returning home and writing again about the presence of homosexuality in Russian society.

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Your copy: Letters sent by executive committees

To Prudential Insurance Company of America

BAPHR, a membership association of several hundred physicians and dentists, urges Prudential Insurance to reconsider the policy of not reimbursing costs of prescribed pentamidine mist therapy.

The respected San Francisco County Community Consortium has been one of the co-principal investigators of the recent trial of aerosolized pentamidine and has demonstrated the efficacy of this modality. It is obvious that aerosolized pentamidine 300 mg inhaled once monthly has been effective in preventing episodes of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, and is cost effective in the overall management and treatment of individuals with HIV infection. This therapy is rapidly becoming the standard of care for individuals who are immuno-compromised.

Again we urge Prudential to reconsider its position and adopt a policy of reimbursing this cost effective treatment IND and well as the non-research patient care costs of this therapy.

To Frank Young, MD, PhD, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration

BAPHR is a membership association of several hundred physicians and dentists who have been working since 1977 to promote human rights and quality medical care for lesbians and gay people.

As individual physicians and collectively as an organization, we are deeply disturbed over the limited availability of effective treatment modalities for those afflicted with HIV disease. We recognize the necessity for sound scientific medical data to support the release of drug therapies for on-going use. Nevertheless, we are frustrated in our attempts to deliver compassionate, acceptable and reasonable treatment for patients who are generally well-informed and willing to assume some treatment risk in the process of combating their disease.

Perhaps there is no better illustration of this problem than the issue of treatment for CMV disease. The myriad of problems associated with obtaining gancyclovir only highlights the difficulties in delivering reasonable and rapid treatment to people with devastating HIV complications. The more recent limited availability of fos-carnet only serves to demonstrate seemingly unnecessary bureaucratic rigidity in delivering promising treatment modalities in life- or sight-threatening conditions.

We are deeply concerned over what appears to be unnecessary delay in initiating and conducting clinical trials on new drug therapies. We feel that more effort should be directed toward the design and pursuit of clinical studies that do not preclude the simultaneous compassionate use of promising new agents. We urge the FDA to speak out with strong support for the value of efficacy and safety data obtained during the compassionate use of drugs. Such a stance by the FDA would encourage pharmaceutical companies to design and finance more effective and efficient data gathering formats for clinicians.

We have witnessed encouraging and commendable changes within FDA policy in recent months, but we believe it is urgent that the agency move even further and faster in challenging its routine policies which have appeared over-protective in light of the crisis of HIV disease. At present, enough is known about the natural course of this disease and its complications to support placing more informed-risk treatment decisions into the hands of physicians and patients themselves.

To Health Care Financing Administration Department of Health and Human Services

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, an organization founded some 11 years ago, comprised of over 200 physicians and health care providers in the San Francisco Area, is extremely concerned regarding the proposed revisions of the regulations concerning Medicare reimbursement for investigational drugs, as well as non-research patient care costs of investigational therapy.

In particular, we are concerned regarding reimbursement for the use of aerosolized pentamidine, in dosage of 300 mg monthly for prevention of pneumocystis carinii episodes. A recent research trial of this medication conducted by the San Francisco Commu-

nity Consortium demonstrated the effectiveness of this treatment in preventing episodes of pneumonia. To deny reimbursement of this treatment IND for patients infected with the human immunodeficiency virus will result in earlier episodes of pneumonia, and would obviously increase patient care costs. We are concerned not only with reimbursement of aerosolized pentamidine, but other promising medications which have been FDA approved, and are considered as a treatment investigational new drug, such as gancyclovir.

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights urges the Health Care Financing Administration to adopt a policy of reimbursing treatment IND's as well as the non-research costs of investigational therapy for patients afflicted with HIV.

To Members Of Congress

BAPHR is a membership association of several hundred physicians and dentists who have been working since 1977 to promote human rights and quality medical for lesbian and gay people.

We write to voice our support for the existing appropriations underwriting the cost of distributing AZT to HIV-infected patients. Our physicians also contend that the success of this program has been its flexibility, in that the application of funds has been left to the discretion of the State of California.

These funds have kept many individuals from disability and prolonged their health in a cost effective manner. This program is an example of how Congress can positively impact the present health crisis. We urge your support for the continuation of this program as it presently exists.

To the Attorney-General of the United States

BAPHR is a membership association of several hundred physicians and dentists who have been working since 1977 to promote human rights and quality medical care for lesbian and gay people.

We write to voice our dismay and alarm of the detention of Mr. Hans Verhoef this past week. The detention and prohibition of Mr. Verhoef's entry into the United States is an extremely unfortunate international incident. Our organization is committed to building international cooperation in response to HIV disease, and notes that one of the principles of the World Health Organization is to protect individuals infected with HIV infection from discrimination in international travel.

We as an organization, and individually as compassionate, caring physicians, urge that the Immigration and Naturalization Service strongly reconsider its policy regarding international travel for those infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

Copies: Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Art Agnos.

Needle-Exchange Program for Intravenous Drug Abusers To San Francisco Health Commission

It has come to our attention that David Werdegar, MD, Director of Public Health, will soon propose the establishment of a needle-exchange program for intravenous drug abusers in San Francisco. Dr. Werdegar will present his plans to the San Francisco Health Commission at their May meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights supports the proposed needle-exchange program. We join voices with the AIDS Task Force of the San Francisco Medical Society and further recommend that such a program be coupled with a targeted outreach education and prevention campaign as well as expanded counseling and treatment programs for drug abusers. Similar programs in Europe and recently in several United States cities report that needle-exchange programs there do not promote, sanction or condone IV drug use. Rather, these programs have facilitated increased contact and enrollment of IV drug users in treatment and counseling programs. A needle-exchange program in San Francisco may very well help to significantly curtail the spread of HIV among our city's drug users, their sexual partners and their children. In the interest of both public health and health care cost containment, IV drug users, for which methadone is inappropriate, must be protected from HIV infection as soon as possible, and cannot be expected to risk infection while waiting for the future availability of improved treatment modalities and expanded rehabilitation programs.

New executive coordinator chosen

BAPHR welcomes Brian Dobrow, our new half-time Executive Coordinator. Until recently, Brian served as the Executive Director of ELLIPSE, Peninsula AIDS Services where he directed a staff of 7 and a budget in excess of \$500,000. In addition to working for BAPHR, Brian serves as the Executive Secretary for the California Public Health Association-North and as the President of the Board of Directors of the California Association of AIDS Agencies. In November, 1988, he was elected to the Executive Board of the

American Public Health Association as the first openly gay health professional to run for elective office in that association. Prior to his two years with ELLIPSE, Brian was the Executive Director of the Santa Clara County Health Systems Agency and the legislative advocate for the California Association of AIDS Agencies. He earned his master's degree in public health (hospital administration/health education) from U.C. Berkeley. He has lived in San Francisco's Castro District since early 1980.

Restoration and rejuvenation retreat on June 16-18 at Wildwood

Within the next few weeks, registration forms will be mailed for the BAPHR retreat which will be held at Wildwood Ranch in the Russian River Area.

The "two Dons", Drs Donald Abrams and Donald Clark will be our facilitators who will each offer their unique perspectives on coping with the problems of stress associated with the care of HIV patients.

Our three previous annual retreats at Wildwood in the natural, relaxing environment have all been highly successful and this one promises to continue to tradition with a different focus. Don't miss it!

IN MEMORIAM

Richard R. Hamilton, MD

Doctor Richard Hamilton, one of San Francisco's first openly gay general practitioners, died at home in Orange, California on March 10 of AIDS related complications.

Dick began his practice in San Francisco in 1976 and quickly became well known for his interest and expertise in treating sexually transmitted diseases in gay men. The atmosphere in his office was one of understanding, acceptance, and support at a time when the general medical community was still shocked by gay sexual behavior and unaware that men could even have gonorrhea rectally.

Dick thrived on helping gay men and allowing them to be open and unafraid in seeking health care. His understanding of the psychological components of illness led to a phenomenal success rate in treating illnesses. There are countless men in San Francisco who remember Dr. Dick as the "only one who could cure my anal warts". Dick felt that his ability to listen to his patients and help them see where they were blocking the healing process was responsible for his success rate. His wart treatment sessions were often a combination of out-patient surgery and intensive psychotherapy. With the assistance of a little i.v. valium and rectal cocaine a patient could have an amazing emotional catharsis by the end of the procedure. Dick rarely had a treatment failure with anal warts.

The appearance of AIDS in San Francisco changed the nature of Dick's practice, but not his caring and dedication to his patients. Office visits that previously had been rather jovial sessions dealing with relatively minor STD's (occasionally interrupted by more serious discussions about herpes and chronic hepatitis B) became much more intense

visits dealing with AIDS and its complications. Again, Dick's ability to empathize and listen allowed him to excel as one of San Francisco's leading AIDS physicians.

Dick was one of the founding member of the County Community Consortium and served as a member of the California AIDS Advisory Committee and the AIDS Advisory Committee of Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. He was the author of *The Herpes Book*, an indepth analysis of the disease, which gave hope and reassurance to many in the years before acyclovir.

He was cared for and is survived by his wife, Julie Rubin-Hamilton, and will be missed dearly by his menagerie of "children", Yoko, Sadie, Abigail and Tatus (the canine and equine branches of the Hamilton family).

Dick Hamilton's passing marks the end of an era in gay health care in San Francisco. He will be missed, but always appreciated, by his friends, patients, and colleagues.

-Martin Mass, MD

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Annual Banquet, Meeting, And Holiday Party Set For December 8

Paul Monette, author of the critically acclaimed new book, *Borrowed Time - An AIDS Memoir*, will be the featured speaker at BAPHR's 12th Annual Banquet which has been scheduled for Friday, December 8.

The elegant ballroom at the PARC FIFTY FIVE Hotel (formerly the Ramada Renaissance) 55 Cyril Magnin, San Francisco, has been selected as the site for the December 8th event which is a combination Annual Meeting (with installation of officers for 1990, keynote speaker and presentation of awards) and Holiday Party.

In *Borrowed Time*, Mr. Monette has written an extraordinary personal chronicle about AIDS. It is a love story about himself and his friend Roger as they coped with the debilitating effects of AIDS after Roger's diagnosis. As he said in one interview, "I wanted to write something that would break hearts because it would show how much gay people loved each other; to give my people the record of who we were, so if anyone should try to foist off on them in the future - and I don't doubt they will try to - that it was all about a bunch of people screwing their brains out - that there would be a picture of some of the loving instead."

Paul Monette is also the author of *Taking Care Of Mrs. Carroll* and *The Gold Diggers* as well as a number of other works. For those who have not had an opportunity to hear him speak, this promises to be an extremely exciting and personally rewarding evening. For those who have heard Paul Monette before, this is an opportunity to meet an old friend and to again be inspired.

Invitations to this stellar event will be mailed out in late October. The price for the dinner will be \$60 (and well worth it too!). Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

October General Meeting Features Retired Physicians on October 19

The next BAPHR General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the home of Elliott River, M.D. 1850 Funston Street, San Francisco in Golden Gate Heights (drive up 11th Avenue). The topic will be an informal panel discussion of the psychological and social aspects of retirement, with consideration of the physician who must retire for health reasons. It is not intended to cover financial aspects of retirement which is an entirely different topic. The panel will consist of Sam Thal, M.D., who will present his *Ten Commandments of Retirement* (nothing like the original), David Kessler, M.D., Jeffrey Cohen, M.D. and Robert Akeley, M.D. Continuing medical education credit will be granted. All members and their guests are invited to attend.

Board Adopts Position Statement On Community-Based Clinical Trials

Project Informs' Compound Q Study

The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights believes that the present system of developing and testing new AIDS drugs is inadequate. The methods by which drug trials are currently conducted require revolutionary changes in order to expedite the process by which patients receive the benefits of new drug therapies.

BAPHR approves the concept of well-designed community-based clinical trials and applauds the progressive efforts of Project Inform to speed up the testing of new drugs. However, BAPHR does not have sufficient information regarding the Project Inform study involving Compound Q to either support or reject it.

BAPHR reaffirms its position that drug trials must be accelerated and that community-based efforts in general should be supported and encouraged.

adopted: July 11, 1989

Concord AIDS Non-Discrimination Ordinance Needs Help

Domestic Partnership Campaign Party

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor Agnos recently signed into law landmark legislation to recognize, honor, support, and provide benefits for "domestic partners". We, as health care providers, especially involved in treating HIV infection must support this legislation for a number of reasons: (a) it promotes healthy stable heterosexual and homosexual relationships, (b) it recognizes and supports healthy sexual, social, and economic unions between consenting adults, (c) it supports legislation allowing health care benefits and bereavement leave for significant others, and (d) it recognizes and supports the undeniable social changes that have occurred in later years.

A ballot initiative has been introduced, supported by organized major religious affiliations and by outside negative influences (such as Phyllis Schlafley) to rescind this important law.

I am requesting that we health care providers: physicians, P.A.'s, nurses, therapists, technicians, all join in attempting to defend this necessary and long delayed legislation. This campaign will require a commitment of money, time and energy.

I will be organizing a cocktail party at my home for health care providers to be held on October 6, 1989. I hope you all will be able to support this campaign and I would welcome any volunteers to help in any way they can .

Lenny Simpson, MD
(415) 641-5845

In September 1988, the Concord City Council unanimously adopted an HIV non-discrimination ordinance. The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors followed with a 4-1 favorable vote.

Shortly thereafter a Christian Rights group obtained the necessary 10,000 Concord voter signatures to force a Concord referendum. At a tense Concord City Council meeting in July which was dense with media and ACT UP members, the ordinance was moved to the November ballot.

This November issue has nation-wide ramifications for it signals a strategy change by those persons zealous about making HIV disease the flagship for an anti-gay crusade. Failing on three tries statewide to gain discriminatory legislation, the last being the defeat of Proposition 102, they have redirected their abundant resources to local campaigns. Political pros contend a defeat in Concord bodes failure for progressive HIV programs across the nation.

We in Contra Costa County are mobilizing under the banner of the Concord Coalition for Public Health. A political consulting firm has been contracted to conduct a campaign. The Bishop of the Oakland Catholic Diocese has published a letter of support for us and we have the support of the County Ministerial Association and the County Health Department.

Our resources are thin here and our appeal for support will go regionally, State and Nation-wide. HIV-knowledgable physicians are needed as well as volunteers in the various phases of field campaigning. But our most immediate and urgent need is for money to supplement a loan of \$7500 and a cash advance of \$5000 from a community backer.

Please respond to the CONCORD COALITION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, P.O. BOX 905, Concord, CA 94522, (415) 342-3881. Political ID #89-1168.

Kent Sack, MD

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OPENING REMARKS AT AAPHR/BAPHR SYMPOSIUM
delivered by
BAPHR PRESIDENT, RIC ANDREWS, MD

Welcome to this conference and to our city. We have a full program with a distinguished faculty so I will keep my remarks brief.

You probably are aware that last June, California Congressman William Dannemeyer addressed the House of Representatives regarding homosexuality. Besides mentioning male prostitution and graphically describing rimming, golden showers, fisting, and the use of dildos, vegetables and lightbulbs rectally as common homosexual practices, he talked about the "scheming" of militant homosexuals to convince the general population that they are "normal." Every reference in his remarks seem to be to male homosexuality alone. Lesbians apparently don't exist or aren't worthy of his comment. A few excerpts from the Congressional Record:

"Though comparatively few in number, homosexuals are well-placed in society to perpetuate their chosen behavior. Beyond the obvious fields of entertainment, literature and certain creative occupations, they have systematically entered professional fields. If homosexuals need bias within medicine, they can muster a group of homosexual physicians to add credibility. If homosexuals need bias within public health, they can call on a legion of homosexual bureaucrats, clinicians, and researchers. If homosexuals need bias within mental health, they will find a motherlode of homosexual psychiatrists at their disposal. If homosexuals need bias in the social sciences, academia provides an endless breeding-ground for homosexual apologists."

Dannemeyer continues in this vein, now and then throwing in a few biblical quotes to support his beliefs. Near the end he says,

"In closing, we have allowed the tactics of the militant homosexuals to confuse us with appeals to our sense of fairness, with false scientific data, with litigation in courts against the public order -- all simultaneously. And instead of responding as a united people, we have either surrendered at the outset or else responded in one of several inappropriate ways. We have tried to ignore the phenomenon in hope that it will go away. It won't. We must either defeat militant homosexuality or it will defeat us. They have made it clear: we have no third choice."

Well, dear colleagues and friends, in this man's eyes, and in the eyes of many of our fellow citizens, we and our physician organizations are part of that "malicious, perverted, scheming" homosexual militancy. His words provide a sinister reminder of the challenges before us in the next decade. Faced with this, I would hope that instead of fighting fire with fire we could remember the legacy of Harvey Milk, who was gunned down just a few blocks from here by a blond, blue-eyed All-American Boy who shared the same views as Dannemeyer. Harvey said that we, as individual gay men and lesbians, can and do make a difference in our professional and personal lives, by speaking and living the truth. The simple truth is that it's not who you love but that you love, and are loved, that's important. Although there likely will be times that we will need to be militant, I hope ultimately we will be remembered by that biblical phrase that goes: "blessed be the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons, and daughters, of God."

The struggle will be long and difficult. There is irony in the way that the AIDS epidemic has illuminated the underlying health, strength, and unity of our community. I hope this weekend's conference promotes this further.

Your active participation in this conference is a positive investment in our future. I thank you for coming.

Letters

In March of this year in this medium, I requested consideration of amending the Bylaws to include those with bisexual orientation (in addition to gay men and lesbians) in the groups for whom BAPHR was concerned because they suffer from the same discriminatory factors and the same risk of AIDS. To date I have heard nothing from the BAPHR administration regarding this proposal and must assume that it was either ignored or denied, although the Bylaws specify that proposals to amend the Bylaws shall be decided by ballot vote of the membership. (The motion was presented at a Board meeting and was tabled-Editor)

In the meantime, husbands and fathers, reluctant to consult both gay and straight physicians for fear of rejection, continue to practice unsafe sex with men at least in part because they lack education largely focused on the gay community. They carry the virus home from the immense gay reservoir and transmit it to their wives and newborns. They typically do not seek antibody testing or workup until the opportunity to treat successfully is lost, and sometimes carry their secret sexual orientation silently to their graves. We have been so concerned with getting the word to the gay community (and we and others have done that well) that we ignore the other side of the coin. If we are really devoted to stemming the epidemic, we must acknowledge our responsibility to the bisexually-active as well.

From the strictly selfish standpoint it also makes sense to make it known that we welcome bisexuals in our practices. We must be careful to include questions of heterosexual activity in taking sexual histories of supposedly gay men. Many men (self-identified as either gay or straight) will not accept the bisexual label, but will acknowledge they have sex with men and/or women in addition to their primary partner(s). BAPHR physicians must be concerned about AIDS care of the community at large. Rejection by BAPHR (what else can you call it?) of bisexually-active persons only propagates the reluctance that bisexuals feel in consulting knowledgeable physicians.

W.L.Warner, MD

Physicians Appreciation Day

Looking for "unsung hero" physicians: A group of AIDS patients and others are planning to honor a select group of community physicians who have provided dedicated care to HIV-infected persons and who have not received recognition for their efforts. An awards ceremony will be held later this year. If you know of such "unsung heroes", you may nominate them by calling Steve Heilig at the SFMS, 567-6230 (mornings).

IN MEMORIAM

David Coulter, MD

Robert Frederickson, MD

Fred White, MD

Mark Whiting, MD

New HIV Evaluation Book Published by Scientific Affairs Committee

The third edition of the book, *Medical Evaluation of Persons at Risk of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection* has been published by the Scientific Affairs Committee of BAPHR. This edition, edited by James M. Campbell, MD, updates the last edition which was published in 1987. It may be purchased for \$10 per copy from the BAPHR office in San Francisco.

Officers Again Receive The Call

In the absence of other nominations, David Kessler, MD, Chair of the Nominating Committee, has recommended that the current slate of officers stand for re-election for a second term. The officers have graciously accepted the nominations and agreed to serve should they be elected. Write-in candidates will also be accepted for any office. Officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting on December 8.

Casino Nite Huge Success

A capacity crowd of over 400 attended Casino Night '89 at the home of Dr. Lawrence Silverman in Danville. This exceeded all previous events in attendance and in money raised. The Foundation will share in the proceeds with the Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force and the AIDS Community Network of the East Bay who were co-sponsors of the event. A preliminary accounting indicates that the Foundation's share will be over \$9,000.

Many thanks to Dr. Larry Silverman, the many volunteers who assisted in planning and production, the sponsors and donors of prizes and products, and of course, all those who attended and made it happen.

Support Group Meets

Ongoing support group meets to discuss stress, AIDS, and many other issues of our professional and personal lives. A congenial and warm group, we meet in our homes twice a month. This is a leaderless group and is without charge. Inquiries welcome to Bill Kearney, MD, (415) 282-5475

Classifieds

F/T Psychiatrist, City of San Francisco Outpatient Clinic, specializing in gay and lesbian services. Sal \$78,000 + benefits. Send CV to: Patt Denning, Ph.D., Monterey Counseling Center, 298 Monterey Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94131. (415) 558-2551.

32 year old BE Internist/Generalist seeks association with Gay Physicians working with a predominately Gay Clientele. Will relocate. If interested contact: Jay E. Boe, M.D., P.O. Box 133, East Grand Forks, MN 56721. (218) 773-0305

San Francisco Primary Care & HIV. Internist is seeking a recent board certified or eligible internal medicine or family practice graduate, with HIV experience and/or training, to work in an established gay practice at a new office with panoramic San Francisco city and bay views. send cover letter and *curriculum vitae* to Bill Owen, MD, 45 Castro Street, Suite 402, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Five psychotherapy offices in Victorian Building for rent beginning November 1, 1989. Safe, central San Francisco location: 4214-16 Eighteenth Street (near Collingwood). Available on full or half time basis. Full time rents: \$450-600/month. Newly remodeled, soundproofed. No smoking. Please contact: Gordon Murray, M.A. (415) 821-1718 or Scott Wirth, Ph.D. (415)922-3228.

Dermatology Practice For Sale. It is located in the wine valley town of St. Helena, California. Asking price is \$120,000. For further details & information, call Steve Borkovic, M.D. or Tim J. Silva at (707) 257-1829.

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TIME OUT FOR CAREGIVERS, 4 days with Don Clark, December 16-19, 1989, Sea Ranch, California. For information, please contact Don Clark Associates, 879 Fourteenth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, Telephone (415) 552-0204.

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